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NATIONAL SUFFRAGE

We may now safely conclude that National Women Suffrage is a part of the fundamental law of the land. The hitch in the ratification proceedings in Tennessee can be but temporary at most. Just why the opposition is quibbling and is seeking to retard a result which they know must come, is difficult to understand.

If the obstruction is for a political purpose, it is sure to rebound with destructive effect upon the obstructionist. The filing of the injunction to prevent the legislative officials from going ahead and concluding their duty in making Tennessee the keystone state in the adoption of the 19th amendment to our national constitution has greatly dimmed the glory of being the 36th state, which Tennessee would otherwise have enjoyed.

If this injunction would prevent suffrage from becoming a law in time for the women to vote at the November election, then we will know that politics is behind the objection. But if just prejudice against women voting is the cause, then we will simply wait for the objectors to die.

Women are as truly citizens as are the men and under certain conditions, shoulder all the responsibilities that men do, except that of voting and the making of the laws under which we live. She is probably more interested in preserving the purity and the enforcement of the law and the maintainance of a highly moral tone by the government, than are the men. It is quite time that we forget the fact that the Bible holds that a woman is menial and scarcely a human being. We men should consider her an equal and in many respects our superior and remember that she is the mother of humanity and must continue to be so considered.

A few women have been placed in positions of power and, generally to their credit, they have not abused it. England's premier sovereign was a woman and during Queen Victoria's long reign that nation made the greatest progress of her history.

Linn county has three women officials and they have rendered such efficient and satisfactory service that we think either of them deserve to be reelected, if they so desire. Compare their service with that of their male predecessors and the women will lose nothing by the comparison.

Of course women are not fitted by nature to serve in all capacities. Women are not fitted by nature to become soldiers. Neither are men fitted by nature to become mothers. Which is the more useful and necessary function?

Down in Tennessee some political legislators are trying to play football

with her legislature in which our entire nation is deeply interested. The bitterest opponent knows that national suffrage is but a matter of time. It is as sure to become a part of our fundamental law as it is that our nation will live. Then why delay by the imposition of mere technicalities? The Tribune does not care which of the great political parties will be the gainer or the loser by the adoption of the 19th amendment. It is a question of justice and right. It is a matter of justice and right that women should vote and have a voice in the making of our laws; in a moral sense men commit crime to delay the manumission of these slaves whom we love and revere for a minute longer than necessary.

A FAST AGE

The Albany Herald states that there is an automobile for every seven persons in Linn County. That is to say there are nearly autos enough to take all of the people of our county on a joy ride at once and the same time.

The auto has come to be received as a necessary adjunct of business. It is both a life saver and a life destroyer. A family residing a few miles in the country has an accident; the doctor is summoned by telephone; he jumps into his auto and in an hours time the life, mayhap, is saved and relief is ministered.

A ship at sea, loaded with passengers meets with an accident; the fact is made known through the use of the wireless telegraphy and a relief ship dispatched, generally in time to save the imperiled passengers and crew.

The air ship is now about to pass the experimental stage and it will soon be added to the business equipment of the world. In time the under-sea boat or submarine will add its quota of usefulness to the world.

And the same is true of thousands of useful inventions, all devised as labor savers, in almost every field. Old Rip Van Winkle would not need to sleep more than one-fourth of twenty years to be a stranger to the world when he awakens.

While a vast majority of our inventions have for their object the good and welfare of man, some of them are for in the aid of evil and unhappiness of man. The victim who is so unfortunate as to be seated in the electric chair does not, probably, see any good in it and thinks, no doubt, the world would be as well off without it.

There is no doubt but what the automobile has brought both joy and usefulness to country life. The auto, with good roads, is bound to make country life more desirable and stop in a measure the drift of the people from the country to the city. The auto also enables the business slave of the city to get out and breathe the country air and to relax from the desk drudgery, which is daily shortening his life.

The danger of the auto and other rapid means of transit, is to germinate habits of extravagance on the part of them and to cause the people to become fast as well as their means of travel and communication. Certain it is, however, that the means of rapid transit, rapid communication, wireless telegraphy and telephony and the thousands of labor-saving machines and contrivances have added greatly to the happiness and progress of the human family.

FOR WHOM WILL YOU VOTE?

A very large number of the American people do not know, today, for whom they will vote next November. They want to vote for the man who gives promise of making the best president. Our country is so large

and centers of population so numerous that not one half the people are privileged to see the presidential candidate and have his personality help them make up their opinion.

On one point, the issue between Mr. Harding and Mr. Cox is clear and well defined. Mr. Harding is opposed to the league or any league unless it is drafted by the republican party and endorsed by a republican president. This, of course, means square opposition to the present league, which has been signed by twenty-nine of the nations of the world. The United States, Germany, Austria and Turkey are the large nations yet to sign up to make the league the league of the world.

Mr. Cox favors the league, with or without reservations, which will change its meaning. Hence, if you are opposed to the league, with or without reservations, you should vote for Mr. Harding, but if you are in favor of the league, with or without reservations; because it is a step towards preventing war and thereby saving the life of your or your neighbor's boy, because of the enormous expense which war involves, and also the large expense of maintaining a large army and navy, and because you want all the world to step forward in the march of progress, you should vote for Mr. Cox.

Another issue is becoming pretty well defined. Mr. Harding is so opposed to President Wilson and what he (Harding) terms autocratic and dogmatic habits, that he has gone to the other extreme and says he will seek advice upon all public matters, which means that he will go to Senators Lodge, Penrose, Borah, Johnson and that he will take orders from this bunch. Mr. Harding does not state this matter boldly but we can gather that inference from what he has said. His record as senator, goes to prove he can be swayed in his acts. He is willing to cast and anchor to the windward, as the late James G. Blaine once said.

While Mr. Cox has not expressed himself in this matter. His three terms as governor of Ohio shows that he is fearless and energetic in the performance of duty. He, if elected, no doubt will listen to advise and accept its dictum, if he sees the plan or method is better than his own but to think that he will take orders from others, no matter whom they may be unless they are superior in authority, is mere nonsense.

As to their stand on prohibition, there is but little difference between the two men. Judging from their past public acts. Mr. Cox has an opinion and does not hesitate to express it. He is open and above board in his acts, conceals nothing. If you ask him for an opinion he does not hesitate or equivocate. On the other hand Mr. Harding has an opinion, but will not give it unless he has to and then usually with qualifications.

So far as private characters, both gentlemen are honest, reliable and of highly moral standing among their neighbors. Both are fine lovable gentlemen. Mr. Harding takes the position, if you want to see me, come to Marion and to my front porch and do so. Mr. Cox says: boys, I want to see as many of you as I can and will visit your state for that purpose.

Here you have the character of the two men briefly sketched. The Tribune may not view these men as you do. That is a privilege each of us have. But if we have aided you in forming your opinion, this article will not have been written in vain.

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