

United States v. Hazel et al.

(District Court D. Indiana, February 1, 1915)

No. 212.

(1) Conspiracy - 32. - Privileges of Citizens. - Right to Vote.
under Const. art. I, Sec. 2, providing that the House of Representatives shall be composed of members chosen by the people of the several states, and the electors in each state shall have the qualifications of the electors of the most numerous branch of the State Legislature, and Const. Amend. 17, making similar provisions for United States Senators, and Act June 4th, 1914, c. 103, 38 Stat. 384, providing for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people, the election to be conducted as near as may be in accordance with the laws of the state regulating the nomination and election of Representatives, the right to vote for Representatives in Congress and United States Senators, and to serve as members of the election boards where such Representative or Senator is to be elected, are rights secured by the Constitution and laws of the United States, within Cr. Code (Act March 4, 1909, c/321) paragraph 19, 35 Stat. 1092 (Comp. St. 1913, par. 10183), making punishable a conspiracy to deprive any citizen of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution and laws of the United States.

(Ed. Note. - For other cases, see Conspiracy, Cent. Dig. par. 58, 59; Dec. Dig. - 32.)

Extract from Decision of Court.

" This seventeenth amendment to the Constitution and the statute just quoted are too recent to have received any judicial construction or interpretation, but so far as the right to vote for a member of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States is concerned the Supreme Court of the United States has repeatedly decided that such right is fundamentally based upon, and given and secured by, the Constitution of the United States.

In Ex Parte Yarbrough, 110 U.S. 651, 4 Sup. Ct. 152, 28 L. Wd. 274, this question was squarely decided".

Extract from William M. Meigs The Growth of the Constitution.
When this subject (Art. I, Sec. 2 Gouverneur Morris moved to amend the first section by striking out that portion relating to the qualifications of electors with the view of inserting a provision to confine the suffrage to freeholders, but after some discussion the motion was lost. Gouverneur Morris and Dickinson supported it on the ground that it would keep out the dangerous influence of multitudes; while Williamson, Wilson, Milsworth, Mason, Butler and Franklin opposed it on the ground that was a subject on which the people were jealous, and it would not be well to excite their jealousies by depriving some of them of the vote as to Federal offices when the same citizens have the right to vote in the States. Franklin urged the importance of maintaining the public spirit of the common people.

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Feb. 6, 1915.

Mrs. J. B. Judah,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Judah:

I enclose voucher for headquarters expenses in January, Stella's salary, rent and a bill for literature, for which you can mail check direct to the Publishing Co. I am retaining the itemized bills.

Since both the college prize chairman and the Education chairman are in Lexington and both are new and require considerable ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ help from Stella and me, it seemed very much easier and also more economical for me to order the literature which they needed. It has the disadvantage that we won't be able to show exactly what the work of either of these committees cost, but I think the other advantages over-balance. This bill from the Publishing Co., also includes some cuts of the suffrage map. Dr. Myers tried a little advertising in one of the college papers. My purchase of stamps also covers the letters sent out for these two committees.

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Sincerely yours,

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Feb. 8, 1915

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington Ky.

My Dear Miss Clay:
I am sending you
a check for one dollar
for my dues to the
Southern women's
suffrage conference
which I promised
you at Nashville
I am sorry it slipped
my mind until today but I
hope it will be just as good now.

We have been very busy ever
since I came from Nashville
and there is a chance that we
may really be able to get some
suffrage legislation this time.
I hope you will attend the Miss.
Valley conference.

We have had a very cold but
pleasant winter.
Hoping this will find you well
I am with all good wishes

Sincerely yours Anna Dunn Noland

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St Paul, Minn.,
July 9 - 1915.

My dear Miss Lelay:

I thank you for sending me
the Southern Citizen - and the enclosed letter
will explain everything. I sent the fifty-cent
extra yesterday, so that I am a member of
the Southern Conference. This will bring me
in closer touch with you. Your dear face
pleases me. I was surprised when I saw it.

We are all very busy now with legislative
work. Our bill comes up in the Senate to
morrow the 10th for final action - then it goes
to the House where the liquor men are "laying
law" for no. county option is up at the same
time, which is likely to ~~kill us~~.

Organization work is making headway here.
If we fail this time, I am in favor of trying
for Presidential Suffrage as Illinois did.
I will write to Mary B. soon. Love for yourself
& sisters - Lovingly and Sincerely
Eugenia B. Farmer.

XXXXXXXXXXXXX Richmond, Ky.
Febr. 13th, 1915.

Jeanna E. Downes,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam,

I am enclosing a Call to the Miss. Valley Suffrage Conference, and I am greatly hoping you will be in attendance.

I wished very much that I might have seen you longer in Nashville. I would have liked to consult with you about your point of view of the resolution instructing the Congressional Committee of the N.A.W.S.A. to "investigate and promote the right of women to vote for U.S. Congressmen and Senators by Congressional action".

As long as the great body of suffragists hoped to gain the submission of a U.S. Constitutional Amendment it seemed impossible to turn their attention to the importance of Federal Suffrage, as the right to vote for Congressmen by Congressional action is called. But now that it is certain nothing can be done during this Democratic administration along that line I think it highly important that Democratic women, especially, should turn serious attention to the Federal Suffrage.

There are two things about which I have a strong conviction; one is, that the party which gives women suffrage will gain the larger number of the votes of the enfranchised women; and the second, that the Republican party will do so the next opportunity it has, if it comes into power before suffrage is extended to women.

The first conviction is sustained by the fact that history repeats itself; and this has been twice illustrated in our history; the Democrats first established manhood suffrage, giving the poor man equal rights with the rich, and the Democratic has ever since been emphatically the poor man's party. Again, the Republicans extended suffrage to the negro, and maintained itself for years in power by their votes.

The second conviction is sustained by the evident facts that woman suffrage has gained such power that complete victory cannot long be deferred, and the Republicans have no states rights objections to gaining for themselves the support of grateful women.

I think, therefore, that Democratic women should be alert in securing advantage to their own party by urging a form of National suffrage which can be given by Democrats without contravening their States' Rights principles; and this form is found in Federal Suffrage.

I hope this subject is going to be thoroughly discussed at Indianapolis; and that is a great reason why I am very desirous that you shall be there. It seems to me an exceptional opportunity for you to advance the interests of your party of woman suffrage.

Please consider this; and hoping to see you at Indianapolis, I am
Very sincerely yours,

XXXXXXXXXXXXX Richmond, Ky.

Febr. 13th, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Bartlett,

Please find enclosed a check from Mrs. Anna
Dunn Neland, 424 I-2 , Broadway, Logansport, Indiana, which I have endor-
sed. It is in payment of a membership in the Southern S.W.S. Confer-
ence. Mrs. Neland is president of the Indiana Equal Suffrage asso-
ciation, and I am very glad to have her for a member.

I enclose a call to the Miss. Valley Conference. I wish very
much we could have a good southern representation at that Confer-
ence, because I believe it will be a good place to work for our
Southern point of view, now that the U.S. Constitutional amendment
has been disposed of for the time in Congress. Could not you go to
the Conference?

Very truly yours,

XXXXXXXXXXXXX Richmond, Ky.

Febr.14th, 1915.

My dear Mrs.Neland,

I thank you for the membership dues to the S.S. W.S.Conference? I have sent the dollar on to the treasurer, Mrs. Bartlett, and in a short time you should receive the New Southern Citizen, which is sent to every paid-up member.

I wish also to thank you for the cut of my photograph, which Mrs. Flanagan has sent me.

I certainly expect to be at the Miss.V.Conference at Indianapolis, and hope I shall see you there. I want this to be an occasion for discussing Federal Suffrage. The Nashville Convention was too much taken up with the U.S.Con.Amendment to consider the other, which I consider vastly more valuable, with a much better chance of getting it. Now that Congress has for awhile, at least, disposed of the Amendment I hope the suffragists will press the Federal Suffrage. I have asked Mrs.Upton to allow full time on the program for its discussion.

Hoping to see you soon, I am

Very sincerely yours,

XXXXXXXXXXXX Richmond, Ky.

Febr. 15th, 1915.

My dear Miss Finnegan,

I have been reading with delight of the success of the suffrage measure in the Texas legislature. I am looking hopefully for complete victory. I wish it to redound as much as possible to the success of our cause over the whole United States, and to aid in that, I long to have you come to the Mississippi Valley Conference.

It has been arranged that at the Conference the subject of Federal Suffrage, that is the right of women to vote by action of Congress for U.S. Congressmen and Senators, shall be given full discussion. You know a resolution was passed at the N.W.A.S.A. Convention in Nashville that the Congressional Com. of the National should "investigate and promote" this right; but because the convention was so much taken up with the U.S. Con. Amendment very little thought was given to the Federal Suffrage, which I consider a much more valuable and hopeful measure than a U.S. Amendment; for it can be given us by a simple majority vote of both Houses, without any reference to the States; and with that much political power the women could gain for themselves constitutional amendments in the several states.

The thing which makes it pre-eminently a desirable measure for the Southern States is that it does not in any way conflict with States' Rights, and therefore cannot excite the stubborn opposition

of the states rights states, so many of which are in the South. When we consider that history is likely to repeat itself, and that the party which is chiefly instrumental in giving suffrage to women will gain the most advantage from the votes of the newly enfranchised women, and that if the present Democratic Administration loses its chance of enfranchising women,-that is, of giving their cause a tremendous impetus,- the next administration may be of another party, which will certainly not be so blind to its own interests, you will see that I feel it a matter of the utmost importance that Southern women should exert themselves to push this Federal Suffrage measure at once, both in our own states and in Congress. The Miss.V.Conference will give us the best opportunity for doing so that will come up during the year, and I deem it of importance that none of the states which are taking so prominent a place as Texas ought to be unrepresented there.

I wish you would consider this aspect of the question, and I believe you would feel that it is worth a great effort to go to Indianapolis to help to plan to push this measure.

At Nashville, both Mrs. Medill McCormick and Mrs. Funk expressed themselves as greatly interested in it; but as the Convention at Nashville discussed it very little, I believe it would spur on their efforts if now the Indianapolis Conference would insist upon its importance.

Hoping you may be prevailed upon to make the effort to attend, and that I may see you in Indianapolis, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Lexington, Ky., Feb. 16, 1915-

My Dear Miss Lelay:-

I phoned Mrs. Harp immediately upon receipt of your letter, and tho I knew your contribution had been received and reported at Union, I asked her why she had not acknowledged same.

Said it was just neglect.

But promised me she would write that day to you, which I hope she did.

Mrs. Julia M. Harp
139 E. Third St. Lex. Ky.

is still our Lex. Central Local Secs.

I deferred answering your letter this long waiting for Mrs. Massie to return so I could ask her about the "Home" on N. Broadway to which part of your contribution was to be distributed.

I heard it was closed last Fall so this evening Mrs. Massie told me they hoped to open in April, and

were trying to secure the services of an expert
in that line by that time, and in April
or thereabouts would be glad indeed
to receive your contribution then.

I wanted to know these things so
the gift would go where it was intended
to and if the "Home" had been
entirely abandoned, then the donor of
a fund for that purpose, of course
would have the right to recall it.

I see the Suffrage victories are surely
coming, just like Prohibition -
We will each win out in all the
States before long, I feel sure of
that.

Hope to see you very soon at
the Union. We miss you.

Truly your friend
Arch B. Taylor.

Richmond, Kentucky.

Febr. 17th, 1915.

Woman's Journal,

Please find enclosed postal order for two dollars,
in payment for:

One year's subscription to Woman's Journal to Rev. Hugh McLellan,

126 E. French Place,

San Antonio, Texas.

For the other dollar please send in about equal cost:

Miss Blackwell's Rebuttal:

Suffrage and Temperance:

The Threefold Menace.

The Test of Experiment, and samples of

Jane Addams Testifies.

A Catholic View of Suffrage.

Please send by mail or parcels post to me at Richmond, Kentucky.

Respectfully,

Ans. Febr. 26.



1288 Cherokee Road,
Louisville, Ky.
Feb. 19, 1915.

My dear Miss Bley,

The Woman's Peace
Party has asked me to
serve as chairman for
Kentucky.

As such one of my first
duties is to select chairmen
for the several Congressional
districts of the state.

I do not feel competent
for the work, but I have
the necessary faith and zeal.

and hope that in doing the work I will become more able.

I was just getting ready to send to the local E.P.A. when this call came, and will try to do both, but it seems to me that this Woman's Peace Party is so much needed, and that quick action will help most there.

Will you be chairman of the Seventh Congressional District? It contains, as you probably know, the

following counties: Bourbon, Fayette, Franklin, Henry, Adham, Owen, Scott and Woodford.

Miss Addams' idea is not to create machinery for a new organization, but to do peace ^{propaganda} work through existing organizations, and I think that that will be best, but will leave each district chairman the full control of her district in that matter.

District chairmen are urged by the national to send to their congressmen and get the

Congressional Directory, a
book sent free, and of great
value

I am intending to write
to Miss Bell Bennett and
ask her to serve as chairman
of the Eighth District. - and
will be very glad if you
will help me to select the
others. ^{and for that too if she can not serve.} I have thought of
Mrs. Murray Hubbard for the
Sixth, on account of her
resolution page 52, of Woman's
Journal for Feb. 15. and I feel
quite sure that I saw and
admired her at one of our
conventions. If Mrs. Obenham

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can take time for it - I hope that she will accept for the Third District.

What do you think of Mrs. Geo. Rudy for the Second District; Mrs. Frost of Berea or Mrs. Roark of Richmond for the Eighth, if Miss Bell can not act.

Do you know Miss Jessie Jancey of Waysville? She or Mrs. J. W. M. Stewart are the best that I can think of ^{at present} in the 9th.
 Miss Sara Randall or Mrs. Catherine Jackson French, are the best that I think of in the Eleventh. Who

can you suggest? I know
Mrs. French only by reputation
you might almost say not
at all.

I know nothing of the Fourth,
except that I have a list
of the presidents of the suffrage
or rather E. R. A. branches that
have been organized there.
I feel that it will be better
to wait at some places than
to appoint without knowing
more than I do.

I am going to write to
Mrs. Bucknidge and Mrs.

Sacey and ask them to
suggest names of those
who would make good
active chairmen of districts.

I hope that you are at
home and well, and
can accept the chairmanship
of the Seventh, and will
let me know as soon as
you conveniently can.

Sincerely yours

Laura R. White
Chairman for Kentucky
Woman's Peace Party.

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Please excuse paper I
did not know until I
had finished that - I took
this sheet from the wrong
box, and I want to get
this off tonight.

Sincerely

Laura R. White

Richmond, Ky.

Febr. 23rd, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Post,

I was very glad to receive your interesting letter of Dec. 14th. I sent the list of your new officers at once to Mrs. R.A. McDowell, who is getting out the state minutes of the last year.

It is encouraging to see that Paducah is planning to do so much good work during the year. I think nothing is better than offering prizes for debates in the schools. It brings out good audiences of people already favorably inclined, because the addresses are made by their own young people; and the arguments are good, because the debaters get them from the best authors. I suppose you supply literature for the debaters.

Now I am enclosing you the Call to the Mississippi Valley Conference, earnestly hoping that you and others can go from Paducah. The Conference program is almost entirely discussion of methods of work, and in that respect is more instructive than the National Convention, which is so much taken up with business. There will be full time for discussing the Federal Suffrage, that is, the right of women to vote for U.S. Congressmen by Congressional action. Now that the Gen. Amendment is disposed of for this Congress, there will be an open mind for the merits of this method, which I think is far more hopeful and valuable than the Amendment.

(Over)

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Have you observed that the Indiana Legislature has passed through its Upper Chamber the same bill for limited suffrage that Illinois has?

That is, giving women all the suffrage that the Legislature can,; which includes Presidential suffrage, and considerable municipal and county suffrage. If the House passes it before the Conference there will be a great jubilee meeting, which is very inspiring. It will be a grand example for other states to follow whilst they are waiting for the slow process of constitutional amendments.

I do hope that you and others can go; so hoping to see you in Indianapolis, I am

Very cordially yours,

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March 1, 1915.

My dear Miss Laura,-

Please let me acknowledge at once the receipt of your check for \$5.00 for membership and contribution to the Peace Party. It is very nice, indeed, to enroll you near the beginning of the list.

I am afraid I shall not be able to go to the Mississippi Valley Conference. I am wondering if there is any chance of your coming on up to Chicago either before or after the Conference? I wish we could see you here.

Always affectionately yours,

S. P. Breckinridge

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Logansport, Ind. 3/2/15.

My Dear Miss. Clay:- I am so glad I will meet you so soon again. I certainly could not miss the Conference at Indianapolis.

I will be located at the Claypool Hotel and I have asked my Board to meet in my room on Sunday evening at eight oclock. It would give me and every member of the board great pleasure to have you meet with us. This would be an oportunity for you to give them some previous instruction on the value of Federal Suffrage,

I also want you to talk to the women again on the non-dues paying membership as some of them do not rightly understand it.

I have also asked Mrs. Upton to meet with us. She came to India na and organized us and has always been much interested in us so I hope she will meet with us.

Our Bill for Suffrage has been chloroformed and all we can do now is to hope.

Looking forward woth pleasure to seeing you soon , I remain,

Sincerely Yours

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

March 3, 1915.

Dear Member:

There are several points in connection with the Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference to which we desire to call your attention.

It has been decided that membership in the Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference shall include subscription to the NEW SOUTHERN CITIZEN. Please note the receipt is in accordance. This offer of the official organ of the Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference has caused delay in acknowledging your dues, as the form of receipt had a bearing on the postal rates. This question has now been settled by the Postmaster General.

Kindly note the different forms of membership cards enclosed. Can you enlist any of your friends to become contributing members? Or Founders? Surely there must be many men and women in the South, who are willing to contribute one dollar per year toward the woman suffrage movement. Let us all work together for a good, big membership before the next Annual Conference.

Cordially yours,

Kate M. Gordon President

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March 3, 1915
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Dear Miss Clay The inclosed letter, which I have just been mailing to all ¹⁹¹⁵ members of our Southern Conference, explains all about these delayed receipts. This week is the first time our paper is being sent out under the new postal order giving us so much better rates. There was considerable delay over the form of our receipt, the Postmaster or rather Postal Authorities not being willing to take our word for anything, of course, and insisting on a form of receipt like we are sending out - so that our books and the members receipts show that they pay their money subscription to the paper, not that they get it if they are a member of our Conference, and there was a good deal of delay and fussing about the whole thing.

The names you gave me at Nashville were

Mrs. Alice Lloyd	Maysville Ky
Mrs. Desha Breckinridge	Lincolnton Ky
Mrs. Edmund M. Post	619 Ky Ave. Paducah Ky
Mrs. Dow Husbands	Ellis Apts " "
Miss Ann Martin	Reno Nevada
Mrs. W. E. Barclay	1827 - E - Street Lincoln Neb.
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Since then I have added two more to those sent by you -

Mer. Thos. J. Smith Frankfort Ky.

Mer. Anna Deem Toland

424 1/2 Broadway Logansport Ind.

I have also been wondering if

Mer. James Bennett

Miss Helen S. Bennett

Mrs Mary B. Lelay

should not be down as having been sent in by yourself.

Things were so new last year and the "Conference" has had to "find itself" or rather its needs as it works along, - so that keeping list of who sent in the different membership was ^{one of the things} not quite clear last year - In between spells of distressing by sore eyes I have been trying to do a little of some of these little details. I judge from your letter you are keeping account of memberships sent in, if there are more I should have down to your credit, I shall be very glad to add them.

I am in some doubt about the exact wording of your Chattanooga Pledge, and the wording of the receipt - I remember you said "I do not promise that I will give the hundred personally but that I will raise this amount in the State of Kentucky." But I do not remember that you gave it in the name

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of your State Organization. Your letter reads for "full payment of Chattanooga Pledge" —

Would you mind telling me just how you wish your receipt worded, and I will mail it to you at once.

I wish I was going to attend the Conference next week, I am sure you will have a delightful time and I hope you will have almost successful convention

Yours Sincerely

Mary S. Bartlett

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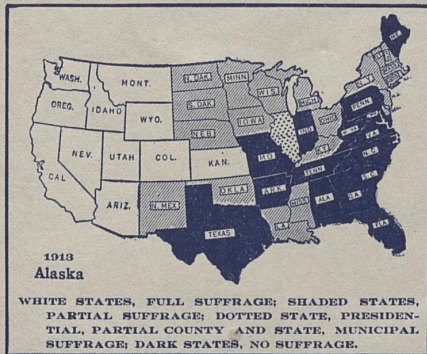
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March 4, 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Kentucky.

My dear Miss Clay:-

I will arrive in Indianapolis at noon next Saturday, and expect to be the guest of Dr. Keller, so I am not at liberty at this moment to dispose of my time, but immediately upon your arrival I will communicate with you, and perhaps we can meet either Saturday evening or some time Sunday. I do not know just what the program is for that day, but anyway, if you will save me an hour I am sure I can clear the decks of everything else.

Won't you give my regards to Mrs. Bennett? I hope she does not think I have been neglectful that I have not written her fully, but I assure you that we have worked at top speed and are looking forward now to the time when all correspondence that was not for the moment pressing may be attended to.

Sincerely yours,

Antoinette Funk

AF-LA

1288 Cherokee Road
Louisville, Ky.
March 6th 1915-

My dear Miss Clay,

I kept hoping that I might go to the Miss. Valley Suffrage Conference, though memories of my first sight of Claypool Hotel after a dangerous ride through the flooded country was not encouraging. The trip to Chicago had been too much for me, I was not well, I take cold so

easily if I travel this time of the year,) and to be stranded at a strange hotel was far from pleasant I assure you. I knew but one person in the city, but found her next day, Miss Amelia Platter, to whom kindly remember me if you meet her, for she was indeed a friend in need.

Remembering it all, (I had to ask her to let me lie down on the couch when I went to see her) I think it best for me, and the

work that I hope yet to be able to do, to stay at home ^{at} this time of the year. though nothing would give me more pleasure at this time than to attend the Conference and learn from the experience of others what I may be able to do to help secure suffrage for women, I can not do all that others can, I have to pick the work according to my ability, which is usually difficult; because of so much of it - there are parts that I can not do.

It was so kind of you to make

such a generous contribution
to the Woman's Peace Party,
for which find receipt-
intraid. Many, many thanks.

In spite of your kind
assurance that they had
made the best selection for
Chairman of Kentucky, I
fear that they have not,
and almost feel as if I
ought to have declined. There
is such a strong desire for
more adequate preparation
for defense, that it needs
a good speaker for chairman.
But I can not think of such a
one, so am doing my best.
 Hoping that the Conference will
be a great success, I am
Sincerely yours Laura B. Whit

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March 19, 1915

Miss Laura Clay
Richmond
Kentucky

Dear Miss Clay:

When you returned home from the Mississippi Valley Conference I suppose you found that the dollar's worth of literature which you had not received waiting for you. On looking the matter up I find that your letter was dated February 17 and the orders were filled March 3 so Rev. Hugh McLellan's subscription has been going to him all right.

Of course, the order ought to have been filled more promptly but unless an order is marked "Rush" we fill them in the order of their receipt and every department has been so overcrowded since the beginning of the year that we have been behind with our work right straight along. If it keeps up, as we hope it will, we shall have to have more help.

I do not want to close this letter without thanking you heartily for the splendid way in which you came to the rescue of the Journal at Indiana as you always do everywhere. I appreciate it greatly. It is heartening to know that we have friends like you.

Yours sincerely,

Agnes E. Ryan

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March 22nd. 1915.



My dear Miss Clay,

The dress suit case arrived safely last week some-
time but I was out on the road as I am most of the time so you
must pardon me for not writing sooner to let you know of its
coming.

I hope you had no trouble in getting yours, it was standing
by the dining room door and when I was hunting for mine thought
that it was mine until I ~~stou~~ped to pick it up, the two are much a-
like.

I enjoyed the conference so much, especially the opportu-
nity it gave me to meet and hear the splendid women who have been
longer in the work than I have, you and your sister among the num-
ber.

Hoping to meet you again sometime.

Very sincerely

Zara du Pont.

The Just Government League of Maryland.

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VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Miss Laura Clay -

Lexington - Ky -

My dear Miss Clay -

March 28-1915-

I am enclosing sample and price list of the Suffrage tract weekly pamphlet. Any publicity - you may be able to give it will be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely -
Mary G. Keller.

Fayette Equal Rights Association

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LEXINGTON, KY..

Mar. 30, 1915.

Dear *Miss Clay*:

Your membership in the Fayette Equal Rights Association does not obligate you to render any service whatever or to donate any money whatever to the cause. However, it is possible that realizing that much work must be done and much money contributed for expenses before we can hope for success in the next legislature, you are ready to contribute either service or money or both.

In order to quicken among our members their interest in our cause and in order to win new members to our cause, the Fayette Equal Rights Association is undertaking this spring to make a certain efforts that will require both service and money. At a great expense we have arranged to have Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, one of the most famous of contemporary English-speaking women, to speak at the Ben Ali Theatre in Lexington on the evening of April 7th. We shall make the address free to the public because we want as large an audience as possible to hear her.

Besides, we hope to bring to Lexington this spring "Your Girl and Mine" a moving picture play which lately won for the Louisville Suffrage Association more than 600 new members.

Do you wish to contribute service? If so, please notify our president or me.

Do you wish to contribute money? If you do, please send your gift however large, however small, either to Mrs. Curry Tunis, Treasurer, 442 Fayette Park, or to me. And please send it at once, for we have not enough money with which to pay for the Lawrence lecture.

Sincerely yours,

Linda Lewis

Chrmn. Special Committee on Arrangements.