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THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

On next Tuesday, the 2d proximo, the voters of these United States will decide whether James Abram Garfield or Winfield Scott Hancock will be the Executive of the Government for the coming four years. At most, the successful aspirant will receive the votes of only one-fourth of the adult population, for the reason that more than one-half of the people are disfranchised; but, while neither can be elected by a popular majority of the people, there is urgent reason that Mr. Garfield receive the greater portion of the suffrages of the voters. Neither the nominees nor the platforms of the parties have said anything about Woman Suffrage, and this article will leave out that great question in considering the qualifications of the candidates.

We hope and believe Mr. Hancock will be defeated—because the history of his party adherents is such as will arouse distrust in the mind of every patriot as to the future of the Republic if he be elected; because the greater part of his support is from the voters of States that sought to uphold and perpetuate personal ownership in human beings, rebelled against the Government, tried to destroy it by arms, and, when conquered on the battlefield and magnanimously given amnesty, attempted, a score of years later, when their representatives dominated the Nation's legislature, to force the Government, under threats of starvation, to grant what they failed to gain by arms, thus proving that the same spirit animates them to-day and actuated them in 1850; because we fear, in the event of the election of the "Superb," that there will be no one to stand between the Nation and those who have thus shown their hostility to it and to some of its most honored principles; because we are opposed to the sectionalism through and by which the South is made solid, and do not desire the National affairs to be administered by the representatives of a party which mainly relies for success on the persecution of political opponents in fourteen States; because we do not wish the President's action to be dictated by men of the Waste Hampton stamp, who have proved traitors in the past, and who now, while members of the highest law-making body of the Nation, with malice aforethought exhibit a willingness to break the laws, as witness the challenge of the South Carolina Senator to Secretary Sherman; because we do not want a President who will sanction any bill that may be passed by Congress to enlarge the United States Supreme Court to twenty-five judges, by which means the South hopes to have the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments declared unconstitutional; because this candidate, realizing that the South favors coolie labor and is supporting Chinese in large numbers, has not said a word against the immigration of coolies to degrade our labor and make this fair land the habitation of heathens, pagans and opium-users; because we are opposed to placing at the head of this great Nation a man whose statesmanship is so meager that he asserts that the tariff question is a "local" matter; because the principles of his party concerning State sovereignty and the protection of home industries seem pernicious; because, in general, we fear his election will result in unsettling the peaceful condition of the country by permitting the hot-headed representatives of Southern chivalry, through their majority in the Democratic caucus, to shape the governmental policy for the next four years.

We hope and believe Mr. Garfield will be elected—because he is backed by the peaceful citizens of the North and the party that has inaugurated all the great reforms in government which have obtained since it came into existence; because the industrious and contented people want a continuation of the policy that has so honorably distinguished the administration of President Hayes; because the Chicago nominee will be supported by the greater part of the people who were loyal during the troublous times from 1860 to 1865; because he is the candidate of the party whose representative had the courage to withstand and defy the threat of the last Congress to starve the Government if the appropriation bills and their villainous "riders" were not signed; because we believe he, under the circumstances, would show as much firmness as President Hayes; because his party allows "a free ballot and a fair count" to all voters; because, under Republican rule, the National debt incurred by the dominating faction of the party that now seeks to get hold of the reins of government, is being reduced so constantly and rapidly as to arouse the wonder and challenge the admiration of the financiers of the world; because his views and actions will be largely shared by a thrifty, industrious and happy

people, not by discordant and violent demagogues and restless copperheads; because he will prevent any tampering with the Supreme Court for partisan purposes; because he boldly declares in favor of summarily dealing with the Chinese problem in an effective way, and is opposed to making the laboring people compete with coolie serfs; because the principles of his party in regard to protection have enabled the manufacturing classes to be paid fair wages from the prices brought by their handiwork; because he and his party have maintained, even at the point of the bayonet, that the United States is a Nation, and not a mere confederation, to be broken at the caprice of some nettled State; because the manufacturing and consuming classes are better off and have more comforts than ever before, and we wish the immense volume of business now being done throughout the country to roll on unchecked and undisturbed; because Mr. Garfield is an able statesman and a noted exponent of the principles that have led the country from riot and rapine to peace and prosperity.

As briefly as possible, we have stated the political situation, and on next Tuesday we have no doubt that Oregon will throw a handsome majority for Garfield and Arthur.

PUERILE AND SILLY.

Rev. Dr. S. G. Irvine, of Albany, inspired by the ecclesiastical bigotry that always defeats its own ends when it is given rope enough, insanely imagined that he was inflicting a lasting injury upon somebody besides himself in the exhibition of parental tyranny that prevented the Albany Ladies' Band from honoring their engagement to appear at the ratification reception last week in Salem. His excuse for the outrage, that he "did not like" a lady who had once vanquished him in a fight of his own making, was puerile and silly. Several of the disappointed young ladies attended the ratification in spite of his blustering, but they were powerless as a band without their tuba-bass, which was Miss Irvine's instrument. Could the reverend bigot know and realize the intense indignation of these insulted young ladies, or could he understand, by any possibility of comprehension, how thoroughly they must despise him for his contemptible meanness, he might yet be able to learn a lesson in this life which would save him an age of remorse and suffering in the land of souls. But we fear that he will not profit, even by experience. He reminds us of a school boy who once attacked another, much better than himself, and was justly rewarded by a deserved thrashing. The defeated bully sullenly watched for an opportunity for vengeance, and at last, as he thought, it came. He climbed upon the fence and bellowed at the victor, who, with his sister, was walking serenely by, and said, "If I can't whip you, I can make mouths at your sister!" The application is plain. If Dr. Irvine can't whip a lady whom he attacked without cause, and got the worst of the encounter, he can make grimaces at the State of Oregon and insult the Young Ladies' Cornet Band.

MARRIED WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

It is with pride that we inform the people of Oregon and of the United States that the Legislature passed and Governor Thayer signed the bill to "establish and protect the rights of married women." Oregon leads the world in according justice to women, and the NEW NORTHWEST feels that it has greatly helped to accomplish this result. The Act has already gone into operation. It repeals all laws which impose or recognize civil disabilities upon a wife not imposed by existing statutes upon the husband; gives the wife a right to sue in the courts alone for redress of her personal wrongs; provides that the responsibilities of the parents in the absence of misconduct shall be equal; that the mother shall be as fully entitled to the custody and control of the children and their earnings as their father; that in case of the husband's death the wife shall come into as full and complete control of the estate and the children as the father now does in case of the mother's death.

The Oregonian and Mrs. A. S. Dunlaway are engaged in an interesting controversy through the columns of that influential journal upon the constitutionality of the suffrage resolution recently passed by the Legislature. The self-satisfied manner in which the Oregonian interprets the Constitution and the exceeding coolness with which it suffers the disfranchisement of women, remind the junior editor of this paper of Dean Swift's quaint remark that he "always admired the sublime fortitude with which some people bear other people's editors." However, we are glad to note that the editor only thinks the amendment improperly proposed, and is not averse to Woman Suffrage, for he boldly announces that he "will vote for it" whenever he "can get a chance."

The man who stole the NEW NORTHWEST from the Young People's Christian Association room in Albany last Winter, when it contained an open letter to Dr. Irvine, is informed that his act was petty larceny, and if he repeats the offense this week, he will be allowed to read his name in print.

From the Authors' Publishing Company, No. 27 Bond Street, New York, we have received a copy of Mrs. Adele M. Garrigue's "Summer Boarders," a pleasant and readable story of nearly two hundred pages. It will be forwarded to any address on receipt of \$1.00 by the publishers.

A NEW SAVIOR.

The thinking people of the East who read that the Legislature of Oregon has passed a Woman Suffrage resolution must necessarily consider the inhabitants of the Webfoot State to be intelligent, honorable and justice-loving. They will judge us rightly as a class; but they must not consider that our State does not hold within its borders some of the most bigoted, unreasoning and unprogressive beings of the age. For instance, the East Oregonian of Pendleton (not in any way connected with the Oregonian of this city) is so far back in the dim past as to be "disgusted" that the Legislature has been "frittering away much of its time" in the endeavor to unloose the political chains of women and grant them the privileges now enjoyed by all men, white or black, native or foreign. The E. O. is further "disgusted" that the intelligent gentlemen of the Legislature "invited the editress of a woman's rights paper" to address them on a subject which she had studied for years. We have not heard that any legislator is at all alarmed at this ebullition of righteous indignation. However, none of them may have seen it, and we reproduce portions, to let them know that they have committed a crime most foul. Here is one sentence:

"We are opposed to Woman Suffrage because we believe it to have many evils and not one beneficial trait, and we believe it moreover that no lady or proper person wishes to take any part or parcel in politics."

This remarkable piece of wisdom would have more point if the "many evils" were specified. The assertion that no "proper person wishes to take any part or parcel in politics," is complimentary to every office-holder from the President down. If this statement is true, women certainly have good cause to demand that they have the power to choose "proper persons." Here is another extract:

"We have the highest admiration for woman in her sphere, but we submit that her lot was never intended to be cast in the political arena amid the intrigue and trickery of electioneering campaigns—for while such it is to be regretted yet it must be admitted that they are the ever present concomitants of political contests."

Evidently there is another individual beside the editor of the Jacksonville Times who has discovered that one class of people has a right to make and limit a "sphere" for another class, and we hope for a statement of it. But, while this new savior of the human race is preparing a definition of the term he uses so complacently, we will inform him that women can (if men cannot) walk to a polling place and deposit a little slip of paper without mixing in intrigue and trickery. They will not stoop to the level from which this censor scribbles, but, through their purity and strength of character, will elevate the standard of politics until "proper persons" can enter public life without the fear that men of the stamp of the E. O. editor will claim to stand side by side with them.

We repeat that we do not believe any lady would wish to have such right or would exercise it if possessed—those of the Dr. Mary Walker stripe might and doubtless would do so, but we think such a spectacle of the female sex is only an object of disgust to every one.

In this connection, it is "proper" to say that every authoress of any note; every speaker of any celebrity; every woman of prominence in any department of the world's great works or reforms; every woman who has competed with men for a livelihood and found her sex an excuse for being paid a reduced salary, is a Woman Suffragist. The wife of our acting President, the most notable lady who ever reigned in the White House, (the only one who has had the courage to prevent gambling and other vices within its walls and stop the use of intoxicating beverages at its dinners and receptions), is a Woman Suffragist and a member of the Ohio association. The E. O. would learn a lesson if it could read a page of names on our subscription book. In its bigotry, it has grossly and wantonly insulted the best ladies and noblest women in the town of Pendleton.

We have no use for our patience with this "strong-minded" set of women; we do not see any possible advantage in having them as an element in our political world, and from a country or State governed by women in whole or in part we can only say, "Good Lord deliver us."

We have never yet heard of a rogue or scoundrel who wants women to vote. The important concern with the pirated name has no use for anything but "weak-minded" women, and the people of Oregon will incur its displeasure by voting for the adoption of the resolution. From a government of women it may well say, "Good Lord deliver us," for women will condemn to the penitentiary, where they belong, all murderers, ruffians and criminals.

The Episcopal Church is compelled by the advancing spirit of the age to take a step in the direction of recognizing the public work of women, who constitute the major part of its members. True, the step is not a long one, and the canting words which proclaim it would provoke a smile were it not that we cannot expect too much from such a conservative church. The general convention has adopted the report of a committee setting forth that "women of devout character and approved fitness may be set apart by any Bishop for the work of deaconesses."

Rev. S. G. Irvine's refusal to allow his daughter, who is past twenty-one years of age, to play with the Ladies' Cornet Band of Albany, is another instance to prove the necessity of civil and personal rights for women. A young man could not be so tyrannized over. The reverend bigot's son would not and did not brook such despotism.

AN ILLIBERAL FREE-THINKER.

His name is Frank Payne, and he was, by some sort of crookedness for which some of the voters of East Portland were in some way responsible, foisted upon the people of Multnomah as a member of the House of Representatives. He calls himself a "free-thinker." He is "scared to death" about "God in the Constitution," and is opposed to Woman Suffrage, his only reason being that he is "agin it." He declines to read or reason upon the question, says he has no arguments for or against it, and wants none; but he says he will vote against it and get every other man to vote against it that he can. Such a man has no more conception of "free-thinking" than a pig has of pure mathematics. But it is at the feet of just such stupid tyrants that intelligent women must bow in vain while they appeal for the ballot. Such men have no more right to the ballot themselves than though they were donkeys. Intelligence and morality should be the basis of suffrage and the sex of an individual, whether masculine or feminine, should not be taken into account.

WOMAN WORKERS.

The Massachusetts industrial census has brought to light some interesting facts about women who work in that State, where they outnumber the men by about 70,000. Over half a million earn their own living and help support others. Of the 10,295 in the professions, 9331 are school-teachers or musicians, 336 are "authors or literary persons," 164 are doctors, and smaller numbers are in other callings. Over 400 are book-keepers, 10 are florists, 42 are glass-makers, 94 are engaged in the manufacture of machinery, 700 are compositors, 23,000 are sewing women or milliners, 50,000 work in different kinds of factories and mills, and small numbers invade other branches of manufacture than those mentioned. Compared with 1880, their wages in all kinds of work have increased. When we take into consideration the fact that the proportion of women throughout the Union who earn their living is about the same as in Massachusetts, we can see the hollowness of the claim that women are "supported by men."

From the Call, we learn that "the California Woman Suffrage Association, through a committee, is circulating a petition throughout San Francisco, asking the Legislature to confer upon the wife the power to succeed to community property on the decease of a husband, as he now does upon death of the wife. Considerable influence will be brought to bear on the incoming Legislature." We sincerely hope California's law-makers will prove to number as large a percentage of fair-minded men as did our Oregon Legislature. The Northern Republican State of Oregon and the Southern Democratic State of Mississippi having both passed such "community laws," the California suffragists can point to their action for precedents. "The ice is broken," and there is every reason to believe that the object will be attained, as our Golden State friends number many zealous and indefatigable workers.

Mr. M. S. Booth, of Seattle, W. T., writing, under date of October 25th, to Mrs. A. S. Dunlaway, says: "Please accept my congratulations over your victory before the Oregon Legislature in the interest of Woman Suffrage. It begins to look now as though the 'egg doctrine' had spread in your State much more rapidly than was anticipated. May not my prediction, published in the NEW NORTHWEST last Spring, that 'Oregon would be the first State to allow women the ballot,' come true? You will remember that this prediction was based on the 'egg argument' used against you up in one of the small towns in your State. Verily, 'the world (of mind) moves,' and in the right direction."

We have received from Mr. R. H. McDonald, of San Francisco, a copy of the scheme for the establishment of a Central Christian University in the Golden City. The gentleman explicitly states that it is not intended to antagonize in any manner the public schools. The inaugurators desire to establish a school that shall teach moral science and afford a religious but unsectarian education to all. They hope to secure an endowment fund of \$200,000. We trust they will succeed, as there is no Protestant theological institution on the coast, and we believe in the "home production" of ministers as well as other articles.

The Democratic campaign appears to rely for success on forgery. Not only is "the Garfield-Morey Chinese letter" proven a forgery without foundation, but General Weaver comes forward with an affidavit denying, in most positive terms, that he ever wrote a letter to Gillette of Iowa stating that "he was opposed to fusion because it would be injurious to the Republican party, in whose interest he was working." Gillette never received such a letter. Hopeless, indeed, must be the cause of a party which stoops to forgery to gain success.

The tyrannical spirit shown by Rev. S. G. Irvine, of Albany, in forbidding his daughter to accompany the Ladies' Cornet Band to Salem, after the young ladies had agreed to go, is but another form of the illiberal and hypocritical cant which drove his son into infidelity.

Mrs. R. M. McDonough of Willow Springs and Mrs. S. M. Root of Jacksonville will please accept our thanks for kind words and substantial favors.