

CLEVER WOMEN OF AMERICA.

Mrs. Beecher's Articles on Her Husband's Life.

Her Quiet Life and Industrious Habits.—Mrs. Emma F. Pettengill a Successful Law Reporter—A Few Remarks About the Woman's Council—Women Do Not Want to Vote.

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NEW YORK, March 2, 1891. A great many untruthful stories have been printed about Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, the widow of Brooklyn's great preacher. One New York paper, with more enterprise than decency, invaded the quiet home of Mrs. Beecher last year, and then printed column after column of ridiculous lies about Mrs. Beecher's looks, health, habits, and, more disgusting of all, her every-day life with the great man whose happy wife she was. It would seem that a correspondent with a grain of intelligence might write a readable article about Mrs. Beecher without touching on Mr. Beecher's past in it. One remarkable statement in this series of lies was that for years Mrs. Beecher had been a paralytic, and that for six years she had not moved out of an arm chair in the bay window of her house.

Such a description of the dear woman, who can be seen sitting at the window of her house on Orange street, any fine morning, is not calculated to raise that journal in the estimation of decent people. "The anything for a sensation" style of journalism is happily passing away. The day after the yarn on the stage of her health appeared Mrs. Beecher was on the streets shopping, looking as well as she did ten years ago. To-day it is doubtful if a woman of her years could be found who could think quicker and do more than she is doing.

Only two weeks ago she held a sale at her house for the benefit of the Beecher Memorial Church. She was seen in person to write up the sale, and as there was no one else present but Mrs. Beecher, I had a good opportunity to talk with and examine her. The room in the back parlor into which the little maid servant ushered me, was plainly furnished. Indeed, I have seen grander furniture and costlier carpets in the rooms of well-to-do mechanics. But the pictures of the late Mr. Beecher, and the other rare works of art and books, set off the room. When I entered Mrs. Beecher sat on the sofa, her chair sewing away as fast as her fingers could fly. She was putting the finishing touches to a black waist for herself, so she begged me to excuse her for not laying aside her work.

"Look around the room," she said, "and see the things I have had sent me for the sale. You will find the aprons in the back parlor."

After noting down what I saw I sat down by her side and entered into conversation with her. She was very confidential. On the contrary, she seemed glad to avail herself of an opportunity to tell how she had been misrepresented by several papers. In May the Home Journal will begin to publish a series of articles from the pen of Mrs. Beecher, on the happy days when Mr. Beecher was her companion. In the Home Journal, she said, meditatively. But as so many people had written about her home life with Mr. Beecher, she felt it her duty to say something in defense of the grossly inaccurate stories that have been so widely circulated.

For two years the publishers of the Journal had entreated her to begin the series, but she had steadily refused their offer until now. Away back when Mr. Beecher was one of the editors of the Christian Union, Mrs. Beecher wrote articles on the household, and excellent articles they were. She was a "clever," wide-awake woman when the modern woman was yet in embryo. The story of her early married life out in Indiana has been told and told, but like all good things, it is worth repeating. Young men and women who want to marry, but are afraid to venture because they have not money enough to live in a French flat and keep a hired girl, may always get an object lesson from Mr. and Mrs. Beecher's start in life. Mr. Beecher's first pastorate out in Indiana paid him \$800 per annum, and he had a housekeeping in two rooms, Mrs. Beecher doing all her own work, even to the washing.

A prejudiced biographer of Mr. Beecher has done Mrs. Beecher a great injustice by saying that she was much older than her husband. Mrs. Beecher, who always looked younger, was just a month or two days older. While not possessing an intellect as brilliant as that of the Beecher family, Mrs. Beecher's brain is of the quality which is not easily worn out.

Acknowledging that Mr. Beecher was one of the greatest men of the times, it must also be conceded that she helped him to attain the place which he holds in the hearts of the people.

Mrs. Emma F. Pettengill combines the conservatism of the past with the radical spirit of the present. To this happy medium is due her success. As a graphic expert she is without a peer in this part of the country. She is the official stenographer of the franchise committee, and most of her other work are cases tried out of court before a referee. Although she has reported in every court in the city, she does not call herself a court reporter, but a law reporter. In her business she employs four regular stenographers and typewriters. Money making, however, is not her object. She is her time to the responsibilities of a successful woman, she teaches the Saturday night class in stenography at the Young Men's Christian Association. Her only compensation for teaching is the right to say who shall enter the class. Mrs. Pettengill does not believe that girls should be taught to do housework. The country is flooded with indifferent stenographers and poor typewriters. She feels that her time is valuable, and she has the right to exclude silly and incompetent girls from entering an overcrowded profession. But she encourages girls, "There is plenty of room at the top for first-class stenographers," Mrs. Pettengill is a native of Massachusetts and a graduate of a normal school. She taught before she started shorthand ten years ago. She is the President of the Wayside Home for Homeless Women, and President and one of the organizers of the "Ladies' Guild and Visitors' Bureau" of New York.

Alliances and other political topics to men.

THE WOMAN'S COUNCIL. Mapes Dodge, editor of St. Nicholas, Margaret Sangster, editor of Harper's Bazar, and some of the able women who did not publicly manifest the slightest concern in the session of the council.

A woman's affair, which will interest women in this and other parts of the country, will be Kate Field's lecture for the benefit of the Workingwomen's Society of New York, on Saturday evening, March 15. The promise to be a woman's affair all around. Members of the society are going to act as ushers, and a woman is going to give an organ recital preceding the lecture.

ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

A Tokonsha, Mich., man who is in the hair-raising business, calculates that the increase of a pair will number 2,000 inside of two years.

One reason why New Mexico is settled so sparsely is that the great majority of its people are held by native Mexicans, one Don sometimes owning an entire county.

In England the old four-posted bedstead is the pride of the nation, but the universal. The English beds are the largest beds in the world.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

[Filed March 3, 1891.] DEPARTMENT ONE.

SWANES, Respondent, vs. ADAMS, Appellant. The complaint herein is in the ordinary form of a legal defense to the possession of certain personal property. When the cause came on for trial the appellant demanded a jury, and her application was granted by the court "on the ground that the defense set up was an equitable defense, and should be tried by the court in the first instance." The court refused to grant the jury, and the principal error presented on this appeal.

It has been stated by this court in many cases that when the defendant interposes a legal defense to the complaint, the proper rule of procedure for the court is to hear and dispose of the equitable defense before proceeding to try the legal defense. This rule is applied in the case at hand.

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LEGISLATURE—29TH SESSION.

The Riverside County Bill Hard Fought in the Senate. But It Goes Through, Despite Allusions to the Use of Money—Ballot Bill Still Hanging Fire.

SENATE.

SACRAMENTO, Saturday, March 7, 1891. The Senate met yesterday at 10 o'clock. Mr. Lientenant-Governor Reddick in the chair. Roll called, and quorum present. Prayer by the Chaplain. Reading of the journal dispensed with.

Mr. Goucher, from the committee appointed to ascertain the status of Senate messages in the Assembly, reported that the Speaker of that body had informed the committee that he would call the attention of the members thereof to the matter of the alleged failure to observe the joint rule.

Mr. Ostrom moved that the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Senate refused passage to S. B. 265, for the formation of mutual insurance companies, be made the special order for 4:30 p. m. on Monday. Carried.

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On motion of Mr. Ostrom, the bill providing for an assistant Secretary of the State Board of Examiners was taken up and passed.

On motion of Mr. Carpenter, the bill providing for certain improvements at the Whittier Reform School was taken up and passed.

On motion of Mr. Campbell of Solano, the special order for Monday morning, the bill authorizing the Attorney-General to employ a platoon of mounted clerks was taken up and passed.

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Miscellaneous.

There will be an election in this city, Tuesday, March 10, 1891.

Third Trustee. City Auditor. City Assessor. City Collector. Fire Commissioner—Full Term. Fire Commissioner—Short Term.

Whereas, the City of Sacramento, by authority of the Board of Police Commissioners, of said city, a body duly established by law and invested with the power to appoint and elect members of the police force of said city, under authority of the Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled, "An Act to amend an Act, approved March 25, 1883, creating a police force of said city, and supplementing an Act, approved March 25, 1883, creating and incorporating the City of Sacramento, and incurring an indebtedness by the employment of a number of policemen in excess of the number authorized by the said amended Act of the Legislature of 1883; and

Whereas, the Legislature of 1891 passed an Act, which was duly approved on the 20th day of February, 1891, providing for the submission to a vote of the people of the proposition of levying a special tax to pay any indebtedness incurred by the City of Sacramento during the years 1889 and 1890, there being no resolution of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sacramento, that the proposition of raising the sum of \$— by the levy of a special tax for the purpose of paying the indebtedness created and incurred as aforesaid, be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the City of Sacramento at the municipal election to be held on the 10th day of March, 1891.

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BANK will be held at the office of said bank MONDAY, March 16, 1891, at 10 o'clock p. m. S. D. REDDICK, President. A. A. ABBOTT, Secretary. mar-14

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GROCERIES. HAVING BOUGHT OUT THE GROCERY business corner Twentieth and J streets, we are now prepared to furnish the best groceries, and at the lowest prices, to all our friends and patrons. Will open THURSDAY, February 13th, 1891. S. H. COSSICH. mar-11

DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the firm of WILLIAMS & RAY has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The store at 212 J street will hereafter be conducted by O. P. WILLIS and the store at 414 J street will hereafter be conducted by F. E. RAY. All persons holding accounts against the firm are requested to present them at once. O. P. WILLIS, F. E. RAY. Sacramento, Cal., March 3, 1891. mar-5

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