

[Dec 6, 1906]

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

The body of representative women from the different States of the South, who convened in this city on Wednesday and Thursday, declared their object very definitely.

They said:

We, the members of the Conference of Southern Women Suffragists, in session at Memphis, Tenn., December 19-20, state our purpose: Declaring our adherence to the principles of political liberty, guaranteed to the American people by the fundamental principles of our government, we affirm that they should not be limited by sex.

Believing that public affairs should be guided by the intelligent, we declare for suffrage with an educational qualification, and urge the enfranchisement of all women who can read and write.

We ask for the ballot as a solution of the race problem. There are over six hundred thousand more white women in the Southern States than all the negro men and women combined. If the women of the South were enfranchised, it would insure a permanent and enormous preponderance of the white race in politics, and would preclude the necessity for any doubtful expedients to minimize the negro vote.

We ask for the ballot because students of industrial conditions affirm that the lack of direct political power is a factor in the comparatively low wages of the six million wage-earning women in our country.

We ask for the ballot as the strongest insurance against child-labor under conditions destructive to the best development of the men and women of the future.

We recommend that women petition the legislatures to grant them Presidential Suffrage, since the United States constitution empowers each State to appoint presidential electors in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct.

We recommend, further, that legislatures be petitioned to submit to the electors constitutional amendments granting full suffrage to women.

Miss Clay

[1906]

WHEREAS: The most important opportunity offered to Congress is the opportunity to do justice to one half the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS: This opportunity has taken shape in House Joint Resolution 86 (now before the Committee on the Judiciary) which provides for submitting to the legislatures an amendment to the Constitution of the United States allowing women to vote; therefore

RESOLVED: That the Ohio Woman Suffrage Association at its 21st annual convention at Toledo Ohio on October 5th 1906 urges upon the members of the Judiciary Committee of the House the duty of making a favorable report upon Joint Resolution 86 and

RESOLVED: That we urge upon all members of Congress and Senators the duty of adopting Joint Resolution 86 and

RESOLVED: That the secretary is hereby instructed to forward to President Roosevelt and to Speaker Cannon copies of these resolutions, as well as to John J. Jenkins chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary in the House of Representatives and to the Ohio member (Robert M. Nevin) of said Committee and

RESOLVED: That this convention request every delegate to use every opportunity during the coming short session of Congress to induce other appropriate organizations to send to the President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and the Ohio member of that Committee, and to all

the members of the Ohio delegation in Congress resolutions and personal letters urging the passage of Joint Resolution 86 and

RESOLVED: That this Convention asks that during the present month before the coming election the local associations hold meetings and adopt resolutions of enquiry addressed to all the candidates for election to Congress, asking them how they will vote, if elected, upon the proposal to submit to the legislatures an amendment allowing women to vote.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.

Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference.

Headquarters: 319 Carondelet St., New Orleans, La.

I wish to enroll as a member of the
Southern States Woman Suffrage Con-
ference.

Name

Address

ANNUAL DUES \$1.



CONTRIBUTING MEMBER'S PLEDGE.

I hereby pledge \$.....anually for four years to the work of

SOUTHERN STATES WOMAN SUFFRAGE
CONFERENCE.

Name.....

Address.....

Make Checks payable to the Southern States Woman Suffrage
Conference.

Send to Mrs. H. B. Bartlett, 155 Audubon Boulevard,
New Orleans, La.



CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTHERN
STATES WOMAN SUFFRAGE
CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this organization shall be "The Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference."

ARTICLE II.

The object of this conference shall be to obtain the enfranchisement of the women of Southern States, primarily through the medium of State Legislature, and to promote the cause of woman's suffrage throughout the United States.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice-President at Large and one Vice-President from each State, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and two Auditors. Their duties shall be such as ordinarily pertain to their various offices. These officers shall constitute an executive committee.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers shall be elected at the annual conference. Nomination and election by ballot.

ARTICLE V.

We recommend three classes of members—State, Local and Individual.

ARTICLE VI.

A State organization may become a member upon payment of \$5 annually. A local organization may become a member by the payment of \$2 annually. Any individual may become a member by the payment of \$1 annually.

ARTICLE VII.

Representation of a State organization equals five delegates; local, one delegate; individual members shall be entitled to full privileges.

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In one respect the Americanization Meeting in New Orleans differed from most of the celebrations of that nature held throughout the country. A representative from the Woman Suffrage Association asked that the program committee include the vital question of Americanization of women. This request was refused so the women decided to attend the meeting and present their claims without encroaching on the program time. What they did nearly monopolized the audience however. As the meeting opened, up the street and across the park came a long procession of women dressed in white carrying brilliantly lighted transparencies. The procession wound picturesquely around the park, through the main aisle of benches and silently stacked the banners. The mottoes glowed in blazing appeal. There was no need for a woman to speak. Some of the transparencies read:

"OVER 30,000 NEW ORLEANS WOMEN ARE WAGE-EARNERS. THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO STAY AT HOME.

"THE WORKING MAN NEEDS THE VOTE, SO DOES THE WORKING WOMAN.

"THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED IS TRUE DEMOCRACY. WOMEN ARE GOVERNED.

"THE BEST CHIVALRY IS JUSTICE.

"MEN CANNOT LIVE ON CHIVALRY ALONE. NEITHER CAN WOMEN.

"AMERICANIZE AMERICAN WOMEN. WE ARE AMERICAN BORN WOMEN.

"OUR EQUALS: IDIOTS, INSANE AND CRIMINALS.

"FOR 100 YEARS THE WOMEN OF MY FAMILY HAVE PAID TAXES IN NEW ORLEANS.

"WOMEN TEACH VOTERS, BUT CANNOT VOTE.

"TWELVE STATES GIVE WOMEN THE VOTE. WHY NOT LOUISIANA?

"DO MEN NEED MORE PROTECTION THAN WOMEN? GIVE THE VOTE TO BOTH.

"NEW ORLEANS HAS MORE TAX-PAYING WOMEN THAN MEN.

Suffrage questionnaire.

Preliminary to the election of delegates to the Constitutional Convention of Louisiana, the candidates are being interrogated by the suffrage organizations upon their attitude toward votes for women. The candidates are being checked and posted at the State Suffrage headquarters. Candidates who ignore or fail to reply are checked as opponents. The communication submitted reads:

- 1st. Do you believe in the justice of woman suffrage?
- 2nd. Are you in favor of giving the vote to Louisiana women on equal terms with men?
- 3rd. If you are personally opposed, do you not think this question of woman suffrage, which affects one-half of the population, should be decided by submission to the voters?
- 4th. Will you, if elected, use your influence with other members of the Convention to submit to the voters of the State a clause to incorporate woman suffrage in the new Constitution?
- 5th. Will you, if elected, vote to submit to the voters of the State a clause to incorporate woman suffrage in the new Constitution?

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Woman Candidate for Constitutional Convention.

Not since 1647 when in the Maryland Assembly, Mistress Margaret Brent demanded a "voice and vote", has a woman in the South petitioned for the same right. Now comes Mrs. C. Hamilton Tebault, a New Orleans lady who desires to qualify as a candidate for election as delegate to the Constitutional Convention. Mrs. Tebault recites: "I, Mrs. C. Hamilton Tebault, a femme sole and widow, hereby tender my check of one hundred dollars for the purpose and right of submitting my candidacy as a delegate from the Third Ward, First Precinct, of the City of New Orleans, State of Louisiana, to the approaching Democratic primaries to select delegates to the approaching Constitutional Convention".-----She further states, Article 199, Constitution 1898. "Upon all questions submitted to the tax-payers as such of any municipal or other political sub-division of this State, the qualifications of such tax-payers as voters shall be those of age and residence prescribed by this article and WOMEN TAX-PAYERS SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE AT ALL SUCH ELECTIONS WITHOUT REGISTRATION, IN PERSON OR BY THEIR AGENTS AUTHORIZED IN WRITING; but all other persons voting at such elections shall be registered voters."

Mrs. Tebault's fee was refused by the registration clerk, and she has appealed to the Attorney General for a decision on the right of women tax-payers to qualify as candidates.

Meanwhile Mrs. Tebault is making history. At present she is distinguished as the founder of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Louisiana. In future annals she will rank with Maryland's famous representative of advanced womanhood---Margaret Brent.

Turkish Hello Girls.

Turkey has long been the stronghold for the opponents of votes for women. The Turkish woman has surely hidden herself in the home to the extent that she has been ignorant of local or world movements. Now comes a surprising change. The telephone companies are employing girls at the switch-board, and a woman, Miss Osman, has entire charge of the Exchange at Stamboul. The telephone has had the unexpected result of changing the centuries-old custom of veiling Mohammedan women. The swathing veils interfered with the telephone head-piece, and presto the veil floated away on the practical commercial tide of progress. The old Turkish anti-suffragist will soon be made over into a live progressive "votes for women" champion.

New Southern Chivalry.

The officers and members of the Louisiana Men's League for Woman Suffrage constitutes an enrollment of the finest and most intelligent of the State's manhood. It is a proud membership that is putting into practice the South's boast of Chivalry.

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Miss Lathrop's Reasoning.

"I do not care so much for the vote for myself or for men", said Julia Lathrop, head of the Children's Bureau, in a recent speech in Boston. "My great test is whether it will be useful in the hands of our 13,000,000 mothers in their business of rearing our 30,000,000 children. I believe it will", and she added: "which is more womanly, to vote for clean water for the whole city, or to sit at home and buy costly bottled water for your own children, not caring for others?"

The Supreme Court of Georgia has been appealed to in behalf of women lawyers. Georgia is one of the three remaining states which refuse to admit women to the bar. The appeal to the Supreme Court is brought as a test case by Mrs. Minnie A Hale of Atlanta, a graduate of the Atlanta Law School. There are a number of women law graduates in Georgia who are interested in the decision of the Court. If the matter is brought into the legislature a vigorous contest is expected. Strange that any state should fail to appreciate the legal ability of its daughters.

Civil engineering promises to become a new profession for women. Two young women recently graduated from the civil engineering department of the University of Michigan. As a healthful outdoor occupation, calling for accuracy and mathematical ability it suggests a most desirable line of work for athletic young women.

The Italian women police force has over 11,000 members. They wear attractive and serviceable uniforms and discharge ably much of the duty in safeguarding the public, since the entrance of Italy into active warfare. European countries turn naturally to women police, and the United States is following the same course in many of the large cities.

Arkansas men can no longer rashly state that Arkansas women do not want the ballot, for the Federation of Women's Clubs, the Jewish Council of Women and the Press Association are on record as endorsing woman suffrage by a big vote.

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The Peace Flag.

History repeats itself in sometimes identical localities and in strangely co-incident forms. In Independence Hall, 139 years ago, the thirteen colonies formed a new republic under a new flag. This flag which symbolized the hope of the colonies was made by a woman, Betsey Ross. Her clever brain suggested its symmetry and her busy needle affixed its resplendent stars, which for all the succeeding years have shone with undimmed lustre among the nations of earth.

This month a new coalition was born in the identical chamber of Independence Hall, when delegates from thirteen Central and South American republics united in a new declaration of Pan-American Federation. The flag which expresses their union and peaceful purpose is also associated with a woman, ---Miss Sarah Wilson, the great grand-daughter of Mistress Ross. The Inter-Nation flag is a white field containing one large blue star of five points. It will be remembered that in consulting with Betsey Ross about the Independence flag, George Washington suggested a star of six points, whereupon Mistress Ross with a clip of her shining scissors cut a five-pointed star which she explained was far more symmetrical and which the General promptly adopted.

The Ladies of the Macabees numbering 187,000 members have endorsed woman suffrage. They have a capital of over nine millions of dollars which is wholly controlled and administered by them. When organizations consisting of women of responsibility and aims such as the Macabees, recognize the value of the ballot for women it is high time to accord dignified consideration to their views, and any man who assays to dispute the right and propriety of such women expressing their opinions in the government they help to maintain, is either an egregious egoist or a presumptuous ignoramus.

The graves of pioneer suffragists were decorated on Memorial Day in Philadelphia. Automobiles adorned with yellow banners drove to the cemeteries containing the tombs of these "pioneer woman soldiers". Appropriate addresses were delivered, ivy planted to keep the memory ever green and flowers profusely strewn in sweet remembrance of the women who devoted their lives to the welfare of womankind.

Instruction in city and country schools concerning the rights and privileges of women under the law, is being recommended by the Fayette County Equal Rights Association of Kentucky. This is a very pertinent recommendation and might well be included in the curriculum of the schools of every state. It would be of practical information to students of both sexes.

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The Moral Aspect of Woman Suffrage.

Quite significant is the acutely awakened position of many churches and other religious bodies toward the woman suffrage movement. The Christian Advocate of New York comments on a canvass conducted by a prominent newspaper among women of all classes, creeds and occupations, and separately among churchwomen, in which about 80 per cent of Manhattan Island and 60 per cent of Brooklyn church-going women expressed their allegiance to woman suffrage. The Advocate says: "It is gratifying to observe that the movement for woman suffrage is taking on a more distinctly moral or religious aspect"---and is being "accepted by religious teachers as a necessary compromise with the spirit of the times."

The Peace Key-Note.

The key-note of the demands concerning women's relation to war was sounded at The Hague Conference by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, when she dramatically analysed four points peculiarly of interest to women: "First, that modern war affects non-combatants more than the soldiers in the field; second, that as the mothers of the human race, women are the natural custodians of human life and should use their endeavors to prevent men from destroying it; third, that women will be called upon to repair the awful ravages of war, and fourth, that women occupy the unique position of being able to protest against war without being called cowards."

Vice-President Marshall approves of woman suffrage. He is most rational in his assertion "I sincerely believe that the mothers of this land should be allowed to vote on public questions, but I do not hold the belief that equal suffrage is a cure-all for everything bad in our society.

No reasonable man or woman regards suffrage as a panacea, but it is the one remedial agent for legislative conditions which react on the social body.

It is reasonable to infer that the demand of men and women voters can bring about better conditions than the vote of one sex alone."

Spain will soon join the lists of European countries having a defined movement for woman suffrage. This purpose has been announced by Emillia Pardo Bazan, who will organize a national campaign. Senora Bazan is the foremost woman writer in Spain, her literary achievements having won for her the title of Countess, which was conferred upon her by King Alphonso in 1908.

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Chivalry Which Includes Justice.

For a splendid spirit of justice few can surpass the record of Mr. A.G. Pentecost, a prominent business man of Pittsburg, Penn'a. In an open letter to Rev. Edward B. Travers, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Mr. Pentecost withdraws from membership in that church and declares his intention of staying out until women are given equal rights with men in the diocesan council. The letter says: "Allow me to say that if women are not fit to vote in church matters, they are not fit to attend church. I hereby cancel my pledge to take effect at once, and please remove my name from the rolls, as I never will enter an Episcopal Church until such time as the Protestant Episcopal Convention thinks women capable of Voting".

Mr. Pentecost's step was prompted by action of diocesan convention which denied women the right to vote. Mr. Pentecost is a true exponent of the gospel of humanity which holds all souls equally responsible, for their is "neither bond nor free,---male nor female"--- for we are all ONE, and to bind the female and free the male is a growth of man-made creed and arrogance in direct defiance with the Oneness of soul-development, soul-accountability and soul-power. Be not unequally yoked is a command that applies just as effectively in national and in sectarian as in domestic welfare. May churches of all creeds be purged of the pharisaism of masculinity,---the "holier than thou" attitude toward women members, and join in a fellowship that equally includes the "sons and daughters that shall prophesy" for the betterment of the human family.

Tennessee is to have a Constitutional Convention, and the leading women of the State are determined that the new Constitution shall be in accord with the spirit of modern progress. This means the ballot for Tennessee women as an essential. The State will have a suffrage Committee in each District and County and some of the ablest women of Tennessee will actively engage in the work of votes for women. Success to their efforts! Some State must lead the van of progress and this is Tennessee's opportunity to step to the front.

Jacksonville, Fla. meditates a new charter, and it has been suggested that woman suffrage be embodied in a section. As the charter sections are to be voted on separately it would seem reasonable to give voters an opportunity to express themselves on the advantages of votes for women.

A new publication, THE CATHOLIC SUFFRAGIST, is issued in London. Its title is descriptive of its mission and the pages are very readable.

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Philadelphia women are proud of the roster of the prominent clergy-men who have lent approval to the Catholic Women's Suffrage League. Among the very influential Catholic churchmen whose names appear in favor of woman suffrage are Monsignor Philip R. McDevitt, superintendent of the parochial schools; the Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Middleton of Villanova College; the Rev. Dr. Hugh Henry, president of the Catholic High-School; the Rev. Henry T. Schuyler, assistant president; the Rev. Joseph L. J. Kirlin, rector of the Church of the Most Precious Blood. The Rev. Henry C. Schuyler, in speaking of the suffrage movement said:

"As to the natural fitness of women to exercise the right of suffrage there hardly can be any doubt. If there are some questions that men seem better endowed by nature to discuss and decide, on the other hand there are equally important questions that come within the province of women; questions to the settling of which she would bring a judgment riper by reason of her superior intuition and safer by reason of her deeper religious nature. To my mind the question resolves itself into one of practical expediency".

Betting on Suffrage.

At no time in Georgia's history have suffragists been so active as during the present legislative session. The Atlanta Constitution reports: "The two best bets for excitement this year seem to lie in prohibition measures and in woman suffrage. Warm fights will probably be made in both issues".

The suffragists are working for several measures: Full suffrage for women, a compulsory education law, a bill to enable Georgia women to practice law, and a law to raise the age of protection for girls from 10 to 18 years. Think of a State which does not protect a little girl of ten from the lust of any man! Surely Georgia needs women's help in framing laws in the interest of the home.

Woman Invents Anti-Asphyxiation Mask.

Italy is indebted to a woman, Signora Bianca Bardoli of Bologna, for the invention of a gauze mask to neutralize the effect of asphyxiating gases. It has met with the approval of Senator Giacomo Ciamician, professor of chemistry in the University of Bologna, and has been presented by him to the military authorities. While men are preparing new devices for the taking of life, women seem to be at their age-old task of preserving life. The women of Bologna are already making great numbers of these gauze masks for the Italian army.

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Suffrage Sausage.

The contributions made for the suffrage campaign in Louisiana vary all the way from a two hundred dollar check, to breast-pins and pigs. Many women in the desire to give something to help gain the vote for Louisiana women have made substantial donations of money, others whose purses are light but with strong convictions for equality, have searched among their adornments and treasures for bits of discarded jewelry that can be melted in value. The women on the farms have promised in a number of instances to set aside a wee pig and raise it for the suffrage cause. These suffrage pigs will sell for a goodly sum on reaching maturity and suffrage sausage or votes-for-women bacon will be accorded coveted place on fortunate breakfast tables. But whether dollars, pigs, sausage or brooches the suffragists agree that their method will be as effective as bullets in obtaining the vote.

General French, field marshal of the English forces, in his latest report mentions the names of fifty-eight women whose distinguished military services in the field and gallantry entitles them to honorable consideration. General French has heretofore been opposed to political power for women, although his sister, Mrs. Despard, is one of the leaders of the English votes for women movement.

Recently, General French paid a visit to his aged sister especially to tell her that he had become convinced that women should have full and equal power in government, and that even on the battle field they had an important place.

American women are quite as patriotic as their English sisters and equally intelligent to exercise the vote.

In a lecture delivered in Monroe, La. Professor Zueblin said: "The man who does not want to vote is a traitor to his town. The woman who does not want to vote is a traitor to her town". Pretty civic logic that!

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, 73,364 strong, endorsed woman suffrage at their Triennial, in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Kentucky Fire Underwriters' Association is another organization which stands for woman suffrage.

Please note address changed from

321 Carondelet St.
to
336 Camp Street.

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Years ago scientists and physicians gravely declared that the feminine mind was so constructed that it would be superfluous to include mathematics in the curriculum of the girls' high schools. Feminine brains could not grasp the subtle logic and reasoning essential to successful solution of arithmetical problems. Since then women have attained eminence in all scientific branches requiring unusual calculative ability. In the recent contest of the Kansas City high school the first honors in mathematics were awarded to a young girl, over all the co-ed contestants.

Speaking before an audience of suffragists in Atlanta, Mr. Leonard J. Grossman said: "Suffrage is a Southern institution. Suffragists the nation over are glad that a confederate soldier will be the next governor of Georgia. He has signified his willingness to sign a suffrage bill, and why? Because Georgia's next governor knows the first legislature to ever enfranchise American women was composed of and dominated by his old comrades in arms--the confederate soldiers from the left wing of General Price's army--who willingly gave the vote to their wives and mothers in Wyoming forty-six years ago.

The confederate soldier is so obviously the father of suffrage in this country that this fact, when known, will have a peculiar significance in Georgia's attitude toward this cause, first championed by the old soldiers."

A Southern woman has been appointed to work out labor problems as they arise in the immigration service. Miss Lucy Jones Harris of Kentucky will take up this duty in the labor distribution branch of the department in New York.

Women will be watchers at the polls at the coming elections in New York and New Jersey. Pennsylvania women are asking the same privilege. Woman suffrage Amendments will be voted on in all these States and women watchers therefore are interested in guarding the count.

Missouri has a woman bank president, Mrs. Everett Manning of Pineville.

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Chief Justice Walter Clark of North Carolina is authority for the statement that, "Under the Constitution of the United States a woman, equally with man is eligible to any office from that of President or Judge of the Supreme Court down. In fact women have held many positions, under the government, postmasters and other positions, including I believe collector of internal revenue. To the credit of the makers of that instrument they wrote into it nothing branding one half of the race with the stigma of inferiority to share in the government. The word 'male' does not appear as a requirement of competency to hold any office. Yet there are those believe that society will resolve into original chaos, if within their own states woman is permitted to hold the smallest office."

Philadelphia has four women Auxilliary Judges of the Juvenile Court, and their tactful work has received high commendation from Judge Gorman. Their especial duties have been in reference to domestic relations and the protection of children. When one of the woman judges takes an erring child aside and talks to it in a motherly fashion, she easily gains the confidence of the trespasser and the threads of social welfare are gathered up in decent manner without the unprofitable notoriety that too often accompanies courts of justice.

Senator Jones of the Florida legislature and Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments has introduced an amendment of the Grandfather Clause, striking out the word male wherever it appears.

The Grandfather Clause in the original form has already passed the House, and if it passes the Senate in its amended form and is again passed in the House the white women will be enfranchised. The introduction of the Jones Amendment will have the effect of placing the Senate on record on the proposition to give Florida women the vote.

Visitors to the San Francisco Exposition will see hundreds of women wearing buttons "I AM A VOTER". Women from twelve states may truthfully display the information. Wonder how an unenfranchised woman feels when she surveys her free sisters?

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The Women Pegging Away.

The women are pegging away for suffrage, and the war has helped rather than hurt their cause. The politicians are now thoroughly acquainted with the fact that suffrage is inevitable, and are guiding their shifting courses with one eye to the fact and the other to their constituencies. For it is a popular fallacy that the politician is about as forward, and no forwarder than his constituency. He does not lead it:--being a "leader", he follows.
(PERASON'S for June)

The legislature and the Governor of California have signed a concurrent resolution certifying that "the experience of this state amply justifies the adoption of woman suffrage", and "so successful has been the operation and effect of granting political rights to women, that were the question again to be voted upon it would be re-indorsed by an overwhelming majority." The California law makers say that woman suffrage has been "one of the important factors contributing to the marked political, social and industrial advancement made in recent years".

of Technology

Graduates of the Massachusetts Institute, sang lustily "Just One Girl" for among the members of the largest class in the history of the "Tech" was Miss Mary E. Plummer, who specialized in the departments of chemistry, sanitation and analysis of water and foods. On being interviewed about her experience as the only girl among 350 students Miss Plummer admitted frankly that she had thoroughly enjoyed it.

"What I like about this school", said she, "is that they treat the girls, so far as our work is concerned, exactly as they do the boys. We are expected to do manual work when it is necessary. and last year, Miss Rice, who qualified as an engineer in the electric chemistry department, went out to take her place running and testing a boiler plant. She is the only girl in the United States who ever undertook precisely this kind of work and she now has a position with the General Electric Company in Schenectady.

"My training should open to me opportunities as an analyzing chemist in some factory, or I might be useful in connection with public health work".

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Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor spoke at the mass meeting of the Women's Trade Union League in New York. The part of his speech which made the greatest hit was when he said: "I view woman suffrage from the practical side. It is a matter of common justice. If it is an objection that women know little of the value of the vote, I can point to millions of men who know nothing of its value.---I also make this plea to you present. On election day, when the question of a Constitutional Amendment for suffrage comes up, vote the ballot Yes".

The registration of the voters of the Town of Fellsmere is going steadily forward and the ladies are enjoying the unique distinction of being the first of the Southland's suffragists to get their names on the poll books of a voting precinct. The Southern Suffragists organization should have those names engrossed, framed and hung up in their headquarters.--(Fellsmere, Fla. TRIBUNE)

The Catholic Women's Suffrage League of Philadelphia was organized at the rooms of the Catholic Historical Society of that City. Archbishop Prendergast sent a letter stating that he was not in opposition. The organization includes women prominent in literature, art, music, civics and philanthropy.

The Chamber of Commerce of Washington, D.C. is urging that men of the capital city be given the vote, but unless the bill includes the same right for women, it will be blocked by influential organizations of women suffragists.

In anticipation of the pending Constitutional Convention, the Louisiana State Suffrage Association has mapped an exhaustive campaign for the incorporation of an amendment giving the vote to women.

Miss Lura Dow, editor and owner of the Palmyra Enterprise, has been elected secretary of the Wisconsin Press Association. She is the first woman to hold the position.

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Southern Campaign States.

Two Southern States are in active campaigns for the ballot for women. Both these States,---Louisiana and Tennessee have Constitutional Conventions pending, and in framing a modern democratic charter of liberty, no State can logically exclude women from citizenship. As tax-payers, women contribute to the support of the government; as workers they are important economic factors; as home-builders they pre-eminently make for the stability of the nation; as educators they mold the intellect and character of humanity; as a moral force they are the standard bearers. By what reasoning process can they be denied the vote, which is the symbol of citizenship and by what specious argument should the government be deprived of their invaluable opinions?

Louisiana and Tennessee men should do well to think seriously of the unenviable position and company in which disfranchised women are placed.

Which State?

A Southern woman has been elected to serve on the city council of Los Angeles, Cal. She is Mrs. Lindsay and is a native of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. What a difference geographical position makes! In California, Mrs. Lindsay is an honored member of the city government, and the competent possessor of the vote on election day.---In Arkansas she is rated with criminals, idiots, insane and other disfranchised undesirables! Which State affords the better protection to women?

The Lexington Herald states that a committee of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs will appear before the Republican State Convention to urge the submission of a woman suffrage plank to the voters of the State.

Philadelphia women have raised \$50,000 for the campaign in that city, to secure the ballot for women. Other cities in the State of Pennsylvania are also active in pushing the campaign.

Columbia University conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws on Miss Louisa Lee Schuyler. She is the first woman to receive this degree from Columbia University.

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The Louisiana Campaign.

All over the State of Louisiana women are preparing to circulate petitions to be presented to the Constitutional Convention, asking that the ballot be extended to women. Wards and precincts are to be thoroughly canvassed by earnest, self-sacrificing workers. Men and women will be given a chance to sign the petition which in the future history of Louisiana will be a roll of honor. Their descendants will proudly point to an ancestor who stood for justice, as do now the descendants of our forefathers whose names are found on Revolutionary records.

Women of the South are no longer content with less influence than the women of the enfranchised western states. "Westward the Star of Empire takes its way" is painfully true. We have a chance to intercept it in the South and catch some of its occidental-tending beams, by grafting a portion of the Empire Hope through the votes of our women. California with less population than Georgia, and little more than Alabama, Kentucky, North Carolina or Tennessee cast many more votes in the last Presidential election than any of these southern states. The combined vote of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Virginia, South Carolina and Florida, during the last Presidential election was almost offset by the vote of California alone. And this in spite of the fact that the white population of the southern states enumerated in the list was 7,268,320 and the total population of all the races in California was but 2,396,379. The lesson to be deducted is obvious to even the dullest. A state in which men and women together take an interest in government can more than control a whole section in which men alone are expected to conduct affairs affecting the home or the country. It brings afresh the recollection of Virginia's early attempt to plant a colony of men alone and which failed miserably. It was only when men brought their families and the co-operation of their women was a factor in the hardships and dangers of pioneer life, that the Virginia colony began to flourish. This is true of the development of every state. Louisiana men can no longer evade the question of giving equal protection to their women which that ballot affords the men. Silly arguments no longer can postpone recognition of women. If women are superior to men it is an anomaly to have them governed by inferior men. If women are inferiors, men should honestly so label their mothers and wives. If women are equals then it is but a fair deal to give them equal opportunity. No man with the commonest sense of manhood will want to obtain any advantage over the women of his family.

It is not a question whether all women want to vote. If it is their right no true man will withhold it from them. When the woman suffrage petition is presented to you, sign it patriotically. It may be the one deed you can achieve for justice.

National Women's Trade Union League unanimously endorsed woman suffrage at a meeting June 11.

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States Rights and Woman Suffrage.

An address by Miss Kate M. Gordon of New Orleans, delivered at the Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference in Chattanooga, November 10th, 1914.

"It is exactly one year today that there assembled in New Orleans a body of women, in response to an invitation extended to the Southern Governors by women from all the Southern States, and which invitation asked of these representatives of the people to meet them and adopt a uniform plan of action for the adoption of woman suffrage in the South.

The invitation was unequivocal as to the belief of these women that Suffrage was a State right and that the power to define its restrictions should remain the exclusive right of the State. But equally unequivocal was their position that woman suffrage was no longer a theory to be debated, but a condition to be met, and that the women of the South believing in suffrage (and the great Majority of them do believe) were determined to secure as of paramount importance the ballot, their birthright of citizenship, even if in so doing they were obliged to seek their right through the aid of a national amendment.

None of the Governors availed himself of the invitation, but a large number of the Southern States were represented, and the Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference, in convention assembled here today for the first time, is the result.

The Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference has for its immediate object: to make the Democratic Party declare itself in favor of "Votes for Women" in its next National Platform. This, we Southern suffragists believe, is the first step in what will prove a veritable suffrage landslide in the South within the next five or six years. Since taking this position last year, we have witnessed the Democratic Caucus in Congress go out of its way to defeat the establishment of a woman suffrage committee in the House of Representatives, by declaring the Party's belief in suffrage as a State and not a Federal right, thus disposing of their responsibility on a question which has assumed the proportions of a world movement. During the same interim, the President of the United States has likewise expressed an opinion which disposed of his responsibility in refusing to recommend the establishment of such a committee in the House. Said the President, when urged to recommend this woman suffrage committee: "I am helpless to act, for my interpretation of representation in government is dependent upon an expression from the organic body". The "organic body" referred to speaks through the Party's National Platform.

Let us briefly analyse the position of the S.S.W.S.C., which I define as a strategic one. Our suffrage friends of the opposition (and I use the term "friends" in the truest sense), are bending every energy to secure the submission and adoption of an amendment "forbidding disfranchisement on account of sex". We of the South know the expedients that have been adopted to offset the amendments that gave a national control on a right that the Democratic Caucus has so recently declared a State right. We of the South know that our ability to employ these expedients is not through the virtue of their constitutionality, but by virtue of

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the fact, that public opinion has recognized the injustice and non-wisdom of a policy of national interference in local self-government. Hence, the large chorus of Amens, without latitudinal, longitudinal or political restrictions, which assents to the Democratic Congressional Caucus' pronouncement that suffrage is a State and not a Federal right.

Shifting the scene from Congress to the States, let us no longer discuss the issue from the point of view of a party caucus, but consider it from the standpoint of the women of the fifteen Southern States, who are heartily in accord with the dictum of the caucus, but ask that the truth be applied at home. We ask of the Democratic Party, a States' rights party in a one-party territory to live up to the Party's traditions, to tell us why this truth is not applied at home and only proclaimed in the Halls of Congress.

As the President, the most distinguished exponent of the Party, has interpreted as an essential, that the "organic body" speak, does it not become the duty of every Southern man and woman to leave no stone unturned to secure a Party declaration of faith in "Votes for Women". Failing to do this, where does the Party record itself? Leaving no alternative, it must assume the responsibility for Southern women being forced to appeal for their enfranchisement to those States whose leniency toward the Southern constitution has made the ignoring of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments' ~~adherence~~ by Southern men possible. It will place the Party in an unenviable position of using a party shibboleth of States' rights as a cloak to defeat the extension of human liberty to the women of their own race and fireside, as charged in the old issue, that it was used to conceal the perpetuation of human slavery. But, friends, with the Democratic Party, a firmly established institution in all the States where women vote, such an attitude seems wellnigh incredible, even viewing it from the most prosaic standpoint, that of practical politics.

Leaving the field of practical politics, there is another influence which will make it practically impossible for the South to longer ignore the adoption of woman suffrage in the various State constitutions. The South is actively bidding for immigration, preferably American emigrants from Northern and Western States. In the wonderful agricultural, manufacturing and cattle raising possibilities of the South, the thrift and intelligence of this class of emigrants is an enviable asset for which to compete, but in this competition, the women are to be reckoned with. Is it reasonable to suppose that an intelligent motherhood, from States where women enjoy the privilege of citizenship and can contribute to the environment of their children, will voluntarily emigrate to States where disfranchisement will be their portion and where their opinions will be rated with the useless and baneful classes of citizens? I take it that no further elaboration of this point of view is necessary.

The Conference therefore recommends to the suffragists of the South the adoption of a policy of concentration upon the Democratic Party to declare itself. Let us adopt as our argument the "argument of numbers".

Election returns assure the woman suffrage amendment carried in Nevada and Montana.