

Democrats Make Suffrage Move.

San Francisco, June 25.—The Democratic national committee today unanimously agreed to send a telegram to the governor of Tennessee urging a special session of the legislature to ratify the federal suffrage amendment.

The committee met late today to make up the temporary roll of delegates, to consider contests and to dispose of other business preliminary to the opening of the convention next Monday. H. S. Cummings, chairman. Probably the largest number of women that ever attended a meeting of the committee was present. Among the arrivals was Senator James S. Reed, who claimed a seat in the convention as a delegate for the Fifth Missouri district. Representatives of the two large groups of delegates contesting for Georgia's 28 seats were also on hand.

There was vigorous applause when Chairman Cummings suggested the sending of a telegram to Governor Roberts of Tennessee, urging him to call a special session of the legislature to ratify the federal suffrage amendment.

Without Opposing Vote.

The suggestion was unanimously adopted.

Following is the telegram sent to the governor of Tennessee:

"The Democratic national committee at its meeting held today by unanimous vote directed me, as chairman of the committee to send you the following message:

"We most earnestly emphasize the extreme importance and urgency of an immediate meeting of your state legislature for the purpose of ratifying the proposed 19th amendment to the federal constitution. The eyes of the millions of women throughout the country are turned toward Tennessee as the one state that can and will enfranchise them prior to the November election by becoming the 36th state to ratify the suffrage amendment.

"We trust that for the present all other legislative matters may, if necessary, be held in abeyance and that you will call an extra session of the legislature of your state for such brief duration as may be required to act favorably on the amendment. Tennessee occupies a position of peculiar and pivotal importance and one that enables her to render a service of incalculable value to the women of America. We confidently expect, therefore under your leadership and through your action of the legislature of your state the women of the nation may be given the privilege of voting in the coming presidential election."

"Homer S. Cummings, Chairman National Committee."

Nashville, Tenn., June 25.—Gov. A. H. Roberts, on reaching Jackson, Tenn., where he speaks this afternoon, sent a telegram to President Wilson, stating that he intended to include ratification of the 19th amendment in his call for an extra session of the legislature, provided the state of legal department advised him that ratification could now be made.

When the governor's telegram was sent he had not heard that Attorney General Thompson had sent him an opinion here advising that the present legislature could ratify the amendment.

Raleigh, N. C., June 25.—Declaring that President Wilson's telegram calling attention to the importance of the North Carolina action on the federal suffrage amendment required no answer, Governor Bickett today stated that he had nothing to add to the statement he has already made relative to his views toward suffrage.

Those views were expressed in a letter to W. N. Everett of Rockingham, N. C., suffrage leader in the 1919 legislature, who asked the governor to champion the cause of women in the state convention. The governor in this letter, made public March 15, declined to do this, but he added:

"Some time ago I decided to advise the general assembly at the special session in July to ratify the federal amendment. It is the sensible and the graceful thing to do. It follows that I am in favor of the Democratic convention indorsing the amendment when it meets in April. Voicing his own personal fears in regard to suffrage, Governor Bickett added in that letter:

"But my dear Mr. Everett my fears do not blind my eyes and I clearly see that today a condition and not a theory confronts the Democratic party in North Carolina. Woman suffrage is coming. It is as irresistible as the tides, and I am convinced it is the part of wisdom for the Democratic party in North Carolina to accept it gracefully."

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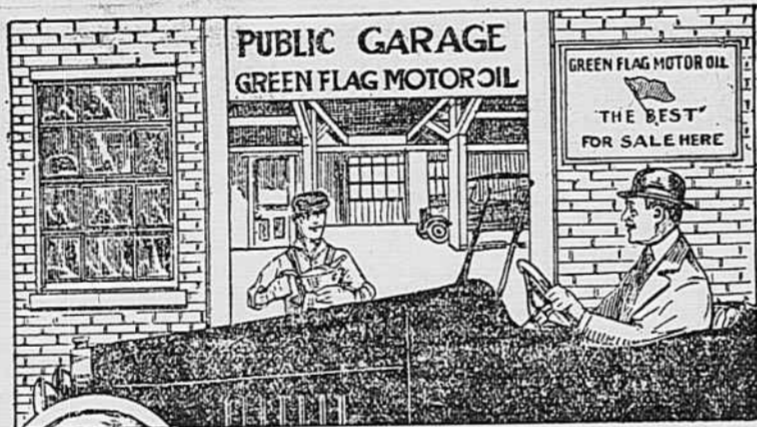
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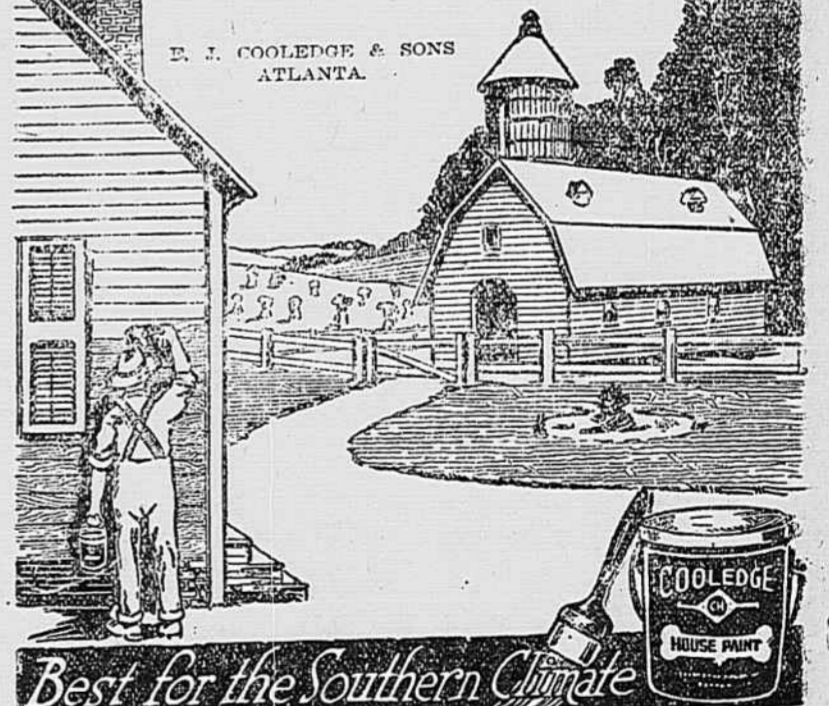
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