

A Woman's Views.

The founders of the Grange, Alliance and the Knights of Labor, accorded to all their members equality of rights and privileges, without making any distinction on account of sex.

The object of these orders are "to develop a higher and better manhood and womanhood" and, also, "last, but not least, we proclaim it among our purposes to inculcate a proper appreciation of the abilities and sphere of woman."

For forty years a few noble men and women have been laboring to teach the people the principle which our forefathers contended for when they became an independent people, that "All laws derive their just powers from the consent of the governed," and that "Luxation without representation is tyranny."

If there was such a law in some of our eastern states what a great blessing it would be to the numberless women who now eke out a miserable existence in garrets and cellars, with starvation and degradation staring them in the face.

In Kansas we have another case where granting women municipal suffrage has been a success, for the men who at first opposed, are now strongly in favor of it, and acknowledge that the laws would be hard to enforce if it were not for the women, who care very little for party; but the character of the candidate is the first consideration, and when that is found to be bad, he is destined to stay at home.

Some men in the Alliance have raised objections to a woman holding any office in the Alliance. We would ask all those how can they live up to the teachings of this order, which advocates woman suffrage and which has pledged itself to promulgate this question.

The fourteenth amendment of the constitution of the United States, when it enfranchised the black man, also made the white woman a citizen, if she was not one before, for it expressly declared that "Every person born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to its jurisdiction is a citizen."

This question of universal suffrage will be fought again and again, for the disfranchisement of one-half of the people in the country for no crime, but solely for a difference in sex, will remain a living issue until justice prevails and America becomes a true republic, where all can enjoy perfect equality of rights and privileges before the law.

The Alliance holds within its power the means to hasten the day, as it has done the advent of other great blessings, by united and determined front, thus showing to the world that we believe in the principles we advocate: "A proper equality, equity, and fairness; protection for the weak; restraint upon the strong; and justice to all. I believe a great many men have the same opinion of women as the young man had who was seeking a wife."

Representative Capek, of Omaha, is one of that kind, for he tried to shut out of the legislature the petitions from the women of the state asking for woman suffrage. If there is any person in the world who owes it to decency, courtesy and right to be liberal in his views of the right of franchise, it is the foreign-born citizen. He is a beneficiary of our liberal laws on citizenship and the franchise if a law which excludes one-half of our adult population from exercising the right to vote may be called liberal and should be the last to undertake to intrude any restriction upon anyone else in that direction.

iniquity, and within six months after landing in Nebraska he can take his papers declaring his intention to become a citizen of the United States; after he has been here five years, if he cannot speak a word of English or is ignorant of our laws, he can walk up to the ballot box and cast his vote on all important questions and vote for local and state officers.

Can any fair-minded man believe that such a person is capable of giving his opinion in public matters as the intelligent, pure, conscientious woman who is a native to our soil, and understands all the issues of the day?

I believe women are advancing since these labor unions have endorsed woman suffrage, for we notice there are nineteen women county superintendents in the state of Nebraska, who are giving good satisfaction in their office.

The republican party was so selfish that they would not nominate Mrs. Nye as a member of the school board when she had filled her place with honor. There were ten offices to be filled, and many women were taxpayers but they would not allow a woman to have one, and the result was that she run independently and walked away with both republicans and democrats, receiving the largest number of votes.

The day is coming when woman will receive the rights of ballot, if the signs of the time indicate anything. Mrs. Daniel Jones in Dodge County Leader.

An Anecdote With a Moral. Michael Angelo, at a time when Italy paid so much attention to ancient art that modern had no chance of being judged fairly, had, it is said, resort to a stratagem to teach the critics the fallacy of shaping their judgments by fashion or reputation.

HE WANTED TO TESTIFY. And Didn't Care a Copper for the \$25,000 Involved in the Suit. A lawyer of some eminence in this city, says the New York Times, while enjoying a social hour with some friends the other night, narrated an incident of his practice in which Daniel Drew, then a "king of Wall street," figured.

Mr. Drew had been sued by persons who had been let out of the small end of the horn by him in a stock transaction. The rugged financier was indignant and vicious when he sought the aforesaid lawyer and requested him to take the case. The amount for which the plaintiffs sued was about \$35,000, and Drew said that he wanted the case brought into court so that he might "show up them fellows."

The lawyers made a careful investigation of the facts and found that his client had scarcely a leg to stand on in court. He was anxious to win the case, however, and determined to see what ingenuity and an exhaustive knowledge of legal technicalities would accomplish.

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A Remarkable Post Office. Hunt up on your map of South America the Straits of Magellan, look at the mountain hanging over, imagine the point of rock that leans the furthest out, and think of a barrel hung by a heavy chain swinging there. That is a post office. No postmaster stays there to deliver the mails, and no postman unlocks it; in fact, it has no key. Yet it is a grand old post office. Ships coming along the way stop, and their captains take out packages of letters that have been dropped therein, see if they can find any that want to travel their way, and if so, they take them on, in their place they leave a package which is to go in another direction, and some day the officers of a ship passing that way will take that on. So the barrel swings doing its duty day by day, without being watched, sending joy to many hearts.

The More-Bees. Swim in the sunshine and dance, Ye atoms the small for men; Circs, receds, and advances, Merry by twos and twos, Gather in social knots, Jostle for place and love, Or mount above other dots; Swim in the sunshine and dance, No rest during days' little chance, Ye atoms that God games men!

ABOUT COAST DEFENSES.

STRONG FORTS MOUNTING MODERN GUNS ARE NEEDED.

To Defend Our Coasts With a Navy Alone is Impracticable—Three Lines of Defense for Harbors.

In view of the recent war-cloud over the New Orleans affair it may be well to stop and calmly consider what defense this country affords to her seaports and harbors. If occasion should arise to plunge the country into the horrible vortex of a war with a foreign power, which although being a state of affairs greatly to be deplored, is liable at any time to arise, what protection would be afforded against the powerful men-of-war of other countries, what would prevent one of Great Britain or Italy's gigantic engines of war from destroying New York and laying desolate the whole Atlantic or Pacific seaboard.



1—A sea coast defense battery. 2—Forts Wadsworth and Tompkins. 3—The most formidable to be found in the world.

The standing armies of the two countries are as follows: Italy, 3,215,626, counting the reserves; United States, 27,390. If we were sure that Italy really means war, which is neither likely or improbable, we should make the further statement that, though the standing army of the republic is small on the official reports, there are a great many people here who can handle a gun and go through the drill, but they do not make a business of it.

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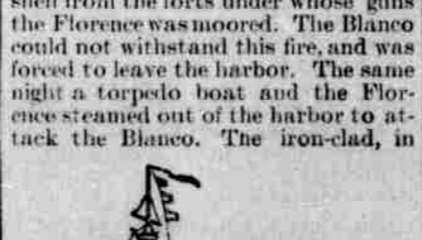


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