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Women's 20 Years in Politics It seems longer-as the fellow said in explaining to his
own satisfaction why married meen live longer than single
men men-but women did not naturally gain equal political rights
with men until slightly less than 20 years ago. Some wom-
en's organizations are observing this week as the $20 t h$ anen's organizations are observing this week as the 20th an-
niversary, though at this period in 1920 the suffrage hosts
were waging a desperate battle to obtain the 19th amend-
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layed until August when it was put over on the strength of a
single vote margin in the Tennessee legislature. Ratificasingle vote margin in the Te
tion became official August 2
It seems longer, for one reason because in more than a
dozzen individual states, women had attained the ballot ear-
liez. Wyoming was by many years the leader, granting equal liez. Wyoming was by many years the leader, granting equal
suffrage in 1869 while still a territory. Oregon joined the
procession in 1912 after a series of battles led by Abigail
 1869 passed an act granting the ballot to "all white Ameri-
can citizens, 21 or over," only to have the courts rule that The suffratists claimed that in Oregon their cause would
have been won much earier except that the liquor and saloon
interests, each time the issue was on the ballot, estimated how
many votes it would take to defeat it and then "saw to it"
that the required number of "no" votes were cast-no matter how. At any rate the issue lost 47,075 to 36,902 in 1906
and by an almost itentical count in 1908 and 1910 And
strange to say, the "anti" vote was still about 57,000 i 1912
but the women managed to round up 61,265 favorable votes.
Thus women in Oregon have voted for 28 years and it is difficult to realize what a desperate battle it was that women
in the United States, encouraged br the liberalism and en-
lightenment of the founders, waged virtually since Revolu-
tionary war times when Abigail Adamms, wife of John Ad-
ams, wrote to him while he attended the Continental Conams
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were your ancestors."
Historians now deny that she added, at least in such
blunt terms:
"If women are not represented in this new republic, there
will be anther revolution.".
Mere man thought at many periods thereafter that a
 Now, 20 years after their final victory, for the reasons
already assigned and for the further reason that women took
the ballot rather gradualy and still more gradually formed
political opinions independently of their menfolks', it is sel. dom that the average student of public affairs consciousi
sets about to evaluate their influence upon government. It is
not accurately measurable and yet there are times when it is
decisive, as in the recent Kansas City election which saw the
tial extinction of the Pendergast machine; and while women decisive, as in the orene Pendergast machine; and while women
final extinction of the Por mise or not too thoroughly in-
voters may sometimes be mised ond
formed upon issues or candidates, it may be concluded with-
out question that as a group they are always well-intentioned
and insistent upon honest government in the interests of all out question that as a group they are aisays
and insistent upon honest government in the interests of all
that is good and wholesome. They may be expected, for ex.
ample, to hoold out against American involvement in war even
though the male voters may be swept off their feet by events
as they have been in the past. Women have a better idea of
the value of human life.

 | Two Honored Citizens Mourned |
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| By Hazel Livingston |  |  |
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