

Why Give When Not Wanted?

If the women of Oregon themselves wanted to vote there might be some excuse for giving them the right. But, apparently, the women do not want this privilege and pay little attention to the glowing speeches made by women suffragists imported from other states.

That this is so plainly proved by many recent occurrences and the man must be blind indeed who does not recognize them. It is not necessary to dwell on the fact that an association of women with headquarters in Portland and branches all over the state, have sent out circular letters asking the men of Oregon not to mistake the clamor of female agitators from distant states for the sentiment of the women of Oregon. A more striking and convincing proof that the women themselves do not want the burden of the ballot forced upon them is found in a recent debate which took place in the largest church in Portland. At this debate two preachers, the Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher and the Rev. Clarence True Wilson, took opposite sides on the woman suffrage question. The audience was composed, by actual count, of 400 women and about 40 men.

At the close of the debate a vote was taken on the question of woman suffrage and the result stood 176 against it and only 173 for it. When it is considered that the suffragists had their crowd out, that there were very few men in the audience, and that many of them refused to vote, the result of the balloting is most significant. Why should the burden and duties of the ballot be forced upon the women of this state against their wishes?

Socialist Column
(Paid for at advertising rates.)

243 East 86th St.,
New York City, April 25, 1906.
Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, Head
Servant of the American People,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—To the readers of newspapers reaching 1,500,000 people I wish to give your own explanation of your most recent presumptuous and immoderately selfish and imperious expression of your egotism, viz., your taking it upon yourself with cruel promptness to tell all the world outside of the United States that the tens of thousands of stricken people of San Francisco who sigh and sob and moan in their profound despair and desperate poverty shall not be permitted to receive in their present terrible hour the generous gifts of their foreign fellow men. Your recent influential announcement of "No foreign assistance—we can take care of ourselves!"—has the practical result of an order from you that the sufferers shall have no formal foreign aid. Just why should nationality interfere with solidarity? Just why should geography balk generosity? Just why should your sudden spasms of pride prevent proofs of humanity? And still more to the personal point: Just why did not your strutting pride express itself similarly six weeks ago? Your daughter with a fixed, unearned, parasitic, annual income of \$3,000, living in your rather comfortable home, rolling in insolent luxury, ever enjoying elegant ease and lovely leisure—why should she be permitted to receive gifts from foreign individuals, foreign emperors, foreign kings, foreign czars, lords and masters in all the world—why from these cruel, crowned parasites should your daughter, six weeks ago, be permitted to receive goods and gifts worth tens of thousands of dollars and now the weeping sufferers of San Francisco not be permitted to receive goods and gifts or help from foreigners?

You were not too proud then to have good things come into your own comfortable family from foreigners. Why should you be so proud now as to hinder the people of the nation from fraternizing with the troubled, crippled, tear-stained, homeless toilers of San Francisco? Fraternize! Ah, Sir, that word is daily, hourly, getting a new content, a new meaning—a meaning that is larger than the selfishness of your home, larger than Washington, larger than the District of Columbia, larger than the United States, larger than North America, larger than the Western Hemisphere; it knows no geography, nationality, color, caste or condition. There is a political party organized, powerful, patient, defiant, determined, spreading rapidly around the world—systematically teaching brotherhood, teaching solidarity, teaching what matters dread, viz., that humanity is ONE and that society should be so organized that all shall be free, all free politically, all free religiously, all free industrially. That party is primarily the party of the class that suffers most in stricken San Francisco, the class to whom you brutally deny the benefits of international fraternalism, the party of the working class, the Socialist party. While you sign a bill giving a miserable pittance to the Frisco sufferers and annually sign bills giving hundreds of millions for the army and navy for fighting

brotherhood—while you, with miserable and evident inconsistency do these things, our mighty party is teaching the brotherhood that will ultimately disband the armed, trained and fattened battalions of the world.

We are really glad that you permitted Alice to get the foreign presents. We are glad you spoke out your thought against the fraternity of the nations for San Francisco, because we hear in your voice that you really are an enemy of that magnificent fraternalism that scorns geography and nationality. In the Croton dam outrage we saw your cruel fist, the fist of an enemy. In your "big stick" utterance we discover your moral measure. In your recent utterance we hear in your voice the rude note—the noisier tone—of an enemy. Your frankness clears the atmosphere. You speak for the class of masters—industrial masters. More and more distinctly we realize that the workers must, that the workers do, and that the workers will, without assistance, fight this splendid battle for international fraternity.

I shall be glad to furnish your reply (or interpret your silence) for the multitude who will read this open letter to you.

Sincerely Yours,
Geo. R. Kirkpatrick.

Socialist County Ticket

Sheriff.....W. H. Birdsong
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Commissioner.....J. B. McDowell
Treasurer.....J. D. Swanson
Coroner.....Dr. M. V. Turley

When Lovely Woman Stoops to Politics.

From the New York Times,
February 21, 1904.

When lovely woman stoops to politics she can give man points on fraudulent elections. The testimony in the case of Representative Shafroth, of Colorado, who resigned his seat the other day because he was convinced that he had been fraudulently elected, is largely a story of woman suffrage. Women vote in Colorado, and the part played by the voters of the gentler sex in the Denver election of 1902 is full of suggestion about the purifying influence exerted on politics by them.

According to this Shafroth testimony, the fair voters not only voted fraudulently, but stuffed ballot boxes, bought votes and otherwise ran the election in a most up-to-date manner. It is also shown, as bearing somewhat on the elevating influence of woman in politics, that the masculine allies of these female repeaters bulldozed and assaulted women election officials and prevented women from voting by making at the polling places scenes which no respectable woman would care to enjoy long.

One witness said he discovered a woman voting in one polling-place under the name of Mary O'Leary and in another as Mary C. Bates.

He arrested her, and she made a confession which shows that the market rate for women's votes was \$1. This woman, whose real name was Harriet Hibbard, and her daughter, were hired by Mary Criley as repeaters at that rate.

An illustration of the way in which voting was made pleasant for refined women was given in the testimony of Thomas Clark that a voting place was established in a disorderly house.

No doubt that many of the repeaters were women of the lowest class, but not all of them. Witness the testimony of George P. Costigan, Jr., who had been telling about two women repeaters:

Q. Did they look like respectable women? A. Yes, these two were.

While women repeaters, as already stated, got \$1. per vote, \$5. was paid to women not accustomed to this work, for a single vote. Mrs. Mary Aldrich testified that Benny Suman, a Democratic worker, offered her \$5 to vote under the name of Margaret Cain, but she did not do it.

Another delightful picture of woman exercising the franchise is contributed by William H. Medaris:

"A lady went to vote. She wanted to vote a McKinley ticket. They told her there was no McKinley ticket. She says, I want to vote the Roosevelt ticket. They said there was no Roosevelt ticket." So after she had gone the judges said "well, we beat you out of one good Republican vote there."

John D. Fleming tells us how the spirit of chivalry is fostered and encouraged by the advent of woman in politics.

In one place a Republican watcher was thrown out by a policeman named Kennedy for challenging a repeater. "Kennedy could hardly stand upon his feet, and he reeled back and exclaimed: 'Because he was acting indecent, Sargent; because he was acting indecent in the presence of the lady.'"

How can it be truthfully said that politics have been put on a higher plane, in the face of such testimony as the above:

Governor Jessie F. McDonald, notwithstanding.

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For Secretary of State V

15 BENSON, FRANK W.
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16 STEEL, GEORGE A.
of Clackamas County

For Supreme Judge Vot

17 EAKIN, ROBERT
of Union County

For Attorney General V

18 CRAWFORD, A. M.
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