

SUFFRAGE VICTORY NO PARTY TRIUMPH

Women Declared Under No
Partisan Obligation.

TWO ISSUES OUTSTANDING

New Voters, More Than Men, for
League, Says Sullivan, and Equally
Strongly for Prohibition.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—(Special.)—So many extravagant claims for credit for woman suffrage and so many equally extravagant predictions as to its results are being made by partisans that it is worth while to look into this subject from the point of view of the independent voter.

Both the candidates for president and also large numbers of partisan leaders, partisan politicians and partisan newspapers have tendered their congratulations to the women, each adding unctuously that he is happy to feel that it was his party that made the thing possible.

The truth about it is that the women don't owe this victory to either party. They owe it to themselves. The women know this perfectly well. I have talked, during the last two or three months, with scores of the women who have led this fight, and while they are perfectly willing to smile and politely conceal their real feelings when the men politicians congratulate them they all understand, and in private conversation say, that they don't owe anything to either party and don't propose to act as if they did.

Women Are for League.

Of course, if you go back into it simply as a matter of historical interest, something like this will be found. It is true that during the last half year or so the democratic party has gone the limit in trying to bring woman suffrage about and in other words trying to commend itself to the women. One reason I think is that the democratic party has adopted the league of nations was going to be an issue in this campaign, and they believed that with the women voting they would get a better break on this issue than the republicans.

In this they are undoubtedly correct. More women favor a league of nations than oppose it, and there are more women who favor a league of nations than men who favor it.

Another factor in the extraordinary deference the democrats have been paying to the women was in the personality of the recent democratic chairman, Homer S. Cummings.

Cummings Wins Women.

Mr. Cummings really believes in the league of nations—believes it with his heart in the way Wilson believes in woman suffrage. The way the democratic national committee under Mr. Cummings' leadership exerted itself in the matter of courting toward the women at the San Francisco convention, and on other occasions recently, caused some of the more old-fashioned politicians in the party to feel a disapproval which they didn't quite dare express.

The democratic national committee at San Francisco adopted and put into effect a resolution providing that hereafter each state shall have one woman member in addition to the one existing male member. The membership of the committee was doubled.

In contrast, the republican national committee, when it met in June, was only willing to give the women a representation of about one woman to each ten men. Moreover, the republicans went about it so grudgingly, and the distaste of the republican party officials for making any concession at all was so apparent that the women who had been negotiating with them aren't apt to feel any gratitude toward the officials of that party.

Credit Due Republicans.

So much for the past few months. But if you go back a little farther there can be no question as a matter of history that the republican party, as a whole, and the states in which the republican party is usually dominant, have been the ones that are really responsible for the passage of the suffrage amendment.

Everybody knows that the democratic party, because of its conditions which cause it to be predisposed rather toward limiting suffrage than extending it.

Everybody knows why this is so, and every fair-minded person sympathizes with the position in which the democratic party finds itself in the south. But that the democratic party, as a result of this condition, has its mind turned away from any thought of increasing the number of voters, there can be no doubt whatever.

Southern Situation Clear.

The fact is that seven of the eight states in which the amendment has been submitted and defeated have been below the Mason-Dixon line—Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Virginia, Louisiana, Maryland and Delaware. The only state that refused to ratify, everybody understands that this condition, if seen truly as a matter of the history of how it came about long ago, is the misfortune of the democratic party and the fault of the republican party. But that fact isn't going to prevent the republicans from making as much political capital out of it as they can.

However, the interest in this is chiefly historical. All these theories to the effect that the women are going to vote democratic because of gratitude to Tennessee, or that they are going to vote republican through gratitude because the bulk of the states that gave suffrage its momentum were republican, is nonsense. I think it is fair to say that the vote of the women this fall will distribute itself between the two parties, in a slightly different proportion from the vote of the men. But the reason will not have anything to do with gratitude, or with anything in the past. The reason will be because of the parties happen to be lined up on the issues—especially two of the issues, and the way the women happen to feel toward the personalities of the two candidates as those personalities emerge during the campaign. Women probably will always vote a little more on the basis of the candidate's personality than men will.

Two Issues Important.

But most of all the women voters this fall will be pretty sure to take account of two issues that are going to figure in the campaign. One of these is the league of nations.

The women on the whole will tend to favor that party which seems to hold out the most sincere promise for the limitation of war. Any politician who fails to realize that the women are keenly interested in the pre-

vention or limitation of wars is due for a bump.

Of course, it may be that before the election comes, for reasons that will develop later, this issue will not look as between the two parties, quite the same as it does now. By November 3 the democrats may not seem to have the monopoly which at this writing they unquestionably have, an organized effort to prevent or limit war, as an issue in this campaign. It is inconceivable that the republicans should continue to permit the democrats to have their present monopoly of the idealistic side of this issue. Moreover, your correspondent is aware of concrete developments now under way which will make the relative positions of the democrats and republicans on the issue of organized effort against war seem different from what they now are.

Prohibition Also Factor.

The other issue which will appeal to the women voters and which will play a larger part in the campaign as it goes on, is prohibition. Any one with the faintest capacity for observation knows that women are more strongly opposed to liquor than men. Women will be moved to take the initiative to leave their homes and go out and vote by so concrete and obvious a moral issue as this is, to a greater degree than they could be moved by any other consideration whatever.

Up to now this "wet" versus "dry" issue has emerged only locally in the east the campaign has not so far been discussed in terms of this issue. But while the west and north-west the attitude of the two parties toward prohibition is right now just as big an issue as the league of nations. A little later on it will be recognized all over the country as a leading issue. And unless Cox does something definite in the way of separating himself from those influences which were chiefly instrumental in nominating him, then the democrats on election day will be universally recognized to be on the "wet" side of this issue.

Ultimate Results Hazy.

So much for woman suffrage as it affects the immediate future, as measured in terms of decades, that doubling the number of voters and giving the front ranks a large measure of power in organized society as to men is part of an immensely important trend in evolution can only be doubted by those whose education has not prepared them to think in terms of decades. The ultimate result may not be clear, but no one can doubt that it will be far-reaching. Governor Cox's declaration when he "saved" was, of course, merely the exclamation of a candidate who is a little over-excited by the conditions of the campaign. But that the recent adoption of woman suffrage and all the changes that have followed it, which civilization takes a slightly different turn, no thoughtful person doubts.

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Some Men Will Pull Out.

One thing is sure—if the women really determine to "sit in" the game, each to the full extent of her personality, there will be a conspicuous exodus of some of the men, who are now high in power in the committee. As one of these men expressed it, "You can't do business with a woman the same as you can with a man. You can't fight with a man with calm hands and be called still harder names yourself, and the next day you shake hands and it's all right. But you can't have that kind of relation with a woman."

Will there ever be women politicians on the national committee, who will have the same relative position and power that men like "Toby" Hart and Joe Keating and Ed Moore have?

So far as I have become acquainted with the women who now are seen at national committee meetings of both parties and whose names get into the newspapers, I have met but one who really seemed to me to have the political "gift" I use "political gift" in the narrower sense, meaning the capacity to lead men and other women to do her way and manage it in such a way as to keep everybody good natured. As a matter of fact, a good many of the women who now so far become prominent in politics have the direct opposite of this quality. They are storm centers of bickering and ill feeling.

In the larger sense of being sensitive to currents of public feeling and knowing how to start them and in advantage of them, I know several of these women politicians whose intuitive knowledge of public opinion in the mass is greater than that of most politicians of the male sex.

Seattle Auto Accident Fatal.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 28.—Driving head-on into a street car with his automobile, W. Rutledge, Seattle, was instantly killed last night. Rutledge was seized by police while he was driving at great speed when his car swerved and struck the street car.

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OREGONIAN MAKES GOOD

CLYDE B. AITCHISON BIG FIGURE IN WASHINGTON.

One Term Served as Chairman of Interstate Commerce Commission; Ability Wins Recognition.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, Aug. 28.—Among the Oregonians who are making good in Washington is Clyde B. Aitchison, member of the interstate commerce commission.

Mr. Aitchison has become an outstanding figure in this body, which possesses and is exercising powers beyond the fondest dreams of the rate-making advocate of 1906. When this interstate controlling body was created, after the prolonged and brilliant debate in the congress of 1905-1906, and carrying a nervous shock to private capital throughout the nation at that time, it was little dreamed that within 15 years the commission would be hailed by the railways themselves as one of their bulwarks against government operation and control.

No one could have forecast that the railway companies of the country would have turned gladly to this federal power to aid them in their relationships with each other, in the matter of getting a proper distribution of earnings, and in the vast more important issue of raising their revenues to a profit point. All these things have come true, with a vengeance, and more.

In all this great work the former Oregon state commissioner is proving a very valuable and able official. He has served as chairman of the commission for one term, with conspicuous ability. His thoroughness and

capacity, devotion to duty and unquestioned integrity have commanded the respect of all parties to the issues and often these have been of the most controversial character. The west may have had on this commission more spectacular workers, but never one that in a quiet, effective way commanded higher respect and consideration.

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Army Project Urged.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Charged with a mission to reach a definite understanding with Adjutant-General Maurice Thompson as to the practicability of carrying on the Aberdeen armory project, J. J. Carney, president of the Aberdeen

chamber of commerce, left yesterday for Seattle. Mr. Carney takes with him plans for formation of either a hospital or an artillery unit here in compliance with government regulations applying to construction of armory buildings. New rulings, it is believed, will make building of the armory possible now.

Labor Resolutions Indorsed.

YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Resolutions proposed by the Seattle Labor council, opposing interference by this country with the bolshevik, have been indorsed by the Central Labor council.

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GEORGE MESSENGER DIES

Department Head of Lipman, Wolfe & Co. Passes at Seaside.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—George Messenger of Portland died early this morning at Seaside as the result of heart trouble. Mr. Messenger was a department manager at the Lipman, Wolfe & Co. store. He was a native of St. Louis, Mo., 65 years old, and is survived by a widow, sons and one daughter. The body was sent to Portland tonight for interment.

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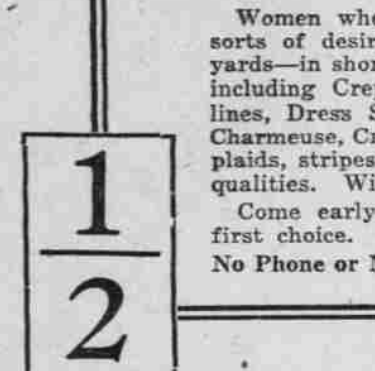
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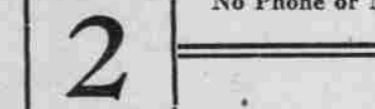
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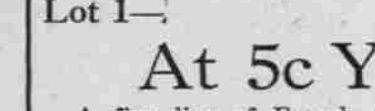
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