

DOES ROMANCE DIE WHEN WOMEN VOTE?

Case From Montana is Cited for Information of South Carolina Senator.

When the bill for the referendum for woman suffrage came up in our State senate, one of our senators objected to equal suffrage on sentimental grounds. He said that if it were granted to the women of South Carolina romance would immediately swoon away and die and he also pointed out that no man could make love to a "seasoned politician." His argument is entirely refuted by the following:

Some years ago, a man and woman ran for the office of attorney general in Montana, on opposite tickets. The man was elected. Thereupon he appointed the woman as his assistant attorney general. Later the two were married.

WHY WOMEN SHOULD VOTE.

I have been asked why I believe in woman suffrage.

I have been in favor of woman suffrage ever since I knew the meaning of the words. I have been an advocate of the cause for many years, though at a distance from the active part in the West. I have had a number of letters, in the past, from the West, inviting me to come out and assist them in lecturing for woman suffrage. It was not convenient for me to go. I have believed for the last 30 years that woman suffrage would be here and I am very happy that it is so near. Women should have equal suffrage because it is justly due them. They pay taxes to help support the government. They are governed by the laws of the land. They should have a voice in choosing those by whom they are governed as a means of self-protection due to all. Every year I have more faith and hope in its success, and a desire to use my influence for its advancement. Woman suffrage is right and practical. It tends to elevate. Women's votes will improve the education system generally.

I believe the work for equal suffrage is a Christian work. I believe equal suffrage is divinely doomed to come soon. Eliza A. Garner.

Kelton, S. C.

COUNTRIES IN WHICH WOMEN VOTE.

Ques. What countries have woman suffrage? Ans. In the United States women possess full suffrage rights in 12 States and have limited suffrage in most of the others. Abroad they have full parliamentary suffrage in Australia, New Zealand, the Isle of Man, Finland, Norway, Denmark and Iceland. They have municipal suffrage on the same terms as men throughout British Isles and in Sweden, and some measure of municipal franchise rights in nine Canadian provinces, the cities of Belize, in British Honduras, Rangoon, in Burmah, and Baroda and Bombay, in British India. Women who own property are allowed to cast their votes on various communal matters either in their own persons or through proxies in certain districts of Austria, Germany, Hungary and Russia. In Belgium, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Rumania and Switzerland women have no political rights whatever but are allowed to vote for certain administrative boards—educational, philanthropic, correctional or industrial.

WOMAN PRESIDENT OF R. R.

The recent death of Capt. J. T. Jones, reputed to be the wealthiest man in Mississippi, leaves the management of his interests, including the presidency of a small railroad, in the hands of his daughter. Owing to the ability with which Miss Jones has handled the work since the beginning of her father's illness her services as president of the road will be retained, it is said.

THE PRESIDENT'S GREETING.

The following is a part of a congratulatory letter sent by President Wilson to Gov. Frazier of North Dakota when news was received that the North Dakota legislature had passed the bill giving partial suffrage to the women of the State:

"My interest in the extension of suffrage to women is, as you know, very great, and I feel that every step in this direction should receive the most cordial indorsement and recognition."

What a pity the governor of South Carolina wasn't given the opportunity to receive such a letter!

In a speech at the opening of the convention of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage at Chicago recently, Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, of New York City, predicted that politicians of every group would be taught something about their business this year by the women. She said: "Woman does not ask the vote for her own selfish interests, for her own individual protection, but as a demand against the injustice which has excluded one-half of the human race from the right to speak for itself and vote for itself."

A Spanish bell-bearing the date 1247 is still in use in Oakland, Cal.

SENATOR E. D. SMITH SIDESTEPS ON QUESTION

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insult, piled upon ingratitude and injustice?

The fallacy of the argument, that by giving women the vote, thereby extending the same privilege to others; would be disastrous, is proven by statistics. Our census shows that in the South, the white population far outnumber that of any other—therefore, were the ballot given to all, the vote of the undesirable element would be so far in the minority that it could not count for much. And the intelligent vote would be increased by giving our women the ballot, since two-thirds of the number of pupils in our public schools are girls. It can also be seen by our last census, that the illiterate men greatly outnumber the illiterate women. Isn't an intelligent vote better than an ignorant one, even though it be the vote of woman?

But if our white men can keep this undesirable male element from voting, then the same means can be used to prevent the female of that same class from making use of her ballot.

With 91 electoral votes, the women of the suffrage States held the controlling power of the last presidential election. That was why each presidential platform contained a suffrage plank. Equal rights is gaining ground so rapidly that by the next presidential election the party whose man is elected will be the one who pledges himself to give the vote to the unfranchised States, because that will be the party to win the vote from the State whose women have the ballot, as they are working to whiten up the black States. With the controlling power in their hands it won't be long before these women can get almost anything they ask of our government.

No party henceforth can elect a president who is not an advocate of equal suffrage. Therefore merits and demerits of the question.

Thomas Jefferson said that it was inconceivable to him "that any State should bestow the suffrage upon the most ignorant and besotted man, and deny it to the most intelligent and virtuous woman."

Abraham Lincoln, one of our greatest Americans made this statement: "I go for all sharing the privileges of government, who assist in bearing its burdens; consequently, I go for all whites to the right of suffrage who pay taxes or bear arms, by no means excluding the female."

Giving women the vote would not jeopardize white supremacy, but on the other hand would strengthen it. T. H.

CHARM AND THE BALLOT.

New Zealand Reports That Her Voting Women Are Still Beautiful.

"In New Zealand we have not found that making a 'pencil mark on a voting paper' once in three years has resulted in any loss of grace or beauty among our women, or even in neglect of home duties. On the contrary, the woman's vote has had a distinctly clarifying effect on the process of elections. The old evil memories of election day the ribaldry, the fighting, have been succeeded by a decorous gravity befitting people exercising their highest natural privilege," said Sir Joseph Ward, speaking as Prime Minister of New Zealand.

PIONEER SUFFRAGIST.

Mrs. Virginia Durant Young, of Fairfax, S. C., deserves mention in our Suffrage Edition, for she was one of the pioneers of the cause in South Carolina. In the days when any mention of equal suffrage was unpopular and "Women's Rights" were ridiculed, she stood firm in her convictions. She was a woman of forceful character, and left her impress upon the community in which she lived. It is traceable now in the varied activities for social betterment, and moral uplift.

Miss Alice Paul, national chairman of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, recently received a letter from a noted member of the Black-foot Indian tribe which read: "To the American Indian belongs the credit for the idea of woman suffrage. In the early days before the white man came the Indian woman had equal voice in the council and even was elected chieftain; so you see this is a real American idea."

An organization, known as the Mother Police, composed of 500 women, was recently founded in New York City. The movement is rapidly spreading to all parts of the city. The primary object of the organization is to protect young working girls from evil influences. Other matters affecting the home are also included, such as sanitation, fire-escapes, playgrounds, etc.

WOULD SIT AS JURORS.

Colorado women are asking that the State constitution be revised so that women will be allowed to sit as jurors in trials. In order to decide cases justly where women and children are involved there should be women jurors as well as men, they argue.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

The new woman suffrage map has the States of full suffrage, where women vote same as men marked white. States where women vote for presidential and municipal suffrage are dotted. States that women have partial suffrage are shaded. States where women have partial suffrage are shaded. States where women have no suffrage are marked black. There are fourteen of the United States marked black. In all States of the United States where women do not have equal suffrage bills are being presented to legislature and in many States are given favorable hearing. From Maine to Texas suffragists are expectant, hopeful and triumphant. The governor of Ohio has lately signed the bill and Ohio is the 14th State to let women vote for president. Women now a factor in 120 electoral votes.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association and president of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, prefers action through congress to state referenda and points out many reasons in support of the federal method of obtaining woman suffrage.

A woman has lately been elected mayor of Unatilla, Oregon. She ran against her husband and beat him in the race. When one of the office seekers inquired why women put out their ticket the new mayor answered promptly, and to the point, "Because women were tired of masculine inefficiency."

Cardinal Gibbons, for years a strong anti-suffragist, has declared himself open to conviction. The statement was made to a number of Catholic suffragists who visited the cardinal last week.

The women numbering 24 and representing Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington journeyed to Baltimore to have a promised audience with Cardinal Gibbons. They pleaded with the cardinal to support suffrage. While he withheld all promises, he said he would give the subject earnest thought and that his mind is open to conviction.

This question of suffrage for women is most important and far-reaching. He told his questioners woman's sphere in the world is becoming daily more influential. They have done more than the men to develop and christianize the human race. But it is hard for a man who has entertained decided views on a subject for fifty years to change those views.

These items of news are selected from the latest copies of the Woman's Journal of Boston, Mass. I hope the editor of The Union Times will consider them worth printing. Such news is interesting and encouraging to all who are in favor of woman suffrage and they seem to be increasing in number daily. E. A. Garner.

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WOULD BE WISE STEP.

Nation, Before Entering War, Should Give Women Ballot.

The Independent, in commenting on the war situation, points out that the great war has demonstrated that the women of a nation are one of its most valuable assets, not in a sentimental sense, but in a practical one. In the war countries the women have taken up all of the industrial burdens in order that the men may be released to take the field. The article concludes:

"It would be an act of cold, calculating wisdom for the men of America, as they enter the great war, to give the women of America equal part in the government of the nation. Women should be given, here and now, the vote, not as a bribe—thank God, they need no such incentive to effort and sacrifice—but as an aid to enlarged usefulness."

Charles A. Beard, professor of economics in Columbia University, who with his wife spent a month at Pine Ridge Camp a year ago, says:

"The fatal error was made when women were taught to read and write and the gateway to knowledge were thrown open to them. It is now too late to turn back the hands of the clock. They will penetrate the 'mysteries' of masculine government just as the common man penetrated the 'mysteries' of royal government. They know more now and are better prepared for the ballot by far than the common man was when he received it."

A CONUNDRUM.

It's a burden and a favor, without doubt;

It's a privilege, a duty and a task; It's a thing most men can't bear to be without,

But for which they think no woman ought to ask.

—Alice Duer Miller, in New York Tribune.

ARMY COOKS.

A school for training women to become army cooks was opened recently in England. Women between the ages of 17 and 35 are eligible to join and already over 1,200 graduates have been sent to the front.

WHAT PROMINENT PEOPLE THINK OF WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Men's Leagues for Suffrage have been formed in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Texas and other Southern States.

Representative McGill of Arkansas says, "I believe that all good men are benighted and being myself a husbandette, I vote for the suffragette."

Alexander M. Scott, of Indiana legislature: "Woman is God's first and best gift. To vote now to complete her civic power is the proudest moment of any life."

If woman suffrage were not desirable for any other reason, it would be worth while merely because it would insure better pure-food legislation.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley.

Some men say they do not want to see women at the polls, but did you ever hear one say he did not want to see a woman pay taxes?—Mrs. H. O. Havemeyer.

Mrs. Z. G. Wallace, of Indiana, from whom Gen. Lewis Wallace drew the portrait of the mother in "Ben Hur," said, "If women do not fight they give to the state all the soldiers." As Lady Henry Somerset says, "She who bears soldiers does not need to bear arms."

"The surprising thing to me is that there are still in this country a sufficient number of well-informed, patriotic, law-abiding, respectable women to form a National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage."—Hon. H. E. Williams, W. Va.

"We have in Colorado the most advanced laws of any State in the Union for the care and protection of the home and the children, the very foundations of the republic," says Judge Ben B. Lindsey, of the Denver Juvenile Court, in The Woman Voter. "We owe this more to woman suffrage than to any other one cause."

It is the duty of women to have the ballot; it is the duty of man to give it. We all need woman's help as we try to solve the many and terrible problems set before us. In the solution of these problems, we should use the full and not cramped strength of every man and woman in the entire commonwealth.—Theodore Roosevelt.

"Judge Ben B. Lindsey says: 'The case for equal suffrage could well afford to rest on the record made by the voting women. In no single State have they failed to bring a better, cleaner and more independent note politics; and there is not a statute book on which women have written that does not contain more humane laws as a result.'"

Lucy Stone said, "Some woman risks her life whenever a soldier is born into the world. Later she does picket duty over his cradle and for years she is his quartermaster, and gathers his rations, and when that boy grows to a man shall he say to his mother, 'If you want to vote, you must first go and kill somebody?' It is a coward's argument."

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN GERMANY.

As recently as 1895 women in Germany had almost no political rights. For them to attend political meetings was entirely against the law and all their attempts to hold such meetings were promptly headed off by the police.

However, they began to grow restless as time went on and women in other countries began to have a voice in their governments, and a meeting was finally held without interference by the authorities. This was the first non-socialistic political equality meeting that was ever held in Germany. Encouraged by the success of this undertaking they endeavored to carry the work rapidly forward but for a number of years all efforts in this direction were met by stern government opposition.

In 1904 Susan B. Anthony succeeded in holding the world's congress of women's suffragists in Berlin, though it was in direct violation of the law at that time. Here this American leader commissioned a number of German women as delegates to organize a branch of the international suffrage association in Germany.

From that time the movement continued to gain strength until the German Alliance for Woman's Franchise was organized in 1907. In 1908 Germany adopted a new law which granted women the right to attend and hold political meetings. Several other suffrage organizations have since sprung up having different platforms and views but all working toward the one end—woman's right to vote.

FOR THE ASKING.

Any one desiring suffrage literature can provide it from Mrs. W. H. Cobb, Douglass Heights, Union, S. C.

Mrs. Cobb is the new chairman of education for the State Suffrage League, and will be glad to hear from those who wish information on the subject of equal suffrage.

EFFECT OF WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN COLORADO.

Mrs. Walter Duncan, Aiken.

Women were years ago engaged in the pioneer work of civilizing Colorado, transforming its wilderness into places of peace and sweetness and security, so likewise are women today engaged in a work of civilizing Colorado, transforming its wilderness into places of peace and security, so likewise are women today engaged in a great pioneer work broader and nobler and grander, to make the world a better place to live in. In the pioneer days on the frontier in Colorado the women protected the home with the bullet. In the pioneer times of today, she is standing shoulder to shoulder with the man, no longer with a rifle in her hands, but more enlightened, with broader sympathies and with a more perfect understanding of men and measures to protect their home not from the night prowler, but from the evils and the vices of organized society—and her weapon is something more effective than the bullet, for she has the ballot.

(Mrs. Duncan is an ardent suffragist and a woman of force in her community.)

QUESTION BOX.

Do you know that South Carolina has no law against prostitution?—(Mrs. Duncan is an ardent suffragist and a woman of force in her community.)

Do you know that the age of consent in two of our Southern States is as low as 10 years? And in only seven non-suffrage States is it as high as 18 years, while all suffrage States make the age of consent 18 years, with the exception of Nevada and Illinois, whose age is 16.

Do you know that South Carolina needs the injunction and abatement law as this has been proven the most effective weapon against commercialized vice, because it is directed against the owner of the property, and puts the power of action in the hands of every citizen.

Do you know that the women of Washington begged for the eight hour day for working women for eight years, before they were given the vote? It was given to them by the first legislature after they won the franchise.

Do you know that the women of Massachusetts were 40 years getting the nine hour law for working women?

Do you know that the women of South Carolina prefer the dignified alternative of voting to lobbying?

Do you know that the cost of elections is a very small portion of the cost of government?

Do you know that Kansas, a suffrage State, on Jan. 1, 1916, paid off the last dollar of its State debt?

Do you know that 300,000 babies die every year in the United States 50 per cent. of these is due to preventable causes?

Do you know that we have a national appropriation of \$600,000 for our hogs, and \$165,000 for our babies?

Do you know that the infant death rate is lower in the suffrage States than in the non-suffrage?

Do you know that every congressman who comes from a suffrage State is in favor of a national amendment, and votes for it?

Do you know that until 1874 a man had a right to beat his wife provided the stick was no larger than his thumb?

Do you know that scripture is not against women enjoying equal rights with men, for was not Deborah a successful general and a great judge, and for 40 years ruled Israel, and that during her reign "all the land had peace."

Do you know that in South Carolina there are 5,289 white school teachers in the public schools? Of this number 4,380 are women. Hence it is left to the women to train the future citizens of South Carolina. Our good men are willing that the women influence the lives of their sons, instill in them good or bad principles, implant in their souls the right or wrong kinds of ambitions, help in the moulding of their characters, yet refuse to let these women vote.

ENEMIES OF SUFFRAGE.

Prejudice and ignorance. Through prejudice people refused to listen to arguments on the side of equal suffrage, and in their ignorance they make false and harmful statements.

The women of the West have nobly vindicated their qualification to exercise the ballot patriotically and intelligently. They refused to be herded and handed over to any candidate by their leaders, and they gave the bulk of their votes to the man who has maintained peace with honor for the American people and helped to swell the Wilson tide in the West.—Knoxville Sentinel.

In all the equal suffrage States women teachers and women in public service get equal pay for all equal work.

CONVERT CONAN DOYLE.

English Women Win Famous Author to "the Cause."

Every few days some prominent Englishman comes out in a public statement for woman suffrage. This is due to the fact that women are doing so well their part of the work of the nation forced upon them by the great war. The latest convert to the suffrage cause is Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the famous author of "Sherlock Holmes." In a letter to the London Times November 28, Sir Arthur says:

"Hats off to the women of Britain. Even all the exertions of the militarists shall not in future prevent me from being an advocate for their vote for those who have helped to save the state should be allowed to help to guide it."

A COLLEGE WOMAN TO OUR ALIEN CITIZENS.

(Thought sin a Naturalization Court.) They know not our hopes and our fears,

They know not the laws of our land, Our language is strange in their ears, And their oath is an upraised hand; But at least they are warm in their plea,

At least they have longed and prepared, At least they desire to be free, At least they have cared,

O Yosef, Pietro, or Yan; O Yinsky, or Yonsky, or Shua,

Our country will ask you—a man— May American women be free? Recall, on that day, how like you

We women have struggled and cared; O sovereigns, O masters, you, too, Once strove and despaired!

—Alice Duer Miller, in New York Tribune.

A NEW SUFFRAGE PROBLEM.

Will Congress Take Ballot From Women of Danish West Indies?

The purchase of the Danish West Indies gives a new suffrage problem to congress because the women of the islands now possess rights of suffrage equal to those of men.

When the subject of Danish West Indian legislation comes before congress officers of the National American Woman Suffrage Association will urge the retention of the rights now possessed by the women of the islands.

The women of Denmark enjoy full suffrage. The parliament granted them municipal suffrage first and after a few years extended full suffrage to them.

WHY I BELIEVE IN EQUAL SUFFRAGE.

A Woman's Reason.

My belief in the political equality of men and women rests fundamentally on the principle of justice. "Male and female, created He them," together they were to carry on the race together to build up society. In the nature of things there was no question of the superiority of one sex over the other. Without either the race would die out and society cease to be evolved.

Where there is equal responsibility in justice there should be equal advantages. For one sex to arrogate to itself the one instrument that in a democracy gives its possessor sovereign power—the ballot—means gross injustice on the part of one and an undeserved abasement on the part of the other sex.

Harriet Powe Lynch, President S. C. E. S. L.

A Man's Reason.

Woman suffrage is an inevitable step in the advance of free government. The right of women to vote is the outcome of their present right to monogamous marriage, to freedom from chattel slavery, to education, to control of their own persons and property. In a Democracy political rights are merely the right to be consulted when community interests are discussed. Men vote not as exercising a sex-function, but as human beings. Therefore, women should also vote. This does not mean disturbing the balance of sex, but merely giving each of the two halves of humanity its proper weight in the general council of the community.

L. P. Chamberlayne, Ph. D., Ancient Languages, University of South Carolina.

CLUB WOMEN'S WORK.

Club women in Portland, Ore., are supporting a bill which will be presented to the next legislature that will make it compulsory for courts to appoint a certain number of women on juries in both civil and criminal cases in which either a child or woman is a principal.

In the final analysis, the burden of war falls on the women. They carry the cross and it is only just that they have some voice in the government which declares a war in which they suffer.—Irvin Cobb.

An aviation school is about to be opened by the Chinese government.