

NO SOUNDS OF WAR INTRUDE UPON EQUAL SUFFRAGE MEETING

President Abigail Scott Duniway Reads Inaugural Message and Proceedings Pass Off Without Repetition of Controversy at Recent Meeting.

Peace reigned supreme in the Equal Suffrage camp at its meeting yesterday afternoon. There was a good attendance of representative women and several white-haired men.

Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway, the new president, was evidently a little nervous, as one of two "anti-Duniway" women were present, but as all seemed peaceably inclined the proceedings passed without a hitch.

The treasurer's report was encouraging, but the committees in charge of the petitions for the campaign of 1908 were thrown into a flutter of excitement because of a late decision of the attorney-general, who has announced a flaw in the petition blanks which was not discovered, or at least not announced, during the last campaign. The president and corresponding secretary were instructed to correspond with the attorney-general in relation thereto, and the petitions were ordered held in abeyance to further instructions from the highest official source.

Some Were Indignant.
Some of the ladies were disposed to be a little indignant over the loss of their hard work in securing signatures for the next campaign, but the president poured oil on the waters by assuring them that nothing would justify the voters to deeds of patriotism in their behalf like any sort of an exhibition of unfriendliness toward women who, in following the instructions of certain law-makers in pursuit of their liberties had been put to unnecessary inconvenience and trouble. Much routine business was transacted with marked unanimity of purpose. The meeting closed with the president's message, which was received with much enthusiasm. This message was as follows:

"To the officers and members of the Oregon State Equal Suffrage association, greeting:
"In resuming once more the office of chief executive of this intelligent and patriotic body of disenfranchised tax-paying citizens, after having many times in its history voluntarily relinquished its responsibilities to beloved and capable presiding officers, with each and all of whom I have worked at all times in perfect harmony, I am yielding again to the solicitations of a worthy and capable presiding officer, Mrs. Henry Waldo Cox, to whose unwavering devotion to the cause of liberty, we are all ready to bear testimony.

Recalls Long Struggle.
"In reverting for a moment to the stirring events of the past fortnight, which need not be recapitulated here, I recall the first strenuous years of my itinerant devotion to the fundamental principles of liberty and justice.

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for all people, during which gloomy period I was compelled to stand practically alone, as one described by the poet, Richard Realf:
"Who did not wait till freedom had become
"The easy shibboleth of the courtier's lip,
"But smote for her when God himself seemed dumb,
"And all the arching skies were in eclipse.
"That these continued efforts, reinforced by slowly increasing numbers of noble men and women, through nearly four decades of eventful years, have at last borne such abundant fruit that a multitude of new aspirants for place and power are eager to undertake its management, has recently been abundantly attested.

At End of Campaign.
"At the close of the late Equal Suffrage campaign, during which many of our time-honored voting constituents temporarily stepped aside to watch the brilliant pyrotechnical management of our distinguished national standard bearers, we found ourselves in the condition of the survivors of a shipwreck, a conflagration, a sirocco or a flood. Our treasury was empty, and our work of reconstruction has ever since been much handicapped by the necessity of removing the debris of a struggle which ought to have been successful.

"Our faith in the final triumph of the elemental principle of equal rights for all the people is so strong, our belief in the fundamental basis of self-government is so clear, our devotion to the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States is so unyielding, and our confidence in the growing enlightenment of the average voter is so hopeful, that no disaster can dismay us.

"To you, my beloved coworkers of the old guard, and also of the new, I am looking for cooperation in renewed confidence, expectancy and hope. I come to you as the president of no party, the adherent of no faction; but as the humble servant of the cause, trying to secure equal rights for the mothers of the race, in whose interest, through so many of the earlier years of my strenuous womanhood, I consecrated my life, my earnings and my sacred honor; and I now lovingly renew the fond allegiance of these declining years to a cause far dearer than my own life.

No Personal Ambitions.
"I have no personal ambitions to gratify, no additional honors to seek. The good people of Oregon, Washington and Idaho long ago bestowed upon me much more than the ordinary need of human praise and position, without the asking. For all of this I am profoundly grateful; but my life work is not finished, nor will it be till the women of new Oregon, relieved of their present political rating among idiots, insane persons and criminals, shall stand before the women voters of old Oregon's youngest daughter, the fair state of Idaho, as free as they from the stigma of disenfranchisement. We look

confidently to the voters, our beloved fathers, brothers, husbands and sons, to relieve us of this stigma. For this reason we call upon every woman who loves liberty to lay aside every factional interest, every bias, every personal ambition she may crave. Then, with a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together, we may out-ride every storm and land our ship in the haven of freedom alongside that of our friends, the liberty-loving voters of the state, upon whom the patriotic mothers of men are ever ready to bestow good and not evil in proportion to their own opportunities.

No Time for Argument.
"The present is no time for argument. Every thinking and reflecting son of woman knows that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and that the women of these United States, outside of the states of Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Idaho, are taxed without representation and governed without consent. What men need, to induce them to vote for the enfranchisement of women, is the sincere conviction that by their affirmative votes they will not bring us into our inheritance as their rulers or enemies, but as their helpers, coworkers and friends. We must let them know that the majority of women are not seeking to enact arbitrary laws for the government of men, but the blessings of freedom for ourselves that we wish them to secure and maintaining a government of the people, for the people and by the people.

Much to Encourage.
"We have much to encourage us. The entire civilized world is agitating this question and making progress toward the equal rights of the mothers of all men before the laws under which all must live. Step by step our own government is extending its recognition. Our own governor of Oregon, our own mayor of Portland and the majority of our clergy, our leading lawyers, orators and judges, are our open and avowed allies. The State Editorial association is with us almost to a man. The Socialists, the Prohibitionists and Democrats outside the party machine are demanding our enfranchisement. If I do not mention the different associations of women, which in large majority are backing us from all over the state, as well as they are able, it is because women do not, as yet, have votes. We used to have the negro, the Indian and the Chinaman as our political equals, but modern legislation has reached out its law-making hand, and, grasping the negro by his wool, the Indian by his scalp and the Chinaman by his queue, has rescued these gentlemen of color from the governmental companionship of the idiot, the insane and criminal classes, leaving us, the mothers, wives and daughters of the voters, to endure a political rating to which no sensible man can blame patriotic women for objecting with honorable indignation.

Suggestions for the Year.
"For our work in making way for liberty during the coming year, I would suggest the formation of governmental study clubs, for which I have ordered textbooks. Let us, while following the line of least resistance, inform ourselves upon such topics as the intelligent voter approves. That our enfranchisement is coming and coming splendidly, nobody doubts. The recent ravings against the women voters of Colorado attest the dire straits in which that time-dishonored institution, the political machine, finds itself floundering. Read the forthcoming facts in the daily press and you will see both on and between the lines the real reason for the discomfiture of such taxtaters as under equal suffrage find their occu-



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So serious has the condition at the home become that in case more applicants are made for accommodations, Mr. Jackson says that he will have to confer with the city authorities in order to provide lodging for the destitute. He says the trouble is due not only to a shortage in furniture, but to the limited amount of room in the buildings at the farm.

THREE WAGONS WAITING FOR THEIR PROPRIETORS

If the owners of three wagons left in the streets by young roysters on Halloween do not make themselves known very soon the vehicles will be taken up by the street cleaning department and consigned by the city.

One shipwrecked wagon adorns the corner of Russell and Goldsmith streets. It stands just where the playful boys left it. Another is at East Seventh and East Couch, and still another at East Ninth and East Ankeny. All are of more or less value. Apparently the owners have charged the wagons up to profit and loss. They probably were hauled several blocks by the boys.

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