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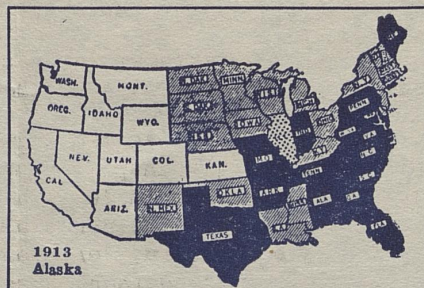
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*My dear Mrs. Cloy:-*

Plans for reception and entertainment of the delegates to the National Conference in Chicago June 6th to 9th are as follows:

I. Headquarters for all purposes will be the LaSalle Hotel, with business office of the conference in Room 100.

II. Upon arrival, delegates will please go to Room 100 and present their credentials. They will then be assigned to accommodations in the hotel, or, if they are to be entertained at private homes, their hostesses will meet them.

III. A number of single rooms with bath and double rooms with bath have been reserved by the Chicago Equal Suffrage Association. Delegates who are to occupy these rooms will receive, in exchange for their credentials, a card from the Chicago Equal Suffrage Association to the manager of the hotel. This card will be accepted at the hotel office, upon registration, in lieu of payment for rooms. As the LaSalle Hotel is conducted upon the European plan, this card will not, however, include charges for meals.

IV. Delegates will be the guests of Mrs. Medill McCormick at luncheon on Tuesday, June 8th, at the Hotel LaSalle.

V. On Tuesday evening, at 6:30, the delegates will be the guests of the Chicago Equal Suffrage Association, at a dinner at the LaSalle Hotel in honor of the Presidents of the campaign states.

Please make your plans to remain for a conference session on Wednesday morning, June 9th, if this should be found desirable.

Very sincerely yours,

*Ruth McCormick*  
(Mrs. Medill McCormick.)



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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. June 3 1915.

Mrs Orton H Clark  
Cor. Secretary.  
My dear Mrs Clark:-

I inclose a copy of the letter sent to Southern Suffragists, in the hope of making them cautious in regard to any indorsement of National Legislation dealing with the suffrage and which may work disastrously to the work in the south, when the field is so hopeful. I have sent Miss Shaw and Miss Paul copies, for I do not wish to be misunderstood as doing this in any spirit of antagonism, but to save a situation in the south as I see it and a point of view which my confreres as National Officers were thoroughly familiar with.

Will you present it to the Board for consideration? And may I hope the opinion therein expressed, and which I feel to be irrefutable, will be allowed to temper the indorsement of a National Amendment policy by the women of the Southern States at the Conference.

I feel that the time has come, when great caution must be employed. Anything that indorses radically a line of procedure which may work disastrously to the Cause in any section, should only be carried by Convention action after the states vitally interested have indorsed or rejected the measure. To act in any other way and through individuals will be fruitful of serious annoyance to say the least in the near future.

I wish also to bring to the attention of the Board for consideration by the Conference, the wisdom of securing concerted action among all suffrage organizations, to institute a campaign among all suffragists for the purchase of their ~~goods~~ supplies from goods manufactured in states where women vote. The four states where ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ campaigns are pending so essentially manufacturing states, that it will make them very sensitive to have Illinois a large manufacturing state getting such an advertising boost. With the Parcel Post a feature to impress upon local merchants the ease by which shopping can be done at a distance, I believe we can turn to very valuable account the slogan of "Made in such a state" to "Made in a Suffrage State" and work it along the line of the Consumers League policy. I will therfor ask Miss Laura Clay to introduce the inclosed resolution, provided it meets with approval of the Officers.

Very Cordially,



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Chicago, Illinois,  
June 7th, 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,  
189 N. Millar St.,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

My dear Miss Clay:-

Under separate cover I am mailing you one of the year-books of the CHICAGO POLITICAL EQUALITY LEAGUE. This is the 1914-15 year-book. I regret that we have not yet issued the one for this year.

All of those who heard you talk about the Federal Bill were intensely interested.

In my opinion, it is the most logical thing to do at the present time. I have marked the names of prominent members who I think would be interested to know more about the bill.

I am also enclosing one of the bulletins of the Woman's Legislative Congress so that you may see what the Illinois women are doing in the way of legislation here. All of the principles mentioned in the bulletin were embodied into bills and introduced into the present session of the legislature. Some of which were passed. Other important ones were lost, but we Illinois women are going to work harder to see that better laws are made for women and children, and at the same time we are not going to forget our neighbors in other states.

Very truly yours,

*Maud Cain Taylor*  
5609 Wayne Avenue, Chicago.



Tampkinsville Ky. 6/6/1915  
Miss Laura Blay  
Lexington, Ky. Ans. June 12<sup>th</sup>

Madam, yours of the 4 inst. to hand and  
in answer to same I will say I have done  
nothing except hand out a few papers sent  
to me. I am a lawyer and am trying  
to make a living. I have no time to  
work at your business as I have told  
you once before. I dont have time  
to give your business. I am for woman  
suffrage but that dont make a living for  
me. I am Police Judge of our city & my duty  
there and my law practice keeps me busy.  
Yours truly  
C. P. White





TRADE MARK  
THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Miss Laura Clay  
776 McClelland Bldg.  
Lexington  
Ky.

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Madisonville Ky 6/6/15-

Dear Mrs Bucknolds: or Miss Clay.

Ind. June 12.

My Mothers health has not been good for the past five years and she is now slightly recovering from a three weeks spell. But if she gets able she will get out and get some one to act as Chairman.

Very Respectfully,  
Jas. A. Frannomay



MADISONVILLE KY  
JUN 7  
6-PM  
15



POSTAL CARD

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Miss Laura Clay  
or  
726 McCalland Bldg,  
Lexington, Ky.  
*Mr. Jos. D. McKinnis*



Wickliffe, Ky. 6/7 - 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington, Ky.

*Ans. June 12.*

Dear Miss Clay:- Our local League has not had a meeting since the day of organization and there seems to be no interest on the part of the women and we men do not feel like urging the matter on them, so I do not think you need worry about us. I accepted the Presidency of the League with the sole idea of helping the women of my county and if they do not want the ballot I am not inclined to insist.

Very respectfully yours,

*G. O. Johnson*



Lexington, Va. June 11, 1862  
Dear Sir, I have accepted the terms of  
the Journal subscription and  
I enclose a check for the  
amount of \$1.00. I will  
be glad to hear from you  
again.

REPLY CARD

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY



Miss Laura Clay,  
726 Mc Clellin St.,  
Lexington  
Ky.



June 7 - 1915

Please communicate with  
Mrs. Van Hook.

Miss Laura Clay

I am very sorry to say no work has been done in Hasland's except scatter literature when sent. Mrs. Firth ask me to take chairmanship as there seemed to be no one available at time. She however neglected to give me names of signers when she was here. I am now Capt of S.S. Guardian of Camp Fire Girls. Vice Pres. of Co. W.C. T.U. Sec. of Ladies League. And teach nine months in year. result nervous break down and am banished to the country by doctor. Mrs. Van Hook.

were useful  
I am greatly interested in women's suffrage but hope you can find a



Mrs. Margaret Van Winkle  
Harlem  
Harlem Co.

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Ans.

Miss Laura Clay,  
724 McClelland Bldg.  
Lexington  
Ky.



Ans. June 12<sup>th</sup>. Diamond Spgs, Ky.

June 7, 1913

Miss Laura Clay

Lexington, Ky.

I have not made any arrangements about a chairman for the coming year, I can act as chairman if you want to appoint me.

Sincerely yours,

Gertrude Gutz-Hugh





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Miss Laura Clay  
726 McClelland Bldg.  
Lexington  
Ky.



Glasgow Ky June 7-1915-

Dear Miss Clay:-

Ans. June 12.

I think that Miss Selma McCoy will be the one in our league to act as Chairman of Bonnau's Journal Campaign - and I will appoint her when she arrives home from Bristol Va. where she graduated lately at Entomomh College for women. She is our bright young deity & will I know be an active campaigner for our paper.

Sincerely Yrs, Mrs Wm D. D. Terry - Pres League



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Miss Laura Clay  
726 McAlland Bldg.  
Lexington  
Ky.



Dear Miss Emma Clay: <sup>Ans. June 12.</sup> Somerset - Ky. June 8 - 1915  
Am sorry to say there is no Organized League  
here - We have many who believe in Equal  
Suffrage - and business realize what votes  
would do for the poor Earning woman - yet we  
need someone to Organize and Educate  
them - as it takes a practical fearless  
woman, to dare to mention Equal Rights  
I will act as Chairman, or anything  
Else if you make it possible, I will do  
anything for the cause Mrs Hettie P. Adams



SOMERSET

JUN 8-15

6-30PM

KY

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*Miss Laura Clay*

*726 McClelland Bldg,*

*Lexington*  
*Ky.*

**Mrs. Hettie P. Adams**

218 College Street

**Somerset - - - Kentucky**



Ans June 12.

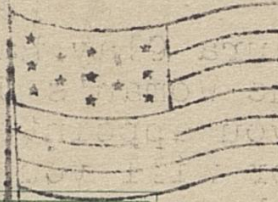
Middleboro, Ky -  
7<sup>th</sup> June 1915 -

Miss Lucia Clay  
Lexington, Ky -

Dear Madam:

Card just received - I will  
act myself as Chairman for local League  
for Thomas' Journal subscription Campaign.  
Will get as many subscriptions as here  
can in M'boro - Very truly  
Mrs Jos. S. Flinn  
M'boro, Ky -





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Miss Laura Clay  
726 McCalland Bldg.  
Lexington  
Ky.



Dear Miss Laura: -  
At the last meeting of our Equal Franchise League  
I appointed Mrs. Smith at her  
- Juliet. Ch<sup>2</sup> of Court on Woman's Fund  
Subscriptions - She obtained several at  
the meeting - and since then  
received a number from Boston  
and will also do what I can -  
We are going out into the Counties  
soon and want to enlarge our  
League too - will try to get County  
work to subscribers faithfully  
Rebecca Lovell  
Ch. 7, C. E. H.



Ans. June 12.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Miss Laura Clay  
189 N. Mill St.,  
Lexington, Ky.









189 N. Mill St.,

June 12, 1915.

Mrs. Clara Bewick Colby,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Colby,

I wish very much I could have talked longer with you at the recent Conference in Chicago. I have never before seen so much interest taken by our women in the Federal Suffrage Bill. As Mrs. Funk stated in her speech on the subject, it has been ably presented in Congress by the Federal Suffrage Association. I believe it could not have been presented on any higher ethical and logical grounds than has been done; but on account of the smallness of the Federal Suffrage Association, I believe it cannot be said that it has been equally successfully pushed.

Ever since Washington won suffrage in 1910 I have had a conviction <sup>been</sup> which has increased by the addition of every suffrage state, that our question has in a very large measure ceased to be an educational and ethical question and has become one of practical politics. We would have no power to compel the attention of Congress either to a Constitutional Amendment or to the Federal Suffrage Bill without the command of the ninety-one electoral votes now partly controlled by women voters. We have political power, and by that political power only can we hope to induce Congress to act favorably on suffrage measures. Of course, this political power is most forcibly expressed by the largest suffrage organization, which is that of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. As I fix my hopes on the success of this Federal Suffrage Bill, which I consider the most important measure we have before Congress, I wish it might <sup>was</sup> possible that the Federal Suffrage Bill could be in the hands of the Congressional Committee of the N.A. S.A. I consider that its presentation in Congress has been on the very highest plane, both ethically and logically; and I consider that the historic work for the bill is a distinct asset for the dignity and hopefulness of success of the bill. But because in my judgment



our movement is now a political one, I think the best chances of its success depends upon its being handled by the larger association of suffragists. I would have liked to have conversed with you and to have learned if there is any possible way by which the Federal Suffrage Association would be willing to turn over the management of this bill into the hands of the N.A.W.S.A. Knowing the patriotism of the women who have worked in the Federal Suffrage Association, I believe if I could make them take my point of view of the best practical way of working they would be willing to take the proper steps whereby the efforts of the Federal Suffrage Association could be absorbed into or unified with those of the N.A.W.S.A. In hopes that you may be willing to present my view-point to your co-workers in the Federal Association, some of whom at least know me as a co-worker of many years in the general suffrage work, I am writing to you to ask you to present to them my view of this subject and to ask that they will consider some practical way in which the efforts of all for the Federal Suffrage Bill may be unified with due regard for the historical work which has already been done and with due recognition of the services of the able workers which have been given to this bill. Please let me hear from you and receive from me both for yourself and for your co-workers my grateful appreciation for the present status of the bill.

Very cordially yours,

Laura Clay.



189 N. Mill St.,  
June 12, 1916.

Mr. C. P. White,  
Tompkinsville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Your card of June 6th is at hand. I think it was not made quite clear to you that we did not expect you personally to undertake to get subscriptions for the Woman's Journal, but to select out of the thirty-nine signers of our Kentucky Equal Rights Association membership cards some one who would undertake to do this important work. The first duty of any association is to distribute literature, and the Woman's Journal is our very best woman suffrage literature, as I have often heard testified by women from campaign states. Nothing will help us more than families made intelligent on the woman suffrage question by reading the Woman's Journal. May I not ask you to select the name of a person who will co-operate with me in getting subscribers for the Woman's Journal in your county? And may I not ask you further if you will not kindly head the subscription list with your own name.

Hoping to hear from you giving me a name of a person with whom I may correspond on this important question, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Chairman, Woman's Journal Committee.



189 N. Mill St.,

June 12, 1915.

Mrs. Margaret Van Winkle,

Harlan, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Van Winkle:

I thank you for your card of June 7th. It was an oversight that Mrs. Firth did not give you a list of the signers in Harlan County. I am enclosing it.

You must not think I am unsympathetic when you write how much overworked you are; but you must remember that the officers of the Kentucky E. R. A. and the chairman of the Woman's Journal Committee are also in a hard place. We must work up sentiment in the state to get our constitutional amendment submitted next winter by the Kentucky Legislature. The very first work that all societies do is to distribute literature. Now, the Woman's Journal is the very best literature we have, as I have again and again heard testified by women from campaign states. To get subscriptions to the Woman's Journal, therefore, is to distribute the best literature and in the best manner, since it comes once a week ~~every~~ year. Nothing would help us so much as a thousand families made intelligent on the woman suffrage question by reading the Woman's Journal. Therefore, I am going to depend upon you to get Harlan to do its share in this great educational work. I consider twelve subscriptions the minimum and any more that you get will add to your credit as a good worker.



June 12, 1915

Please let me make a few suggestions which may help you. In Covington they are going to have a whirl-wind campaign and have promised a hundred subscribers. Now you know that the W. C. T. U., the Federation of Woman's Clubs, the State Grange and the Federation of Labor have all endorsed woman suffrage, so they all ought to take an interest in getting these subscriptions. I see you are guardian of Camp Fire Girls, it would be perfectly proper for you to allow the Camp Fire Girls to keep the 50 per cent. of all subscriptions they might help you to get for their own ~~pleasure~~ <sup>pleasure</sup> and the same way with the W. C. T. U., only be sure that in sending in the subscriptions you use the blanks we send or similar forms which show that they were gotten under the auspices of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association. I hope you will not think of resigning your position as chairman, but will certainly hold it at least until our next State Convention. I trust Harlan will be one of the associations which will be represented by delegates at the next state convention.

Thanking you for the interest you have expressed and trusting you will be able to get Harlan County to do its share of the Woman's Journal work, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Enclosures.

Chrmn., Woman's Journal Comtee.



[June 12, 1915]

189 N. Mill St.,

June, 12, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Terry:

Thank you for your encouraging reply of June 7th. I shall be glad to correspond with Miss Selma McComas when she returns home.

The first duty of every society is to distribute literature, and the Woman's Journal is our very best suffrage literature, as I have often heard testified by women from suffrage states. To get a subscription to the paper is the best way to distribute literature, as it comes once a week for a year. Twelve subscriptions is the minimum for any county, and more than that will add to the credit as a good worker. I do not know anything that will help more to our success in getting a constitutional amendment submitted granting full suffrage to women by our next legislature than a thousand families made intelligent on the woman suffrage question by reading the Woman's Journal.

You know that the Kentucky Federation of Woman's Clubs has endorsed woman suffrage as has also the State W. C. T. U., the State Grange and the State Federation of Labor. It is quite proper for us to call on all of these associations to help us to get subscriptions. If you choose, you could allow any associations which help us to put in their own treasuries the 30 per cent. of the money they get from subscriptions which they secure, only taking care that credit is given to the Kentucky Equal Rights Association for all subscriptions sent in. One of our counties which has promised to get one hundred subscribers is going to have a whirl-wind campaign, and hopes to get all of them



c June 12, 1915

in a few days by this method. Knowing what faithful workers the W. C. T. Us. have always been in Glasgow, I am anticipating a good report in this new work from Barren County.

Please let me hear definitely what you think you can do. I believe you have received a number of subscription blanks from the Woman's Journal office; if you have not enough, I shall be glad to supply more.

Hoping to receive a favorably answer from you very soon, and thanking you for your promise of co-operation, I am

Very cordially yours,

(Chairman, Woman's Journal Committee).



189 N. Mill St.,

June 12, 1915.

Miss Rebecca Averill,  
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Miss Rebecca:

Thank you for your card of June 5th. I am glad to know you are going to help Elise to get subscriptions for the Woman's Journal. The first duty of every society is to distribute literature, and the Woman's Journal is our very best literature, as I have heard testified many times by women of campaign states. A subscription to the Woman's Journal is the very best way to distribute literature, as it comes once a week for a year. Nothing would help our campaign so much as a thousand families made intelligent on the woman suffrage question by reading the Woman's Journal.

I hope you will not feel that it is too much when I say an association in a third class city, as Frankfort is, should get fifty subscriptions. I have asked Lexington and Covington to get a hundred each and Frankfort ought to get half as many. I consider twelve as the minimum. In Covington they are going to have a whirl-wind campaign. They are also going to allow the woman's clubs or any other association which may help them to keep the 50 per cent. of any subscriptions which they may get for their own treasury, only taking care that the blanks for subscriptions show they have been gotten under the auspices of the Kentucky E. R. A. Knowing you will do all you can to help, I am

Very cordially yours,



189 N. Mill St.,  
June 12, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Alderson:

Thank you for your kind card of June 7th. The very first duty of every society is to distribute literature and the Woman's Journal is our very best literature, as I have often heard testified by the women from campaign states. A subscription to the Woman's Journal is the best way to distribute literature, as it goes once a week for a year. I know of nothing which will so help our campaign to get a constitutional amendment to grant full suffrage to women submitted by our next General Assembly, as a thousand families made intelligent on the question of woman suffrage by reading the Woman's Journal.

I consider twelve subscriptions the minimum for any county, any more that you get will add to your credit as a good worker. Now that we have the endorsement of the Federation of Woman's Clubs, the club women ought to help us in getting the subscriptions; and it would be quite proper if you think so to allow them to put in their own treasury the 30 per cent. of the subscription price on any subscriptions which they get, only taking care that credit is given to the Kentucky Equal Rights Association for securing them. Please let me know definitely how many subscriptions you can get and apply to me or to headquarters for any additional blanks you may need.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I am  
Very cordially yours,



189 N. Mill St.,

June 12, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Addams:

I thank you for your card of June 8th. We have 131 signed members to the Pulaski County Woman Suffrage League, which we believe you have, but if not, send to Headquarters and a copy will be sent you.

It ought to encourage us greatly to know that the 14,000 Federated Club women in Kentucky have just fully endorsed woman suffrage, that the state W. C. T. U., the State Grange and the State Federation of Labor are all co-operating with the 14,000 Equal Rights men and women, who are working for the submission of a constitutional amendment by our next legislature to give women full suffrage.

The first duty of every association is to distribute literature and the Woman's Journal is our very best literature, as I have often heard testified by women from campaign states. To get a subscription to the Woman's Journal is the best way to distribute literature, as it comes once a week for a year. I do not know anything that will so much help us in our campaign as a thousand families made intelligent on the woman suffrage question by reading the Woman's Journal. Therefore, I hope you will do your share in Pulaski County in helping in the distribution of literature by subscriptions to the Woman's Journal. I hope you will be able to get twenty-five subscriptions and I consider twelve the minimum.

I am very much surprised to hear you say that it requires any degree of courage to stand for equal rights and woman suffrage



June 12, 1915

in any county in Kentucky. There might have been some reason for such a feeling about twenty years ago; but for some years now I have realized that there is no reform in Kentucky more popular than woman suffrage. As I have pointed out, the Kentucky E. R. A. has a membership of 14,000, another 14,000 women in the Federation of Women's Clubs has endorsed it, as well as the thousands of women in the W. C. T. U., the Grange and the Federation of Labor. I am enclosing a suffrage map of the United States to show the standing of our cause in the country. Let me ask you, do you yourself take the Woman's Journal? I suppose of course you do not, otherwise you could not express any doubt of the popularity of our cause.

Please let me have an answer from you saying ~~how many~~ subscriptions you will undertake to get. I think Pulaski ought to get twenty-five, and I hope that you will be willing to undertake that many; but please let me hear definitely from you.

Thanking you for your kindness in promising to co-operate,  
I am

Very sincerely yours,

Chmn., Woman's Journal Committee.



189 N. Mill St.,

June 12, 1915.

Miss Gertrude Fitzhugh,

Diamond Springs, Ky.

Dear Miss Fitzhugh:

Thank you for your card of June 7th. I gladly accept you as chairman of the Woman's Journal Committee, as you are already chairman of the Logan County Woman Suffrage League.

The first duty of every society is to distribute literature. The Woman's Journal is our very best literature, as I have often heard testified by women from campaign states, and to get a subscription to the Woman's Journal is the best way to distribute literature, as it comes once a week for a year. Nothing would so help us to get our constitutional amendment submitted by the next legislature as a thousand families made intelligent on the woman suffrage question by reading the Woman's Journal. Therefore, I hope you will not consider it too great a task if I ask you to get fifty subscriptions. I consider twelve as the minimum. In Covington they are going to have a whirl-wind campaign and they are going to allow any other society which helps them to get subscriptions to keep the 30 per cent. for their own treasury of any subscriptions they get, only taking care that the subscription blanks show that they were gotten under the auspices of the Kentucky E. R. A. Send to me for any blanks you may need.

Very  
Very sincerely yours,



189 N. Mill St.,

June 12, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Franceway:

Your son has written me a card saying that you are not well, which I am sorry to hear. He also says that as soon as you are able you will get someone to act as chairman for securing subscriptions to the Woman's Journal. The first duty of every association is to distribute literature and the Woman's Journal is our very best suffrage literature, as I have often heard specified by women from campaign states. To get subscribers is the very best way of distributing literature, as it then comes regularly every week for a year. I know of nothing which will so help our campaign for woman suffrage constitutional amendment as families made intelligent on the woman suffrage question by reading the Woman's Journal. I consider twelve the minimum number of subscriptions for any county, and, of course, would be glad to get more from so important a county as Hopkins. I believe you have subscription blanks. If not, I shall be glad to furnish them on request. As the Federation of Woman's Clubs, as well as the State W. C. T. U., have endorsed woman suffrage, it is quite proper that we should call on them to help us to get these subscriptions, and if you approve, it will be proper for you to allow them to keep for their own treasuries the 30 per cent. on the subscriptions which they may get, only taking care that credit is given to the Kentucky E. R. A. for securing them. Please let me know whom you appoint as chairman, and believe me,

Very cordially yours,



189 N. Mill St.,

June 12, 1915.

Mr. C. S. Johnson,

Wickliffe, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your postal of June 7th. I think you do not credit the women of your town with as much interest in the question of woman suffrage as they really feel. Since you were the president of the League, I have no doubt that they have been expecting you to do some active work in leading the organization, as women are generally very much disposed to leave to men the active part in any work of this sort. I feel sure they are pleased with having you as president of the league, and I may say that I feel equally sure that you should ask some of those women to help you in the practical details of the work.

The first duty of any society is to distribute literature and the Woman's Journal is our very best woman suffrage literature, as I have often heard testified by women from campaign states. To get the subscriptions to the Woman's Journal is the best way of distributing literature, because it comes regularly every week for a year. I know of no one effort which will do so much to help our campaign to secure the submission of a constitutional amendment granting full suffrage to women by our next General Assembly than a thousand families made intelligent on the woman suffrage question by reading the Woman's Journal. Wi



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June 14, 1915

Miss Laura Clay  
Lexington  
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Dear Miss Clay:

I am sorry to be late  
in acknowledging your letter of May  
28.

For the \$1.40 which you  
sent we are sending the Journal for  
one year each to Mrs. J.R. Sower and  
Miss Christine McEwan. We are perfectly  
willing that you send on small personal  
checks if you will please be sure to  
have them properly endorsed.

If we can be of any  
assistance to you in your Journal work  
do not hesitate to call upon me for  
we want to co-operate with you in  
every way possible.

Yours sincerely,

*Agnes E. Ryan*

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June 16, 1915.

Mrs. C. C. Trent,  
Lawrenceburg, KY.

Dear Mrs. Trent:

I am very glad to hear from Mrs. Felix that she has appointed you chairman of the committee to get subscribers for the Woman's Journal. The very first duty of any association is to distribute literature and the Woman's Journal is our most effective woman suffrage literature, as I have often heard women from campaign states testify. To get a subscription to the Journal is the best way to distribute the best literature, as it comes every week for a year. As State Chairman I have been telling our leagues that twelve is the minimum number. Of course where is a city in the county as large as the fourth-class I expect them to get a great many more. Will you accept twelve as your minimum and then get as many more as you can? Nothing will help our campaign so much as families made intelligent on the woman suffrage question by reading the Woman's Journal.

Of course you have observed that through the efforts of Mrs. Murray Hubbard the Republicans have placed a woman suffrage plank in their State platform.

I believe Mrs. Felix has received a sufficient supply of the subscription blanks of which I enclose you a copy. If you need more apply to me for them. Please let me hear of your progress, and believe me

Very truly yours,



June 16, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Post:

What is McCracken doing about getting subscriptions for the Woman's Journal? Now that I am State Chairman of the Woman's Journal Committee, I am getting anxious about what Paducah will do. Covington and Lexington have promised to get a hundred subscriptions each and don't you think Paducah as another of our second-class cities can get a hundred also? Nothing would do our campaign so much good as a thousand families made intelligent on the woman suffrage question by reading the Woman's Journal. The first duty of every society is to distribute literature and the Journal is our most effective suffrage literature, as I have often heard from women of campaign states. To get a subscription is the best way to distribute literature, as it comes once a week for a year. In Covington they are going to have a whirl-wind campaign and hope in that way to get all their hundred subscriptions in a few days. Also, I believe they intend to offer to the Woman's Club the premium of thirty cents for their own treasury on all subscriptions which the clubs get. Now that the Federation has endorsed woman suffrage it is entirely proper to ask the clubs to help us in getting these subscriptions and to point out to them that it is peculiarly their duty as representing so much of the intelligence of the state to be well informed on any movement which their State Federation has endorsed. They cannot be thoroughly well posted without reading a suffrage paper and the Woman's Journal is the very best.



June 16, 1915

Mrs. P.

Of course all of the club women are proud of the work which Mrs. Murray Hubbard has done in getting the suffrage plank into the Republican State platform. She was appointed chairman of the party platform work by the Federation and she has done splendidly. Mrs. Bartlett came up from Lawrenceburg with Mrs. Ripy, and Mrs. Bartlett gave one of the five minute speeches before the Resolutions Committee.

Mrs. Breckinridge is asking our suffrage leagues to pay at least \$3.00 State and National dues out of the premium they get for the Woman's Journal subscriptions. Now, don't you think you could pay in this manner thirty-five dollars to the State ~~for~~ dues, State and National, for a hundred members, and then you would be entitled by one of our rules to nominate a delegate to the next National Convention at Washington. I am very urgent about Paducah's making a good showing, for we feel the need of its influence, an influence of Western Kentucky in our campaign before the Legislature. I know that the Paducah women are splendid workers on other lines and I want them to show what they can do for the Woman's Journal and woman suffrage.

Now do write me a cheering letter and tell me that I may expect great things from McCracken County.

Very cordially yours,

Chairman, Woman's Journal Committee.

Enclosure.



June 16, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Smith:

I am depending upon you to help me in my work as State Chairman of the Woman's Journal Committee. The Journal's offer is very liberal and we must exert ourselves to benefit by it to the utmost. Nothing will help us in our suffrage campaign so much as families made intelligent on the woman suffrage question by reading the Woman's Journal. I have fixed twelve subscriptions as the minimum for any county league, and from as good a worker as you I really expect more than that number. Isn't it grand good news that the Republicans have endorsed woman suffrage in their party platform? That means that the Democrats must do good work to make a record. The endorsement by the Federation of Woman's Clubs of woman suffrage is doing us a great deal of good; and the club women ought to help us to get subscriptions to the Woman's Journal. Please let me hear from you and assure me that our good suffragists in Meade County will make a fine record for getting subscriptions for the Journal. I believe you have a supply of the subscription blanks of which I enclose a copy. If not, let me know and I will send them.

Hoping soon to hear from you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, Woman's Journal Committee.

Enclosure.



June 16, 1918.

My dear Miss Lloyd:

Now that I am State Chairman of the Woman's Journal Committee, I am very anxious that all of our leagues shall make a good response to the Woman's Journal's liberal offer. The first duty of every organization is to distribute literature, and the Woman's Journal is our most effective suffrage literature. I am setting twelve subscriptions as the minimum of any league and where is a fourth-class city in the county, I am asking that twenty-five shall be their minimum. May I depend upon you to send twenty-five for the Mason County League, Covington and Lexington promise a hundred. I know you rejoice in the Federation of Woman's Clubs Chairman of Party Platforms, Mrs. Murvay Hubbard, who did the splendid work of getting the woman suffrage plank from the Republican party Convention yesterday. Mrs. Bartlett came up from Lawrenceburg and helped her to address the Resolutions Committee.

The endorsement of woman suffrage by the Federation of Woman's Clubs makes it perfectly proper that we should ask the Woman's Clubs to help us get subscriptions, as the club women ought to be well informed on any issue endorsed by the Federation. Please let me hear from you, and do cheer my heart by assuring me that Mason County will come up with twenty-five subscriptions. Covington is going to have a whirl-wind campaign and hopes to get all the subscriptions in a few days.

Hoping for a favorable report from you, I am  
Very cordially yours,

Laura Clay



June 16, 1915.

Mrs. L. C. Hibler,  
Hazard, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Hibler:

Now that I am State Chairman of the Woman's Journal Committee, I am very anxious that all of our suffrage leagues shall take full advantage of the Journal's liberal offer. The first duty of every association is to distribute literature, and the best way to distribute literature is to get subscribers to the Woman's Journal, which is our most effective literature, as I have been told many times by women from campaign states. I have fixed as the minimum for any county league twelve subscriptions, and more than that will be added credit to the work of the league. You know that by the splendid work of Mrs. Murray Hubbard the Republican Convention yesterday adopted a woman suffrage plank. I found some of the delegates were afraid that woman suffrage was not popular in the 10th district, which is one of their strong districts. I assured them that the contrary was the fact; but now I want a good strong subscription list from your county to prove it. Nothing will so much help us in our campaign as many families well instructed on the woman suffrage question by reading the Woman's Journal. Will you kindly write to me and encourage our efforts by assuring me that Perry County will send in at least twelve subscriptions.

Very cordially yours,

Enc.

Chairman, Woman's Journal Committee.



June 16, 1915.

Miss Mary Auxier,  
Pikeville, Ky.

Dear Miss Auxier:

We are all rejoicing over the splendid work of Mrs. Murray Hubbard by which she succeeded yesterday in getting the Republican State Convention to put a woman suffrage plank in its platform. I found some of the delegates who feared that woman suffrage was not popular in the 10th district, which is one of the Republican districts. Now, I think nothing will do our campaign so much good as many families well instructed on woman suffrage by reading the Woman's Journal, which is our best suffrage paper. I have fixed as the minimum for any county league twelve subscriptions with as many more as they may be able to get. Since the Federation of Woman's Clubs and the State W. C. T. U. have endorsed woman suffrage it is quite proper that we should ask them to help with these subscriptions. Will you not kindly write to me and can you assure me that your county will send in at least twelve subscriptions to the Journal.

Hoping soon to receive a favorably reply, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Woman's Journal Committee.

Enc.



June 16, 1918.

Mrs. Ada L. Bunger,  
West Point, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Bunger:

Now that I am chairman of the State Committee on Woman's Journals, I am very solicitous to have every county do its part in responding to the liberal offer of the Woman's Journal. The first duty of every association is to distribute literature, and the best way to distribute the best literature is to get subscribers for the Woman's Journal. I have fixed twelve subscriptions as the minimum for any county league, and so I am asking you to see if Hardin County sends in at least that number.

We are all rejoicing over Mrs. Murray Hubbard's success in getting the suffrage plank in the Republican State platform. She was acting as chairman of Platform Committee of the Federation of Woman's Clubs and the president, Mrs. Bartlett, helped her by addressing the Resolutions Committee. Now that the Federation has endorsed woman suffrage, the Club women may properly be asked to help us to get these subscriptions, as they ought to be well informed on any movement endorsed by the Federation.

Will you not write to me and tell me that I may depend upon Hardin County to send in twelve subscriptions?

Very cordially yours,

Chairman, Woman's Journal Committee.



Lexington, Ky., June 16, 1915.

Mrs. Maud Cain Taylor,  
5609 Wayne Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Taylor:

I thank you for your letter of June 7th and for the Year Book, which I have received.

I am sorry that I have no literature on the Federal Suffrage Bill. All that is issued is done by the Federal Suffrage Association, whose address I am enclosing on a printed slip.

My intention in addressing the Conference in Chicago and particularly in my remarks to your Political Equality League was to induce our suffragists to make a study of this very important opportunity for Congressional action. I believe that persons of legal education and mind can add very greatly to the arguments which have already been produced on the right of women to vote for representatives and senators under the United States Constitution as it stands. The fact that the suffragists have not possessed until very recently sufficient political power to compel Congress to give attention to our demands is the reason why the Federal Suffrage Bill has never received before adequate attention, just as it has been the reason why the Constitutional Amendment never received such attention until lately. Of the two, I consider the Federal Suffrage Bill immeasurably more promising. I hope your League will get the arguments used by the Federal Suffrage Association; and I hope also your members will make an independent study of the subject. In case any of them may be interested in my own view-point, I will briefly state the position that appeals to



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me: In the preamble of the United States it is stated "We the People of the United States \* \* \* \* do ordain and establish, etc." In section second of article first is stated "The House of Representatives shall be composed of members chosen every second year by the People of the several states." It seems evident that the word People means the same in both passages, and speaking as a nation, People must include men, women and children. As it includes children necessarily some qualifications must be imposed before they become electors; but sex cannot be classed as a qualification, because it is essential in making up a people. The qualifications accepted by the constitution are those which shall be required for electors of the several states for their most numerous branch of the State Legislature. In most of the states, if not practically in all of them, women are excluded from the electorate not by definite prescription, but by the negative process of omission to prescribe qualifications for female citizens, thereby defeating, however, the Constitutional requirement that Congressmen shall be elected by the people, as by the very nature of things a nation of people must contain both male and female citizens. It is this omission which the Federal Suffrage Bill proposes shall be rectified by Congressional action. The right of Congress to rectify this omission is implied in several sections of the Constitution which can be more properly pointed out by a lawyer, rather than by myself, who have never studied law. The fact that Congress has never used this power is no argument against its not possessing it, as history shows several occasions on which it has used its power many years, sometimes even after a century of holding it in abeyance. Two instances I may mention: the change it required in some states of giving up electing Congressmen on the system of a general ticket and changing to that of Congressional districts, and the law requiring that Congressmen shall be elected on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November instead of a time chosen by the state.



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These few points I am mentioning simply as a suggestion of a line of thought which I hope many of your members will pursue for themselves. You have so many women of legal mind and education in Illinois that I expect from them important contributions to the legal arguments.

I will add only a little more to say that the chief obstacle in our way is the belief by some very respectable authorities that the Congress does not possess the constitutional power to pass this bill; but on the other hand, we have much eminent authority on the side that Congress has the Constitutional power to do so. Therefore, I hold that it is the most important duty of our National A. W. S. A., shall study out and array the arguments, historical and legal, to prove our contention; for we can all see that with the power to vote for Congressmen, women could quickly compel the States to carry constitutional amendments which would give to women the right to vote on all state questions. This

This argument originally could be applied to Congressmen only, but since the seventeenth amendment, giving the people the right to elect senators, the argument is equally applicable to senators. The advantages of the Federal Suffrage Bill are that it does not antagonize the states' rights doctrine at any point; that it can become a law by a simple majority in Congress and the President's signature, and does not have to be referred to the states' action at all; and that no congressman or senator endangers his own tenure of office by voting for the bill, because if it carries, he immediately makes a constituency of women who will naturally be his political friends because he has helped to enfranchise them.

Hoping your league will give this most important bill your earnest and studious attention, I am

Very sincerely yours,



June 16, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Roebuck:

Hurrah for Mrs. Hubbard for getting our suffrage plank in the Republican State platform! She kept me so busy helping her yesterday and the day before that I could not do anything but send the list of the names of your Newport suffragists. Mrs. Hubbard tells me she is helping to get subscribers to the Woman's Journal. Covington has positively promised to get a hundred, Lexington thinks it is going to get more than a hundred and I have been wondering if Newport can't keep up the good record for the second-class cities and get one hundred subscribers. I see you have a hundred and seventy-nine names and it seems to me that a great many of them would be willing to pay a dollar for the Journal with the understanding that thirty cents could be used as State and National dues and that if you send \$35.00 to the State y Campbell County would be entitled to nominate one delegate to the National Convention. Then I could write to Paducah with more confidence and call on McCracken to take a hundred subscriptions. Now, I am just suggesting this and I don't want you to feel that I am placing too great a burden on you, because it will be the greatest help to us to have you re-organize in Newport. Covington intends to have a whirl-wind campaign, under the charge of Mrs. Firth; and that may be a good suggestion for Newport.

Hope you are continuing well. Let me hear from you.  
Affectionately yours,