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WHAT A WOMAN'S PARTY MEANS

Oregon has placed equal suffrage in her constitution, and practically all of her citizens are satisfied therewith. The visit of the distinguished suffragettes to the coast, and to Salem Saturday night, was to enlist the women already given the suffrage in the fight to make the suffrage national.

There was a goodly number of Salem folks at the State house to see and hear these visitors, and learn just what they were attempting. Whatever conclusion they arrived at, as to the merits of the proposition, they at least had the pleasure of hearing the matter ably presented. Of the several talented women who spoke Mrs. Black, daughter of the famous pioneer of suffrage, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, now herself as she said, a grandmother, got closer to her hearers than any, perhaps due in a measure to sentimental reasons, though she made a strong presentation of the suffrage case.

She pointed out that while the women of Oregon could vote so long as they were citizens of the state, that should they move to some anti-suffrage state, they would be disfranchised. She also pointed out that a woman born in this country, in case she married a citizen of any other country, by that act became an alien and "a foreigner." She pointed out a good many other things and asked if they were just. The answer would have to be in the negative.

But there was one thing Mrs. Black brought out that was not down on the bills, or if so, not understood so to be, and that was the creation of "a women's party." She advocated the creation of such a party, and urged the women of all the equal suffrage states to lay aside politics and unite for the purpose of controlling legislation.

She advocated the using of this party to force such legislation as women should desire. If the leaders of this movement have given it proper consideration and studied out the ultimate results of such a movement, they must surely believe that the masses of the voters will not do so.

There is only one good feature to the proposition, and that is that it is impossible of attainment. Suppose though, it was, and all the women voters should get together to control legislation and elections, it would necessarily follow that the men would have to get together solidly against them for self protection. Republicanism and democracy, and all other brands of politics would have to be abandoned by the men and the two parties would be "Male" and "Female."

The proposition is to have this party say to the democrats just now because they are in power, that they must submit national suffrage to the states for ratification. If they do not every woman in the suffrage states will vote the republican ticket and retire the democracy. They would say the same thing to the republicans if they were in power, or to any other party. Suppose their first threat should be put in operation and the women of the suffrage states should thus attempt to force Congress and should win. Then when all the states had national suffrage what would the result be, if this "women's party" was maintained?

The men being divided the women would have the balance of power and the result would be not equal suffrage but practically a disfranchisement of the men; for the women could throw the vote either way. The result would be a gynocracy, and the United States would be ruled entirely by the women. The threat so made is liable instead of helping their cause, to retard its final accomplishment.

As was stated however, the best feature of the suggested movement is its impossibility of accomplishment. It may have a great effect on the coming presidential election, and with the sudden indorsement of Colonel Roosevelt, just while this tour of the suffrage states is being made, looks very much as though it was an effort to throw the election to him or to at least injure the democrats as much as possible. It might be added that such states as New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts where the foreign uneducated element is large will hesitate long about making suffrage the law, and so will the southern states where the passage of the law would create some millions more of colored voters.

Oregon has demanded that the American troops withdraw from Mexico and refuses to discuss the matter, simply insisting upon it, as the last and only solution of the dispute. The conference Saturday ended without any results and will be continued for some days and until a satisfactory arrangement has been made. It may be if Oregon holds out, that intervention will be the satisfactory arrangement, for it is evident the armies will not be withdrawn until Villa is eliminated. It will probably be for the best if this happens for Mexico cannot straighten out her affairs without help and there is none to help her but Uncle Sam. If the army is withdrawn before some permanent arrangement is made by which Carranza or some other leader is established firmly, and lawlessness stopped we will have the whole thing to do over again. It looks as if the fate of Mexico just now was entirely in General Obregon's hands.

The completion of the railroad from Eugene to Marshfield will have one rather curious result. Although that thrifty city has been in business for itself for many years, it has never been visited by a circus. It was too far off the lines of travel and too costly to reach, to admit of the ringed shows visiting it. This summer there will it is said be two or three circuses make the town, and it is a safe bet that the whole family will go and not have to make the excuse of doing so just on the children's account.

The frightened ones who find all kinds of possibilities happening this country from foreign sources remind one of the remote contingencies imagined by the old maid who bought the door plate with the name "J. Adams." Asked what she wanted with a thing of that kind that she could never use, she thoughtfully replied: Well sometime I might get married and I might have a daughter, and she might marry a man named J. Adams and then it would come in handy.

With the Carnegie company building a plant costing \$13,500,000 to make dye stuffs from the waste from the company coke ovens; another company building a plant costing six millions, and several others being built at an aggregate cost of \$28,000,000, the reason of Senator Lodge's move to get a tariff placed on dye stuffs "to encourage American inventors" to get busy making them, is prominently apparent.

Should Villa be captured, or better yet killed, and the American troops should withdraw, it would evidently be but a few days until the Felix Diaz revolution would take the place of that of Villa. Probably should this happen, General Obregon, who is by far the ablest leader, and man in Mexico, would sidetrack Carranza and take the reins of government.

The British are not doing much successful fighting except in Ireland and Africa. It is probable, though, from indications, the kaiser is going to put them at work soon along the French frontier, for it looks as though the next German drive would be against them.

Newberg is to have a \$30,000 cannery. This is the kind of news that makes everybody happier, for it means a market for Oregon products and the returning to Oregon of many good dollars the easterners annually take away from us.

The Irish rebellion was illy planned, lacked leadership, and all the elements necessary to success. It was a premature attempt, starting in a brawl and ending in an assembling of a mob rather than an armed and led force.

Really, that Eastern bunch of suffragettes are on a silly mission. And if they were a fair sample of the women who ask the ballot we would glory in the spunk of the Eastern men who refuse to give it to them.

Less than three weeks to the primaries, and then comes that visit to Marshfield and then the Cherry Fair and Fourth of July. Truly there are busy days ahead.

Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason



STRIVING TO PLEASE

"We strive to please," the merchant said; his smile was large and loose; he then sold me a cabbage head for which I had no use. He sold me seven cans of peas, five pounds of shredded rice, a section of imported cheese, and mackerel on ice. No doubt when I had left his place, despoiled of hard earned plunk, a smile lit up the merchant's face, since he had sold that junk. But to myself I said, "I think I'll trade with him no more; that merchant prince is on the blink, his methods make me sore. He greets a man with sunny smiles, and says he strives to please, and then, by dizzy arts and wiles, unloads his moldy cheese. The patron thus is made to buy much truck he doesn't wish, old sausage that offends the eye, and prehistoric fish. That sort of treatment chafes and galls the souls of honest men, and I shall buy no codfish balls at that man's place again." The dealer who would sidestep woes must be a prudent guy; he'll figure that the patron knows just what he wants to buy.



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MEASLES AND SOME FACTS ABOUT THEM

Health Department Makes Suggestions as to Care of Patients and Quarantine

Now that Salem is having an epidemic of measles, and 30 cases are under quarantine, a few facts from the health department of the city about measles may be of general interest.

In the first place, measles is a dangerous disease. It has been proven that it has been more fatal than the much dreaded scarlet fever. In fact, these two innocent diseases, measles and whooping cough together have killed in the northern cities, 50 per cent more people than all the other acute contagious diseases combined.

The present epidemic in Salem can be traced to one case brought to one of the schools by a boy who had been visiting in Eugene. During the month one school, Yew Park, reported 25 cases and it was not long before 28 of the pupils of Lincoln school had contracted the disease. A child may have measles and not show any signs of it, although he is spreading the disease all the time. When a child has the early symptoms, such as start of the nose, coughing, sneezing and inflamed eyes, it should be kept at home until it has been definitely determined that it is not measles.

The old idea that every child should have the measles and whooping cough was long ago exploded. The fact is, it is not only an undesirable thing to have the measles, but that it is very dangerous.

After being exposed, a child will show the first symptoms in about eight days and the rash will appear in about 12 days after the first exposure. After a child has been exposed to the disease he can give it to another in eight days. It is most contagious during the four or five days preceding the appearance of the rash.

The first symptoms are cold in the head, cough, sometimes vomiting, soreness of the eyes, desire to avoid the light, and feverishness, although of course all of these symptoms do not appear.

As soon as the first symptoms appear, the child should be isolated. He should be quarantined until two weeks after the first appearance of the rash. In a case of measles, the whole family is not quarantined, only the child. But other children in the home who have never had the measles, will be required to stay at home.

The proper treatment includes keeping the child in bed in a darkened room as long as there is a fever. The nose and mouth should be kept clean and it is needless to say that it is advisable to call a physician. Measles is now regarded as a dangerous disease, and it is not advisable, according to a recent bulletin issued by the city of Seattle, to take air chances. Seattle is now in the midst of a measles epidemic, and the department of health has issued a bulletin, giving general instructions as to treatment and care.

After a child has had the measles, in the Seattle schools, the teacher is not permitted to admit him as a pupil unless he presents a written release from the school physician or a regular physician. This is done for the protection of the other school children.

During the month of April 90 Salem children of school age and many under the age of six years have had the disease.

Volcanic Cinders Have Little Value On Roads

The State Highway department has just received a report from the Pinal Dome Refining company of California on the value of volcanic cinders in Crook county for road purposes. This report confirms a former report by Professor S. H. Gray of the Oregon Agricultural College. It states that the rock is a light, spongy material that crushes very easily and breaks down under pressure into such small

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