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Register And Do Your Duty, Vote For Righteousness.

However lightly we women may view this new duty, new responsibility, or new privilege, it does not change the seriousness of the situation. We have "Come into the kingdom of such a time as this," and it does not matter what our attitude toward voting is, we should religiously study the political conditions, and vote for righteousness.

Have you ever stopped to think that the enfranchisement of so many women at this critical time has not just happened, that above the human there there is the Divine.

Were you to decide to make a garment you would begin to assemble your material. First you would decide upon the pattern and then undertake to select your goods, your trimming, your thread your pins and needles scissors and so on. God also works out by a pattern the things that come to pass. What part in his plans are you taking of your own free will? Are you a tangle in the divine thread, or rust upon the needle; or are you the wax that makes the thread run smoother or the emery that polishes the needle?

Ask yourself this question, place yourself—are you governed by principal or prejudice?

Many of our greatest men and women fear that our civilization is trembling on the brink of disaster, and is it too much to suggest that the salvation of our national life lies in the hand of woman? By what right do you withhold your part? What excuse have you for drawing about you your self-righteous skirts and passing by on the other side? Too many otherwise good men have already followed that policy, preferring to live oblivious to the political demands of their country and are patting themselves on the back, while unctious pride oozes up every pore.

We can not plead that politics is too dirty. That fact is your call to duty. Wade in and clean up things. What though you befoul your garments you can change them? Even though you should become submerged, you will make a good mud-sill for the structure that is to be; there is more honor in that than in tipping the dome!

You say not a very promising prospect, but why haggle over your own political prospects when the salvation of a nation cries aloud for sacrifice?

Each succeeding generation sets its ideals, and the indications are that money and fame will not figure except when linked with sacrifice, and the men and women who contribute most to their generation in sacrificial service will be most honored. Be a Joan of Arc, Deborah, an Esther if you must, but if not, then be a good conscientious, intelligent citizen and do your duty and the country will be safe. Do not follow men, but follow what they advocate if it is good, if not turn them down. The studies in citizenship are open to every woman who will use them, and the registration books are also open to all who wish to register up to the eighth of October. Secure your registration certificate now while you can and do your duty.

Mrs. W. L. Dunovant,
State Press Chairman, L. W. V.

If your better half objects to your registering, use the wise tactics of queen Esther. Feed him three days on the best at your command and he will let you have your own acorn and half of his own! But to be seriously minded, it is your duty and one over which he has no right to interfere, besides, don't let him stop you by threatening to quit if you start. After sober reflection we conclude that yours is worth more than his, perhaps, and you should choose the lesser evil.

Registration Book to be Open Over the County.

Gov. Cooper has been requested by me to have the registration books opened at Johnston, Trenton, Red Hill and Meeting Street, so that the women of these communities may register without the necessity of coming to Edgefield. The time for closing the registration books is not far distant (the 29th of this month) and it behooves every woman who is interested in the Democratic party and the welfare of our Southland to register at once, so as to be able to vote in November. It is too late now to hesitate about using the vote, even though where women may not have wanted it. The law has been passed and you may rest assured, the Republican women will take advantage of it.

The duty of every Democratic woman is to stand by our party else it may be defeated. The women in some parts of our State are realizing this and registering in great numbers.

We would not have old Edgefield a laggard in time, when she has ever had a leading place in South Carolina in every important movement. I am sure I can count on the loyalty of our true women. Don't wait until tomorrow, do your duty today.

Mrs. N. G. EVANS.
Judge DeVore Says Women Should Register.

To the Edgefield Advertiser:
Whether right or wrong, wise or unwise, there have been enough States to ratify the Amendment to the United States Constitution giving and granting to women the right and privilege of voting.

The National Democratic Party has always been in favor of granting this privilege and are now advising and urging every loyal Democratic woman to qualify herself for voting, especially in the Presidential Election this fall. This being so it is not only the right but the duty of every woman within this State to qualify herself to vote, and in order to do so, it is necessary for her to register in accordance with the laws of this State. This does not mean that she must vote but that she may do so, if she desires or it becomes necessary.

Very respectfully,
J. W. DEVORE,
Circuit Judge.
Sept. 13th, 1920.

Whaley Addresses Women's Clubs.

The following clipping comes from the news columns of The State. We repeat it because of its sane views and that our people may see how our prominent men think on this subject.

"In an address on citizenship delivered before the Business and Professional Women's club, Judge M.S. Whaley cited the question of the vice district, which question is prominent in the minds of Columbia's thinking population at the present time, as an instance which emphasizes the necessity of women taking advantages of the privilege which is theirs of registering and voting.

"Judge Whaley's talk was brief and to the point. He first dwelt upon the technicalities of the Democratic rules and of registration and voting, explaining the difference between the Democratic primary and the general election. He said that it is not a question now of whether women want to vote or not, but that the thing has come and it is the duty of every woman to register and vote.

"Much of the terrors connected with voting in some women's mind is that of jury duty he said. Judge Whaley believes that the legislature will exempt women from jury duty or else make it optional with them, but he said that if women ask that they be exempted they will be delivering up a right that they should exercise, because there are numbers of cases where a woman jury is badly needed. No right he said is without its responsibilities. He spoke of the filthy condition of the court houses, and said that he, himself, did not feel that women should be asked to do jury duty in such places.

"Judge Whaley said that women should not think they are being dragged into politics simply because they register and go to the poles and vote, and he also said that women should not sell their votes."

State News.

The state news is very encouraging. Anderson county is leading the state in registration. Anderson has also the first woman voter in South Carolina. Mrs. Inez Callahan voted "yea" for additional school tax in Oak Grove district. Thirteen hundred registered in Anderson in less than one week.

Aiken county secured additional registration places, and is pushing the leading counties close.

Union county is very enthusiastic over the registration of her women, and the women mean to vote in the November election to prove to South Carolina that they do want the ballot.

News from Walterboro says that Colleton county women are registering in large numbers.

Charleston is not behind very far in the race for second position. Women are aroused to their duty as patriotic citizens.

Face Reduction of Representation Unless Women of South Carolina Register and Vote November.

By vote of the congress of the United States and three-fourths of the sovereign states of the union the women of the United States have been given the right to vote. While there is no law (as in Belgium) forcing anyone to vote, the necessity of a correct working democratic government demands that all qualified members of the electorate cast their ballots at the proper time. The idea of voting rests on the theory that the best ways to protect the interests of each individual is to allow each person a voice in determining the policy of the state. Thus under the old system of manhood suffrage every man voted, or else allowed the interests of himself and family to suffer through lack of representation; under the new system of universal adult suffrage the duty of protecting the special interests of the family units devolves upon the female as well as the male. Neglect to register and vote, and in the long run you will suffer because the vote of your husband will not equal the vote of another woman and her husband.

Besides it should be realized that women as a class have certain special interests to be advanced and protected only through their exercise of power by the vote. We need the action of the women of South Carolina in order to advance social legislation: Child labor laws, pensions for old mothers, institutions for the helpless, and countless other reforms of a social nature have as yet hardly demanded the serious attention of the laws tender a part of the population.

A more immediate and sectional reason why our women should register and vote is the necessity of showing the North in the year of census taking and consequent reapportionment of representation the largest possible vote. According to the North Nation the Republican Chairman of the House Committee on Reapportionment of Representation is using all his influence to have southern representation in congress reduced proportionate to our voting strength as compared with the voting strength of the northern states. Under the second section of the Fourteenth Amendment. Congress has full power to do this very thing, which might involve the reduction of the South Carolina representation from five to two, even one member. This movement can have the wind taken out of its sails only by a full vote of both sexes.

Regardless of the number of popular votes cast in the November elections, the Democratic candidate for president, provided he wins by a plurality of one, will get the full South Carolina delegation in the electoral college. Yet it should be the ambition of all loyal South Carolina Democrats, male and female, to show our choice for president in a decisive and overwhelming manner.

S. MCGOWAN SIMKINS.

WOMEN APPOINTED NOTARIES PUBLIC.

Special Effect of Suffrage Amendment Felt in State.

First effect of the promulgation of the 19th amendment were felt in South Carolina yesterday when Governor Cooper commissioned as notaries public five women of South Carolina.

It is true that the bells have rung and the women held hurrah meetings and jubilation gatherings, but it was not until Governor Cooper issued these commissions that the effect of the amendment was actually felt in the state.

The commissions were issued to Nell Pressly Detreville, Ruth Simmons all of Columbia; Maggie Viola Thomson of Newberry and Ola C. Crane of Spartanburg.

Numerous applications for commissions as notaries public have been made in the days before the meeting of the Tennessee legislature, but as the women were not electors they could not qualify.

Miss Detreville was the first woman to make application for a commission as notary public after Tennessee had taken action on the amendment, and very properly her name is in the list of those to whom commissions were first issued.

Chronic Catarrh.

Our manner of living makes us very susceptible to colds and a succession of colds causes chronic catarrh a loathsome disease which it is estimated that ninety-five per cent of our adult population are afflicted. If you would avoid chronic catarrh you must avoid colds or having contracted a cold get rid of it as quickly as possible. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is highly recommended as a cure for colds and can be depended upon.

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