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# Headquarters News Bulletin

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"Who says one word for women says two for men and three for children."—Olive Schreiner.

## WHITE SPOT IN OHIO.

At last Ohio has a white spot on the Suffrage map. Just a little spot but so white and to us it looks so large. We can shut our eyes and see a dozen more like it. Optimism is the greatest characteristic of suffragists.

East Cleveland women have been granted municipal suffrage by the adoption of a charter which incorporates women suffrage. Vote 936 for, 508 against. No campaign was ever conducted with more efficiency. In the beginning the commissioners did not look with favor upon the proposal. They pointed to its probable unconstitutionality. But Florence Allen prepared a brief which dispelled this fear. The possibility that the introduction of suffrage in the charter might defeat it was settled by the suffragists themselves who were willing to have the question submitted as a separate proposal. It was feared that a separate proposal might not be constitutional, but it was shown to have been constitutional in other cases. Then it was suggested that East Cleveland women did not want it. Immediately a house to house canvass made by the suffragists proved East Cleveland women did want it. A campaign committee was formed, headquarters were opened and work continued.

No spectacular methods were used. Women worked without pay, and the whole campaign cost less than \$500. The East Cleveland organization is a part of the Woman Suffrage Party of Greater Cleveland of which Mrs. Roger G. Perkins is chairman. Mrs. Brooks the former chairman of the Party, was chosen chairman of the committee. Mrs. Stroup, who was at great disadvantage because of injuries received in an automobile and train accident, proved herself to be a most remarkable, efficient local chairman and a powerful force for success. She did not leave her home and yet attended to all the details with tact and courage. East Cleveland women not only did the work but raised the money with which to do it.

The enfranchisement of women in

## VICTORY NUMBER

Ohio cities which have charters was made possible under the amendment adopted in 1912, known as the Home Rule for Cities.

### TAKE COURAGE IOWA.

The woman suffrage amendment was lost in Iowa by between four and five thousand votes. This was a blow to all of us. The Iowa women had worked heroically, and some Eastern women had spent weeks in hard campaign work others had generously given money. Suffragists refuse to take the first report of defeat seriously. They remembered California, Montana and other states with their unfavorable early returns. However they hoped without reason and the session of the Chicago Conference for which a victory program had been prepared was turned into a meeting for reconsecration. The Cummings headquarters at the Congress Hotel was across the hall from the National Suffrage Political headquarters and for two days Iowa men were asking the suffrage women for the last word and suffrage women were gathering from the Iowa men their opinion as to why we lost. One man, an influential politician, said we did not have men speakers enough, that wherever men spoke we gained. The very next man questioned said men speakers did us no good and never would that women must speak for themselves.

Some thought outside people did not contribute money enough, others thought Iowa people did not do enough work and did not give enough money. Some thought that the farmers' wives were so comfortable they were selfishly not interested and that industrial women were so few as to make no appeal. Some thought that spectacular methods should have been used and so on.

Two things contributed to the loss in Iowa. Lack of organization and the active work of the liquor people and other vicious interests. Tens of thousands of dollars these men spent and it would have required an un-

usual organization to have overcome that work.

We are sorry for Iowa leaders, but many of us have been there, most of us lack organization, most of us have been routed by whiskey's money. If only all good people would fight with us as all bad fight against us. Iowa has had only one campaign, some of us two, some of us five and we are going to continue to have them till we win. Take courage Iowa you are not alone.

### CLEVELAND NOTES.

The Equal Suffrage League of the College for Women of Western Reserve University gave a clever one-act suffrage play, "The Taming of an Anti by Mrs. William Shakesbroom," as their part in the Campus Night festivities, Wednesday, May 24. Five little handbox theatres were built on the lawn, each presenting it's "stunt." "The Taming of an Anti" an excellent propaganda skit, was written by the girls and was so successful that the theatre played to packed houses all evening. Those taking part were Miss Katherine Pollock, Miss Margaret Barker, Miss Marion Whittlesey and Miss Florence Russell. The officers of the League are Miss Julia Harmon, president; Miss Mildred Merkel, vice president; Miss Marie Grosse, secretary and Miss Margaret Barker, treasurer.

Another Rummage Sale has just been held, netting over \$70.00 for the Party. There is no surer way to make money; the only expense is for having a sign painted to paste on the window, and a man to haul things if people are unwilling to bring them.

In the delegation of Cleveland women who went to Chicago for the parade were Mrs. Roger Perkins, Mrs. George Tinker, Mrs. E. R. Grasselli, Mrs. Charles Savage, Mrs. Oscar Anderson, Mrs. E. B. Bregenzer, Mrs. E. M. Helm and Mrs. J. A. Reaugh.

Prof. Harriette M. Dilla, of Lake Erie College will spend her summer vacation working for the amendment in West Virginia.

Dr. Carrie Richeson, of Bellefontaine, has recently become a life member.



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**Thank you, East Cleveland, for pointing the way.****HOWLAND AND BORAH.**

The Political committee of the Ohio Woman Suffrage Association made a complete poll of the delegates and alternates to the National Republican convention previous to that convention and two of the members of that committee attended the convention. One of these was at the hearing before the platform committee and the other was in the Coliseum when the vote on the suffrage resolution was taken.

Each state delegation in a national political convention chooses a member to serve on the platform or resolution committee. Mr. Paul Howland, of Cleveland, was chosen for Ohio.

Mr. Howland has never advocated political rights for women. Remembering his parents, his early surroundings, we have often wondered why. We have tried in a mild way to convert him, to show him the error of his way.

As we journeyed to Chicago we had two hopes one was that the Republicans would endorse suffrage and the other that Mr. Howland would not be Ohio's member of the platform committee. No one realized all his hopes and so with us. Mr. Howland was chosen. He was chosen on the day East Cleveland's victory was announced but that profited us nothing. Since we had talked with him ten thousand Cleveland women had formed a woman suffrage party and we hoped that might soften him.

When Mr. Howland was a member of Congress he frankly said he did not believe in woman suffrage. Of late he has told women of the Woman Suffrage Party, of Cleveland, he believed in enfranchising women by a National amendment. The truth is when anti-suffragists are in Congress they believe suffrage is a question for states to settle and when they are in state politics they believe it is a question for Congress to settle.

At the close of the hearing before the platform committee the question of woman suffrage was referred to a sub-committee of nine and Mr. How-

**QUESTION NUMBER 12—OHIO HISTORY.**

Does our Constitution say all voters must be white? It designates white male citizens as voters. The provision as to color was in the constitution of 1802 and though the restriction was nullified by the 15th amendment to the United States Constitution and though negroes have voted in Ohio since 1870, the word white still remains in the Constitution. An amendment to eliminate it was defeated in 1867, the Constitution of 1874 which would have eliminated it was rejected, and an amendment to take it out, submitted by the Constitutional Convention of 1912, was lost. Also the ratification of the 15th amendment to the federal constitution was defeated by our State Legislature the first time it was submitted. It was defeated in 1869, ratified in 1870.

land was a member of this sub-committee. Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts was chairman of the full committee on platform. Mr. Lodge is a violent anti-suffragist, violent is not usually applied to Mr. Lodge but it is used advisably this time.

He has used his splendid talents, fine position and intellect against woman suffrage all his adult life. He had said that woman suffrage should not be endorsed if he could help it. So much did he fear the result of the sub-committee consideration that he made himself a member of that committee. This act alarmed us. The committee consisted of four men from the East, conservative by nature and unfamiliar with the working of the ballot in the hands of women and four men from the West, who were radical and were familiar with practical woman suffrage, that is four for, four against.

Paul Howland was between these two sections, wabbling between, just as he had wabbled between the straight Republican and the early insurgents. He was not an anti for he had said to us (our poll showed it,) that he believed in enfranchising women by a National amendment, he had told members of the Ohio delegation the same thing. His vote was to settle the question as far as the sub-committee was concerned. He voted not to recommend the passage of a suffrage resolution, and our opponents laughed with joy at our repulse. His vote was the deciding one. The next morning all suffragists were sad indeed when they read the headlines in the press "Suffrage defeated," "Ohio did it." How mean for a few moments our State appeared. Years ago when Roosevelt was nominated

Cabot Lodge was chairman of the resolution committee and the resolutions were written, printed and distributed before the committee met, but changes have come, the people speak now if it be only in a whisper.

Senator Borah of Idaho, a man of conviction and courage said, "It is not over, don't quit at the first skirmish." He objected to the report, rallied others to him so that the whole committee reversed the report of the sub-committee and the suffrage resolution was adopted 26 to 21 or later after amendment 34 to 11.

United States senators have unpleasant duties, ex-congressmen have moments of sadness but it is our belief that the Hon. Cabot Lodge never performed a more disagreeable duty than when he read a resolution to the Republicans of the National convention endorsing woman suffrage and it must have grated slightly on Mr. Howland's ear.

"Revenge is sweet?" not so. "An Eye for an Eye?" not so. Let us forget Mr. Howland's mistake, let us wipe out from our thought his "no," let us try to forget he forsook us when we were helpless and needed him. Let us forget it for in the days to come men and women will be fighting great battles together and Paul will be fighting with us. He is pretty near right and he will not be wrong again. Yes, let us forget, reformers do not retaliate. But when we are forgetting let us also remember let us remember the great Borah, who knowing what suffrage had done for women and men of Idaho wanted the women of the nation to have it, and who raised his voice and his hand as well. We must not think of Ohio with sadness as we recall the Chicago Convention but of Idaho with gladness. In the next four years many Borahs will come to us, but it is now that such men count and it is these brave ones we will remember. From henceforth we will not be fighting alone.

One of the most delightful books published within the last year is "Journeys to Bagdad" by Charles S. Brooks of Cleveland. It is quaint, delicate in humor and touching in pathos. The first edition is exhausted. The wood cuts by Allen Lewis are unique and artistic. Mr. Brooks is a member of the Cleveland Men's League for Woman Suffrage and a member of the finance committee of the Woman Suffrage Party of Greater Cleveland.

Oberlin Equal Franchise League organized May 29th, Mrs. Mabel Fauver Gibson, 278 College street, President. Miss Edith East Metcalf, Secretary.



**THE NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE CONVENTION.**

Whatever may be the final place of the Progressive Party in history let no woman forget that it has done more for women than any other political party ever did. To be sure socialists and prohibitionists have had women delegates in their conventions but neither of these parties influenced a dominant party as the Progressive has influenced the Republican. To be sure it was Jane Addams who called Col. Roosevelt's attention to the Western woman voters whose ranks had been lately swelled, and to be sure the Colonel saw this and acted. Still women were calling the attention of Republican and Democratic leaders to the same thing without result. The Progressive Party not only endorsed suffrage but its women delegates stood upon exactly the same basis as did its men delegates. In no political convention prior to June 7th, 1916, had men and women been such comrades in political council. If the Progressives had not endorsed in 1912 the G. O. P. would not have endorsed in 1916. This is a bit of history we must never forget.

**TESTIMONY FROM AN OHIO WOMAN NOW LIVING IN CALIFORNIA.**

I have never lived in a place where woman is so absolutely independent. In this suffrage state, women have certainly come into their own. You know it has been claimed by the antis over and over that if women were given the ballot, from henceforth all chivalry would be dead.

Nothing could be farther from the truth, as shown by conditions on this western coast. I have never seen anywhere so much courtesy shown to women as here. And it is not forced or artificial, but natural, instinctive, spontaneous. It is more than courtesy, it is brotherliness! There is a sense of comradeship that is delightful!

**THE ANTIS.**

The Anti Suffragists appeared before the National Republican platform committee at Chicago accompanied as usual by a man. This roll of theirs' that of always having a "protector" is a strange conceit especially as few of the anti suffrage advocates are delicate physically.

The suffragists spoke first and just as the antis ascended the platform the music of the approaching suffrage procession was heard. One anti speaker stated among other things they opposed the granting of suffrage to women because few women wanted

it and as they left the platform they faced five thousand women who had marched a mile in the rain and had come into the Coliseum "to have a look." It was a strange ending to their hearing, a demonstration of the saying "Actions speak louder than words."

**THE PARADE.**

On June 7th, 5,000 women marched more than a mile from the lake front in Chicago to the Coliseum to prove that they wanted to vote. For three days the clouds had dropped their fatness and everything and everybody was wilted and soaked. Men had declared their processions off but the women had no thought of abandoning theirs. The banners prepared with such care melted in the wet and strewed the pavements, umbrellas turned wrong side out by the wind were abandoned in the street. Musicians stopped to turn the water from their horns but no women deserted the ranks. There were young girls with red cheeks and fluffy hair and women in the eighties, women who seldom walk because they do not have to and women who walk each day long distances in answer to the factory whistle. Artists in studio garments and colored women with gentle faces keeping time to the music which touched their souls. All braving the storm with the one thought "Votes for Women." Many processions have we witnessed but nothing like this and why should women have to march to demonstrate they want citizenship? We hear no answer. There is none.

**NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.**

Ohio women will be represented in the walkless parade in St. Louis. Miss Hauser is in St. Louis at this time assisting the National Woman Suffrage Political Committee. Our resolution will not be acted upon until after this number goes to press so we will have news for next issue. Surely the Democrats cannot this time use their old time statement that they do not endorse suffrage because they do not want to lose voters. They can't lose them this time for they would have no where to go. All other National parties have declared themselves as being in favor of "Votes for Women."

**What Does This Signify?**

For years in Men's Conventions prohibition has been endorsed and woman suffrage turned down. This year at Chicago the Progressives voted down a prohibition plank and voted up the strongest possible suffrage resolution. It declares for suffrage by both state and national action.

**REPUBLICAN SUFFRAGE RESOLUTION**

What did we see in Chicago? Crowds of people like the sands of the sea; rain, rain, rain that ruined men's processions and women's gowns alike, a real live elephant walking about the hotel corridors and headquarters of the favorite sons; a goat tied to a huge vase in a hotel office with the name of a certain candidate on its side; a great building filled with 15,000 people, whose walls were covered with beautiful flags and whose dome was hung with yellow cheese cloth looking like a gold fringe. Oh! yes, and governors and ex-governors, senators, millionaires, sons and daughters of presidents and generals and high officials, actresses, philanthropists, women delegates, men standing on chairs swinging umbrellas, hats, flags, pennants, men marching around the Coliseum carrying a paper mache elephant.

What did we hear? The auto horns warning us of possible death, bands, bands, bands, cow bells, megaphones, men and women disabling their vocal cords at the mention of their favorite's name; the splash of the everlasting rain; the crack of umbrellas torn apart by the gales; the sweet notes of the glee club; but all of these fade away for the greatest thing we saw or heard was the thing we had been wanting to see and hear for the last twenty years, the reading of a suffrage resolution in a National Republican Convention.

We could hardly believe our ears and eyes, but we heard it and saw it. Read it and ask yourself whether we are gaining or losing, whether woman suffrage is going or coming.

"The Republican party, reaffirming its faith of government of the people, by the people, for the people, as a measure of justice to one half the adult people of this country, favors the extension of the suffrage to woman, but recognizing the right of each state to settle this question for itself."

Ohio made a goodly showing in the Chicago parade. About forty Ohio suffragists were in the city but a number were unable to march for good and various reasons.

The debate recently had on woman suffrage in the Williamsburg Grange was decided for suffrage.

Bucyrus Equal Suffrage Club lately had a moving picture benefit with Blanche Sweet in "The Raga Muffin."

Miss Ella Haas who has been six weeks in Iowa has returned to her home and will resume her work.



**PLAN OF ORGANIZATION**

Four weeks ago the Editor of the Bulletin committed a grievous error. Her only comfort is that she is not the first editor who has committed a grievous error. She published a Plan of Organization stating that it was the plan which Miss duPont, vice president of the State, vice chairman of the organization committee, recommended. This was not true. The plan suggested was one of Mrs. Park's, of Boston, and is not wholly approved by Miss duPont. We are giving herewith Miss duPont's Plan and apologize for the mistake made.

**PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.**

- A leader for each ward.
- A captain for each precinct.
- A helper for each street.

**Method of Work.**

A leader shall be appointed for each ward.

Ward Leaders shall appoint a captain for each precinct in her ward.

Precinct Captain may use either of following plans in her precinct:

1st. Appoint a helper for each street, between two intersecting streets, asking 2 to 4 hours' work a week.

2nd. Divide the precinct into 10 sections; appoint a helper for each.

If section contains more than one street, between two intersecting streets, ask helper to give 4 to 6 hours work a week.

A systematic house to house canvass up one side of a street and down the other should be made, with distribution of literature, and second, third and fourth calls until three fourths of the women believe in suffrage. Then calls should be made in evening to reach the men.

Our object is to create an organization to educate the men and women of the state to believe in suffrage, that we may, at the earliest possible time resubmit the question.

We want each person who takes a position to do so with the understanding that if she does not prove to be adapted to the work or cannot give the time, that she will be asked to resign.

This will not be a reflection on any one, a person may be a speaker, but unable to organize, a good officer, worker, but unable to speak, etc.

**Suggestions to Ward Leaders.**

Appoint precinct captains as soon as possible.

Hold monthly meetings with captains.

Demand report of month's activities.

Hold occasional meetings of all ward workers.

Hold open meetings for all suffragists in ward.

Hold propoganda meetings.

Urge captains and helpers to secure subscriptions to Journal and Bulletin.

Be your own street helper that you may know the difficulties your workers must meet and therefore direct the work more intelligently.

Attend monthly ward meetings with your elected officers, without fail, and give a written report of ward activities.

When ward is fairly well organized consult captains on advisability of monthly collections at street helpers' meetings in each precinct.

Possibly a ward tea held weekly or monthly would help in organization and bring in a little revenue,—charge 10 or 15 cents for tea and crackers or cake; when if combined with bridge whist or cards of any kind, charge 25 cents.

If practical combine with adjoining ward or wards, have a meeting and have elected officers attend and a good speaker.

Feel your own responsibility and try to make your captains feel theirs.

**Instruction to Ward Leaders.**

Get your ward map, record book, report blank and literature from headquarters.

Get precinct maps, record books, monthly report blanks, instruction leaflets and enrollment cards for precinct captains and street helpers.

From card index in office enter alphabetically in captain's books, the enrolled members and clip precinct map to cover of book.

Ward leaders call on the enrolled members and find precinct captains. A woman may be willing to take a street if she refuses the larger job; ask her and appoint immediately.

Give precinct captains definite instructions, also street helpers; it is easier to work if you know just what your duties are.

Learn attitude of ministers of your ward.

Place speakers before ready-made audiences, church said societies, mother's clubs, literary clubs, etc.

**Suggestions for Precinct Captains**

1. Understand plan of organization thoroughly.

2. Learn from your ward leader exactly what your own duties are and what a street helper's are.

Appoint helpers as soon as possible. If plan one is used, ask 2 to 4 hours' work a week; if plan two is adopted ask 4 to 6 hours' work a week.

Hold precinct meetings of all suffragists.

Hold propoganda meetings.

Give little informal teas.

Subscribe to the Journal and Bulletin yourself and urge helpers to do so.

Be helpers of a street, that you may

know the difficulties and so direct your helpers more intelligently.

When organized consult ward leader about collections, pass box with hole out in it; no one must give less than 5 or more than 25 cents.

Require written monthly reports from each helper.

Feel your obligations to the cause. Take your duties seriously.

Attend your ward leader's monthly meeting and make written report of the precinct activities.

**Instruction for Street Helpers.**

Your duty is to educate every man and women on your street to believe in suffrage.

Give two to four hours a week if working under Plan One; Four to six hours work a week if working under Plan Two.

Do some work each week, do not try to hurry a month's work through in one day.

Do your calling systematically; begin at one corner, call up one side of the block, cross over and call down the other side. Then begin again.

Leave leaflets at homes of suffragists each time that they may become versed in arguments, but do not waste time visiting them a second or third time.

Have suffragists sign membership cards.

Keep your book accurately and clearly that you may make your monthly report from it and in such a way that should you have to give up the work, your successor could understand it.

Make your visits short, so you will be welcome a second time; do not try to convert a "dyed in the wool" anti or a busy woman at the first call.

Take your duties seriously.

Attend your captain's monthly meeting regularly.

Have some definite work done to report.

Your captain is responsible to her Ward leader and the Ward leader to your elected officers.

If each one does her duty, all along the line, we will soon be ready to have our question go to the vote again.

Subscribe to the Woman's Journal and the State Bulletin yourself, if possible, and try to get others to do so.

Journal, \$1.00 per year; 4 months' trial subscription, 25 cents. Published weekly.

Bulletin, 50 cents per year. Published twice a month.

The policing of Chicago for the parade was perfect, no insults were offered, no rowdiness allowed. A man on the curb called out to a pretty girl, "You ought to be home with your mother" and the girl smilingly replied "Mother's right here."