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## OUR HOPES.

Our Bradford correspondent, who desires to know what hopes the Woman Suffragists have of the ultimate triumph of their cause, is informed that we hope "the right will come uppermost" and that "justice will be done." We hope that the children who now fill the school-houses of the land are imbibing ideas of personal equality and individual freedom. We hope that the boys, sitting side by side with girls and obeying the same rules, will rise above the level of sex. We hope they will learn to regard the members of the human family as persons and individuals, not as "males" and "females." We hope that, with their ideas formed from the same books and in the same rooms, and their minds directed by the same teachers, they will learn to reason about the rights of human beings, and not about the "rights of men" and the "rights of women." We hope that they will learn to regard both men and women as "persons," and interpret the Fourteenth Amendment accordingly. We hope that, when these children of equal privileges and equal duties and equal instruction are grown to mature years, enough of the boys will be elected to the House of Representatives and the Senate of the United States to pass an amendment forever barring sex as a qualification for voters—even if enough fair and honorable men are not convened in the Nation's Legislature in the next five years to do justice to women. We hope a majority of the Nation's rulers will soon be so advanced in intelligence and honesty that when the rights or privileges of any individual are concerned, it will not be necessary for them to know the sex of that individual before rendering a decision. We hope (and know) that the arguments being advanced all over this country by the advocates of Woman Suffrage are having good effect and are tending toward this result. We hope the American people can comprehend the principles of truth, right, liberty and justice which underlie the cause of woman.

## "THE MARCH DECREES."

Another crisis occurred in France on Monday, and the De Freycinet Cabinet was dissolved, owing to differences of opinion of the members in regard to enforcing the decrees against unauthorized religious communities—particularly the Jesuits. President Grévy was loth to accept the resignation of the Premier, but circumstances rendered it necessary. Janregulbery, Minister of Marine, and Vanoy, Minister of Public Works, also resigned. Jules Ferry was charged by the President with forming a new Cabinet, and chose Dupre as Minister of Marine and Carnot as Minister of Public Works, allowing the other offices to remain undisturbed. Thus it appears that the March decrees will be enforced and the Jesuits prevented from spreading their monarchial ideas among the people. Their priests and teachers have in their schools taught imperialism, and in their churches sought to inflame the passions of their followers against the Republic. They have violated the rights of free speech by commanding and forcing their congregations, instead of leading them by argument and reason, to denounce the Government. Their extreme bigotry and opposition to liberty of conscience and action created the present crusade against them. To show the earnestness and determination which characterize the crusade, it is only necessary to state that Constant, Minister of Worship, in reply to the expressed hope of the archbishops that the Government would permit religious confraternities to continue their work if they would disclaim any relation with political parties or passions, informed them that the object of the second decree of March 29th was to put an end to their communities.

The Republican party of to-day, conscious that it is in advance of its rival on most of the momentous questions of the day, is standing still and shouting its "record," while the Democrats are rapidly advancing and will soon be in the lead if the "party of all the ideas" does not take up the onward march. One of the best and most healthful signs for the Democrats is, that in three counties of Washington Territory they have nominated ladies for the office of School Superintendent—in Kitsap, Miss Ordway; in Pierce, Anna C. Weller; in King, Anna Bean. With the *Olympia Standard* we can heartily say, "We are glad to observe that the party is assuming advanced ground in regard to woman's equality before the law."

Errors have been discovered in the Maine election returns which will probably give Plaided a plurality.

## A HUGE DOCTORS' BILL.

House Bill No. 12, introduced in the Legislature by Mr. Beebe of Multnomah, and discussed on Tuesday evening of this week in Committee of the Whole, provides for the suppression of every "M. D." who is not a member of one or the other of the State medical societies, or who is not possessed of a diploma from some legally-chartered medical institution in good standing before the said societies.

Were the medical profession as it now exists infallible—did it never lose a patient from any other cause than the natural one of old age—there might be a little shadow of excuse for restrictive legislation to protect doctors' interests. But, with all due deference to the learned M. D.'s, whose influence is clearly at the bottom of this movement, the NEW NORTHWEST begs leave to remonstrate against the class legislation that will give them a monopoly of the killing business, unless they will also demand that undertakers possess like diplomas and be protected in like manner from competition in plying their profession. The inalienable right of every individual to prescribe for the sick, if a person desires him to do so or has sufficient confidence in his judgment to employ him, and to legally collect reasonable dues for services rendered, is part of the fundamental law of the land.

The NEW NORTHWEST is not an advocate of quackery in any form, but it respectfully suggests, for the benefit of those learned Doctors of Medicine who will not advertise their legitimate business, that if they would display a disposition to keep up with the spirit of the times by a judicious use of printers' ink in the legitimate channels where all respectable business should be regularly announced, their practice would not slip away from them, and they would save themselves the pitiful humiliation of begging Legislatures for a monopoly of the business in which they seem to feel themselves unable to hold their own in an open field of competition. The natural survival of the fittest applies to doctors as well as to editors and authors. No amount of special monopoly will bring patients to a physician who cannot get them by honorable advertising. The few sensible "regulars" who have the independence to advertise in this journal all have a lucrative practice; but they transgress the "rules" of the Medical Association, which has the sublime impudence to send out catalogues with a "please notice" attached, while its constitution forbids it to advertise even the names of its Faculty in the newspapers which it thus asks for favors.

No, no, Mr. Doctors; don't ask the Legislature to protect you when you are not sufficiently enterprising to protect yourselves. Whenever one of you cuts off the leg of a mangled being, removes a tumor, cures a cancer, or does anything the publication of an account of which will bring you before the public and advertise your skill, you readily seek the papers and ask them to write you flattering notices; but you never offer to pay for the notices—they must be given to you. Those of you who have spent a few months only in a medical school are the worst of quacks, and it is not surprising that you need legislation to protect you and place you on a footing with those who have studied for years in colleges and hospitals.

The Woman's College in Salem, founded by Professor Lambert and the enterprising ladies of the Capital City, is now in progress, and quite a number of young ladies find a home within its ample walls, with prices for board so extremely low as to be surprising. Mr. and Mrs. Van Scoy are domiciled in the College at present, awaiting the arrival of the appointed Dean. Parents are assured that the young ladies who are entrusted to this institution are as judiciously cared for as when living at home. They attend the University on the same footing with young gentlemen, but are sure of a quiet, orderly, pleasant home and parental care at nightfall. Mrs. Miner is the faithful matron of the establishment, and no better choice could have been made.

A noted saloon-keeper of Portland, who is familiar with all its gambling hells and sinks of iniquity, has commenced a raid on the gamblers, and announces that he intends to overturn every "faro" table in the city. He has had two "sports" arrested and placed under heavy bonds to await the action of the Grand Jury, and proposes to hunt down others. While we are glad that some one has taken this matter in hand, we would have more faith in his professions of working for the good of the city if he would close his saloon. It appears that he is not down on "faro" on general principles, but because it is not so profitable to him as retailing liquors.

As the current business of the Legislature is fully reported in the daily papers, the repetition of the same in these columns would be exceedingly prosy reading. However, all important measures concerning women, as well as all matters in which the public generally are interested, will receive attention editorially or in our correspondence from the Capital.

Jones Brothers & Co., of Cincinnati, have forwarded to this office samples of the standard school books which they are publishing. Among them these are particularly worthy: Milne's Arithmetics, Ridpath's History of the United States, and Forbridge's designs and tablets for drawing.

A lengthy article from Mrs. A. S. Duniway, "Can Future Existence be Proven?" was received too late for this issue.

## AN OPEN LETTER.

To the Honorable Legislative Body, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Oregon, in Council Assembled:—

*Sovereigns, Gentlemen and Law-Makers:* In the name and by authority of tax-paying women of the Commonwealth of Oregon, I am commissioned, as a member of the State Woman Suffrage Association, to eschew all personal lobbying in their interest and appeal to you through the columns of the NEW NORTHWEST, praying your Honorable Body to pass an Act during your present session, submitting to the legal voters of Oregon, for their consideration at the next general election, an Amendment to the State Constitution, which shall permit them to expunge the words "white male" from Article 2 of Section II, on "Suffrages and Elections." The word "white," having already become a dead letter through National legislation, is manifestly out of place in the instrument you are sworn to obey, and should be eliminated from future editions of the Code, rendering the explanatory foot-note in reference to it unnecessary. The word "male," being also a remnant of a bygone institution intended to discriminate against the colored race, is a detriment to the rights and immunities of your unrepresented constituents, the women of the State, who are taxed to maintain the laws which they are denied a voice in making. We do not ask you to submit an Amendment compelling women to exercise the right of suffrage. Such a law would be as arbitrary as the one restricting our liberties of which we now complain. But we respectfully pray your Honorable Body to lay aside the false theories that make woman legally a perpetual minor, while naturally she is an individual, with a will and understanding of her own quite equal to that possessed by yourselves. We will spare you at this time and place the detail of argument concerning the need of this Amendment, which vitally concerns your unrepresented constituents, but which men are apt to consider of little consequence, since they do not generally understand its importance to women. The *pros* and *cons*, whys and wherefores of this petition we will postpone until such time during the session and in such manner as may suit your convenience to designate. We do not come before you as your enemies, but as your friends and allies—as your wives, your mothers, your sisters and your daughters. We do not ask for our inalienable right to a voice in making the laws we are annually taxed to sustain because of any desire to govern you or your represented constituents. Such is not our province, nor could we rightly hope to succeed in such a measure if we should attempt it. The women who, while in the condition of perpetual minority, and in order to win your personal favor in the interest of some special hobby, pretend that they have all the rights they want, are by nature tyrannical, seeking individual gain or ambition rather than universal good. We have no word of censure for them. Their numbers are not great, and the fact that they come to you for special legislation contradicts the assertion that they are in full possession of their rights. You are asked to discriminate between individual claimants and the just demand for equality before the law which women who ask the ballot are asking for all men and women. We look into your faces and pray with trust and confidence that you will hear our plea. Should the voters of the State refuse to grant the boon which you alone can give them the power to bestow upon us, the responsibility will rest with them. We are willing to trust the case in their hands. Will you not aid us? And we also ask, in respect and confidence, and relying upon your chivalry for an affirmative answer, that you will consider our plea of sufficient importance to give us a hearing before your Committee of the Whole, and that you will graciously inform us of the time, most convenient for yourselves, when you can listen to arguments on behalf of those persons who are taxed without representation and governed without consent. The women of Oregon are patriotic. They see, as you cannot but see also, that the time is speedily coming when some Commonwealth will lead the van in the great galaxy of States in granting to women the right of suffrage. Will you not assist in placing that honor on the brow of Oregon, that she may shine in the history of the centuries to come as the State alone can shine whose banner of Liberty for all the People shall by virtue of precedence in action be entitled to the post of honor?

All of which is respectfully submitted in the name and on behalf of the women of Oregon by your faithful friend and obedient servant,

ABIGAIL SCOTT DUNIWAY.

A prominent Democrat asks why the Woman Suffragists "claim the Republicans as friends rather than the Democrats," and appears to think the record of one party on the question is as good as the other's. If he will remember these few words, he will understand why the women of the country regard their interests as identified with the Republican party: "Women are voting on educational questions in ten States, all Republican. They are voting on all questions in two Territories, both Republican."

The Republicans are unwise in allowing women to be appointed postmasters on the eve of a Presidential election. There is no telling how many office-seekers may be angered and turned against the party by such recklessness. The latest robber of masculine privileges is Mrs. G. E. Loughlin, of Union county, appointed postmaster at Lostine.

## A TOUCHING LETTER.

[The following communication, from the sorrowing mother of Miss Eva Burbank, the bright young girl whose sad fate will long be remembered by the many friends who loved her, is one of those touching outbursts of human wailing that no eye can see clearly to read.]

LAFAYETTE, September 13, 1880.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW NORTHWEST:

Permit my husband and myself to say through your columns, to the many friends who have shown us so much sympathy in our sad bereavement, and have so diligently assisted in watching for the recovery of the body of our lost darling, Eva, that we thank you. Ah, we pray God's blessing to rest upon you all. These are plain and simple words, but they come from a heart-broken father and mother, whom the cruel waves of Ilwaco Beach have robbed of their earthly all. We are home, after an absence of three weeks of futile watching and praying for the cruel sea to give us back our dead. Through the advice and persuasion of friends, we tore ourselves away, and have left to others the vigilant search. Oh, may God in His mercy crown their efforts with success! These lines were written just before leaving the Beach:

Ah, the waves are dark and cold and deep,  
Close by the edge of our camp;  
And ghostly and weird the shadows creep  
Where the reeds lie broken and damp.  
I hear the tide as it rises high,  
And the mournful billows' flow;  
I hear the wind, with its plaintive sigh,  
Through the leafless branches blow.  
And I see, far off, like a fiend that holds  
A soul that has lost its light,  
The sombre waves, and the gloom that enfolds  
The loved, drifting out from sight.  
Like dreams, the sad waves come and go,  
But ever they leave behind  
The rapid tide, with its murmur of woe,  
And the sobbing of the wind.  
Out, where the light glows blue and pale,  
And the darkened waters sweep,  
And shuddering echoes moan and wail,  
Lies my Eva, in silent sleep.  
There, in the darkness, I see her hair,  
Covered o'er with a cap of gold,  
And feel, while I hide my sad despair,  
Her hand on my heart lie cold.  
She is dead! and long days may grow into years,  
And the tides, they will sink and swell,  
But my soul has lost e'en the balm of tears;  
How I live, none but God can tell.  
MARY E. BURBANK.

Not so, gentle mother; thy child is not dead;  
Hear'st thou not the sweet voice of her sighing?  
She lives, and caresses thy sorrowing head,  
And would soothe the sad wail of thy crying.  
The Angel of Death bore her out on the wave,  
But the Angel of Life, sad and frowning,  
Caught her spirit away from the watery grave,  
And rescued thy darling from drowning.  
And her beautiful hair, with its halo of gold,  
In the gardens celestial is shining,  
And her fair jeweled hand is not pulseless or cold,  
As a wreath for thy brow she is twining.  
Look aloft and be comforted, mother, so dear;  
Hear her voice in the vesper of even;  
Let its whispers inaudible tell thee she's near,  
And will light thy dark pathway to Heaven.  
A. S. DUNIWAY.

FROM BRADFORD, PENN.

BRADFORD, Penn., September 1, 1880.  
TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW NORTHWEST:  
In thinking of your labors, this couplet is recalled:

"Watchman, tell us of the night—  
What its signs of promise are?"

What hopes do you entertain of the causes you advocate—Woman Suffrage and Prohibition? Since the vain appeals to the leading Conventions, is it not truly "night" for them? Woman Suffrage would undoubtedly speedily bring about Prohibition; but the ballot for woman is a delusive hope while this is a nation of drunkards. There is nothing truer than that the carnal heart of man is at enmity against Woman Suffrage. Witness the defeat of the Colorado suffragists by the liquor interest. In the early days of abolitionism, if the good men and women interested had not joined heart and hand and voice against slavery, it would not now have been even nominally extinct. So it seems that every one conscious of the deadliness of the wide-spreading Upas tree of alcoholic traffic should strike with the Prohibitionists, however feeble their numbers. They are the truest friends of woman. As a party, they may as yet be but a forlorn hope, as were the little band at first arrayed against slavery, but they are our only hope. Does any one imagine that a nation which puts the blood money of licensed liquor saloons into its treasury is to be prospered by the righteous Ruler of the Universe? No.

"First purity, then peace,  
Is God and nature's universal law."

Is it not significant that the Presidential nominees are military Generals? In any event, we may look to see the stormiest time at Washington next Winter that the country has ever seen. Woman can be but a silent on-looker; but let her strengthen the heart and voice of the Prohibitionist by every device known to her fertile brain. Let her ignore wholly those who are not "for us," equally with those who are "against us." Some papers for women, as yours, are strong for prohibition; others are stanch upon suffrage alone; still a few are "lukewarm." Let them remember that they alone are to be "spewed out." Let all the energies that might have been expended for either of the leading parties, had they given us a *higum-vite* plank in their platforms, be now directed to increasing the power of that one that has unconditionally endorsed us.  
LEWIS OLIVER.