

SUNDAY EVENING LECTURES.

The subject for the next lecture of this series will be "Prayer," and was suggested by the query of a gentleman, who said to us, "Why do you open your Sunday evening lectures with prayer?"

THE CONVENTION.

Never has a more harmonious or successful business meeting been held in Portland than the Woman Suffrage Convention, to the report of which we this week yield every available inch of space. Now that the meeting is over, and we sit in our quiet study perusing these facts, we look upon the effort of a few zealous and earnest friends to inaugurate and carry forward such a work in so short a space of time as prodigious. But we have learned one fact that we are anxious for the world to know at once, viz.: women, with all their inexperience in public affairs, have successfully accomplished a work, with a few days' effort, that would have occupied her brother man, with all his boasted wisdom, many weeks in its preparation.

We all regret exceedingly that, owing to the bad state of the weather, the mails were so delayed that the letters from California and Washington Territory failed to reach us in time to be read before the Convention, but they will appear from time to time in the New Northwest, as we have space for them. We thank the friends of our sister State and Territory for their cooperation, and assure them of a reciprocity of the courtesy when opportunity shall occur. We do not think the politicians of Portland for snubbing the Convention. But as they would not come out to learn for themselves just what we were all doing and how we employed a short-hand writer to report our own address of the last session, which we shall publish, that every tender-footed Federal office-holder, and every timid-minded aspirant for future political emoluments, who feared to face the music, may see themselves as they are.

The leading politicians of Portland were personally invited to address the meeting, yet they did not dare to show their faces. And, as neither words nor grass will do, we will try—when we get ready—what virtue there is in stones. For their future consideration, we refer them to the speech, which will appear as soon as we have room.

To the daily press, we tender our thanks for courtesies rendered, and to the public at large our congratulations on their good sense in coming out in such large numbers to learn of the one vital issue now before the American people.

We are especially indebted to the services of Prof. and Mrs. McGibeny in furnishing the Convention with appropriate vocal and instrumental music, and cannot close this hurried notice without expressing thanks to Col. Reed of Salem, Messrs. Walker, Mills, McLeod and Ludlum, of Washington county, and Mr. Combs, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hendee, Mr. Peters, and other gentlemen of this city, for their aid in carrying forward the business of the meeting, and to Messrs. DeFranz and Badger for the use of organs for music.

The ladies (with the exception of a few selfish ones who have no influence, and of themselves would never be able to earn their own bread because of incapacity, but whose husbands have "lucked" into official positions—consequently they have all the rights they want, and decidedly object to the rights of other women, attended at the morning session moderately well, the afternoons in much increased numbers, and the evening sessions in crowds. Don't say to us, poor effete woman-craquer, whoever you may be, that "woman does not want to vote." All women want to vote who are not in themselves petty tyrants, with hen-pecked husbands, over whom they fear to lose domestic sway by a just equalization of political power and responsibility, and the Federal officers' wives, who know that fair competition in public life would abridge their husbands' opportunities for official position, and their own opportunity for ostentation and display. If this lance should strike any of those who are not in justice doomed to carry it, we say to them, come out like women and prove that you do not deserve this thrust, and we will apologize in due form and withdraw the lance at once, but we shall let it rattle, with the addition of an occasional twist, in the breast of everyone of you who bring upon yourself this gensure by your own selfishness.

A PET.

It was not expected in the contest that the organs of a party which the Woman Suffragists, as a body, are not in working sympathy, would grant to our Convention that "respectful consideration" which we know would be accorded to those who owe their party success to woman's public influence, but we confess that we were surprised to see our preamble and resolutions brusquely, after having given the Herald reporter the original from which to make his "copy." But the fact that he did thus belittle them, as well as the whole tenor of the proceedings throughout, has sorrowfully convinced us that it is impossible to get clear ideas of liberty, equality and justice through the beclouded lenses of Democratic spectacles.

VOICE FROM A FRIEND.

PORTLAND, Feb. 19, 1873. Mrs. A. J. Dunaway—Dear Madam:—Yours of the 8th inst., by which I had the honor of being invited to participate in your Woman Suffrage meeting, to take place on the 14th and 15th days of this month, is at hand. I regret exceedingly that I cannot participate with you. There is no subject I take a warmer interest in than that of Woman Suffrage, and none, I think, is more important to the welfare and progress of mankind; none which will do more to lessen the great evils of immorality, intemperance and extravagance of the age, but circumstances will not allow me to take an active and useful part in any branch of politics. I am forced to give all my attention to my pecuniary and business affairs. Hoping and believing that your meeting will effect great good to the cause in State of Oregon, and give swifter wings to a progress which is sure eventually to establish the principle of impartial freedom, I remain,

Your most obedient servant and well wisher,
GEO. VENABLE SMITH.

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MORNING SESSION.

Convention was called to order at 10:30 A. M. by Mrs. H. W. Williams, Vice President of the Multnomah County Woman Suffrage Association, who addressed the Convention, stating the object of the meeting.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Will the gentlemen who paid our foreman a subscription of three dollars on the 13th or 14th inst., taking his receipt therefor, be kind enough to forward his name and postoffice, that we may give the proper credit on our books. His name and address were mislaid and the foreman is not able to recall them.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

SALEM, Feb. 17, 1873. Arriving at Salem by yesterday's train, we soon became snugly ensconced in the Commercial Hotel, kept by Mrs. Riley, whose skill in conducting a house for the wayfarer is winning for her many well-deserved commendations.

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Everything is on the qui vive for the Temperance Alliance. An interesting time is expected, and it is hoped that much good will accrue to the State from its deliberations. Salem is emphatically the dearest town alive just now, but everybody is looking for a revival of spring trade to put a little more cash in circulation.

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Excellent music was furnished for our lecture. Miss Hernandez presided at the piano, and Mr. Prentice officiated as conductor. The soprano voices were Mrs. D. W. Prentice and Mrs. J. M. Patterson; contralto, Mrs. Babcock; tenor, Messrs. Bewley and Farrar; and bass, Messrs. D. W. Prentice and J. M. Patterson. The pieces performed were "The Star of Descending Night" and "Mountain Land." We will venture the assertion that no city on the coast can show a greater number of proficient singers in proportion to its population, than our Capital.

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OUR SAN FRANCISCO LETTER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16, 1873. My Dear Mrs. Dunaway—I heartily rejoice in your decision to concentrate the forces in Oregon, and in response to your cordial invitation for sympathy and aid in the effort to make your coming Convention a grand success, would reply that I sincerely wish I could personally join you as a delegate and co-worker; but, though the pressure of other cares and duties forbids my attendance in body, in spirit I shall be with you, and knowing how welcome, on such occasions, are any utterances from earnest friends of the cause, I hasten to send you my word of sympathy and encouragement.

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WHEREAS, In the course of human events it becomes necessary to set new landmarks, from time to time, in advance of the old ones, that resolutions and usages of Government may thereby meet the enlarging requirements of a growing intellectuality; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the Oregon State Woman Suffrage Association, in Convention assembled, hereby declare our allegiance to the letter and spirit of the original Declaration of Independence and Constitution of the United States of America, with the further addition of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments thereto appended, and adopt them as our Articles of Faith.

Resolved, That we, as an organization, are clinging hopefully to the famous splinter, inserted among the planks of the Republican Platform, by the dominant party of the voting sex, in which the demands of women "for additional rights" are guaranteed "respectful consideration;" and that we, having accepted its proffer in good faith, hold it to its part of our National agreement.

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OLYMPIA CORRESPONDENCE.

OLYMPIA, W. T., Feb. 12, 1873. I fully intended to have been present at the Convention, but as I am but mortal, and I cannot go through the air at will. My sympathies are with you, and the desire of my soul is to work and help on this glorious reform. I feel that I cannot longer remain inactive. I see that we need workers, and the laborers are few. I hope the time is not far distant when all shall be free and man shall acknowledge woman's equality. The good and true are beginning to think for themselves, and listen to the still small voice that is speaking to every one to-day, asking them to carry on this glorious reform. And, thanks to God, there are a few that are willing to arise and shake off the shackles that bind them and go forth as willing instruments in the hands of an unseen power.

WHAT WE WANT IS GOOD MARTYR SPIRITS.

What we want is good Martyr Spirits that are willing to be scoffed at, to be ridiculed and called all things for right's sake. We have a few of these honest and true workers. Through them the work has been commenced and through them it will progress until truth, right and justice shall prevail.

To the poor jealous man who fears that woman may aspire to some of the profitable positions obtainable only by means of the ballot, we say, tremble on, for your absolute power so well-nigh over. Woman has already grasped one rein; all she needs is one little effort to show that she can guide the ship of State as well as he. Man talks so much of woman's true sphere.

What is the wife and mother to-day? Take your fashionable woman of the world. What are her aims and ambitions? Does she aim solely to train the children given her? To teach them of a pure and just life? You know better. Why is it there are so few good wives and mothers? Is it their fault? I tell you nay! Men have made them what they are. They are early taught love of show and display; they grow up with no higher aim than to marry some rich man. After they have obtained this chief object of life, do they change into the good, pure and wise wife and mother, or do they rather continue on, living a life of vanity and frivolity?

Now, man, if you are really so gifted, wise and pure; if you are so capable of governing as you think, and if you are so all-powerful, why do you not correct this growing evil? Why, indeed, do we not have better wives and mothers? Reason answers, "Because we have not good husbands and fathers." "God" and the "Angel world" see these growing evils; they see the inharmonious of the family circle; they see that marriage is but a myth; they see the sins and sorrow growing out of these conditions; they are striving for a reform. To-day they are knocking at the door of every heart, asking if they are willing to live in this false life. Thanks to God, there are a few that see the light just breaking through the clouds; and to these we say let them take new courage; God is on their side. Though man holds the purse-strings and guards the strong positions, God's power is supreme. He has chosen his instruments for working. Opposition only sharpens them and makes them more fit for His mighty work. 'Tis through them the reformation is commenced, and through them the work shall progress, until God in His infinite wisdom shall redeem and reclaim the marriage vow from its present violations.

Therefore, ye poor, weak souls that quake and fear that woman will sink lower and lower, just stop a moment and ask yourselves what protects her to-day. Is it strong, noble man? He would protect his own, but stray to other folds and seek their destruction. What a libel on protection! Were they not shielded and surrounded by a higher power than man's, I fear none would reach the hill-top, but all would fall by the way-side.

CLARA E. SYLVESTER.

A SPLENDID OFFER.

It is well known that the regular subscription price to *Democrat's Magazine* is \$5.00. That our friends may reap the full benefit of such opportunities as we can command to secure themselves an extra supply of good reading, we have made arrangements by which we are enabled to send the NEW NORTHWEST and *Democrat's Monthly Magazine* for one year for \$4.50; or for \$5.00 you can have the NEW NORTHWEST, *Democrat's Monthly* and a splendid pair of chromos (Falls of Niagara, and Yosemite Falls), which could not be purchased at the book store for less than \$10. Orders of this kind must be invariably accompanied by the cash for both publications at once.

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