

Warren, Ohio, Aug. 1st, 1906.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:

The idea seems so universal that we ought to have a woman from the enfranchised states in the Oklahoma campaign, if possible, that I wrote to Ellis Meredith asking her a lot of personal questions about her past work, what she was doing now and so forth and so on, and she replies under date of July 25th in regard to Oklahoma that before she considered a proposition to go to that State she would want to know what our campaign was, the plan of campaign, etc. She would be anxious to suit us, but at the same time she should feel that we were hiring her, not alone to carry out our methods, but to use those which she has made successful in her own experience. She says:

" I think I am worth \$100. if I am worth anything. Mrs. Bradford has told me that was what she was paid in Arizona where you wanted me to go for \$60. and that was what she has generally received.

She says that she would not be willing to leave Colorado before November 6th, for she will probably have campaign work which is very vital on hand there, but she could go for November and December. She has special work during the Colorado Legislature and that adjourns in April. She then adds: " My summer will be free as far as I know. "

I hope you will keep this in mind because Miss Shaw must take up this matter immediately upon her return a month hence, unless we should be compelled to decide it before she arrives.

I have been in correspondence with Julia V. Welles in regard to the Susan B. Anthony Biography. The Colorado Equal Suffrage Association has furnished the books for a travelling library, known as the Susan B. Anthony Memorial Box and Mrs. Welles has sent for two copies of the Biography. In one of the letters she says, in speaking of Oklahoma:

" I would say that if you want a woman for press work Ellis Meredith is the very best worker we have. If you wish a platform speaker, Mary C. C. Bradford is a woman par excellence for that kind of work. As a speaker she is well known in Colorado and both women are ardent suffragists and never lose an opportunity to further the cause. "

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

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My dear Mrs. Upton,

I enclose my vote on money for the Com. on Advertising.

I have received several letters from you, which do not seem to require answering. I thank you for the confidence you gave in your personal letter. It is very hard to have to bear such annoyances; but I think, judging from your letter telling me what occurred in Baltimore, that you are mistaken in thinking Mrs. Kelly or any one else, would not have the same things to bear, if every thing did not go on exactly to please Miss Shaw. So do not think you are picked out to be fretted in this way.

I am in receipt of a letter from Miss Acer, about the Anthony Memorial, which I am a little doubtful how to answer. I do not like to take any part in any project, and especially do not like ~~to~~ to ask other people's help, until our Business Com. has given its distinct approval. What do you intend to do about asking contributions for that Memorial?

Do not forget to look out for an investment for the \$1900 of the Bruce legacy. I hope to settle the over-appraisement amicably, and I will write about it when it is settled.

Love to all in the office, including yourself.

Cordially yours,

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO.

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Dear Miss Clay:

I never have known anything like the pressure in this office I mean now the things which must be decided upon. I re-read your letter file the other day and I noticed that you said if I needed you you would drop your work and come; then I read on and saw that you were fixing your house and were so busy and gave up the idea of sending for you.

Word comes from Miss Shaw to-day that she will sail somewhat earlier than she expected and will leave there the 23rd. I shall be glad of this. She quite disapproves of my having helped out Mrs. Biggers with a little clerk hire and says there is no use of being in such a hurry about the organization. She also does not like it because Miss Gordon proposes to stand behind Miss Pease financially. However, I do not think that she knows that the Oregon women went back on their agreement to raise the money. Anyway, I am not going to write her any more about it until she gets home and then will see her. Of course none of the questions of which she talks need to be settled now but then people who are going to work in September want to know it now.

However, I did not start to write you a general letter, but I wanted to tell you that Miss Gregg, on her way home from Oregon, stopped at Mrs. Marble's and Mrs. Marble writes that she had a splendid visit with her. Now Mrs. Marble wants to engage Miss Gregg for organization during the month of October, but Miss Gregg says she does not want to promise that time to Nebraska unless the Business Committee are willing. Now it seems, from what I can learn from the Business Committee letters, that the majority of us think if it is possible we would better have some woman from the enfranchised states to help out in Oklahoma. That really gives Colorado the preference over Dr. Woods and Miss Gregg. When it comes to a choice between Miss Gregg and Dr. Woods I think the majority of us think it is wiser to have Dr. Woods go to Oklahoma because of Mrs. Woodworth. I have therefore written Mrs. Marble and also Miss Gregg. I have told Mrs. Marble if she and Miss Gregg can come to any terms for an organizing trip for October they better make that sort of an arrangement. Miss Gregg has been in the campaign and has learned a lot of things and I think it would be very wise for her to go back into general organization work for a little time. Then too, she is very fond of Mrs.

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Young and Mrs. Marble and I think it would be good for her. I have told Mrs. Marble that Miss Shaw you and I compose the sub-committee of the Business Committee on Organization and that I am giving her my opinion. That if you do not object to this she will not hear from you, but if you think it is not wise to let Miss Gregg go for October you are to write her, Mrs. Amanda J. Marble, Table Rock, Neb., so that she will get it by August 6th. I am very glad to have Mrs. Marble make this proposition because we will not have to appear to be choosing between Dr. Woods and Miss Gregg. Both of them are good girls and good workers and of course all of us are more or less personally sensitive.

Cordially yours,

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Harriet Taylor Upton

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Under date of July 23rd, in reply to a letter which I had written her, Sarah Platt Decker says:

" Of course my first choice would be Ellis Meredith ~~Conine~~ a good organizer and speaker; she is logical and sensible. I supposed, however, that she would require a good salary as she earns that here. For someone who would work for less money Mrs. Conine would be my next choice, or Mrs. Tyler. Both are fine and sensible to a degree.

Mrs. Decker, I think, together with some other Colorado women, consider Mrs. Bradford a very fine speaker but they think she errs in giving the results of suffrage in Colorado; I mean in painting them too brightly. Personally I do not know anything about Mrs. Conine's work but she has always seemed to me to be a very weak sister.

Mr. Deming, the editor of the Cheyenne Tribune, the man who got the resolution for Wyoming through the Legislature for me in the New Hampshire campaign, has been in town for some weeks and I have consulted him about the Oklahoma work. He thinks one of the most important things is getting the press on our side, if possible. I have asked him how this could be done and he says nothing could be better than a personal canvass of the newspapers of Oklahoma. I laughed when he said this because it did seem so gigantic. There is a Mrs. Watson, in El Reno, who is highly recommended by Dr. Woods, Mrs. Biggers, etc., and I have written Mrs. Biggers as to the possibility of Mrs. Watson doing that kind of newspaper work.

Cordially yours,

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Dear Member of the Business Committee:

Miss Gregg stopped at Mrs. Marble's on her way home from Oregon. At that time Nebraska asked her to organize in that State during October. Miss Gregg was willing, but said she would not say yes positively until Mrs. Marble had consulted us. After careful thought I have written both Miss Gregg and Mrs. Marble that I believed the sub-committee, Shaw, Upton and Clay, would agree to this. Mrs. Marble is such a true suffragist that I feel sure, if we should need Miss Gregg in Oklahoma, she would release her. I hope this will meet with your approval.

I have just received a letter from Miss Shaw in which she says that she does not approve of my having offered Mrs. Biggers clerk hire and she also disapproves of standing back of Miss Pease financially in Oregon and she does not think there is any hurry about planning for campaign workers in Oklahoma; however, many things have developed lately and I know if she was here she would be satisfied. The fact that I offered Mrs. Biggers clerical help encouraged her so that she went to work and is doing splendidly, I think. She says she is trying to save that five dollars per week and as yet has called for no money.

Our general idea is to have as much help from the enfranchised states as possible in Oklahoma, so I have been getting a good deal of information for Miss Shaw to set upon when she returns in regard to Mrs. Meredith, Mrs. Bradford, etc. However, as time has gone on it seems to me that Dr. Woods would be the better person to question the delegates to the Constitutional Convention. This morning, however, I have a letter from her in which she says that Iowa wants her for a speaker for their convention. She asks if it would be all right for her to engage in organization work in Illinois for the months of October and November. For a long time Illinois has had money for organization work and they have been trying to get an organizer. It seems too bad to discourage them and yet when Dr. Woods writes to us to ask advice she simply means whether she is going to be wanted in Oklahoma or not. It seems Miss Shaw had asked her about going to Oklahoma and she said she would go if it seemed best all around. I am writing the Doctor asking her to wait a week before she gives Illinois her answer. In the meantime, do you feel that it is safe for us to advise her to accept Illinois' proposition?

I have always felt we have had a chance in Oklahoma, and now that organized labor and the farmers have joined together, and there are 110,000 of the latter in the territory, candidates for Governor, Congress, etc., have come out openly against the corporations. The "Oklahoma State Capital", a powerful paper, has been against us; it has now been denounced by the Typographical Union, and I feel a greater reason to hope.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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One member of our Committee has suggested that Miss Gloy go to Oklahoma. I never had the courage to report this to her after her solid year given to Oregon. Another member wished I could go and have charge of the campaign for the National part. I felt complimented to think anyone thought I could, as I am so wholly inexperienced in field work. If the whole committee thought it wise for me to do so I could not leave my family and if I had no family I would feel my place was here. I like office work, have worked out our plans, and it would be hard for any newcomer to step in and take my place and Elizabeth's shoulders could not hold any more.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO

Aug. 2, 1906.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:-

Miss Shaw has sent a letter to Headquarters which she asks Miss Reilly to copy and send out for her. It contains a number of votes. When Miss Shaw was in Europe before I did not send her any word of the office business at all, but this time I knew so little about the Oregon matters and felt as if I was without authority in other directions, so at first I did send some of the Business Committee letters. Her letter, therefore, is in reply to some of those, but she does not know all the things which have happened in the mean time. She says she laid out a plan for Mrs. Biggers to carry out. Mrs. Biggers was writing me when that letter was received and said she had received the plan, &c. I think maybe Miss Shaw knew of this letter. But several days later, maybe a week, Mrs. Biggers wrote me in great distress. She said she had carefully read the directions, ^{which} Miss Shaw had sent her and it would not be possible for her to carry them out. She called ~~my~~ attention to the fact that when she was made President of the State Association it was with the understanding that she was to be more or less of a figurehead. She says she is wholly unused to that kind of work, knows nothing about politics and organized work and, although she was doing her own work and has very delicate ^{health} ~~work~~, she would be willing to sacrifice a good deal if she felt that she could. She was very earnest about this and I remembered then that what she said about the Presidency was true. In order to encourage her I offered her, after you had voted upon it, \$5 00 a week for ^u clerk hire and had her begin in a very much smaller way. This seemed to encourage her and she has gone to work very well I think. What Miss Shaw says about the State of Oklahoma paying the bill for this clerical service is true

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but what people ought to do and what they do do are two different things. I am stating this because it may throw some light on the letter. To me the most important thing in Oklahoma is the work of questioning the candidates to the Constitutional Convention after the districting has been done and when they first announce themselves. If we could only do one kind of work, that is go before the constitutional convention with our forces or question the candidates, I would think it far wiser to question the candidates; because if we have not some sort of pledges from these candidates before the election we will have nothing whatever to pin to during the constitutional convention. They will let us go there, make our speeches and go home. Then to my mind, the worker who is to go to Oklahoma, provided we so vote, the 1st. of September, to stay until the 6th. of November, must be chosen with great care and that sort of planning must be well done. Miss Shaw also says ~~when~~ in her letter that she understands Mrs. Biggers does not care whether it is Miss Gregg or Dr. Woods. Mrs. Biggers did say so, but later she says she feels she ought to speak the truth and so she rather have Dr. Woods, wholly because of Mrs. Woodworth. She likes Miss Gregg very well.

Miss Shaw also says that she thinks it wise for us not to be having any communication with Mrs. Woodworth or take her into consideration at all. The Headquarters has never had but one letter from Mrs. Woodworth since she left Oregon and that was about the time Miss Shaw went away, and there have been no letters passing between us.

Miss Shaw also does not know the latest in regard to Oregon. It seems that after the Oregon women had pledged themselves to raise Miss Pease's salary, a misunderstanding took place in an open meeting which resulted in those women withdrawing these pledges.

We have already voted on Mrs. Biggers' \$5 00 clerkship, but it might be just as well to vote again after reading Miss Shaw's letter.

Cordially yours,

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO.

Aug. 3, 1906.

Dear Miss Clay,

Since dictating the enclosed letter, the post man has come in with your vote on the Helen Rand Tindall money, and I am replying to your letter immediately, because you speak on the Anthony memorial. Thereby hangs a tale. When Miss Anthony was dying, or in a very few hours after she was dead, Miss Mary Anthony, Mrs. Gannett and Miss Shaw immediately thought it would be a very nice thing to have a woman's building erected in Rochester in memory of Aunt Susan. I think, as Mrs. Gannett was a local person, she really started this and rather led Aunt Mary and Miss Shaw on. However, Miss Anthony was hardly buried before the announcement was made that the friends of suffrage were going to build a memorial of that nature. Mrs. Gannett is a lovely person, enthusiastic and all that sort of thing, and Miss Shaw naturally was led away by it. As soon as I learned of it, I felt very much troubled. I thought the memorial to Miss Anthony should be determined more calmly. But Mrs. Gannett, with her quick business sense immediately made her organization, secured prominent women in the United States on her committee by giving out the information that this movement was endorsed by Miss Anthony and Miss Shaw, which it was. Right away other parts of the country wished to have memorials to Miss Anthony, and I was asked to be Treasurer of two or three of the. I tried to get Miss Shaw and the people in the Oregon Campaign to give me some idea of what to do, but of course they could not get their minds off the terrific business they were in, and so I kept writing to people telling them when the campaign was over we would have a Business Committee meeting and decide the matter. Then you

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know we did not do this and when I asked Miss Shaw about it, she said there was plenty of time to settle it in the fall. Now I have been able to keep quiet two or three of the organizations until after our business meeting, but this Rochester business has gone right on and there is hardly a day now that some of the State Presidents do not write me asking whether or no they shall contribute and allow their clubs to contribute to the fund. In the meantime, Miss Gordon has gotten the idea of the memorial fund for campaign prosecution and the National Council has gotten the idea of rebuying the busts of Miss Johnson for the Capitol and all of them are going to depend upon the suffragists for money. I love Mrs. Gannett so much and think her husband is one of Nature's noblemen, but on the other hand, the States have hard time to pull along with their own work and if each member of the local clubs is going to be asked to give a dollar for this fund, it will cut into our resources greatly. I had hoped that the people who are to have charge of the memorials would try to get their money from other sources besides our little inner band. I do not know whether they have written to the Ohio Clubs or not, but if I learn they have, I shall ask the local clubs not to contribute to these funds at present. We are trying to do some organizing work in the state and we are perfectly strapped for money. Of course you know what is best to do for Kentucky.

I had a man call on me yesterday with a \$2000 investment. He will let me know in a few days whether he will want the money.

I note that you send your love to all in the office and the girls are always glad to hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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Dear Miss Clay:-

I am doing everything I can to get the women of Oklahoma started in the right way. I cannot wait until the last minute myself, and then expect things to come out right. I do not know as they will come out right anyway, but I am bending every energy in that direction.

A short^t time ago I read in one of the Oklahoma papers that W. L. Beavers, who represented the Typographical Union, was present at a meeting at the court house in Chickasha when certain important questions were up, and he spoke in favor of the Initiative & Referendum and also for an eight-hour a day law for all work done under the direction of the State. As the International Typographical Union had endorsed our suffrage question, and as the co-operation between the Farmers' Alliance and Union Labor in the twin territories is going to make a great deal of difference in our affairs there, I thought it would be wise to have someone who knew Mr. Beavers talk with him and see where he stood. Of course I expected he would be a suffragist. Mrs. Biggers seems to have such solid sense in regard to all these things, and she writes me that Mr. Beavers is very much opposed to suffrage, that he came from Arkansas, and that the family all the way through is opposed. She says it would do no good at all for the local suffragists to see him, and it has occurred to me that you might write him a note, enclosing the resolution which the International Typo-

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graphical Union endorsed (I shall send you copy), and reason a little with him from the Southern standpoint.

Governor Frantz, of Oklahoma, made a speech the other day, and he did talk so silly about women! Oh, it just nauseates me! He talked about our being angels, not meant to mingle with the human, and all that kind of stuff! It is pretty hard to be patient all the time, isn't it?

Mrs. Biggers' letter which I received this morning is very, very encouraging. I do not mean now as to the result of the work there, but she seems so willing to talk matters over and to act where she can and as she can. Mrs. Bailey, their press worker, who has been dormant for some time, has recently picked up and is writing some for the papers herself. Really I think there is a chance for good work out there, and as it looks as if the Initiative & Referendum would go through, it behooves us to put up as strong a campaign as possible I think, because if we do not win now we may a little later under the Initiative & Referendum. Yesterday we made calculations as to how much it would cost to have Dr. Woods go the 1st of September, Mrs. Meredith November 7, and Miss Shaw and some Colorado women before the Constitutional Convention, and I think we could do it all for about \$1,000.

I am sorry Miss Shaw does not approve of my offering to help Mrs. Biggers with the clerk hire; but I think it was a good thing to do. It encouraged her, and now she is not asking for the money, but says she is saving it. I do not think there is a particle of use trying to run a campaign in a State, unless the local people are willing to help a good deal, and I would rather

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give money (provided they are honest and capable) for them to work, than to pay the same money, or a good deal more, for our National people to go in and do the work.

The National press work is coming on splendidly.

I am perfectly fascinated with it.

Cordially yours

Harriet Taylor Upton

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Dear Miss Clay,

I have been having quite an extended correspondence with a very bright woman, Mrs. L.C. Hill of Hills Prairie, Texas, and I find that she has been a suffragist all her life and, long ago, wrote articles for the papers and is still quite enthusiastic. I have asked her to become our press chairman for her town and I think she will. If you have time and can, please write her a letter, telling her that I reported to you that I had had some pleasant correspondence with her and that you are so glad to have the women of Texas waking up, as they seem to be in different directions. I know that a letter from you to a person like her will do a good deal of good. She says she lives in a country mansion built by her husband's father when he located a home there in 1835, so she must be southern through and through. Dear, dear! how the possibilities do open up all the time. I am in a Christmas frame of mind all the time nearly over the work, unless I get too tired, and then I have a day-after-Christmas feeling.

I meant to say that Mrs. Hill has contributed to the Galveston News.

Very truly yours,

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Harriet Taylor Upton

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Aug. 4th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

Today I received your letters of Aug. 1st, and the copy of Miss Shaw's letter. It seems it is not necessary to answer hers today, so I shall defer it a short time, except to say that I shall certainly vote again to give clerk hire to Mrs. Biggers. It seems to me the safest and cheapest way we can get that necessary preliminary work done, and insures our always having a competent and interested person to keep us in touch with what is going on.

I am glad to have Mrs. Biggers decide for us between Miss Gregg and Dr. Woods. You know I think Miss Gregg a valuable woman, and do not wish to discredit her usefulness to us; but whether she is able to shake off Mrs. Woodworth as much as she ought, I do not know. It is just as well to let Dr. Woods try her hand; and indeed I think Dr. Woods has a larger knowledge of the world. Therefore I shall not write to Mrs. Marble, and you have told her that gives my consent to Miss Gregg's staying in Nebraska for awhile. I am pleased with Miss Gregg's loyalty in waiting to hear from Headquarters before making an engagement.

Dr. Woods. In the same way I am pleased with Dr. Woods' inquiry. In her case I think it not wise to consent to her making another engagement. I do not believe anything can be properly done in Oklahoma with a very small force. Dr. Woods is the only one of whom we have definite knowledge that she can be in Oklahoma in September and stay there as long as we need her. Miss Meredith is valuable; so are others we hope to get. But we have not

yet got anybody except Mrs. Biggers, and we need some one to help her. I shall therefore vote to send Dr. Woods back to Oklahoma in September, and let her go to work at once. I have written that I do not approve of putting the work in the hands of one campaign manager; therefore sending Dr. Woods back at this time ought not to bind us not to employ others in any capacity we think best, though it would be an expression of our confidence that her advice is valued on the Oklahoma situation. We must not forget that we had an enormous force in Oregon some months before election, and there was work enough and more than enough for all of them. It certainly is not too much to have Mrs. Biggers and her clerk and Dr. Woods to start in as soon as the weather permits.

I noticed your postscript that you had not the courage to propose any more work for me after my year in Oregon. I hope you will not have any fears about proposing any suffrage work for me. It is one of the satisfactions of my life that I could and did give that year. I am foot free, without duties to any one that prevent my working any where in the cause to which I am devoted. My own business seems imperative till the 1st of October. After that I hope to be able to push the organization in Kentucky, if my most useful field seems to be my own state. So, no matter where I am, suffrage work will be my principal occupation during the winter, and I shall be content whether it be in Ky. or elsewhere.

Please have a copy of the Baltimore convention minutes sent to me. In some way I have never had a copy.

Love to all in the office, including yourself.

Always cordially yours,

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DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

On July 16 Miss Pease wrote me a long letter, giving a great deal of information in regard to Oregon. She said that Mrs. Duniway had told her she (Mrs. D) was going to stand at the head of the next campaign, that the National could furnish money and literature, but she was to have the honor, otherwise she would kill it; that Mrs. Duniway spoke at ~~about~~ a recent Chautauqua meeting, and when she began the Prohibitionists in the audience left the hall, etc. Miss Pease makes a report of the number of letters she has written, the number of petitions she has sent out, and the work she has done, all of which seems to me to be very satisfactory. She attended the Chautauqua, as well as Mrs. Duniway, and spoke on the suffrage day, securing nearly five hundred names; she also spoke on the W.C.T.U. day, and had a talk with Miss Belle Kearney, who expressed herself as being displeased with the attitude Mrs. Duniway had taken, but when she learned from Miss Pease that Mrs. D. is a free lance whom we cannot control, she said she thoroughly understood the situation, because they had just such people in their society, and she would do all she could to keep the Oregon W.C.T.U. in line for suffrage.

Miss Pease says she has begun to organize suffrage associations in the counties where they have asked for permanent organizations. She says that at this Chautauqua she did some very good work in the Mothers' Congress and in the Grange; that Mrs. Waldo, the State lecturer, has promised to raise money for suffrage, and to

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work for us in every Grange in the State for the next two years. She also secured someone to take charge of the parlor meetings which had been planned for. Just as she was closing her letter she said: "I have just received a notice from Mrs. Duniway to the effect that she is ready to go on our tour, and wanted to know how soon I could go. What shall I do?"

In Miss Shaw's letter to you---received a few days after this one from Miss Pease---she asked for a vote on Miss Pease's salary. Miss Shaw apparently does not know that after she left Oregon the Oregon women repudiated their agreement to raise this salary, and, as Miss Gordon thought it exceedingly important to have this arrangement carried out, she (Miss Gordon) told Miss Pease that if the Oregon people refused to pay her salary the National would pay it until things were started. It is apparent from all this that someone must instruct Miss Pease somehow. I am the one in the whole Association who knows the least about Mrs. Duniway and Miss Pease, for I was not in the campaign, nor even at the Portland Convention. However, I have written Miss Pease (after consulting with Mrs. Boyer and Mrs. Kelley) that the National would be responsible for her salary until Miss Shaw's return, provided the State Association did not pay it, and I advised her to put off Mrs. Duniway as best she can until Miss Shaw's return.

I hope this will seem right to you.

Cordially yours

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO

August 4/1906

Dear Miss Clay:-

I am sending you a long letter, with enclosures, which I received from Miss Pease last Sunday, July 29. I had no idea in the world how to answer it, particularly as I had just been criticised for dipping into things where I ought not to. I knew, however, that Miss Pease had to have an answer, so I wrote her by return mail that I would consult the other members of the Business Committee in regard to the matters referred to, and would write her very soon. I then wrote immediately to Mrs. Kelley, telling her that Miss Shaw thought I ought not to put out votes, etc., asking if she would write a letter and send out the vote in regard to Miss Pease's salary, to her going with the Duniway, etc. I just this morning received Mrs. Kelley's answer, saying she hardly thinks that she ought to deal with Abigail. You see, neither she nor I know anything about it, but she says it would be perfectly ridiculous in her mind for us to draw upon an empty treasury to furnish a chaperone for Mrs. Duniway. She declines to act upon my suggestion, but says we ought to stand by Miss Pease in her salary, as Miss Gordon made the arrangement with her, and that when Miss Shaw returns we can vote upon it.

I certainly am in a most delicate position! I have just written Miss Pease that I really have no authority to act in this matter, and yet I know she must have an answer from someone, so I told her I would be personally responsible for her salary until

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Miss Shaw reaches home and takes the matter up herself; also told her that the Oregon Association acted as if they were going to get the salary for her; that I had no way at all of knowing what to do with Mrs. Duniway, but that I didn't see any reason for her going stumping with her, for we do not need stumping, but we do need the gathering of petitions and the keeping up of the campaign committees.

Then I advised her to stave off Mrs. Duniway as best she can until Miss Shaw's return.

Miss Shaw's letter and votes were sent out from here yesterday, and they cover the ground only partly, for she does not know of the arrangement Miss Gordon made with Miss Pease after the Oregon women changed their minds about paying her salary.

Do you wish to send the \$2,000 here to me pretty soon, or will you have it in such shape that if I telegraph I can have it in a few hours. I am negotiating a loan now, but I am not absolutely sure about the property. I shall try to see it to-morrow.

We are getting on beautifully with the press work. You know Elizabeth and I both lean that way. I have always said that if I had to support myself, it would be along that line. The trouble with us is going to be that it will be very difficult for us not to neglect other things for the press.

Hastily yours

Harriet Taylor Upton

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Will you kindly return the Oregon enclosures at your convenience?

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August 6/1906

Dear Miss Clay:-

I was so glad to get your letter, and glad you feel as you do about Mrs. Biggers, Miss Gregg and Dr. Woods.

I note what you say about your suffrage work in future, and I am so glad. If I ever again get in such a tight place as I did last week, I shall certainly telegraph you. There is no use for me to try to bear such a strain.

I have a nice letter from Miss Shaw this morning. She is much rested, and things look brighter and better to her.

For some reasons, I wish you were here now, especially on account of the press work. We are just getting into it, and it is perfectly fascinating! I know you would be pleased on general principles, but particularly because of the answers we receive from Southern editors. In many cases they send special messages, and make suggestions, some of which have been very helpful. I am going to send you one or two, because they need answering from your standpoint.

We sent your copy of the Baltimore Minutes to your Portland address, as we did not know you were in the field, and of course it was not forwarded. I am sending you a copy to-day.

We were all glad to get your love, and everyone in this office always speaks kindly and tenderly of you. I shall write you more to-day, but this is in answer to your letter.

Cordially yours

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO.

August 7/1906

DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

I have been complaining so much of late in regard to the pressure of work that I am afraid you will rather dislike to hear from me again, but I have a letter from Miss Shaw to-day approving of what I was obliged to do in the matter of Mrs. Boyer, and I feel a great deal easier. Then, too, I have cleared up several knotty problems that troubled me, and I hope I will not be quite so impatient in the future.

The press work is coming on splendidly. Every day we are having answers by the dozen from editors who are willing to take our matter. I have decided upon our filing system and the machinery part of it, and I think we shall enjoy it greatly. We are much pleased to find that so many of the articles have been used and returned to us through the Clipping Bureau. We are particularly delighted with the responses from the Southern editors, many of them making good suggestions and showing great interest.

I have a long rambling letter from Mrs. Duniway, in which she calls everybody terrific names. I haven't half digested it, and am not going to. I also have a letter from Miss Pease, which seems more hopeful as far as the money-raising in Oregon is concerned. She says Mrs. Duniway thinks she is the only woman who is doing any newspaper work, and as long as she is signing articles and leaving the Association alone she does not waste any time with her. She says she has no money to pay for sending out press articles, but is asking the members to see the editors of their papers and

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"keep us in memory in this way until we get some effective work done!" She says the antis are going to make a gigantic effort to keep us from securing the petitions, but as they are mostly out of town at present she is trying to get the petitions as fast as she can. She also says there is a steady demand coming in for her to organize the counties and precincts just as soon as the rainy season opens in April, and that the ladies of the Executive Board have asked her if she can do this work; she replied that she would do it for \$75.00 a month and her expenses when she is away from the city. She adds that the Portland women are delighted with the way she manages Mrs. Duniway. She encloses a letter signed by Mrs. Coe as President of the Oregon Equal Suffrage Association, in which she asks for money to pay the salary of the field secretary.

Every day brings some new developments in regard to Oklahoma. It seems now that the Indians and the colored people constitute one-fourth of the voting population. I have been making a little calculation about the cost of a campaign there, and it seems to me that if we allow Mrs. Biggers a little clerk hire, Dr. Woods gets there the first of September, two or three people before the Constitutional Convention, and Miss Shaw, that we ought to do it for \$1,000.

In a letter dated July 25, Mrs. Coe tells me they are going ahead with the petition work, and already have 2,000 of the ~~names~~ names. and need 6,000 more.

Cordially
Harriet Taylor Upton

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August 8/1906

Dear Miss Clay:-

As Miss Shaw is still away, the campaign and organization committee is left with us, and I am sending you two letters from Mrs. Biggers, just to show you a little of the work we are doing. She mentions Rev. Mr. White, who is a Southerner, and if you have time will you write him a little letter? I am sending him some literature..

I think things are looking better and better all the time out there, and I have always had a hope for some show. Since the Farmers' Alliance is co-operating with the Labor Federation, and the Initiative & Referendum people are allied with the labor element, we have quite a powerful ally in the labor forces. I hope to see Mr. Gompers at Youngstown on Labor day, but I may not have an opportunity for any conversation.

Now that Miss Shaw approves of my decision in regard to Mrs. Boyer and some other things, I am feeling a little happier.

Cordially yours

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO.

August 9/1906

DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

The Prohibition party in Oregon has had, or will have, a reception for Dr. Homer L. Castel (whoever he may be). Among the invited guests were Mrs. Duniway and the Secretary of the Socialist party in Oregon. I take it ~~that~~ from Miss Pease's letter, received this morning, that Mrs. Duniway has come out in an open letter declining to attend this banquet, because of the action of the Prohibition party in the late campaign. The Socialists have declined for various reasons, one of which is that Mr. Castel said he believed women should not vote.

Miss Pease sends me a copy of the letter from the Secretary of the Socialist party, asking what I think of her publishing it, together with the one Mrs. Duniway wrote, with some comments thereon, her idea being that she would tell the Prohibitionists she did not think they realized how they were being led onward by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, etc., etc. At first I thought it was because I was ^{the} officer in charge of Headquarters, but later it occurred to me that it was because the press work is being done here. I have replied that I am unable to give her any advice in this matter, that I know nothing about the conditions in the first place, and that in the second place the Oregon Association ought to adjust such things. To my mind it is not wise to notice either of these letters, and yet if Mrs. Duniway has said startling things it does seem necessary to have them modified a little. When I

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was writing her to consult the Oregon Association I laughed aloud, because I knew this would be no easy matter, as far as I can make out. I had occasion to re-read a large number of the Oregon letters which are in the office, and I find that no two of the people who were in that campaign agree as to the capability, the honesty and the willingness to work of any of the people who were there. It is perfectly ludicrous! This fact gives me nothing whatever to work on. Usually I could consult the faithful, but in this case there don't seem to be any. All through the campaign Dr. French was considered a great stand-by, but in the end it was she who knocked over Miss Gordon's plan for raising money. Some thought that Dr. Pohl and Mrs. Evans were great aids to the Association, but now Miss Pease says she is very glad I waited to consider her letter before answering in regard to the National paying her salary, because she thinks the Oregon people are going to do this, and adds that Mrs. Evans and Dr. Pohl will not do anything more probably, that they did not do anything until the National officers came there, and they will not again until there is some glory attached to it. I have been feeling all the time that these two were the stable ones.

A little while ago Miss Chase wrote that she was so glad the counties in which she spoke and worked turned out so well, - not that she didn't want the other counties to, but it was a personal gratification to her, and she thought it was largely due to the fact that she had men chairmen of committees. Miss Pease writes me they have discovered that a number of the men who served as chairmen of the campaign committees belonged to the antis, and served in that capacity in order to give Mr. Reed the information as to what was going on inside our ranks.

I am writing this to let you know about the Duniway dash, the socialist letter, and that the Oregon work looks better as far as money is concerned.

Cordially yours

Harriet Taylor Upton

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Miss Clay - if you
think it worth while
to reply to this fellow
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H. J. Upham

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Warren, Ohio, Aug. 11, 1906.

Dear Member of the Business Committee.

I enclose herewith copy of a letter from Mrs. Duniway to Miss Blackwell. The latter has sent it to me with the request that I have it copied and forwarded to you.

Very truly yours,

Harriet Taylor Clifton

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Aug. 11th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I returned Miss Pease's Letter and enclosures promptly; and wrote you a letter about the \$2000 investment and enclosed the checks for that amount. Then I left all the letters unanswered on other points, because I had other letters which seemed more pressing. This afternoon I am going to Richmond for a day or two; and I have been reading over the letters from Aug. 3rd to this date to see what ought to be answered before I go.

I thank you for the copy of the minutes which I have received.

I have a letter from Lucy Anthony, in answer to yours asking what date Miss Shaw can give for the Ky. convention. She says she can not promise any for November, and offers Oct. 11th. This we feel we cannot accept, as November is the earliest month which is convenient for our clubs; and as the Ashland E.R.A. has invited the convention, with the information from two of the most active women that the latter part of November will suit them best, we feel doubly bound to take that time. We will get Miss Shaw if possible; if not, I hope we may find some other good speaker.

I am pleased with the way Miss Pease has taken hold of things; except that I do not approve of the idea of organizing another state Association with the view of leaving Mrs. Duniway out. If I know that old lady at all, any such step would fail utterly to keep her out, and would naturally anger her to the last degree. Do not encourage such a step. I do hope the Oregon Asso. will pay for Miss Pease's salary; but

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we ought to see that she is kept employed till the petition is in and filed. I have said all the while that if ever we had another Initiative Petition necessary for a campaign, in the light of the Oregon experience I would advocate the National's beginning right at once to get it, working it in with other campaign education. Therefore I am decidedly of the opinion that we should stand back of the salary, if necessary, till the petition is filed. Then we may rest on our oars till we get ready to commence the campaign again. The fact that the campaign is on by the petition's being filed will compel attention to the question all the time; and spur the local people to keep up some sort of agitation, which desultory efforts can do. But steady work, like getting the petition, needs steady and systematic work, and must not be left to haphazard management. I approve, then, of your promise to Miss Pease to stand responsible for the salary till Miss Shaw returns; and after that I shall certainly urge the course I have just described.

I am pleased that you are feeling so cheerful about the Oklahoma campaign. Pray continue to let me know letters you wish to write; and I will do it when I can, though that will probably not often be promptly, for I have so many things to look after.

If I have omitted to write of something I ought to have mentioned, please call my attention to it next time.

Love to all.

Always cordially yours,

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August 11/1906

DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

OREGON: A letter from Dr. Jeffreys contains the information that she is to go to Salem next week, and will secure some names there. She says the same thing about Mrs. French and her attitude in the meeting where the plan to raise the money in the State for Miss Pease's salary was repudiated. She adds that Miss Gordon did not consult her in engaging Miss Pease, and that she was not present when it was done; she thinks it unwise for Miss Pease to give up her school at \$80. per month and depend upon the State for her salary; that she does not see how the State can raise this money, and yet she says Miss Pease thinks she ought to continue in the work in order to keep Mrs. Duniway out. She suggests that after the petitions are in we might let the work rest a while; that the National has done so much for the State she does not feel like asking any further assistance, but is sure the money cannot be raised there to keep Miss Pease all the time. She agrees with Miss Pease in regard to Mrs. Evans and Dr. Pohl, saying that although they agreed to help to raise the money, etc., they could not be depended upon to do it, that they never do anything except when there is a chance to make a show, when they come to the front and make believe they are the whole thing. Dr. Jeffreys says she wishes I would decide what to do with Miss Pease and let her know at my earliest convenience in order that she may resign from her school work, if necessary.

I also have a long letter this morning from Mrs. Evans,

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or, rather, Elizabeth has, in reply to a letter sent to her about press work. She is very liberal in her criticism of many things regarding the campaign, which to me does not amount to anything, because she criticises along the old line. For instance, she says she thinks it is very unwise for us to advertise that the "400" is opposed to us in Portland, because there is a "400" in every town and they feel that they must also oppose us. Personally, I am glad they do, because there are 400 times 400 in every town whom I should prefer to have on our side. In fact, she is arguing from the old political standpoint, not from the new. I quote on^d paragraph: "The situation in Oregon is in somewhat of a tangle; I have to all appearances dropped out of suffrage work for the reason that I believe the best policy for the next two or three ~~xxxxxx~~ months will be to let the matter rest until the opposition dies out and some domestic affairs adjust themselves; under existing circumstances I do not think it wise to begin the campaign immediately, but I understand the work of having the petitions signed is being pushed with some success; do not think I am pessimistic on the outlook for Oregon; I believe the cause of suffrage is won in Oregon, for it has had an education which has set the people in every section of the State to thinking, and when people think on a cause that is just it but remains a question of time when the opposition will be overcome; the Oregon campaign was worth all it cost, and the very opposition it aroused helped the cause, as well as the State."

I am writing all this because I want you to have such information as comes to me, and I think you ought to know what people are saying so that you will be able to advise Miss Shaw if she so desires. I am writing Dr. Jeffreys that as soon as Miss Shaw returns she will hear authoritatively from her.

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OKLAHOMA: We have been pushing the Oklahoma press work, and word comes this morning that their press chairman is going away for a time. I would use my influence to induce her to give up this trip until someone else can be found to help, but she is not very well, and it might be ~~that~~ unwise to do so. This is a time when all sorts of reunions and State conventions are being held in Oklahoma, and we are trying in every way to get speakers for those conventions--some are territorial and some district--, but it does not seem possible. It is too bad we cannot have someone in the field. I supposed there was no work to be done in the summer, but it seems that in this I was wrong. I am getting letters now from people out there who do not know there is a territorial suffrage association. If I did not have the same inquiries every now and then right here in the State of Ohio, I should feel like blaming the Oklahoma suffragists.

FINANCIAL: You may be interested to know that the N.A.W.S.A. has just \$10.00 in its general treasury.

Cordially yours

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO Aug. 13, 1906.

Dear Miss Clay,

I received your \$2000 00, in the checks for \$1900 00 and \$100 00. I am going this very afternoon to see two bits of property and will decide tomorrow probably which I will take. Both are within a short distance of the office and are good security I think. Elizabeth wanted to know how we should enter this money on the books, and I told her that I understood this had nothing whatever to do with the Association; that you simply were asking me as a personal friend to make this loan for you, the Trustee of the Laura Bruce estate, and when the proper time came for you to hand over the money, you would do so. Is not this right? I felt sure of it and did not think it necessary to write you in regard to it, but Elizabeth does not feel quite so sure.

I note what you say about taking the note under the name of Laura Clay, Trustee under the Will of Laura S. Bruce. You need never thank me for making these investments. I just love to do it.

I have two disgusting letters this morning from Oregon. One is from Dr. Jeffreys and she says Mrs. Duniway is acting in a very trying way and doing everything she can to block progress and to get the Association in bad repute. She says we will never get suffrage in Oregon in the world as long as Mrs. Duniway lives. When I think of putting thirteen thousand dollars into a state and then letting one aged woman counteract the whole effect of that money, it makes me sick. I shall be glad when Miss Shaw

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comes home and the question is settled as to whether we shall go on with the Oregon work or not. I am writing to every name I can get in Oklahoma urging the women to go ahead there and I am more and more encouraged all the time. I am telling every woman to whom I write that the National has about made up its mind that it will not go into a state and take hold of a campaign unless there are some peculiar circumstances until the people of that state are willing to do the preliminary work and are willing to show an interest. I really think if we could raise our forces in Oklahoma we might win.

I know you will be pleased when I tell you that the answers from Editors which continue to come in from the south are exceedingly favorable to us. Florida seems to be a special field and every now and then an Editor asks who our leaders are in Florida. What a pity we have nobody! It makes me so anxious sometimes.

Very truly yours,

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO

August 15/1906

DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

OKLAHOMA: Mrs. Biggers and I have been trying to get in closer touch with the initiative and referendum people, the labor unions, the grangers, etc., and I think we are making splendid progress.

Hon. Robert Owen, of the Territorial Initiative & Referendum League, writes that he is in favor of woman suffrage, and gives his reasons. Mr. Henraty (?), of the Federation of Labor, is also in favor. We have asked Mrs. Watson (who attended the G.A.R.'s last meeting with Dr. Woods and secured a resolution in our favor) to go to Shawnee to address the labor meeting and get a resolution from them. She expected to do so, but for some reason is unable to, and Mrs. Biggers says she will go herself. I am very much pleased over this, because Mr. Henraty says he thinks there is no doubt at all of our getting a resolution passed through that body, and it seems to me it should be asked for by the territorial President. As I have written you several times, the Federation of Labor in the Twin Territories consists of the farmers and the laboring men,- it is a sort of union of the two.

The new editor of the Chickasha Star used to be on the Kansas City Star, and that paper has been taking our articles for some time. I have just written him as pleasant a letter as I possibly could in regard to the newspaper work in the Territory, and hope to hear from him. I do wish we could afford to have one of the Territorial women visit most of the newspapers there. If someone

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could do this now, before things are settled, it would be splendid!

I have written to presidents of local clubs out there, asking them to report to me the conditions in their section, and asking if their club is going to be willing to do its share of the work. I will follow with other letters later. Mrs. Biggers and I talked of this in the beginning, and she thought I ought to write, but I thought she should; but as she received very few answers I thought I would try it, and see if I could wake them up. I do wish there was a flying machine between here and Chickasha, so that I might take the trip out there and see Mrs. Biggers, and get things in shape to turn over to Miss Shaw.

As long as the Initiative & Referendum, the labor unions, the grangers, the socialists, etc., are for us, I cannot see why we do not stand a chance of having our question at least brought before the Constitutional Convention. If the Territory is to adopt the Initiative & Referendum, surely we want to be a factor in that work too.

I never can get over congratulating ourselves that we went to see Mr. Gompers and secured his personal interest, for now, at my request, he has written the labor people in the State, and is doing a lot of good for us.

I have been sending the National Initiative & Referendum various items of news as they come in through my letters, and in many cases ~~they~~ they did not have the information; consequently, the National League feels very kindly toward us, and I feel quite sure will stand by us to a large degree.

I know you all laugh every time I write of Oklahoma with

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with any kind of courage, but you know I have been laughed at from the beginning, and so am not sensitive now. Recent letters from there have been so encouraging that I looked up the price of a ticket to Chickasha and return, thinking that if it was not too expensive I would go out and confer with Mrs. Biggers. I thought I could be away for a week, but when I found how much it would cost and realized that we have no money in the treasury, and must draw from our reserve fund for our running expenses, I knew I must not even dream of such a thing.

We have secured a woman to do the press work in Texas. As I was reading a paper one day I noticed the names of some young people in that State who had been debating the question of woman suffrage, so I wrote one of them, and received the facts in regard to it and also the name of a Mrs. Hill who lives at Prairie Hill. She turned out to be a writer, a woman of a good deal of standing, and has been interested in suffrage all her life. I therefore asked if she could get articles into the papers in her neighborhood as an individual chairman, and she replied that she would, and if there was no one to do this in other parts of the State she would do that also.

We are perfectly astonished at the favorable attitude of the Southern press toward us, and are delighted and refreshed by the encouragement we get through our press letters. Although the press work has added much to our care, it is also a tonic for us.

Did I write you about the International Brotherhood of Teamsters endorsing woman suffrage at Chicago? We appointed three National delegates, and when Mrs. McCulloch reported she said: "I spoke briefly, and was so choked with tobacco smoke that I coughed several times; so I know it was not the eloquence of the speaker which procured the following resolution: 'We congratulate

the women of Finland and Australia upon their recently securing National suffrage, and pledge to the women of the United States our help and sympathy in obtaining suffrage'."

The Secretary of the Farmers' Union in Oklahoma (you knew this body and the Federation of labor are affiliated) says this affiliated body will control the Constitutional Convention, that whatever they demand they undoubtedly, under existing conditions, will get.

Faithfully yours

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Dear Misses Shaw & Clay:-

Miss Beulah Hartman, Aztec, N.M., has written to me that she wants to be employed by the National Suffrage Association, she thinks of taking a course at the Columbia College of Expression in Chicago, and if she does and receives a high recommendation from the faculty as a public speaker, she would like to have us engage her as an organizer and public speaker; she would like to have two evenings in a place,- give a recital the first night, and the second night lecture and organize; expects to be in college a whole year; says her heart and soul are in our work; thinks the National would make no mistake in engaging her; realizes this sounds egotistical, but is so deeply interested in the cause she wants to speak very plainly; gives as references Mrs. Werth, St. Louis, Mrs. Francelia King, Hopkins, Mo.; says she is almost 23 years old; has been doing newspaper work; has been a reporter for the N.Y. Tribune for the past six months; says she would want \$50. a month to start, with collections for expenses.

I have written her that all such applications must first go before our sub-committee (Shaw, Upton and Clay), and then before the whole Board, but that I would give her a little personal advice. I therefore told her that if she expects to make a living as a reader and lecturer she ought to go to the school as she proposes, but if

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she expects to devote her life, or a part of it, to suffrage, she better take that money and, instead of going to college, give her services for a little time to the National work, beginning at the bottom. I wanted to suggest that she offer herself to Oklahoma, but not knowing anything about the youngster, and knowing Mrs. Biggers is not the kind who would turn her down, I did not mention it. I told her that when I heard from you I would write her again.

As soon as convenient, please give me your opinion as members of the sub-committee.

Cordially yours

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Dear Miss Clay:-

Your letter of August 11 duly received. I have not cashed the checks you sent me, for when I came to look over the property I was not satisfied. I do not like to take anything upon which we might be obliged to foreclose later; I much prefer to take new houses built by young people who are paying interest and part of the principal as they go along. Foreclosing, even if the property is valuable, is an expensive thing. However, I am on the look-out, and will get something soon. In the meantime there will be no interest lost. When I cash the checks I shall let you know.

I am sorry Kentucky cannot have Miss Shaw, but perhaps you can get someone else. Have you ever heard of Rev. Mr. Bigelow, of Cincinnati? I consider him one of the finest orators in this country at the present time. We had him one evening at Baltimore. Maybe he would go to you. Would you not like Mrs. Kelley? Of course I know you do not quite agree with her in some things, but she is a splendid convention worker.

I was glad to read what you wrote about Miss Pease, Mrs. Duniway, etc. It makes me fairly shiver when I think of our spending about \$15,000 in Oregon, and then have one person, like Mrs. Duniway, do so much to hurt us.

You will see by this morning's B.C. letter how things are coming on in Oklahoma. I have felt all the time that even if we do not win we ought to put up a pretty good fight there, because of the future work.

Cordially yours

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August 17/1906

DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

Dr. Woods writes that it is not possible for her to go to Oklahoma in September, and wonders that anyone thought she could, because she is not well, her younger sister is to be married, her older sister is in Europe, her brother's children--mere babies--are there for the summer, they have no help, and she is not well. She has manifested so much interest in Oklahoma all the time that I thought when it came to the test she might go. She says, however, when it comes time for the Constitutional Convention if we think she can be of service she will plan to go, that if Mrs. Biggers and the Oklahoma people really need her and there is no money in the treasury she will go for that purpose without any salary, because she is so interested in the Oklahoma question.

I am awfully disappointed about this, because I feel we have some little chance in Oklahoma, provided the preliminary work is well and quietly done. If we wait to begin our work at the time of the Constitutional Convention, I fear it will be too late to accomplish anything. We should have State organizations endorse us long before that, and should make ourselves felt with the labor unions.

I do not know how this will effect Mrs. Biggers, for she has really been building on having Dr. Woods to help her.

Have you any suggestions to make?

They are going to have a great celebration on Labor Day in Oklahoma, and the women want some good National speaker.

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Mrs. Biggers is going before the State Federation of Labor herself, but that will not be sufficient. Governor Folk of Missouri is to be the orator of the day, and the women hope to get a place for one of our speakers. It was for this reason I was so anxious to have Dr. Woods go to Oklahoma by September 1, after the Business Committee had voted that she was the proper person to go.

You will remember that Thomas B. Reed was one of our best friends when in Congress, and his daughter, Kitty, has always been a good suffragist. She married an army officer, and is now Mrs. Balentine. I have always kept in touch with her, because whenever I wanted a few dollars I felt free to write her, and she has been very generous. Miss Anthony was very fond of her, and always wrote her a personal letter when she made these contributions.

When Miss Anthony last saw her she made her promise that she would do something worth while for suffrage, and she has gone into the Equal Suffrage League of San Francisco as corresponding secretary. She now writes me that she is going to start a little paper for suffrage workers on the Pacific Coast, and make it a monthly. For some reasons I am rather sorry, but I really think the workers on the Coast ought to have a little paper of their own. The New York people get an immense amount of good out of theirs, and the ~~Max~~ Iowa paper is splendid. Of course it would be better if we could have a general organ---I mean one general organ---, but since they want something of this sort out there, I am very glad Mrs. Balentine is going into this work. She has not given it out publicly, so I shall ask Miss Blackwell not to mention it in the Journal.

Cordially yours

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO

Aug. 20, 1906.

Dear Miss Clay,

I am sending you a clipping which was sent me this morning. I get things of this sort every mail. Isn't it provoking? Please return it to me when you are through with it.

I have a long letter from Miss Shaw this morning, telling me about the Copenhagen meeting and how Miss Hay wanted to be made a delegate in place of Mrs. Harper, but Mrs. Avery held out and would not allow her to be. I shall be glad to see Miss Shaw and to talk over all the things with her.

By the way, nobody of the National officers will ever know about the work in Headquarters save you. Mrs. Kelley has many new ideas that are splendid, but they are not the poking kind of orders such as Headquarters must do. Miss Shaw, in her letter the other day, said it was all right for me to take on extra help but of course we could not continue to have so many in the office and that after the Chicago convention we would have to make changes. Of course nobody knows how this will come out, but you at least I feel sure think that I ought to have all the help I myself thing I need.

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August 20/1906

Dear Mrs. Kelley, Miss Blackwell and Miss Clay:-

I am writing to you three members of the Business Committee only. Miss Gordon is to be away so long she will not have a voice in the Business Committee meeting this fall, Miss Shaw will have personal letters from me, and I am not writing Dr. Jeffreys because she has already given me this information which I am sending on to you. I am making this explanation so that you will understand why I am addressing only a part of the Committee, instead of the whole.

It seems the condition in Oregon grows worse and worse. Each mail brings me letters, and letters which Mrs. Duniway has sent to other people are being forwarded here to me. Poor Miss Pease writes every few days. She is trying so hard to get the petitions and keep things smooth, and is pretty nearly discouraged. Dr. Jeffreys has been sending me clippings, and says she will continue to do so. These are largely by Mrs. Duniway, in which she declares the Woman Suffrage Association and the W.C.T.U. must be divorced, that we must go our own way, and all the ridiculous things she can possibly think of. This is stirring up the W.C.T.U. of course, and since many of them did splendid precinct work and helped in every way possible, they naturally do not like this. However, Mrs. D. is bound to do this, and no one seems able to stop her. Mrs. French, Dr. Jeffreys and Miss Pease had a conference just after Miss Pease had been with Mrs. D., and she says the schemes and the plots which Mrs. D. has on hand, in which she wants Miss Pease to help

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her, are something astonishing; that Mrs.D. is determined to be elected President or Honorary President, that she intends to have an amendment to the Constitution, and that she wants absolute power to control the coming campaign. She says Mrs.Evans has agreed to this last proposition, and this is no doubt true, because a meeting was held at which Dr.Jeffreys, Mrs.Coe and several others were not present, and Mrs.D. and Mrs.Evans helped to put a rule through which made Mrs.D. acting president in the absence of Mrs.Coe. Dr.Jeffreys feels very badly about it all, and says there is no use talking they never can carry the question in Oregon as long as Mrs.Duniway lives. She says the W.C.T.U. people are now about to form another association with Mrs.Colby as one of the leaders; that Mrs.Evans is planning a new suffrage association with Mrs. Duniway as Honorary President, and that the regular people are going to have an association with Mrs.Coe as President; that all these factions are working very hard just now. In the meantime, the regular suffragists seem to be stampeded. Mrs.Coe has refused to stand, Dr.Jeffreys and Mrs.French have also declined, and Mrs.Points will not act as Secretary. Dr.Jeffreys says she is just sick over it, and feels like giving it all up. Of course this is not the right spirit, and yet we know that the Doctor is more or less powerless; I must say I am a good deal like her, when I see a fight I want to run. And such a fight! Goodness!

I am reporting all this to you, because these Oregon matters will have to be settled at our next Business Committee meeting, and of course you ought to know what is happening.

Cordially yours

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Dear Miss Clay:-

There is no question but that we will have to have a Business Committee meeting this fall; just where it will be and when, I do not know. I am simply writing to ask what dates will be most convenient for you, and hope you will let me know, so that I may have the information ready for Miss Shaw when she returns. She begins her fall work the 20th of September, and as her first date is in Minnesota and she will have to make some preparation for it, I should think we would have to finish our meeting by September 15 at least. To my mind it is very important that we have the meeting early,- Oklahoma is hanging fire, and the Oregon conditions are far from being satisfactory to any of us. I have had so much care of and love for Oklahoma that I feel the best work we can do there will be the early work; and if we cannot do it, I do not think there will be much use for us to go into the Constitutional Convention.

Now, then, Miss Shaw will have a few days' time between the Ohio and New York conventions, between the 7th and the 17th I think. However, her dates are pretty badly mixed up, and I may be mistaken in regard to this.

The question is whether we shall have our meeting in September or October, and whether it will be in Warren or Philadelphia. The arguments for and against both places are about the same. Meetings of that sort ought to be held at Headquarters, because all the material is there; at the same time, there are four officers in the East, or will be, and the expense of holding the meeting there

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would of course be much less, for only you and I would incur much expense in getting there. I understand from Dr. Jeffreys that she is coming East in September, her husband having been appointed commissioner for the Jamestown Exposition, where he will have to go to locate the Oregon building, etc.

In writing, please give me your opinion first as to the financial part of it, and then as ^{to} the time you prefer.

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August 21/1906

DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

Since my last report to you matters have been progressing pretty well in Oklahoma, and I am surprised to find how many people in the Territory favor woman suffrage, much more than I thought they would, and the Initiative & Referendum people think we are a greater power than we really are. Mrs. Biggers seems to have a good deal of courage, and is going to attend the State Federation meeting of Labor as speaker, but says she is sorry Dr. Woods cannot be there to help her the 1st of September, for she really does not know how to go at the questioning of candidates. I am corresponding with everyone I can think of out there to stir them up to help her, and she thinks that in towns that are organized the clubs will do the questioning, but that in the State generally they will have to depend largely upon her letters.

Mrs. Bailey, who has charge of the press work in Oklahoma, wrote that she was going away for two months, and we were quite discouraged over this; but she has changed her mind and will not go, which is good news to me, as she is quite efficient.

Cordially yours

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Dear Member of the Business Committee:-

Have I reported to you before that I have learned that the reason Mrs. Evans went back on her agreement to help get the money for the field secretary in Oregon was because she wanted her daughter, Mrs. Pittinger, appointed to this position, instead of Miss Pease?

Several days ago I wrote Miss Blackwell about certain matters in regard to Oregon, and she says: "I am very strongly of the opinion that we ought not to encourage her (Miss Pease) to give up an \$80.00 a month position as teacher, unless the National is prepared to pay her salary for the next two years!XXXXXXXXXXXX On the whole, I should advise having her go back to her school."

I have another letter from Miss Pease to-day, in which she says there are a few people in Oregon who think it best to give up all suffrage work, getting petitions and all; but she thinks it perfectly suicidal, and so does Mrs. Waldo, also Mrs. Bye, and such people; says she has not written to a single campaign committee in the State which is not willing to go on with the work, except of course the committees that were headed by men. She says she does not see why the people in Oregon cannot raise the money due her, and she thinks they will, and that there is going to be mere harmony between the elements there; that the only men that were on committees who are standing by her are Messrs. Sain, Bishop and Bible.

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DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE: -

In a very nice way Dr. Fanny Leake Cummings, of Washington, has written me that several Oregon men have said that one reason we failed in Oregon was because women outside of the State took a hand in the campaign, and she feels that when Washington comes to have a campaign it ought to be run on a different basis,- in other words, the Washington people ought to run it themselves, and not people from the East.

I have written her that the National Association agreed with her entirely, but the trouble was that as a rule the people in a State were inexperienced and it was hard to get them to take the responsibility of a campaign, but that if Washington was anxious, and was capable and willing, the National would be very much gratified.

If I were President of the Association or Corresponding secretary, or even one of the leading officers, I would not consider it necessary to report all these things, but as I am acting for other people of course it is quite a different matter.

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Aug. 23, 1906.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO



Dear Member of the Business Committee:-

This is a funny world. After all my great anxiety and worry to settle the press work with Mrs. Boyer before July 20th. so that she could accept the position in the schools in Columbia, and all that sort of thing, her whole plan has been changed. Her son had his knee badly hurt, her brother in law was operated on for appendicitis her other brother in law got kicked in the face by a horse and Mr. Boyer was prostrated by nerves, all within a few days. Mr. Boyer went into the mountains, got a good deal better, and the head book-keeper in the store of one of her brothers in law was paralysed, Mr. Boyer was given his place, (the store is in Centralia) and they have taken a small house there, have moved part of their goods and she has given up her work in Columbia. It therefore would not have been possible for her to have come to Warren, or if she had she could not have staid. Doesn't it seem strange? She is doing some painting and helping Mr. Boyer on the books until he gets strong. Her sick folks are all getting better. She writes me in regard to some Oregon bills and says in closing, "What are you doing about the Jamestown Exposition? It would be a great opportunity for propaganda. Miss Clay would be fine there. She is such a lady and her association with the south would give her a hold on the people." Perhaps we better think a little more of this Jamestown business. We have had it on our mind once or twice. I think I mentioned it in a late letter when I told you Mr. Myers had been made commissioner."

Yours very truly,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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Aug. 24th, 1906.

181 N. Mill street, Lexington, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I answer first your letter of Aug. 20th,

PLACE OF FALL BUSINESS MEETING. I think the Headquarters is the logical place for meeting. Since the press work is now done by order of the Asso/ at Headquarters and part of the office force is employed in that business, it is appropriate that when the Business Com. goes to the expense of holding an intermediate meeting, it should take the opportunity of inspecting the needs of the Press work and other Headquarters work, so as to make as intelligent a report as possible to the next convention of all the departments and their requirements for their greatest efficiency. No one who has not been in Headquarters can have the most intelligent understanding of its demands; and to make up one's mind without sufficient information is always to lay one's self open to grave mistakes. It is true that the few days of Committee meeting is not ample for that purpose; but it is certainly better than nothing. Not knowing the railroad fares, I am not qualified to express a positive opinion of the comparative expense of holding the meeting in Warren and in Philadelphia. I think the Business Committee should stay at a hotel during the meeting, whether it is in Warren or Phil., for I think you have burdens enough without entertaining such a number; and I think it would be very hard on Miss Shaw and Lucy Anthony to have to do so just after their long absence; for I would say it is important to have that meeting the first day that it is possible to gather the members together. The situation in Oklahoma cannot be satisfactorily settled without personal consultation; and the situation in O_{re}

Oregon is almost as critical. You ask what time and place I consider most convenient for myself. Warren is the most convenient for me; but I do not let that weigh in my conclusion of what is best for the work. My building makes it inconvenient to leave any time while that is going on; but again I do not lay any stress upon that, but say I think we ought to meet the very first date possible.

OKLAHOMA. Since I hope we shall meet before very long, I think it best not to make any suggestions about what shall be done to supply the place we expected Dr. Woods to fill.

OREGON. I am of the decided opinion that Miss Pease should be kept at work on the petitions until they are filed with the Secretary of State. I would be willing to consent to her dropping the press work and going back to her teaching if she could carry the petition work at the same time. I am only certain that the petition should be secured now without any interruption. If we cannot do it without employing Miss Pease for the year we must employ her for the year, even if the National has to pay for the entire time. As I have said before, I am not particularly anxious to push anything but the petition at this time. After that is filed, I think the ground might lie fallow for awhile with profit. I am not as much disturbed as some of the others about Mrs. Duniway's conduct; for the Oregon people know her, and I doubt if as much impression is made on the public mind as these newspaper articles seem to indicate. As for the quarrels among the suffragists, I found that dear Dr. Jeffreys had not as much nerve and haltness in handling Mrs. Duniway as was desirable. Let us get the petition, and then leave them awhile to fight out their own battles while we give our atten-

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tion to Oklahoma. We may be able to succeed in Oklahoma; at any rate, it is my duty to try. A year from now, if the petition is filed, will be time enough to renew the struggle in Oregon, and time will work for us in teaching us how to deal with these factions.

MISS BEULAH HARTMAN. While I am glad to know that young women are willing to enter the work of our Asso., I do not think we are in the position to make such promises of employment as Miss Hartman asks, and I think we should decline her offer in the friendly spirit in which you have already written to her.

VOTE SENT OUT AUG 2nd. I DID NOT UNDERSTAND THAT THE VOTE SHOULD BE returned to you; but now that I gather you have received it from others, I send mine.

REV. MR. WHITE. You did not send the letters of Mrs. Biggers as you spoke of doing. As the time has passed, you need not do it unless you think it important, as it is so warm I cannot do much writing.

KY. STATE CONVENTION. I thank you for your suggestion of Rev. Bigelow for our convention. I will speak of him to the others. It has been practically decided to have the convention in Ashland the latter half of November.

The heat is terrific, and the perspiration drips off me, and my clothing is damp all the time. Fortunately, the nights are tolerably comfortable. But in the day it is really dangerous to make much exertion.

Love to all in the office, and with much to yourself, I am

Always cordially yours,

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DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

I have been trying to have the State Convention in Oklahoma endorse our question, and had made arrangements with Mrs. Watson to attend the labor meeting at Shawnee, but at the last moment she found herself unable to do this, and after a great deal of urging and encouraging Mrs. Biggers went herself. I have a letter from her this morning, and she says that Convention endorsed the National resolution in our favor. I think this is splendid, particularly when we remember that the Grangers and the Labor people are affiliated under one organization in the twin territories.

Sometime ago I heard there was to be some sort of a celebration at Tulsa for Labor Day, and for that reason I wanted Dr. Woods to get into the Territory for work by that time, for I knew we would have a chance to speak if she were there. Mrs. Biggers writes that she has been talking this over with one of the labor men whom she met at ^{Lawrence} Guthrie, and he is very anxious to have Dr. Woods for that day, and offers to pay her expenses, - that is, her transportation and entertainment while there, if she will only be there to address that meeting. This is something we had not dreamed of. I have been wanting to offer a speaker to Mrs. Biggers for that day, but I felt I could not do so without consultation, and then, too, we are so short of money. She says this man is very anxious to have Dr. Woods, but I hope he will be satisfied with someone else

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if she cannot go. I have gone over Dr. Wood's letter file, and find that her sister is to be married soon. If the wedding should come in that week, of course she cannot go. However, I have telegraphed Mrs. Biggers to try for Dr. Woods, then Miss Gregg, then Mrs. Bradford. I suppose this labor man will pay the expenses of the speaker we send in case Dr. Woods cannot go; but if not, Miss Gregg's expenses would not be very great if she can go, as she is in Kansas.

The Initiative & Referendum people are working for us indirectly. Mr. Denwiddie, of Washington, D.C., the head of the anti-saloon league, is going into the Territory very soon. I have had Miss Gillette look him up, and she reports that his standing is exceptionally good, in the way of honesty and integrity. I will now ask another friend in Washington to look up his standing on the suffrage question. I presume he is opposed.

If I could only speak, and could get away, I would go to Oklahoma myself, for I could clear up so many things with Mrs. Biggers. I am so glad she is doing so well!

Hastily yours

Harriet Taylor Uplin

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DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

OKLAHOMA: I have written you several times that the grangers and the labor people of the twin territories had formed a union, and I supposed they met in unison at Shawnee when Mrs. Biggers addressed them, but it seems the farmers met ~~up-stairs~~ up-stairs and the labor men down-stairs. It took Mrs. Biggers from eleven o'clock Monday morning until twelve Wednesday night to go, come and address that labor meeting. This shows the distances in Oklahoma.

I have a nice long letter from her, in which she says she never was so surprised in her life as she was there; the men treated her with the greatest respect and courtesy; Mr. Hanratty, Territorial President of the State Federation of Labor, was most gracious to her; Mr. Lynch, who is at the head of the Initiative & Referendum, is also an officer in the labor association, and he was there. I had been corresponding with Mr. Shibley, the National man, about him, and he had written him in our behalf. I had also corresponded with Mr. Gompers in regard to the attitude of the labor men, and he undoubtedly had written Mr. Hanratty. At any rate, they were all good to her, and she was greatly pleased. She said there was so much confusion she didn't think they would listen to her, and she was badly frightened before she began, but the minute she appeared they quieted down, and she never had a more attentive audience. When she concluded she asked if they would not help us to incorporate woman suffrage in the Constitution, and there were cries all about

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the hall of "We will, we'll do it!" She says she was given very hearty applause. The vice-president made a motion that the resolution be endorsed, and that the committee put it in with the regular resolutions. There was a very hearty Aye vote, and not a single No. She could not stay for the report of the Resolutions' Committee, but did a good deal of visiting among the delegates, and in talking with one of them he said they had fully expected to get woman suffrage into the Constitution.

Mrs. Biggers says she thinks it is a great thing to have these men so in earnest about woman suffrage, even though it may be for personal and selfish reasons, because when men are interested in that way they are apt to do more than when they are working just from principle as we do. I like her very much; she is so sensible. There were some delegates from Tulsa, who were instructed to vote for a woman suffrage resolution at this convention. While she was waiting at the station she talked with a group of carpenters, who told her they were going to meet that night and pass resolutions concerning what they wished to have incorporated in the new Constitution, and, among other things, they said "We are going to pass a woman suffrage resolution unanimously".

She further says she understands the Farmers Alliance is not so much for us, because there are many Southerners in that society; but it is often reported that people are not for us, and when we get at them we find they are.

She also visited some of the suffrage women in Shawnee, and picked out those she considered strong and sensible. She has sent us their names, and I am going to write them. I shall also write Mr. Hanraty, Mr. Lynch, and the other men who were so good to her

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She is constantly sending lists of names of people to whom to send literature, and we are getting that out promptly.

She met two very prominent men while on this trip, one a candidate for Congress, and an out and out suffragist. The other is Judge Bryan, a young man, who says he isn't afraid to say anywhere that he is in favor of woman suffrage, that he has no special argument for it, it just seems sensible to him. There were three smart young women who were delegates to this labor convention, whose names she has sent us, and I shall write them also.

I am getting letters from people in different parts of Oklahoma, and some of the writers say the outlook is encouraging, while others refer to the indifference of the Southern people. Margaret Rees, who has been one of our correspondents for a long time, believes the machine politicians of Oklahoma are against us--- and of course we know they are---, and that they are in such power there we have not the ghost of a show. She sent me copy of a speech made by Governor Frantz, but I have not had time to read it. Mrs. Laskey, of Oklahoma City, is greatly elated over our prospects, because the Socialists in State Convention not only endorsed us but told why they are in favor, and referred to the economic conditions regarding women in an additional resolution.

In view of things picking up a little in Oklahoma, I am feeling that we ought to have our Business Committee meeting early. I have a letter this morning from Miss Shaw, in which she says Miss Gordon will not be back until December, but that we cannot wait to have it then, and thinks maybe we better have it immediately after the Ohio convention, which is to be held the 4th and 5th of October; she attends the Michigan convention after that, and then I

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believe has some vacant dates. I myself would prefer to have it the middle of September, before she starts West. It has been so long since we met together for consultation, that I think we ought not to wait. However, Miss Shaw will probably send out a vote when she comes home, and I will hear from her in the meantime. Miss Clay thinks the meeting ought to be held at Headquarters, and gives many good reasons. I think so, too; and I know you you will all be comfortable at our little hotel here, although of course there is no luxury connected with it. As I have said before, I cannot possibly entertain the committee under present conditions. Miss Shaw seems to think that Mrs. Avery, who has Miss Gordon's proxy, would prefer to come earlier, because she will not be settled in her own home for a few weeks, and would have that time free.

Cordially yours

HTU.-R.

Harriet Taylor Upton

Word has just come from Dr. Woods that she will attend the Territorial Labor Day meeting at Tulsa

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affiliation with the W.C.T.U. and Mrs. Kelley's connection with the Child Labor work help us in many ways. On the letter-head which he has sent me he has printed "Harriet Taylor Upton, Treasurer National American Woman Suffrage Association." Of course personally I could accept, but what I want to know is whether you are willing to have me accept, and have my official position on our board announced in this way. I know Miss Gordon would be in favor of this, for I recently received a letter from her in regard to kindred matters.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO

Warren, Ohio, Aug. 29, 1906.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:

President A. C. Scott, of the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, of Stillwater, in writing to Miss Mary Anthony in regard to the History and the Life and Work, says:

" I was a warm admirer of Miss Anthony and deeply interested in her work. There is a very profound interest in the subject of equal suffrage in this territory at the present time, but I do not think it will be incorporated in the state constitution. I think it very likely that it will be submitted to the people as a separate question when the constitution is voted upon. "

I do not want this quoted in any way outside, but I thought that his opinion might be worth something. I have written him in regard to it.

A letter has come from Dr. Woods in which she says that the pressure from Oklahoma was so great that she had to accept as speaker for Labor Day. I added that note to the letter which went out last night and I am mentioning it now because she says it will take her a week's time and she supposed of course that the Business Committee will be willing to pay her a salary for that week. She says there was no time to dicker about it and if they are not, she will have to go without it.

As a letter will not reach her before she starts work I will not be obliged to answer without authority from you.

Cordially yours,

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DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

A letter from Dr. Jeffreys, dated August 22, encloses an editorial from the Oregonian, which is just disgusting to read. The Doctor says Miss Pease had just telephoned her that she was ready to give up the whole thing. She adds that Mrs. Coe thinks this agitation is not going to do us any harm. Dr. Jeffreys advises our getting even with Mrs. Duniway by calling in all the petitions to Headquarters, and not filing them. She also says that the Temperance people are refusing to sign our petition.

I keep sending you information in the form of bulletins, because I know we shall have to consider the matter when Miss Shaw returns, and we ought to be thinking about it.

Cordially yours

Harriet Taylor Upton

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181 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

Aug. 30th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

Yours of the 27th just received. I am very willing that, as a National officer, you should be a member of the board of the federation of national associations that believe in the rule of the people.

I am delighted that you are having such good reports from Oklahoma. I was so sanguine of Oregon that I am not going to say much about our chances of success in Oklahoma; but I am clearly of the opinion that we should do all we can there. Who knows where victory may first come to us?

The heat has moderated greatly, and I feel revived by the agreeable change in the temperature.

Love to all .

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DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:)

You of course remember Mr. Shibley, the Initiative & Referendum man who was at the Baltimore Convention, and that he gave the Ohio Woman Suffrage Association the credit for having helped with the election of the present State Legislature, because of questioning the members on their attitude toward the Initiative & referendum.

I have had a great deal of correspondence with him during the past year, and when the Oklahoma campaign came up I wrote him about the men who were in his work there. I have been able to give him a good many points, and he has instructed his men to treat us well, which they have done so far.

Now he has organized a federation of national associations that believe in the rule of the people, with a splendid corps of officers and a number of vice-presidents. He has for an advisory board a good many senators and prominent mayors. In other words, it is quite a dignified organization. He has asked me if I will be willing to be the 5th vice-president. He has sent a copy of the letter-heads, with my name already printed. I suppose he thought I would be only too willing to accept the honor.

I am writing now to ask if you are willing that, as a National officer, I should become a member of that board?

For my part I think it strengthens our organization to have each one of us interested in some other National society. Miss Shaw's

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Warren, Ohio, Aug. 31, 1906.

Dear Miss Clay:

I am sending you a letter from Miss Florence Hoge. I think you met her when you were in West Virginia. I am writing her and explaining how she shall proceed to do the press work, but I cannot answer her anything in regard to the colored question, etc. Can you give her anything which she can pass on to her editor? It does make me so cross to think they are always quoting the darkey to us. The colored question is no more the question of the suffragists than it is the man who already has the right to vote. It isn't half as much. I am asking you to return the letter. It is easier for me to send it to you than it is to copy it.

My, my, how busy we are these days in this office! It used to be that Elizabeth and I had time to sit down and think of plans for raising money and then carry out those plans, but nowadays all we have time for is to attend to the letters and things which come into Headquarters.

I have written Gov. Franz, of Oklahoma, this morning. He has been talking a little against suffrage and has inferred that no-one of any account was a suffragist. I have therefore sent him the Roosevelt leaflet, or certain parts of it. He was appointed by Roosevelt and was one of the men who so gallantly (?) rode up San Juan hill.

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Hastily, but lovingly yours,

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Warren, Ohio, Aug. 31, 1906.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:

Mrs. Biggers and I together have been collecting lists of names of persons to whom we could send literature. We have sent out this literature very carefully, sending what we thought was appropriate for the Southern people in the Territory, what for the Northern, and making discrimination between the men and women, etc. Of course it is easy enough to send out 1,500 pieces of literature, but it is quite another thing to sit down and sort it all. However, as we are putting little or no money into the campaign except the expense which we are incurring at Headquarters, it seems to me the least we can do is to distribute plenty of literature. I have made a little calculation and concluded to cut off some of the names we have and then to send regularly once a week, something. By making a few verbal changes we have been able to use up a good share of the Protest leaflet which Miss Blackwell wrote.

Now I have done this without any authority because I knew you would all be willing, but I think before we go any further we should have some vote on the question. I am therefore sending you a vote which explains itself; in other words, I think we should have some limit. I thought at first of waiting until Miss Shaw's return, but it will probably be a week or so before she is able to attend to this kind of work.

Cordially yours,

HTU-J.

Harriet Taylor Upton