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### MAKES NO PROGRESS.

Forty-one years ago the first woman's rights convention was held at Seneca Falls, N. Y. To-day in Wyoming alone women are permitted to vote on all questions on equal terms with men. In Washington Territory the law granting them the suffrage was set aside by the supreme court in 1887. In Utah the Edmunds law excludes women from the suffrage they once enjoyed there. In fourteen states they can vote for school officers, but whenever amendments to the Federal or state constitutions have been proposed granting women complete suffrage they have been decisively defeated. The same result is visible in England, where two bills were recently introduced, one admitting only married women to the suffrage, and the other putting men and women on an entire equality, as to the elective franchise. The women of England, like the women of America, have risen up to protest against this legislation on the ground that they do not want the suffrage, and many have petitioned against it saying that "the proposed extension of the parliamentary franchise to women would be a measure distasteful to the great majority of the women of the country, unnecessary and mischievous both to themselves and the state."

The last number of the *Nineteenth Century* contains "An Appeal Against Female Suffrage," signed by about sixty women of distinction, including a brilliant American woman, Lady Randolph Churchill, the daughter of the late Lawrence Jerome, of New York. The signers of this appeal say that "the hard work of governing and defending the state must naturally depend on men, and that women cannot undertake it successfully, because of the disabilities of their sex; that they are satisfied with the powerful, though indirect, influence which they already have as social factors, and that to force them into competition with men in the actual business of government would be to weaken, if not to destroy, that influence, and to subject them to hardships which they are unfitted to bear; that the emancipating process has now reached the limits fixed by the physical constitution of women, and by the fundamental difference which must always exist between their occupations and those of men; that if women were admitted to the suffrage their natural egotism and quickness of temper would probably make them hotter partisans than men, and the whole nation would suffer in consequence; that the risks of politics would be enormously increased, and what is now a national blessing might easily become a national calamity, while political life would tend to blunt the special moral qualities of women, and so to lessen the national reserves of moral force."

The force of this argument is confirmed by our experience in Boston and in Brunswick, N. J., where the women neglected to exercise their right of voting for school officers until a bigoted appeal was made to their religious partisanship and prejudices. Last year the whole vote cast at the New Brunswick school elections was less than 300 and included but very few women, but at the recent election the number of women voters alone was 363, thus electing the citizens ticket over the regular ticket by a large majority. The ludicrous part of the affair is that Mr. Woods, the candidate on the regular ticket, who was accused of a disposition to favor Roman Catholics as teacher at the expense of Protestants, is himself a strict Presbyterian; while of the sixty teachers in the New Brunswick schools only six are Roman Catholics, and no teacher, Catholic or Protestant, has any opportunity to inculcate religious doctrines, for the schools are wholly secular.—*Oregonian*.

PEACHES ON SAGEBRUSH.—We are informed by Mr. A. Saling that the experiment of grafting peach stock into sage brush roots, tried last year by L. D. Pettit, has proven a decided success. Although the tree externally resembles the sagebrush, beautiful and delicious peaches can now be seen thereon, very much to the astonishment of the skeptical immigrant. It is confidently believed by the parties interested, that two crops a year may be raised in this vicinity, and an attempt will be made to have ripe peaches on the trees this fall.—*Pasco Headlight*.

The skeleton of a man, evidently a pioneer Indian fighter, was found the other day in the middle of a big log taken to a Georgia saw-mill: In the wood that had grown over it was the imprint of the clothes, as well as the old

### FROM DEVENPORT.

Some of the Big Bend Crops Badly Damaged—Classifying Lands.

DEVENPORT, W. T., July 2, Correspondent.—Several light showers of rain have fallen during the past week. The weather is cool and very windy, which has a tendency to dry up the surface as soon as the rain falls. Less than one half a crop will be the average in this immediate vicinity, while from west received from the high lands west of here, it seems as if the crops were almost a total failure, and the reaper would not be applied to more than one half the ground sown. This is a hard introduction for new settlers, but even if a total failure should occur this country could stand the ordeal as all the old settlers depend on stock raising and will raise the grain only as feed during the winter. It is a curious fact that the land which heretofore has been the most productive, this year has the poorest stands of grain, and alkali has shown up in spots where never seen before, presumably from the continued intense heat.

The Northern Pacific land department has had a number of men in the Big Bend for the last two months classifying the unsold lands in portions as small as five acre patches and increasing all the old prices, besides estimating timber and other resources. Building is going on at the usual rapid rate and real estate dealers complain that they cannot supply the demand for business locations and cottages. The Central Washington railroad has been making some very important additions to the plant. The stock yards, coal bunkers, a \$3,500 cistern for water supply and extensive stables for the construction department are among their late improvements.—*Review*.

### Avalanche of Water.

TITUSVILLE, Pa., July 3.—A terrific thunder storm passed over this city last evening, followed by two cloudbursts that caused a furious overflow of Church river, which winds through the city. From an insignificant stream the river was turned into a furious torrent in a few minutes, coursing through the streets, filling cellars and rising in some cases to the first stories of the houses. Fully three miles of streets are flooded, and over two feet of water is on the sidewalks. Families along the line of the flood became frantic, and a number of rafts were built on which women and children were taken to places of safety. The force of the water ripped up hundreds of feet of sewers. Roads in the surrounding country are badly washed out. At East Titusville a number of residences were badly damaged, and there were several narrow escapes from drowning in this city. The water poured down the side of the hills northwest of the city where the cloudburst occurred, in a perfect avalanche, sweeping all before it. What were fertile gardens are now a stony waste, and a number of valuable farms are ruined.

According to the *Statesman's* figures there will be twenty-nine republicans and twenty-nine democrats and one labor delegate in the constitutional convention—Ada county not counted. The two old political parties here, have thus far failed to come to any agreement. The convention will have to settle the contest.

A son of Thomas Cavanaugh of Olympia leads the class at West Point Military Academy this year. It's great wonder that that boy was not named Spokane; for his father is a staunch Spokane Falls man and has hosts of friends and property interests in this city and county.—*Review*.

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