

# The Oregon Woman's Journal.

## News and Criticism of Especial Interest to Mothers, Maidens and Young Women.

[This department is dedicated to unfranchised, unrepresented, silent, patient and devoted womanhood of Oregon. Communications relating to organization of woman's clubs solicited.]

### OREGON WOMEN FLAX CLUBS.

Eugene Guard, March 29.—Believing that there is no new industry open to our state at the present time that will furnish as much remunerative employment and as a great profit to the producer as the culture and manufacture of flax fibre into the various uses to which it is put, the women of Oregon have taken it upon themselves to encourage the production and manufacture of this article. A few women, of Portland, headed by Mrs. Wm. P. Lord, wife of Governor Lord, first took up the movement in Portland and are pushing it ahead and women's clubs are taking hold of the idea. To that end Mrs. Lord delivered an address in the Congregational church last night under the auspices of the Fortnightly club.

Mrs. Lord was accompanied to this city by Dr. Thornton, of Washington, who brought with him samples of flax that had been grown in different countries.

Mrs. Prof. Washburn presided over last night's meeting, which was opened with a vocal solo by Miss Ida Noffsinger.

Mrs. Lord was introduced, and gave a brief history of the culture of flax, its uses and the efforts that have previously been made to encourage its production in Oregon. The finest grades of flax are at present and always have been produced in Ireland and Belgium. The climate of these countries are peculiarly adapted for its growth. Oregon has a similar climate to those countries and as shown by past experiment, will produce as fine a quality of flax fibre as they will. The finest grades are used for the manufacture of a delicate and costly lace, while other grades are used for linen fabrics, binding twine and other articles. The twine used by Oregon farmers in binding their grain is manufactured from flax fibre, and millions of dollars' worth of the article are imported into the state annually. The old countries are unable to supply the quantity of flax fibre necessary to meet the demand for the manufactured goods and are looking for new fields in which to produce flax. Those interested in its manufacture have learned of the natural conditions for the production of flax in Oregon and Washington and are now looking to these states, hence the efforts to induce its culture.

### WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN FRANCE.

A writer in Boston Herald says that woman suffrage has gained much ground in France. This is on the face of it a startling statement. But it may be true. In France, in spite of the fact that we think of it as the land of the merely fashionably dressed woman, women have always played an important part in the affairs of the world outside of their homes. In the agricultural districts the women work in the fields and in the vineyards and among the shopkeepers the women may be in control of the business. The instance of the wife who helps her husband in business is said to be amazingly common there. The writer to whom we have referred says that there are only two professions which today are closed to women, the army and the church, and she may break into either one at any moment. They have the illustrious precedent of Joan of Arc as a warrior.

A Parisian writer says that if the army is kept at its present size France may be reduced to the humiliating fact of a woman supported nation. The population of the country is practically stationary, that is the deaths are as numerous as the births. Hundreds of thousands of men are compelled to spend their lives in the army, leaving to women the conduct of business. What ever may be the thought of the matter in the fashionable circles of gay Paris, such is the situation which confronts the people

in the agricultural regions. The women suffragist find among a women supported nation a fine field for their missionary work. All this is fine theory, but whether there be really anything in it or not is beyond our ability to decide.

### WOMAN'S WORK.

At a session of the Brooklyn Woman's Suffrage association, Mrs. Cornelia K. Hood, B.L., the president, occupied the chair and a handsome attendance of members marked the meeting. The program of the day was quite varied and never dull. Mrs. Hood made a bright address upon woman's education, its progress and elevation. Mrs. Luella Powell spoke upon the status of woman suffrage throughout the country, and more especially what had been done since last October.

She referred to Missouri, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Canada, California, Washington, Idaho, Nevada and Delaware. In the present decade there has been a perceptible change in many collegiate curricula so far as women are concerned from those of a purely literary and classical character to others of an optional, so-called, or scientific character. In this the women are following in the footsteps of men. This movement is to be noticed in the extraordinary success of Barnard in botanical work, of Pratt and Boston in chemistry. Bryn Mawr and Smith in mathematics and pure and applied science, and in many of the Western universities in special and general scientific courses.

### WOMAN'S ARENA.

The New York society for political study at its last regular meeting, the president, Rev. Dr. Phoebe A. Hanaford occupying the chair and a large crowd of members and guests being present. The regular course of study, which is the constitution and political history of the states of the Union individually, brought forward Mrs. Jennie Matheson, who gave a learned and brilliant paper upon Rhode Island, tracing the development of that famous little commonwealth from the days of the Quaker persecution in New England to the creation of the colony of Rhode Island and Providence plantations, and its final growth into the busy state of today.

Current topics received their due share of attention in an excellent paper by Miss America Phillips, which was read by Dr. Ellen Miles. It was entitled, "Is War a Benefit to a Nation?" and brought up all the arguments and suggestions of that time-honored question. It developed no arguments that were particularly new, excepting that it showed in clear manner the ever-increasing burden which war was becoming upon the working people, of the world, and the profound effect militancy exerted upon national, social and, finally, individual character.

### TRIBUTE TO A NOBLE WOMAN.

Mrs. Beecher, the widow of Henry Ward Beecher, died March 8 at her daughter's home in Stamford, Connecticut. She was eighty-four years old, and still so far from having outlived her strength that her death was due to two successive falls, and from a broken hip which resulted from the latter one. Her maiden name was Eunice White Bullard. Her father, Dr. Bullard, a physician, and of English birth, lived at West Sutton, Massachusetts, where she was born. She was educated there and at Hadley, Massachusetts, where she met Mr. Beecher while he was still a student at Amherst. After seven years of courtship she was married to him in 1837, when she was twenty-five years old. She had ten children, four of whom are still living. One of them, Herbert, lives at Fort Townsend, Washington, and in August, 1895, she

made the journey there to visit him. After her husband's death she continued to live in Brooklyn, and occupied herself with writing, becoming a frequent contributor to various periodicals. Her interest in Plymouth church continued to the end of her life, and she regularly occupied the pew that had been hers in her husband's lifetime. She was a strong woman, courageous, faithful, and of remarkable vitality.

### REV. HAGIS EXHONORATED.

Letter From Rev. Carl J. Hener, of Sherwood, Washington county, Or. To the citizens of Salem, Or.

Having been informed that the trouble between the Rev. H. Hagist, of Christ German Evangelical Lutheran church, of Salem, Or., and several members of said church has become almost the prevalent topic of discussion among the people of Salem, the undersigned, who, upon the special request of all parties concerned, has investigated the state of affairs existing in the church above named, though loath to speak of ecclesiastical troubles in a secular paper, consider it his duty, nevertheless, to do so, in this case, in order to clear the innocent of the odium that has been cast upon his name and character.

Be it said, first of all, whenever troubles of any kind arise in a church they ought not to be made public, unless such a publication really becomes necessary, since a congregation is, as it were, a family, and its troubles, ought to be settled in the family and should not be brought before the public that is not at all concerned in the matter. It seems, however, the enemies of the Rev. Hagist have taken great pains to preach upon the housetops what they have heard in the ear, and by so doing they have given evidence of very little self-respect and have, in the opinion of every respectable person, brought reproach upon themselves.

Concerning the complaints rendered against the Rev. Hagist, be it remembered that they have not been advanced by the entire congregation that that gentleman is serving, but by several members only. The other members find no fault whatever with their pastor, but are very sincerely supporting him in his ministerial work. And of all the charges brought against the pastor not one could be sustained; each and every one had to be withdrawn, on the ground that there was absolutely no proof whatsoever to substantiate them. On the contrary, the investigation by the undersigned, which was carried on in seven meetings of the congregation held from the 3d to the 11th inst., has brought to light that the Rev. Hagist has been very conscientious in all his pastoral doings and has, in no wise, given cause of just complaint. The testimony of the plaintiffs themselves has, in several instances, disproved the charges advanced. Moreover, by their own testimony the plaintiffs have proved, beyond a doubt, that they alone are the cause of all the troubles existing in their church, that they, and by no means their pastor, have been exerting all their energies toward the ruin of the congregation of which they are members, and the welfare of which they ought to have at heart.

It may here be added that the plaintiffs discontinued the meeting set for the investigation of the troubles existing in the congregation, as soon as they found that they could not hold their ground, but were obliged to retreat step by step, withdrawing their charges, none of which they could prove.

The minutes of the seven meetings already referred to will bear the undersigned out on all he has here said. Be it, therefore, here publicly stated and certified that the Rev. H.

Hagist of Christ German Evangelical Lutheran church of Salem, Oregon, is a man of honor and good character, who has most conscientiously discharged the duties of his office, and who is worthy of the respect of all citizens of Salem and of all good men, in general.

In conclusion, the undersigned wishes to state expressly that all of the foregoing has not been said for the purpose of publicly rebuking those that have borne testimony against the Rev. Hagist, or of casting a shadow upon their characters, but that it has simply been said for the purpose of clearing the Rev. Hagist of all reproach unjustly cast upon his name and character.

Yours truly,  
CARL J. HENER,  
Ev. Luth. Pastor, near Sherwood, Or.

### STATE NEWS.

Dallas is shipping in a lot of corn from Nebraska.

Over in Lake county there is a little squabble in regards to county printing.

A plank bicycle path is to be constructed between Hillsboro and Forest Grove.

A two-headed calf was born on the Davis farm on Coos river in Coos county.

Spinal meningitis is said to be killing many horses in Upper Rogue River valley.

Mrs. Galvey, widow of Thomas Galvey, of Dallas died near Kingsley last Thursday aged 79.

There is a movement on foot for a railroad to Seven Devils Mining district. This is great for Baker City.

The two-story dwelling of Chas. Greening, of McMinnville burned Saturday morning. Loss \$2,000. Insurance \$1,500.

J. S. McClure has been installed as postmaster at Eugene, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of W. V. Henderson.

Kinner B. Ireland, aged 65, and a pioneer of Douglas county died at his home in Olalla Sunday morning after a year's sickness.

Farmers had a meeting at Medford Saturday in the interest of sugar beet culture and about 100 pounds of seed was distributed for tests.

Samuel Cozine a pioneer of 1843 died in McMinnville Saturday night aged 73 years. The remains were interred in Masonic cemetery.

The state taxes of Wasco county, will be turned over to the state treasury when collected. It has been so ordered by the county court.

Miss Emma Borden the school-teacher, of Albany who was arrested and tried for assault upon one of the pupils has been acquitted by the jury.

Agent Gather, at Siletz, as making the regular annual payment of interest money to the Indians at that place. This interest amounts to \$11,30 per capita, the total amount to be disbursed is about \$5,600.

The inquest over the shooting of G. H. Hall, who was found dead near his cabin, developed the fact that one Lee Parsons fired the shot and he was arrested and bound over to appear before the grand jury. Parsons is 20 years old and lives a few miles from the scene. No cause other than robbery can be ascribed.

Chas. Seeley an employe of the Youngs river pulp mills, met a horrible fate at 4 o'clock Saturday morning. His clothing caught in a belt and he was thrown against the ceiling killing him almost instantly, and before the machinery could be stopped the body was hammered to a pulp.

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