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Dear Miss Clay:-

Your letter of March 30 duly received. I have read very carefully your opinion about Oklahoma, and am writing you on another sheet in regard to the matter. You, Miss Shaw and I are now agreed that the Memorial is too expensive for us to get out.

I neglected to say that I would keep the notes here, because if the National should want the money the transfer would have to be made here.

Cordially yours

HTU.-R.

Harriet Taylor Upton

(COPY)

Portland, Ore. April 2nd. 1907.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I am just now in receipt of your letter to our State Secretary sent under cover to me, which I shall of course forward to her at once, although I know she has nothing to report except what appears on our official letter head.

The many little organizations of the W.C.T.U. which held our fort during the disastrous campaign of 1906-8 had never affiliated since; and we, in returning to first principles, as we are compelled to do if we are to have any hope of ever getting the ballot at all, are just beginning to get our forces into shape for effective work for that one purpose. We are hoping by the time of our annual meeting (next November) to show you a paid up state membership of which you will be proud. But they will be suffragists and not prohibitionists, as was almost universally the case during the late National campaign. Only a comparative few of the prohibitionists are suffragists even now. Most of their voting contingent always votes hand in glove with the Liquor League against us everywhere. They did it in the Oklahoma convention, one Roberts, their leader, voting against a suffrage clause in the constitution.

With my return to the leadership in Oregon, our old-time forces are gradually reforming their lines, our chief work at present being to bring back into harmony with us the leading business men of the State who organized themselves against us, for the first time last year. We feel keenly the death of President H.W. Goode of the Lewis & Clark Exposition originator of the Dumirey Day at the Centennial in 1905, who refused to join the business men's combine against us last June and upon whom I was depending for material aid in our present campaign. But I shall see his corpse after a suitable time and hope for good results. But much depends upon the co-operation of our National Board of which official plans are soon to reach the committee.

Cordially and for liberty,

Abigail Scott Dumirey.

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Dear Miss Shaw & Miss Clay:-

IOWA: I have a letter this morning from Mrs. May Hamilton, who was a delegate from Iowa to the National Convention, and has been so fired with enthusiasm ever since that she fairly enthuses me. She has started in on the enrolment work, and I guess she must be a new woman, because she thinks this is the first enrolment work that has been done there. She got the editor of a prominent paper to write the sentiment for her cards, and it is a very good one, he himself signing it. She says, "In Iowa 25 cents is the part of the club dues sent to the State Treasury, so I ask signers for this amount of dues, and that gives them the right to be represented in the State Association in Convention. The members of leagues are entitled to one representative in State conventions."

WASHINGTON: Word comes from that State that Mrs. DeVoe is meeting with success everywhere, that she has good meetings, adds members to old clubs, has organized some new ones, has secured several life members for the State, has left in every place a person to take subscribers for Progress, and the officers as well as herself seem to be delighted over the prospect of the Association. I have sent the State Treasurer \$50. for one month's work. You remember we voted at Chicago there should be three distinct months' work done. I thought I would quote to you from the letters, but they are rather diffuse.

INDIANA: Miss Chase has at last reached Kokomo, and is to go on to Tipton. She has formed a number of committees, and gotten

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some \$1.00 memberships. I take it that she has had pretty tough times in some places, and comfortable in others. The one woman upon whom we placed greatest dependence, Mrs. Pond, I imagine did not pan out very well, because Miss Chase does not say anything about her. Mrs. Pond is the woman who so kindly offered her home as a central stopping place for Miss Chase. In a recent letter Miss Chase said they formed a committee at Montpelier, and had to put Mrs. Pond in as president, but she felt sure she was not the right woman. Somehow I have the impression that she is rather fretful. It is Miss Chase's principle never to talk against people, and she never repeats anything unpleasant, so I have to read between the lines. When she has finished I shall send you a list of the committees she has organized, but for the present I shall report as I have been doing. She organized a club at Redkey, and conditions look^{ed} splendid there until she came to find a president, and then everybody was afraid to assume the responsibility. She seems to impress the church people, and in several places after she had spoken the minister the following Sunday preached a suffrage sermon. I think I never saw so indefatigable a worker as she. In one letter she says, "I came to Amboy unannounced; arrived at night, so had to go to a hotel. I made two calls that evening, and decided to have a parlor meeting next afternoon." Her last ^{weekly} statement showed that even in that hard field she had gathered fifty-eight cents more than her expenses. At Logansport she spoke at a woman's club, and when she asked if they would become auxiliary to a State Association when it was organized every hand went up. She says the majority of the people, so far as she knows, either at Tipton or Kokomo, are in favor of making it a full suffrage club, and have it become auxiliary to

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the State Association; but Mrs. Schofield, who has been president for many, many years, is opposed to that action. She, however, lives out in the country now, and is not well. Miss Chase will move on to Tipton, will be at Fairmount on Sunday, the 7th, and then will go to Kokomo. Miss Chase seems to be less discouraged about a State Association, and thinks it may be accomplished, as she has found one or two women who might take the presidency; and she writes that Mrs. Cougar is out of the State so much---abroad sometimes, Florida in winter, sea-shore in the summer---that she only makes a fuss spasmodically.

No answer necessary
HARTMAN: Dr. Woods is willing to have Miss Hartman accompany her on her trip, although Mrs. Stewart isn't quite so willing. I have written Mrs. Stewart, asking if she will think it all right for Miss Hartman to go for two weeks. I have not as yet heard from Miss Hartman in regard to the Illinois work. Miss Shaw and I talked of having her in Ohio with us, but when I figured the expense I decided we could not afford it. Miss Shaw, I believe, agreed with me in the matter.

WASHINGTON continued: They are raising money as they go for an organization fund, and are going to print a leaflet of instructions for entertainments for local clubs, the proceeds to go into the organization fund.

OKLAHOMA: Mrs. Biggers says the federated clubs of the State are showing great interest in having suffrage programs in their year-book, a thing they have not done heretofore.

Cordially yours

Harriet Taylor Upton

Ans. Spruill

Warren, April 8/1907

Dear Miss Shaw and Miss Clay:-

Enclosed find copy of a letter from Mrs. Boyer, this morning received, which seems to change the complexion of things a little, to my mind.

It will be remembered that Miss Shaw suggested, in a recent letter, that our outside limit for Mrs. Boyer be \$145.00 per month; and at the same time Miss Clay felt that Mrs. Boyer had estimated her expenses too high, and thought it would be better for us to continue to have her send in her monthly statements, and pay them as we had been doing. I was really unable to decide whether I could agree with one or the other of these propositions, and thus settle the matter without making it necessary for Miss Shaw to refer it to the Business Committee. In a letter received from Miss Shaw this morning, she asks whether she shall submit the matter to the Business Committee.

Clearly, the expenses in Oklahoma City are going to be less, and it looks now as if really effective work is being done. Shall we, therefore, have Mrs. Boyer continue to send in her expense accounts, as she has been doing; or shall we insist upon our former offer of \$135.00, this to include expenses?

It is my understanding of course that all the resolutions which they secure--from women's clubs, civic leagues, farmers unions, etc.--are to be made to bear directly on the legislature. I suppose, if a sufficient number of organizations in the State adopt resolutions asking that the question be submitted, that the legislature will pay some attention to it. Certainly we want to avoid, as Miss Shaw says, the expense of a great petition, if possible.

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In view of these later developments, let me know what you think of the financial end of the business; and also whether I shall instruct Mrs. Boyer that it is our opinion that all the resolutions should be brought to bear directly on the Legislature, as I have suggested above.

Yours most cordially

EJH.-R.

Harriet Taylor Upton

Apr. 8, 1907

Hotel Rasbach, Okla. City, Apr. 5/1907

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Dear Mrs. Upton:-

Please change our address from Guthrie to Woman Suffrage Headquarters, 122 W. Main St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The room, or, rather, rooms (it is divided by an arch) is on the fourth floor of building. The rent will be \$20.00 per month. This includes heat, but not light and janitor. We are fortunate in getting this room. It is central, and the Y.W.C.A. will occupy 5 rooms on the same floor. We surely ought to be able to get in touch with lots of these members; and the Business Women's League will also have rooms there. Hope to get into office to-morrow morning. Shipped goods from Guthrie on Monday. Came to Oklahoma City. Mrs. Biggers met me and decided on office location. Tuesday morning (5:30) I left for Watonga. Held a meeting under the auspices of the W.C.T.U., and got a unanimous endorsement for us. On Wednesday I had an address before the Civic Federation of Blaine Co., and they passed a unanimous Resolution and pledged themselves for woman suffrage. This federation is a political organization (non-partisan). Is composed of the representative men of the country. We had a regular love-feast. Wish you could have heard: those men make suffrage speeches from the floor! Mr. Patton (Baptist minister) said he wished he had the time to make a speech ten miles long for woman suffrage. Rev. Strong, of Watonga; Rev. Albertson of Hitchcock; Rev. King, somewhere in the country; Rev. Gowan of Okeene, all made enthusiastic speeches. Mr. Payne, the attorney of the district, took the floor for us, and will help us in every possible way. Two editors were present, and we landed them, solid. The County Supt. (Miss Gard) may be able to work for us for a month this summer. Mr. Dickinson (Farmers union) will arrange dates for speaker when we have one to send. He invited me to go to his home with him. I got a big list of influential names. In the evening I spoke in the Baptist church. Mr. Patton will give us the church whenever we want it. By this time the women had become enthused. (Mrs. Carter of Guthrie wrote to Miss Ferguson that I was a personal friend and a Club woman. The "club woman" caught them, and so Mrs. Ferguson gave me a reception at her home. She is wife of ex-Governor and "It" in Watonga. The women want to form a club. I suggested a Social Science Club for the promotion of woman suffrage, civics, good citizenship, etc. Train left too early, or we would have organized then and there. However, Dr. Woods is booked for Watonga April 10, and have written her to form the club.

The whole trip was very satisfactory. Miss Campbell had been trying to do some work in Watonga, and left there discouraged. We owe our success wholly to Mrs. Carter of Guthrie. She was our stand-by in Guthrie. Is president of the City federation of Women's Clubs. When I told her I was going to Watonga, she wrote to Mrs. Ferguson and landed me unduly as a club woman and the talks I had made to their clubs in Guthrie. The Watonga women are crazy to have a club; so we worked the club racket. Any other club woman could have done the same thing.

Shall be obliged to stay here at the hotel for a week or two. Dr. Gay is repairing her house, and my room is "being built". Then am to be her guest, so will be saved that expense.

Am impatiently awaiting instructions from the Business Committee. Have not been authorized to go ahead with leaflets, or to engage local workers. The farmers and other unions are holding their summer meetings and arranging public programs. We ought to be represented. Am grieved that we cannot have another edition of the Memorials. Mrs. Ferguson had a copy on her library table that she re-

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ceived last winter. People preserved them because they were attractive. No one seems to save the leaflets. Please send us a quantity of "Do You Know?", "Mayors of Five Cities", "Objections", "Suffrage a Right", and the smaller leaflets. We should have at least 500 of each until we can have some local matter printed. The Farmers Union meetings average 30 to 40 per evening, so you can approximate the quantity it takes.

There is to be a public meeting in Lawton April 12 or 14. Dr. Woods has an engagement for that date, so I have written Miss Gregg. If she cannot fill it, I must. It is too big an opportunity. Write you this to explain why I leave the office for these side trips. The necessity for me to go to Watonga was that both Doctor and Miss Gregg had engagements that made it impossible for them to accept. I hope to confine myself to Oklahoma City, if possible.

(Signed) Sincerely yours
Ida Porter Boyer

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April 10, 1907.

Amy M. Gordon

Dear Miss Shaw and Miss Clay:-

I am in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Koethen of Pittsburg in which she says that as she promised to let me know if anything happened in regard to a Constitutional Convention in Pennsylvania, she is now writing to say that the House of Representatives passed such a bill on April 3rd. She also says that a bill to give women the right to vote for school directors had been favorably reported on from the Joint Committee on Constitutional Reform. She asks if I think it would be sensible for them to work for this school suffrage bill, provide it passes, since everybody knows that it will be declared unconstitutional. It seems that some of the women clubs in and about Pittsburg will join with the suffrage club provide they undertake an active campaign. I have written that I would let her know later. What shall we advise her? I hardly know whether this comes within the jurisdiction of our sub-committee or not. If not, I do not know where it belongs.

I have a letter from Beulah Hartman in which she says that school work will last until the 3rd of May at which time she will be entirely out of funds and an office position here at the house (Y. W. C. A.) will be vacant at that time which she has asked for, and she would like to be able to continue student work with it as that requires only 4 1/2 hours study a day, with room and board furnished, and with \$20 a month extra.

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She says she is sure she can have it, but not intermittently. She must keep constantly at it. She says that if she was going into suffrage work she would be willing to work a month or even longer without expenses, and that she would like to go with a National organizer. But she is rather doubtful whether it is best to do it just now. She says, however, that ~~if~~ if "at any time your condition warrants your keeping a worker in the field continuously, if they are found satisfactory after the first few months, and you really want me, I will go" . I quote this to show you her English. She writes well. I think she is like many other people. She is a little visionary. When I saw her I talked with her a long time and carefully and she gave me to understand that she did not have to support herself entirely and that she wanted to give her life to suffrage and would be willing to do most anything. But when it comes to the test she is not so situated that she can serve our apprenticeship before she undertakes responsibility. I have therefore written her that she better accept the position at the Y. W. C. A. We can, of course, ask a girl to work for nothing and not promise her constant employment. If I had not understood from her that she was semi-independent I would not have had these negotiations. It is sure we must get some new workers somewhere somehow, but it looks as if Miss Hartman could not well be one of them.

I am quite elated this morning to have this word from Miss Blackwell "I congratulate you on the large amount of interesting matter you have got into Progress. It was a fine idea to have the picture of the Municipal Kitchen."

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Very cordially yours,

Harrist Taylor Upton

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April 12, 1907

Dear Miss Shaw & Miss Clay:-

Miss Chase is now going about in the neighborhood of Kokomo and Tipton, trying to make up her mind whether they ought to plan for a State convention and organization or not. When she went to Kokomo she found the majority of the club members, as I wrote you, in favor of suffrage, but that the leader, Mrs. Schofield, was not; she was therefore going back for a meeting on Wednesday. A day or two ago she wrote that she had seen Mrs. Waugh, who was very sick, was afraid of Mrs. Gougar, that the club was not a suffrage club, and that many of the members were opposed; that they held a suffrage meeting once a year; that Mrs. Waugh is a splendid woman, but has over-worked, is broken down, and is discouraged.

I have a nice letter from Miss Chase to-day, saying she went back to Kokomo, had a meeting on Wednesday, found that club in favor of joining the State Association, and even Mrs. Schofield is satisfied. ~~xxxx~~

She is now at Greensburg with Mrs. Thomson, and I think that within a few days they will decide whether to call a State convention or not.

Miss Chase seems to think this is expensive work, and is afraid we are not going to like it; yet she does not want to have a State Association until she finds the right person. I am trying to encourage her, for I think she has done mighty well.

By the way, we wrote to Mr. Baker, of Texas, asking if he introduced the bill into the Texas Legislature, or if he was asked

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to do it, and if the latter to let us know who made the request. He replied that he did it himself, because he thinks suffrage an inherent right; that he does not think anything will come of it from this legislature, but it may in two years from now. His name is James Baker, but, unfortunately, he did not give us his home address. However, I can get it from Mrs. Hill; I am only telling you now because I am writing.

It seems to me there never was so much real organization going on as now. We have organized some new clubs in Ohio; Mrs. Crossett and her force are at work in New York; Mrs. DeVoe is making great strides, according to Miss Bain and people less enthusiastic than Mrs. DeVoe herself; I have had letters from a number of delegates to the Chicago Convention, all of whom seem to be filled with the idea that they must "do something".

Did I tell you it is at last decided that Beulah Hartman is not to go into the Illinois organizing work?

Cordially yours

HTU.-R.

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Dear Member of the Business Committee,

I sent you a few days ago a copy of Mrs. Duniway's letter. We have lately been revising our club directory. We try to keep this up to date, but it is almost impossible, because state presidents have not yet gotten into the way of keeping us posted as things happen. In sending out the circular letter, we sent one to Oregon. This is the answer. She refers to a letter from the State Secretary, Elma Buckman. Miss Buckman says in her letter that she cannot give me the information in regard to the local clubs in Oregon because the county clubs hold their meetings independent of the State association. She says that the Executive Committee of Oregon has made up its mind to go about its work earnestly and quietly. She also says, "Perfect harmony exists among the members of the Association. We may differ on many things, but when it comes to suffrage, there is harmony." It is a very weak letter and shows that nothing is being done. Mrs. Duniway encloses a letter from Miss Pease, part of which astonishes me. It is under date of March 31st. She says,

"Dear Mrs. Duniway. I am so glad everything is going on well and that the outlook is so hopeful. I am sorry I have not been able to see you but the pain has been so intense whenever I have ridden on the cars that I have refrained from the same except at such times as I go to the Doctor's and the Teacher's meeting. Will be pleased to see you at any time your busy life will permit a visit. I hope you received my statement of the condition of the work that I sent you. Not hearing from you again in regard to the matter, I thought perhaps it had been miscarried. We were glad to read this morning that perhaps the old soldiers will get our signatures for us. If you intend to use the same blank petitions, whenever you desire it

I will see that you have all of the blanks you require, as we have plenty on hand. We will need, in round numbers, about 8000 more signatures to allow for the loss in verifying. I hope we Oregon women can do our own work and be successful in 1908. ----- M.E. Pease. "

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The answers which have come from some of the local clubs say that Mrs. Duniway's attack on the W.C.T.U. has made them feel that they can no longer work with the state association and that therefore they have disbanded or are working in the ranks of the W.C.T.U. There is nothing very startling or very important in Miss Pease's letter except the fact that she seems rather to be willing to help Mrs. Duniway with petitions &c. when I supposed all the time that she would not work with Mrs. Duniway and that she was really the custodian of our matters there in Oregon.

Very truly yours,

Haniel Taylor Upton

HTU-A

Ans. April 18

Warren, April 15/1907

Dear Misses Shaw & Clay:-

OKLAHOMA:- I have a letter this morning from Dr. Woods, who is leaving the field for Oklahoma City, where she will rest for a time before starting for Illinois. Among other things, she says: "Another farmers' union passed a resolution last night. These resolutions are certainly fine things; the only trouble is I wish we might get them faster, but I see no way to rush them. I rode sixteen miles last night after this meeting. Miss Campbell was afraid to try to talk to them, so it seems she is out of the question. She does excellent advance work. I wish to pay her salary for the work she did up here, so please let me know how much it is, and I will make a donation of that much on Oklahoma's \$500.. Then I want to help Chickasha and Oklahoma City out a little, for they have both responded bravely every time I made a request of them. I do wish there was someone else to go into Illinois, for it seems too bad to leave here at this stage.*** Kiowa County has 3,000 farmers union members, 88 unions, but it is going to be harder there; I think I have the lines pretty well laid at present. There were those who wished to keep me from addressing them; I won out in that, and then was invited to speak at their big barbecue and political speaking July 4 at Mountain Park. Whoever is here can fill the date, just as Mrs. Boyer responded to my Civic Federation invitation up here, and they liked her better than they liked me. So it will be all right down there."

INDIANA: Miss Chase seems to be more and more encouraged all the time, and now thinks there is a chance of forming a State Suffrage Association before leaving there; if so, she wants to do it right away, for many reasons, for she leaves there the first of May.

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Like everyone else, she wants Miss Shaw, and asks if she can come there for a State Convention. Miss Shaw's dates are filled up to May 4 in Ohio, and after that in New York. Can either of you suggest anyone to take Miss Shaw's place in Indiana? I dare not suggest dropping a date in Ohio, because several of the clubs are now worked up to the feeling that they are being neglected, because we have not included them in the list; and if I should drop out any that we have promised, it would do more harm than the whole trip would do good. Then surely she cannot change the first few days in New York. If she could the matter would be easy, but undoubtedly New York is as well along as Ohio, and Mrs. Crossett has made her plans. Mrs. McCulloch would make a good speech, but she is not much of an organizer, and is a relative of Mrs. Gougar, which might not work to our advantage. Mrs. Stewart would do splendidly, but will be starting the Illinois campaign. If we could manage it, would it seem to you wise to have Dr. Woods go? I do not know what Mrs. Stewart would think about that, either. It may be we could arrange it for the last of April, and have Dr. Wood go there for a day or two before beginning the Illinois work. Put on your thinking caps, and let me know immediately.

TENNESSEE: I have a letter from the Tennessee Association, saying they had a very enthusiastic April meeting, have now added four new members, have appointed superintendents of press, legislative work and increase of membership. Miss Wolf, the young lawyer who helped in getting the bill through the present legislature to allow women to practice, is one of the new members. She says: "I am almost surprised at the interest manifested in our cause, and if we arouse enough interest in the State by fall to enable me to hold a State conference or convention, I hope we can have Miss Shaw and Miss Clay with us."

Cordially yours

Miss Allen

Harriet Taylor Upton

HTU.-R.

Warren, April 17/1907

DEAR MEMBER OF THE MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE:-

I have heard from Mrs. Adelaide Johnson, who, among other things, says: "As regards the copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Business Committee, I should say that it might be rather difficult to find a judge or a jury that would find it either honorable in intention or legal in practice for any individual or association of individuals to dispose of 'The money now in hand to pay for them be turned into the National Treasury', or any other way disposed of because one party to an agreement refuses their arbitrary demand made because certain funds chance to be in their possession though they are not parties to the agreement, and especially when first party to said agreement is ready to fulfill it to the letter."

Of course this is the same old question. Mrs. Johnson says the contract reads that she was to make the busts, receive \$3,000 for the work, and still retain them in her possession until they were placed in the Capitol, or some place satisfactory to her. Miss Anthony told me she did not understand it this way at all, and that she was not willing to give her the last \$400---if that is the right amount---which she had in her hands, and I know she did not believe the people gave her this money with any such idea in view. Mrs. Johnson thinks we have no authority over this money, and we think we have, and have voted what we will do with it and reported the matter to her. She apparently does not mean to accept our conditions; and so that incident is closed.

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Dear Miss Clay,

Your two letters of the 15th. duly received. A copy of Mrs Duniway's letter was sent you. I do not know why you did not receive it. I am having another copy made or, if I can get the original letter out of the files, without defacing it, I will send you that. Please return it.

I note what you say about Miss Pease's offer to Mrs. Duniway I guess it is all right then.

Mrs. Boyer's expense account which she sends in from the field now are something awful. She has \$12 00 every week for postage for press work. That is more than the National Association uses. Every department of her work seems to be conducted on expensive lines. I think that is her natural disposition. She says her father never was able to save any money. He would buy a coal mine and make a lot of money and they would live like millionaires and then when it was gone they would have to do their own work. She cannot help it I guess; but we ought to be careful about how we let her have charge of money. A little time ago we paid a bill of \$302 00 and now the bill which she sends in today is for \$274 46 covering three weeks.

I do not think you know that Mrs. Biggers has never recovered from her winter's work, is really quite miserable and wants to resign from the presidency, but Mrs. Boyer has insisted that she let her name stand for the good of the cause; so when you say Mrs. Boyer must depend largely on Mrs. Biggers' opinion, you see she has not the chance to do that. The Biggerses

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have bought a farm and are going to live on it this summer.

I think Miss Shaw will send out a Business Committee letter in a few days in regard to Oklahoma. We must vote on it somehow and have it settled. I am writing you today about several different things so this goes with them.

Cordially yours,

HTU-A

Harriet Taylor Upton

P.S. Enclosed find expense account turned in by Mrs. Biggers for the \$ 300 00 forwarded to you in Oklahoma. As she notes the amount received from you \$291 55 thus leaving a balance of \$8 45 unaccounted for, thought perhaps she never had the full amount. Can you understand or explain this? If so, please do, and if not, shall have to refer it back to Mrs. Biggers.

189 N. Mill, Lexington, Ky.

May 3rd, 1907.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I returned to Lexington on Monday, and found letters from you which, by some mistake, had not been forwarded. They were those which I mentioned had not been received. But I am writing now more especially to send you a copy of the letter I have just written to Miss Shaw in answer to hers asking a vote on the Oregon proposition. I have voted to accede to it, preferably with the limitations I mention in my letter. I think \$2000 is cheap to put the question to the voters; and I would be glad to pay that every year where there is the Referendum law till success crowned our efforts. We see how the expenses are running up in Oklahoma, and if we have even a moderate confidence in the workers in Oregon we ought to be thankful that we can shift the burden of the campaign to their shoulders. You know that home workers can wield a vast deal of influence and can obtain much help, indirectly and otherwise, that is wholly unattainable by outsiders; so that we need not feel that nothing can be done because they are to spend so much less than we had to do. I do hope you will cast your final vote to go on with work in Oregon. We must exercise some courage in working with disagreeable women, or we will be driven out of every state. You know Miss Shaw and Mrs. Kelly thought we ought not to send Miss Chase to Indiana on account of Mrs. G., and yet she has done splendid work there.

Cordially yours,

P.S. Please send my answer to Miss Shaw to Miss Blackwell.

189 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

May 7th, 1907.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I wrote from Richmond on the 19th of April that I would send my Oklahoma account when I returned to Lexington. I have not been very prompt in doing so, as I have been here a week; but I enclose it now.

You sent Dec. 1st, 1906 \$100.00
" " Febr. 1st 1907) 200.00
300.00

I paid out

Jan. 5th, 1907	Boyer, Postage,	10.00
" 18,	Boyer, Postage,	5.00
" 24,	Rent of Type-writer	3.00
" 29,	Boyer, Printing at Leader,	73.00
Febr. 1	Gregg,	10.00
" 2,	Bronson, rent of office,	10.00
" "	Boyer, Postage,	8.30
" "	Capital Printing, <i>Supplies</i>	5/25
" "	Orner, salary,	10.00
" "	Green, extra stenography,	4.60
" 6	Boyer, postage on circulars,	20.00
7	Mrs. Biggers,	291.15
		<u>451.30</u>
		300.00
		\$ 151.30

due me.

All the items explain themselves except the 10.00 paid to Miss Gregg. As I remember this, it was ten dollars she advanced to me when I went to South McAlester to deliver a lecture which they thought ought to be given on an invitation. Had I known how much the expense would be I might have thought differently; however, I went, spent the \$10.00, and something more, and took up a small collection, which did not quite pay the additional expense, but of which, if I have a record, I cannot now lay my hands on it.

In addition to the \$300.00 you sent, Mr. Robert Owens gave us a check for \$136.00, which I paid out as follows, on advice of office force,
 Opera House, for Mass Meeting advised by Mr. Owens, \$50.00
 Postage, on circulars to Farmers Unions and Labor

Uni-ns advised By Mr. Owens	86.00
Total.	<u>136.00</u>

As I wrote to you and Miss Shaw I would do, I paid individually Miss Lucy Campbell, for work not ordered from Headquarters,

Jan. 18, ██████████	\$30.00
" 23, Mrs. Laskey	10.00
" " Mrs. Bailey,	5.00
" 29, Mrs. Laskey,	2.00
Febr. 2 Mrs. Stevens,	1.20

48.20

Mrs. Stevens

I do not wish this refunded. was paid really \$1.70, but I borrowed 50 cents from Mrs. Boyer to pay it, and forgot to return it. Will you kindly add this from me to her next account? or, if it is inconvenient to do so, perhaps I had better send it myself. Let me know.

Please examine these accounts, and after you have considered them, you can settle with me for the balance due me. If you would prefer to do so, you can retain one hundred and ten dollars for my individual pledges to the Anthony Memorial Fund.

I was so glad to get the good news of the success of the Garrett-Thomas Fund? I am awaiting particulars anxiously. I got your letter announcing it after I had closed mine to you; but I wrote on the outside that the clubs in Ky. at Barboursville and Arlington had ceased, much to my regret.
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Love to all in the office.

Cordially yours,

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

May 9t , 1907.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have just received your special delivery letter; and I write at once to say that I could not go to Indiana even if Miss Shaw is not able to go. I have a very dear cousin, who is much of an invalid, and who is left alone in her house for some weeks now, whom I promised to stay with at night until one of her family was able to join her. Her daughter left this very morning to return to her home in New York and so it would be very troublesome indeed to have to find some one else immediately, after expecting me. I had not anticipated any such important occasion in the suffrage work, or I would not have made such a definite arrangement, for you know that I am always willing to do what I can for suffrage. I think it was very wise in you to insist upon Miss Chase's organizing. I think it would have been a misfortune not to have done so. And I would really have enjoyed being with you on the occasion. I always enjoy being with you, and now there is so much to talk about that it would have been useful, too. Do vote right (of course, I meant as I think right) on the Oregon matter. I see Miss Gordon advises a less sum for the petition than I do. I think she recommends too little. There is clerical work to be done in connection with it.

I received notice from Miss Shaw today of the Garrett-Thomas Fund. I want to write to them to thank them, but I fear I have not their addresses. Will you kindly send them to me?

I grieve to hear of Elizabeth's bereavement. I will write to her, to express my sympathy, though that does little to help sorrow.
Cordially yours,

National American Woman Suffrage Association

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO.

May 10, 1907.

Dear Miss Clay,

If father continues well I am now expecting to leave Warren on Sunday night, arriving in Kokomo on Monday, and Dr. Woods and I will speak Monday night and organize Tuesday. If, however, anything should happen to me or to him you must find someone to stay two nights with your cousin and you must go. It would be awful to have the Indiana Society fall all to pieces because no National officer is there. I am doing my very best to get there and will not make it hard for you unless it is absolutely necessary.

I have to laugh at what you think "is voting right." I cannot conscientiously vote to send money to Oregon in any such amount as Mrs. Duniway says is necessary to be used by Mrs. Coe or any other person under her ~~circumstances~~ ^{jurisdiction}. I think if they could advance the money for this work, (let some of those rich millionaires on their list do it) I would be only too glad to pay for the work after it is done. I have had long experience with Mrs. Duniway but when I said I would just as soon throw \$2000 into the river as give it to her, and thereby offended Miss Gordon for the first time in my life, I was in earnest. I think I had rather throw it in the river because I would then know it was lost. I do not want you to feel badly because I did not agree with you, for you know I do usually agree with you but I cannot see your side of it at all in this case. I feel very badly to take this stand when you and

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Miss Gordon were both in the field in Oregon and I am much more apt to agree with you two than I am with Miss Shaw because I think she is less judicious than you are. But, ⁱⁿ this matter, I cannot vote to have any money go to Oregon, she to handle it.

Yes, it is great to have the Garrett money subscribed and they have sent me \$7000. So if Miss Shaw wants all of her salary now, she can have it.

Elizabeth bore up pretty well during her father's illness and death, but, poor child! she is just like a broken reed now. Isn't death terrible even when it comes to the old-- the re-adjusting of the home, and all that, is just awful.

Very cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

HTU-K

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

May 13th, 1907.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have just received your last letter about Indiana, and write at once to tell you not to expect me under any circumstances to go to Indiana, for I have just received a Letter from my sister Mary, telling me that Mr. Bennett is very feeble, and to all appearance can survive but a few days. His children have been summonsed; and while I shall not go to Richmond till I am called, I would not on any account go away. I have seen him very recently, and feel that the little strength he has he would rather expend in seeing his own family; so I shall not go.

I note what you say about giving money to Mrs. Duniway. Now I never wanted to give any money to Mrs. Duniway; nor do I think putting money in Mrs. Coe's hands or that of the rest of her Board, is giving it to Mrs. Duniway. As far as I can see, Mrs. Coe, Mrs. Evans and others of her Board of whom I know are as responsible as any women who can be found; and the idea is strained, in my judgment, that we cannot know that money is spent at least honestly, in

Oregon, unless we ourselves pay it out. I am willing that the bills shall be paid in any manner that is necessary to reassure the most scrupulous, but it is terrible to me to think that we shall throw away all the benefit of our \$15000 campaign there because we are not willing to allow the suffragists to manage their own affairs to a moderate degree. I did not know there were any millionaires in the suffrage ranks there. I supposed they were all in the ranks of the opponents. Certainly, all the women with whom I came in touch were either distinctly poor or in very moderate circumstances. I should not even call Mrs. Coe very rich; and she seemed to have by far

the most money of any I saw. As long as they have the Initiative and Referendum, it seems to me to be cheap to pay \$2000 to have the question submitted to the voters. I see no hope of our Association ever winning a victory at the polls if we can find no way to help a campaign in a state like Oregon. I trust that at least we will help to the extent of getting the petition signed and filed with the Secretary of State.

But I have said and written all that I can do of use, so I will spare you.

Please be certain to write me the addresses of Misses Garrett and Thomas. I cannot find my minutes of 1906, and perhaps their addresses are not there any way.

Love to all in the office, and to yourself.

Cordially yours,

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May 18/1907

Dear Miss Clay:-

Your letter of May 13 duly received. I have read carefully what you say about Mrs. Duniway, but I cannot feel any other way than I do; and, as I said before, I do hate to oppose you. But I believe, even if I thought Mrs. Duniway honest, that a woman who has lived in the State all the years that she has, and could not have any organization, and could not summons influence enough to get a petition, would not be of any kind of use to us as long as she lives. I had some doubt about the advisability of going to Oregon in the first place, but when we got started and I found we had to pay for getting the names I was willing to do it, for I believed that one reason we had not succeeded in the past was because we had always been afraid and drawn off money and workers at a time when we ought to have held on. I was therefore willing to use all our force, taking Miss Gregg out of Oklahoma (which I think now was a mistake), and all the money we could rake and scrape to send there. When the call came for the last \$3,000, and I didn't know where in the world we were going to get it, I still thought we ought to keep at it; but now I know that as long as Mrs. Duniway lives we never can get anything in Oregon. I am just as sure of this as I am that I breathe. So that even if I thought she were not appropriating the money to herself (and I think she does) I would be unwilling to continue our work there under her supervision. Of course this is simply a matter of my personal opinion and belief; I do not feel that I know as much about the situation as you, Miss Shaw, Miss Gordon

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and Mrs. Boyer; but what I believe I believe honestly, and of course ought to act accordingly.

The address you ask for is as follows:

M. Carey Thomas, The Deanery, Bryn Mawr, Penna.

Very cordially yours

HTU.-R.

Harriet J. Upham

1 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

May 20th, 1907.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

Your letters of May 17 and 18 are at hand. I answer under heads.

YELLOW RIBBON. I do not know anything of the management of the paper. Those copies I have received I think very bright. I think it is admirable to put Mrs. Ballentine in the Literature Committee.

Indiana. I am delighted with the success in Indiana. It does great credit to Miss Chase and to you. I shall thoroughly approve all your future plans for that state, if they are of the same quality as what you have already done. If you would like Mrs. Davis to visit the new clubs, I shall be very willing to vote her a small compensation. It is cheaper in the long run to employ home people than to pay for outsiders to come long distances: though I think trained speakers should go through the states occasionally.

MRS. SCHOFIELD. Certainly I will write a little note of appreciation to her.

MISS ROSE BOWERS. I am much interested in what you and Dr. Woods say of her. It seems we are all about agreed that we need more trained workers; but I am indisposed to train any in a state where we are carrying on a campaign, except home women. My experience in Oregon and elsewhere have led me to see that people will forgive much to their own women, and nothing at all to outsiders; and that outsiders give offense when they are using every effort to avoid it. I think Miss Bowers, from South Dakota, a very unpromising person to send to Oklahoma, an essentially southern state, with two races like Indians and negroes to steer among, and prohibition boiling hot.

Dr. Woods' instructions would be valuable to her and to us; but even with this advantage I would not like her too to Oklahoma. In fact, I do not want any more outsiders sent into Oklahoma at this point of the campaign, though I am very desirous that we shall employ every available woman there in the state, as far as our means will permit.

I wish we might employ Miss Bowers in South Dakota itself. It seems to be a promising state for the near future, and by giving the state an organizer for awhile we might stimulate them in the activity they have lately exhibited. If Mrs. Avery meets with a success commensurate with that of Misses Garrett and Thomas, it seems we might already begin an educational campaign there; and it would be particularly desirable to train some one ^{who} would be attached and loyal to the National, so we would not be as helpless in S. Dakota as we are now in Oregon. What do you think of this plan?

MRS. MOYER?. I do not remember that we ever promised to employ Mrs. Moyer. She was discussed, as possibly an available person; but we always seemed to find some one more eligible. If some of the Board know her to have merit as a speaker and organizer, I would be willing to vote to employ her, but not in Oklahoma. I am confident there are local women there who will do better than outsiders if we exert ourselves to search them out and employ them.

I enclose my reply to Miss Shaw's report of the vote on Oregon, and you may be interested in seeing it as you did the first.

Love to all in the office and to yourself.

Yours,

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Marlor, I.T. May 23, 1907.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have but a moment to write. In a letter received from Mrs. Boyer I learn that she has, or is about to send in her resignation. I am more sorry than I can tell and certainly hope you and the rest of the Business Committee will try and arrange to keep her here. There is no one I know who can take her place. I do not think any one unacquainted with conditions and people can come into the territory and do the work she can and would do now. Of course it seems a large price to pay for her services and if any one can be found who can give as much for less money, we should have her. But is there? I hope you will pardon me for "butting in" but I feel so keenly the loss to us to have her go that Mr. Biggers is going to drive to town, over three miles on purpose to mail this protest for me. I don't want to wait for the R.F.D. man tomorrow.

Am very busy- carpenter left yesterday. Lots to do.

Sincerely,

Kate H. Biggers.

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Dear Member of the Business Committee:-

As the enclosed letters were being copied, a long letter comes from Miss Gregg. I am having it copied and the part of Mrs. Howe's letter referred to before.

Enid, Okla. May 25, 1907.

Dear Mrs. Upton.

It has been on my heart for so long to write you, but I am just too busy for anything. Never in all my suffrage work has there been such opportunity for propoganda as here and now. The primary system adopted by the Democrats in their convention has opened to us a great avenue. The voters are to make the nominations for all officers from U.S. Senators down, and as we are moving among the voters constantly, Mrs. Boyer with her letters and I in person, we have a fine opportunity of telling the people who our friends are and what kind of men they are, and likewise, our enemies. We began first with Mr. Owen, as soon as he announced his candidacy, of distributing his speech and telling what he did for us, and Mr. Owen told me a few days ago that he was feeling the suffrage influence everywhere and it was proving an effective offset to the enemies he made by championing us.

Then we swing into the Labor campaign through the candidacy of Mr. Lynch for Congress- the Labor Secretary- which Mrs Boyer has most adroitly managed. And our two most bitter enemies, Gore and Haskell, came out for office, one for Senator, the other for Governor, and we have become very good friends with their opponents by quietly giving them information with which to fight them. One of them was weak on suffrage at first, but he has since pledged himself to stand for us in the Senate if elected. The other tho' not a suffragist, is in a fair way to become one, for he admits that it is only the southern sentiment with him, and that reason is on our side.

He is a very clean nice man, while his opponent, our enemy, is a

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foul-mouthed demagogue, and we are proud to be lined up with such strong, clean men and to know that they are being made to feel our power.

What pleases me so much is that this candidate for Governor the not a suffragist feels that we are a power for Mr. Owen. He said to me, "My, how you people are making yourselves felt in Mr. Owen's campaign!" And when I suggested a little step that we might take at the last moment that would show our hand in his favor, I said to him, "Now this may bring the antagonism of our enemies to you, and I would like to know if you would like us to do it or not," and he said, "Yes, I think it would be a good move." The thing that makes them feel us is that we are moving among the farmers,-- a class which they don't have time to reach. And I am having such splendid audiences-- so much larger than I ever had before in Oklahoma in the country, which shows that the work in the Constitutional Convention has waked the people up and now is certainly the time to put in our best ticks. I don't know whether we shall get out of the tangle about statehood or not, but the educational work that we are putting on now will count when statehood does come, or maybe in the legislature if we don't get statehood.

As soon as the Democratic primaries are over then we shall see what we can do among the Republicans. You see we are fighting for the nominations now. The Republicans haven't yet decided whether to put out a ticket or not. If they do, we have some mighty good suffragists who are going to become candidates, and we must fight for them too.

The G.A.R. held its annual convention here this week and it was hard to tell whether it was a G.A.R. or a Woman Suffrage meeting. Nearly every speaker came out strongly for woman suffrage. I was on the program but I wasn't in it in radicalism compared to the other speakers, (men)

Oh, things are coming our way everywhere, aren't they? It is

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such a delight to see the change all along the line.

Lovingly,

Laura Gregg

P.S. I forgot to tell you about a street meeting in Alva. I was invited to speak at the College and had a fine audience. The women said that such a lot of farmers came to town on Saturday and they wanted to know if I would speak to these farmers on the street. I never did such a thing before, but I will do it again. I had a great crowd that stood to the end, and when I asked them to come and sign the suffrage resolution, there was a regular stampede for the papers. Men grabbed them and went out through the audience and some of them worked all the afternoon and brought the names to me at church next day. I couldn't begin to supply the demand for Mr. Owen's speech. And I must have put out nearly a thousand copies in that town alone. How I wish we could have all the literature we could use.

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

May 29th, 1907.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have just read your budget of letters enclosed in yours of May 27th. Such letters make me feel that we ought to go slow in making radical changes just at a time when all the workers feel that great work is being done. I would be willing to change my vote and keep Headquarters till after the elections, and to continue to pay Mrs. Boyer her salary and expenses as before. I know she has been called from her office on these trips, and I believe she was wise to go on them. This puts her expenses on the same footing as that of other organizers, and I think we ought to leave her at full liberty to use her discretion about going out on such missions. Since Mrs. Biggers has asked us to keep these Headquarters, if I were to act on what would be my policy, I would say that we should write to Mrs. Biggers that we felt that ~~from~~ her position and responsibility we felt it incumbent to regard her judgment, and therefore we would reconsider and keep the Headquarters at least till after the elections. You observe that I would act as if it were a concession to her judgment. I am sure that more and more we will find it necessary to allow home workers to take the responsibility in their own state campaigns, and I believe Mrs. Biggers' devotion and good sense justify us in this reliance upon her.

In giving my opinion that we had better continue an expensive campaign in Oklahoma, I ought to say that it is given on the expectation that with the Initiative and Referendum, we can carry on a continuous campaign, with the ^{expectation of paying the} expense of obtaining the Petition each General election as the minimum cost of a campaign till we succeed or are become ~~xxxxx~~

convinced that a state is hopeless. If we are not to take into consideration the opportunities the Referendum law gives us, I do not know what my advice would be at this crisis. I feel myself at a great disadvantage in judging now that I find that I take such an opposite view-point from you and Miss Shaw on the value of the Referendum. Really I am at sea to know what we are expecting to accomplish in Oklahoma. But in the expectation that we will continue the campaign by putting the question before the voters on an Initiative petition, and that we will continue to pay for such a petition, if necessary, from General election to General election till we succeed, I now think we ought to make the concession of keeping Headquarters and paying Mrs. Boyer her salary and expenses, - certainly till the election in August, and leaving it open then to be further guided by events.

I am greatly pleased with the last Progress. I see you have made a coalition with the Public for the two papers. As I suppose you see an advantage to our cause in this combination, please put down my name as a subscriber to the two. I enclose my check for \$1.00.

Give my love to all in the office, and with much to yourself, I am

Yours,

P.S. I have written to Misses Thomas and Garrett, and to Mrs. Schofield as requested. I have not yet written to Mrs. Day, but will try what I can do in helping with suggestions for the Church work.

N.B. Why do not we buy another type-writer for Oklahoma, instead of paying rent all the time?