

Lexington, Ky., July 1st., 1908.

Mrs. Jennie Hart Sibley,

Union Point, Ga.

My dear Mrs. Sibley,

I know that Mrs. Mcendon has given you a very pressing invitation to attend the Woman's Suffrage Convention in Atlanta on the 9th. and 10th. of July; and I am writing to beg that you will certainly be there as I want to see the W. C. T. U represented by yourself at a Convention which means much for temperance as well as for the political rights of women.

The fact that the liquor interest opposes Woman's Suffrage as much as it does prohibitory laws is enough to show to us W. C. T. U. women which side we should take on this question. I am enclosing to you a little leaflet to show how the liquor dealers opposed Woman's Suffrage in Oregon; and a card which they handed out to voters at the polls. The local option amendment for which they wanted a vote Yes was practical-ly a repeal of the local option law and they thought the vote No against Woman's Suffrage was of equal importance as to vote Yes to the local option amendment. They paid no attention to the other nine measures submitted to the voters. So I am sending these two leaflets as the strongest appeal that I can make to you to comply with my very earnest request that you will come to the Convention in Atlanta.

Hoping that I shall certainly meet you there, I
am,

Very sincerely yours,

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—and—
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Oklahoma City, Okla.,

July 2, 1908

Dear Sir:

The policy of the Oklahoma Woman Suffrage Association is to ascertain the individual sentiments of the legislative candidates, in the various political parties, on the question of Woman Suffrage. We shall use the influence of our organization in the respective districts in behalf of the candidates who believe that the principles of human liberty include both men and women.

We know that it is almost superfluous to ask the position of a Socialist on woman's enfranchisement, yet we desire to put your answer on our files.

Will you kindly declare your position on the following question:
IF ELECTED, WOULD YOU SUPPORT A BILL IN THE LEGISLATURE PROVIDING FOR THE REFERENDUM FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT GRANTING FULL SUFFRAGE TO WOMEN, UPON THE SAME TERMS UPON WHICH IT IS NOW GIVEN TO MEN?

We hope for a short statement expressing your views, and trust we may receive a reply before July 10th, as we expect to begin our work immediately.

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We have champions in all the political parties, and we are absolutely nonpartisan in our efforts to secure the election of men to office irrespective of their party affiliations, who will represent the whole people, and by the term people we mean men and women.

There is no argument for the political, industrial and social freedom of men that does not apply with equal force to women. If you believe that as human beings women have a claim to equal opportunity to make an honest living; and under the stress of modern industrialism one woman out of every five must be a wage-earner; that taxation without representation is tyranny, and women must contribute their taxes to the support of the government and the pay of office-holders; that our government rests on the consent of the governed, and women are governed; if you believe these maxims are true, then women have a clear title to voice their opinions equally with men.

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The American Minister
and
Mrs. Clay
At Home

Saturday July the 4th 1908
from 4 to 7 o'clock P. M.

Rue St. Victor, 12.

#189 North Mill Street, Lexington, Kentucky.

July 6th, 1908.

President M. Carey Thomas,

Bryn Mawr, Penn.

Dear Madam,

I have a young niece, Miss Fanny C. Crenshaw, of Richmond, Virginia, who, with a friend of hers, Miss Henrietta Runyon, is to enter the Freshman class at Bryn Mawr, expecting to go about Sept. 28th. They are very anxious to get lodgings in a desirable dormitory; and have no friends in Bryn Mawr to assist them. My niece has asked me to write and request your aid to get them a place in Pembroke Hall. I think my niece may not understand that I have no personal acquaintance with you; but having heard me express myself with very warm appreciation of your successful efforts to secure a fund for the National American Woman Suffrage Association, she fancies that I have met you. However, I am venturing to write to ask your aid in this matter. I am glad to say that both of these young girls have just passed the entrance examinations with considerable credit to themselves. They are full of high resolves to make the most of the superb educational advantages they are to enjoy; but as this is the first time either of them will ever have gone from under their mothers' wing, finding a suitable home for themselves in a strange place is causing them some anxiety. Anything you can do in helping to

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secure for them the place they wish would be very gratefully felt by myself as well as by their families.

My sister's address is Mrs. S. Dahney Crenshaw, #919 West Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia. I trust you may be able to tell her that you can help her in this matter.

Hoping I have not trespassed too much upon your kindness, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Laura Clay

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE
BRYN MAWR,
PENNA.

July 18, 1908.

Dear Miss Clay,

I must apologise for having left your letter so long unanswered, but I am not in my office regularly in summer.

I have read your letter with much interest and am very glad to think that your niece is to be a member of our Freshman Class next year. I hope that she is as good a suffragist as her aunt, whom I know by reputation, as does everyone who is interested in the "cause".

I have looked up the application of your niece and of her friend Miss Runyon and find that in order of date their applications for rooms come almost at the end of the Freshman Class list. I wish it were possible for me to do something, but the choice of rooms is one of the most difficult subjects in the whole management of the college, and we have found by experience that the only way to arrange it is to allow entering students to choose in strict order of application. Our Secretary's Office is now sending out the lists of vacant rooms in the various halls of residence to the members of the Freshman Class, and each entering student chooses in the order of her application. It is impossible for us to say now whether there will be any rooms vacant in Pembroke Hall when your niece's turn comes, but if not, will you not tell her from me that our other halls are really just as comfortable and pleasant. After the first year, students have an opportunity to draw for rooms in other halls, so that there would in all probability be a very good chance of getting into Pembroke in her sophomore year.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Mary Thomas

Miss Laura Clay.

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July 24th, 1908.

Miss Laura Clay,
189 North Mill Street,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay,

I beg your pardon for the delay in replying to your letter of the 1st, as I have been replacing the receipts in their proper order in the file and note the corrections to be made, in odd moments, as I lay other work aside.

The first one referred to, the erasure of 10.00 is an error and has been replaced.

The second one, that of the absence of an order for 31.30, for Dr. Francis Woods, is accounted for in this way. On page 40 of the Journal a credit for this 31.30 is entered with the explanation that it was paid by the National, temporarily and in turn the National was reimbursed by Illinois, the credit offsetting the debit, and thus making no difference at all in the total of the account for the year.

If you however, think an order essential, I shall have one signed.

The third, the absence of both order and bill for 58.85 for Miss Blackwell, has been replaced by a duplicate. The original bill with the order attached was sent off in the regular way the order was signed and returned but the bill was not receipted, so I returned bill and order to Miss. Blackwell ~~to Miss Blackwell~~ asked her to receipt and return to you which she did not do. Whether the letter was lost in transmission or in her office I do not know nor does she, but she signed the duplicate order which was sent her and mailed duplicate receipt, so that is in its proper place, now.

The fourth, the 10.00 charge for postage has been noted and order and bill corrected

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The fifth mistake, the error of 1.00 in the President's office expense will be corrected by a memorandum on the margin of the page referring to Journal page in the present one where it will be entered and paid to her with present office expenses, if this will be satisfactory.

The sixth error, the one in the small journal was in the postage account, and has been altered.

THE LAURA BRUCE LEGACY: We are not running the Bruce Legacy as a separate fund, for all the money derived from this account is turned into the general treasury and used in common with any other money received by it. It is entered as a separate account however on the Ledger, in order to trace it readily at any time. I have transferred the 120.00 from the Miscellaneous to the Laura Bruce Bequest as you suggest. With the exception of the 1.00 error in the President's office expense, the financial statement for the year was correct as these were posted in the Ledger, and the Bruce receipts all come under the head of Miscellaneous in this record for 1907.

This was pretty careless and I shall try to avoid so many, at least, this year.

If there is anything about these corrections to which you wish to take exception kindly advise me what it is and how you prefer to have it done.

Thanking you for the pains you have taken I am

Yours truly,

Minnie Hauser.

July 25, 1908

Business Committee.

Since writing the enclosed letter I have a letter from Mrs. Avery in which she votes to keep the \$500 which was a personal donation from Mrs. Keith and to return the other \$100 not crediting it to the Memorial Fund.

311 Courtland Avenue,
Atlanta, Ga,

July 30, 1908.

My dear Miss Clay;

The members of the
Civic League (suffrage auxiliary)
wish to thank you for your
fine addresses before the
Georgia Woman's Suffrage Association
on July 9th and 10th. We are
glad that you could be with

us, and hearty thanks are due
you. More than your speeches,
we enjoyed your charming
personality, and we all hope
to meet you again at no
distant day.

Yours sincerely,
(Miss) Eugenia C. Tuttle,
Rec. Sec. pro tem.

654 Millwood Ave
Athens Ga
Aug 5th 08

Miss Laura Clay
Lexington, Ky

Dear Cousin

My object in
writing this letter is to ask you to
be kind enough to tell me of the
present whereabouts of my
dear brother Richard Gilson
He was in New Orleans, La in
1891 for a while & there he
happened to hear of my
being in that City engaged
in teaching a free school
as Superintendent, hunted for
me but could not find me -
He met Mr John C. Wickliffe

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grandson of by Gen Cranch
Wickliffe of your State
and asked him where I was
staying. Latter saw me & said
to me "Your foster brother is
in this City, looking for you"
About thirty five years ago, I was
in New York City where I was
so fortunate as to make Mrs
Gilford & her family a short
visit - They used to live in
your City. One of the Gilford
boys has become a partner
of the famous New York Grocers
Firm of Gilford Park Orlive
though I am not certain.
You have recently been down
to Atlanta Ga. I wish you

had come up here to spend
 several days with us. This
 City is beautifully located on
 a very high elevated land,
 is bound to become the most
 beautiful City in the South. Here
 is the seat of the University of
 Georgia.

Wishing to procure a copy
 of the Ross family genealogy
 don't know where to do so -
 Miss Mary Ross (who became
 the wife of our ancestor Thomas ^{Burns}
 Sn) must have belonged to
 the Ross family of New Castle,
 Delaware. One of the signers of the

Independence ⁴ was George Ross
whom I believe to be the father
of the famous Betsey Ross of
Phila. Penn -

Have you any clear knowledge
of the Mac Donough family
of New Castle, Del? How do
they come to be related to you
hus?

I wrote a letter to the Descendants
of my grand uncle Robert
Brashear of Shepherdsville
Ky some time ago but have
received no answer from them
Near that town is the birthplace
of the old Brashear Homestead
4 miles - Among the people of
Pittsburg are a number of

Brashear men & ladies the Secretary
of my grand father ^{or rather} ~~or rather~~
Brashear's own brother
John I believe - Prof. J. A.
Brashear has risen to so
much prominence in public
as a gentleman & so much
genius as an astronomer
& observational glass
manufacturer & also the
Chancellor of the Western
University of Allegheny,
Penn, opposite Pittsburg -
Had not you father you Oliver
Clay a near kin to Henry
Clay? Kindly excuse my curiosity

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My brother Conrad departed his
life on the 7th of last month
aged sixty years, unmarried
at Bayside, Long Island
living with his sister Mrs
Rev Mr Ecker who resides
also to Cousin Col Fred
Ch Lawrence's Old Stone
House the birth place of
the Lawrence family for
285 years.

My mother used to correspond
with Cousin Mary Jane
Clay and derived much
pleasure in keeping
posted as to the doings
of our relatives in New
City - Let me tell you that

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Now your City is the fine Stock
farm the property of James
R. Keene of New York who
son married one of my 2nd son
Cousin the daughter of Capt
Fred W. Lawrence of Bay Side
L. I. This fellow enjoys the
reputation of being the great
money maker on earth!
His son's name is Foxhall
Keene - James R. K. is the
Mighty Boss of Wall Street.
His wife is connected with the old
Dandridge family of Va -
There in a few years there will be
very few rich people among
us Sure - Gold bug's life is
no good - Nearly all the rich people

selfish, greedy & plenty hearted.
though most people nowadays
cannot help liking to have
so much wealth.

My view is that Wm. J. Bryan
is going to win this fall but
I have not decided to vote for
him nor not as I have not
read his platform thoroughly
yet. President Roosevelt
is proving far the best
Chief Magistrate we ever
had since Genl Washington,
Jackson, Lincoln -
I hope in much love to you
all.

Yrs affectionately
R. B. Lawrence

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., Aug. 11-1908

My dear Miss Clay:

I am Oklahoma City - to attend a meeting of State Ex. Com. and (incidentally) the State Rep. Convention. Had I had your address about a week ago I would have sent you a copy of a resolution adopted by the Fed. of Labor condemning an old friend (?) "Alfalfa" Bill. My! but it stings me. I will send you one later. They certainly are after his scalp and it is my relief that Bill is "down and out". You know how sorry I am for him.

Well, your letter to Mrs. Boyer came after my arrival and she gave it to me to read and asked me to write you my personal opinions concerning conditions here. Of course I have not quite the

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outlook that Mrs. Poyer has put in the matter of sentiment and influence I am sure we are way ahead of even one year ago. We have not yet got complete lists of candidates nominated but as far as we know from the different countries a large proportion of those who voted favorably to us are nominated and things look good for success in the legislature. However the work from now on should certainly be continued in order to help any of our friends needing it. It would be a fine thing if the usual numerous picnics could be attended but a great deal of most effective work can be done from the office by correspondence.

Your idea concerning the winning of woman suffrage is exactly my own, and your suggestion concerning help from the Prohibitionists is fine. They ought for the success of their own cause give us all the help in their power. It is only a question

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State Lecturer, Miss Laura Gregg, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

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of time when the Prohibition question will come to a vote here again. Then again the movement - we are taken up by the Prohibitionists - in a campaign we stand a good chance of losing a large share of our later vote for they are against the law. It is hard to tell what would be best to do. The Socialists are going to turn in and work for and support our amendment. If some pressure could be brought to bear to induce the Anti-saloon men to do likewise it would help, I think, if done just as the Socialists will do.

We are trying to raise our \$500. pledge and will, I believe, succeed. We have now more than half I think.

I received your message with pleasure and have always been glad to have had the opportunity to know you. Several reporters have just been up today and young Bardette - Robert's son - has just left after a long interview. He knows a lot more than I did and I believe for the better understand

Very sincerely yours
Kati H. Duggan

to be a suffragist - in reality.
 we are ready to be

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OFFICE OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
New Orleans, La.

August 15th, 1908.

C O P Y.

"There seems to be a misunderstanding with regard to our new position. Under the present Laws of Oregon, which taxes even the clothes we wear, the petition, if it carries, cannot debar any woman from voting who desires to do so.

The petition is so worded as to catch that class of men who have always objected to what they deem straight Suffrage; but not to Tax Suffrage; and it certainly has done so, as evidenced by our wonderful success in getting signatures to our petition. In less than a month we have obtained almost ten thousand signatures. I have counted these so I know. In thirty-two hours I obtained seven hundred twenty and only found nine men who objected to our position!

Myrtle E. Pease, Cor. Sec'y., O. S. W. S. A.

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WARNING- It is a felony for any one to sign any initiative or referendum petition with any name other than his own, or to knowingly sign his name more than once for a measure, or to sign such petition when he is not a legal voter.

INITIATIVE PETITION

To the HONORABLE F. W. BENSON, Secretary of State for the State of Oregon:

We, the undersigned, citizens and legal voters of the State of Oregon, respectfully demand that the following proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Oregon for their approval or rejection at the regular general election, to be held on the 8th day of November, A.D., 1910 and each for himself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Oregon; my residence and post office address are correctly written after my name.

TAXPAYERS' SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT.

Section 2 of Article 11 of the Constitution of the State of Oregon shall be and hereby is amended to read as follows:
Section 2. In all elections not otherwise provided for by this Constitution, every citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, who shall have resided in the State during the six months immediately preceding such election, and every person of foreign birth of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, who shall have resided in this State during the six months immediately preceding such election and shall have declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States one year preceding such election, conformably to the laws of the United States on the subject of naturalization, shall be entitled to vote at all elections authorized by law; it is expressly provided hereby that no citizen who is a taxpayer shall be denied to vote on account of sex.

Name	Residence (If in city, Street and Number)	Post Office
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Richmond, Ky.

Aug. 18th, 1908.

Dear Mrs. Avery,

I enclose a copy of my reply to Mrs. Upton's circular letter of the 11th inst., because it seems that differing opinions on the Oklahoma situation might be advantageously compared. I disagree with Mrs. Upton in thinking Okla. is now no different from any other state. If our work there for years has laid no foundations of public sentiment, why should we do organizing work in any state? The fact is, however, that our work has borne practical fruits. As far as I know, our cause is more actively supported there by men high in political circles than in any state where we have had a campaign. Then, our strongest enemy, the organized liquor saloon, is very much crippled. Of course, and illicit trade is going on; but to any one who was in the Oregon campaign, the advantage is apparent in not having any long-
er the saloons ^{as} a rallying point in every precinct for our enemies, where the voters are driven to the polls like sheep to vote against us.

I hope you had a delightful sojourn abroad, and have come home full of inspiration for work for the Cause.

Very sincerely yours,

Compliments of
Adella M. Parkin
for Editor

Your attention is called to the

WOMAN'S EDITION of the

MAGAZINE SUPPLEMENT of

THE SEATTLE TIMES of August 23, 1908,

Sent you under separate cover.

With the compliments of

COLLEGE SUFFRAGE LEAGUE and
POLITICAL EQUALITY CLUB,
OF SEATTLE.

Seattle, Wash.,
419 Boylston Ave. N.

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*Laura Clay
Lexington
Richmond Ky.*

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and the Truth Shall Make You Free."

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112 W. Front St., Newport.

Treasurer, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard,

31 E. Twelfth St., Covington.

Richmond, Ky.

Aug. 25th, 1908.

Dear Member of the Executive Committee,

The time for our annual convention is drawing near; and we must make our arrangements for it. I have received no invitation for it.

The burden of the convention has weighed more heavily upon me this year than ever before. I observe that the domestic problem is making it harder all the time for our friends among the housekeepers to extend to our delegates the hospitality which has been given to us cordially ever since our Association was formed. It has become a question in my mind whether we shall continue to ask it; or whether we shall adopt the plan of some other states, and of the Federation of Clubs in our own state, of letting the delegates go to places of public entertainment at their own expense. Our Constitution says nothing on this point; our custom has been one of convenience. Our Constitution does provide that the expenses of the officers to and from the convention shall be paid (see By-law VIII). Even if there should be few delegates, this would ensure the necessary business of the year being attended to.

As some action must be taken at once I am writing to put some questions to the vote.

(1) What suggestions have you to make about securing an invitation for the convention this fall?

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Richmond, Ky.
Aug. 25th, 1908.

Dear Member of the Executive Committee,

The time for our annual convention is drawing near; and we must make our arrangements for it. I have received no invitation for it.

The burden of the convention has weighed more heavily upon me this year than ever before. I observe that the domestic problem is making it harder all the time for our friends among the housekeepers to extend to our delegates the hospitality which has been given to us cordially ever since our Association was formed. It has become a question in my mind whether we shall continue to ask it; or whether we shall adopt the plan of some other states, and of the Federation of Clubs in our own state, of letting the delegates go to places of public entertainment at their own expense. Our Constitution says nothing on this point; our custom has been one of convenience. Our Constitution does provide that the expenses of the officers to and from the convention shall be paid (see By-law VIII). Even if there should be few delegates, this would ensure the necessary business of the year being attended to.

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My dear Mrs. Shepard,

You see I am enclosing a circular letter relative to our annual convention, which is weighing heavily upon my mind.

I feel that the last year has not showed much results of our work. I was disappointed that the Legislative work brought no tangible gains; though I think the plan we adopted for it was good, and has succeeded in interesting a larger number of persons than ever before in it. Mrs. McLaughlin writes me that they are already planning for the next legislature. I suppose you know that her club wants her to do some of our Field Secretary work. I wrote them asking them to find a secretary, and they nominated her. She says she doubts whether she will be able to undertake it. I suppose all this is familiar to you, however, more so than anything I can write. She said you did not know where the money was to come from, as Mrs. Obenchain had decided to accept her salary, and that left nothing of the free-will offerings in the treasury. As the convention is now coming on, I wish you would write me again about the state of the treasury. I made no donation last convention, thinking I could do it just as well when the necessity arrived; so I want to keep informed.

I trust the summer weather is finding you well .

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Very cordially yours,

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Miss Clay
Mrs Knaggs in
her report names
the women who
spoke before the Con-
stitutional Con-
vention and the
people they repre-
sented and the
number is as large
as you mention
in the Call - you
probably took it
from Progress

home in the Summer! Do you observe many examples of what might be called traveling courtesy? I don't wish to be hard on my sex, but I have to admit that the first thing a woman does when she starts traveling is quite likely to be an act of discourtesy, says Christine Terhune Herrick, in the August DELINEATOR. This she perpetrates at the ticket office. If she happens to be late or in a hurry, there is apparently no principle about her to deter her from pushing in ahead of those in line before her and bullying the ticket agent to serve her out of turn.

All the place for courtesy is by no means past when you reach your destination; in point of fact, it may be said to have just begun. At the Summer watering places, in seaside and mountain hotels, I have observed more lack of courtesy even than in traveling.

In the first place, many girls are noisy. I like fun as well as any one, but never yet have I seen any reason why joy should be expressed in shrieks of laughter or noisy demonstration. I don't mean that I would have the foot on the soft pedal all the time, but there are mirth and pleasure which are neither silent nor strident.

The other day I heard a matron express her mind vigorously anent the so-called "Summer girl."

"They disgust me!" she said. "Girls who are nice and well-behaved at home seem to feel free to act as they please when they are away, —and they are generally pleased to do ill-bred things. On steamers, in trains, at the beaches, they career with strange men, pick up all sorts of acquaintances! Why must a girl forget she is a lady just because she is off on a vacation?"

104 1/2 Scott Street
Covington

Sept 2nd .88

My dear Miss Clay

I am also worried about the convention, and am sorry now that we did not extend an invitation last fall for this time. I could have ^{arranged} it then. I have been talking to some of the members about it - went to see Mrs Giltner first and found her suffering with inflammation of the bladder - asked her if we could invite the convention to Covington in November, she answered "I can scarcely walk across the room

and I have been so unwell lately that I can not count on being able to accomplish any thing. The time is so short, and it means lots of work, I do wish I was able to undertake it but it is not possible now." Usually she will undertake these responsibilities of that kind if she has to do all the entertaining. She has been building, and has had complications with the builders that have worried her considerably. I asked her if we could invite the meeting here next fall and she said yes, oh yes, I think so. I will bring it before the Club and I am sure can secure an

invitation for a year from now. I also went to see Mrs Drumble last night. She said she was always willing to help but she is not willing to assume any responsibility. She has given that up to the younger women. Mrs Worsley is in California.

I have just moved in from the country and have a house full. My daughter from Minnesota with her little ones, my own wife and three children left for home last night. moving and entertaining children have about worn me to a frazzle but I have a nice house, and would willingly do my share of convention

work and entertaining.

I believe it better not to decide hastily about changing the manner of holding our convention, and I very much dislike the idea of abandoning the hospitable ^{entertaining} that Kentucky has always been noted for, as I am going to vote to leave that question open and try to secure entertainment for the officers & delegates. By all means shall we ask for ^{place of} meeting and hall for evening speakers.

Miss Shaw always draws a good audience, I do not think any one could take her place in the estimation of the people, secure Miss Shaw for Third week in November if we can find

a place for her to speak. ^{Sept 2, 1908}

I must apologize for being so slow with my reply, but I was anxious to invite you all here and tried to arrange it to do so. I think it a good idea to insist on an invitation at each convention for the next, we are all inclined to put off, and not do it at the last minute. I leave the one day suggestion to you, as you know how much business we have to attend to. We never seem to have any time to spare for social affairs as it is.

Sincerely
Nancy S M Laughlin

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Portland, Ore., Sep. 2d.

1908

My Dear Miss Clay:

As you will see by the enclosed clip, we are going right ~~ahead~~ ahead, being compelled to keep moving to extricate ourselves from the quick sands, into which we were plunged (there is no use in shieing at the truth) by our affiliation with W.C.T.U. in 1905-6.

The ~~other~~ other day I was driving with a party of friend at the Seaside. A lady, who didn't know the danger of the quick-sands, drove us into them un-awares. It was a close call. We jumped for our lives. "Keep moving," cried a lad who saw the horse and buggy sinking. We kept moving. But the horse and buggy could not be moved till, after much difficulty, we got a piece of scant-ling, on wich our lad, God bless him, stood till he freed the horse from the buggy. Then, we all pulled together ^{and} got him out. The buggy came much harder, but we got a lot of men to the rescue and saved it from beang car-ried out by flood tide. But they had to work a different "purchase" on the wheels to succeed. Just so with our cause. We have been wrestling with the quick-sands of whisky and W.C.T.U.; but we're wriggling out. However, we find ~~a~~ a new movement necessary; so we are now trying tax-paying Suffrage and, strange to say, the wheels are moving. Our petitions for a new vote along new lines is securely billed for 1910. At first, we didn't like the idea. But we concluded that "half a loaf was better than no bread," so we are now trying for the half loaf. Now, if we will all stand together, as Suffragists, and steer clear of isms, we have a better chance to take a for-ward step than at any time since 1905. I have written Miss lackwell and Miss Gordon fully. My health has become full restored, and I can, as you see, again use the typer.

Cordially and gratefully,

Abigail Scott Duniway

[Sept 9, 1908]

My Dear Miss Clay -

The delay in answering
your circular letter seems
unpardonable, but - I have been
idle in the country for three
weeks - in fact have not been
well enough to go away from
home all summer further than
my sister's - and better now
am going back to country in a
few days - that I may make
~~sure~~ of all points in your
circular letter will answer
it - and return same.

About the funds I think me

as she had signified in a letter to me - she would not do work. This is the fifty you remember we voted in executive session to send her. I met Mrs. Roebuck about the middle of August and she said the minutes were not out on account of so much illness in the family. Mr. Roebuck's father died after a long illness and directly after his death. Mrs. Roebuck's daughter was seriously ill. She had just sent her off for a change, and said she would now have time to give to things outside of the family. So I hope the minutes are out by this time.

I hope you have had a comfortable summer and are well.

Remember me please to
Mrs. Mary Colay.

Very Cordially yours
Shepard

Wednesday, September the ninth
1908

P. S. If I were well I would
go to State Convention in Columbus, O.

\$38 = (besides \$55⁰⁰ free will offerings)
I looked the day your letter came, just -
when I was going to country - think the
above is right. A friend told me Mrs. McL -
had been given such a fine position as
lecturer for state suffrage work - salary \$75 =
per month. I met Mrs. McL - soon afterward
and she told me of your placing the matter
with the 20th Cent. and club electing her.
I asked what remuneration was offered
and she said you told her \$60 = or \$75 = per
month. Then I told her you must have
received some donations or knew where
the funds for the purpose were as we had
but 55 = in treasury for that purpose. I
she said Mrs. Oberchain had refused
her salary and we had that - I told her
Mrs. Oberchain not only accepted the
fifty dollars but sent for more
money for press work - I thought if
Mrs O - would not accept the money, as

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Sept-11th 1908

My dear Miss Linn.

Last week I sent Mrs Brockmeyer
a letter about Mrs Enowden & told her
she has forwarded to you. Today I have
a letter from her agent giving Nov 19th 21st & 26th
as the open dates which can be given to Ky.
By a special arrangement with Mrs Enowden
who is our personal friend we can get her as
I can offer you one date for \$50.00 & enter
fairment. You would find her the very best
and you could possibly come for the State
convention or for a lecture in Lexington.
You need not hesitate about her joining
in every sense of the word.
I shall go to Mount Sterling on Monday for
two weeks so you can address me there
care Judge Lewis Apperson -
Mrs Enowden has already made arrangements

in Virginia - Miss. & St Louis. beside
New York -

Yours sincerely
Carl Linnaeus Seech.

Richmond, Ky.

Sept. 14th, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Jacobs,

Your letter of the 11th is at hand. Since you desire
all the money I would like to facilitate the sale as much as possi-
ble; and therefore I will release the mortgage, if you will trans-fer
to another piece of property. I would be glad to continue the loan of
the money as long as you want it.

Hoping this will be satisfactory to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Lawrence Clary

Richmond, Ky.

Sept. 14th, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Leech,

I received from Mrs. Breckinridge your letter to her, and I have also received your letter to me of the 11th. I am now in Madison Co., on the farm most of the time, and shall remain here till late in the fall. That makes it impossible to do any thing myself about arranging a lecture engagement for Mrs. Snowden. I have heard glowing accounts of her from Belle Bennett, who heard her at N. York Chautauqua. I should have been very glad to have had her for our Equal Rights convention; but the arrangements for that have not yet been made, except that I have engaged Miss Anna H. Shaw for the evening speaker.

I am very desirous always to have good suffrage speakers come to Richmond since the Normal School was located here, as there are so many young people to be reached. Therefore I have offered the date for fifty dollars of which you write to the associations here, and I shall receive a reply in two or three days. I am going to send the letter you wrote to Mrs. Breckinridge to some suffrage friends in Covington, and hope they may be able to take one lecture, as they happen to be interested in the suffrage movement particularly. I wish it were possible for me to do something personally, for it is good work to have these fine lecturers advocate our cause; but circumstances prevent me.

I am glad to hear you and Miss Carolyn have returned benefitted from your summer trip.

Cordially yours,

Laura Clay

464 Second St.
Sept. 15 - 1908.

Dear Miss Lanna -

Your letter rec'd
this morning. In order to
facilitate the selling of the
Lot you will have to be
here, or give some one the power
of attorney to cancel the Lien.

If you wish to continue
the loan, I will not
mortgage any thing, or give
an security except my note
which is good. Knowing from
whom the money came, and

The circumstances etc, I had
no hesitancy in asking you
to favor me -

Very sincerely yours
Lilla B. Jacobs.

1908
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[Sept. 26, 1908]



Dear Mr. Clay,

I would you

some time ago to see

if you could assist

us again with our

petition work. We

think best to make a

³ at least will be no
worse off than now.

Our petitions are filed
at Salem but we are in
debt and ask you to
help out once more
with funds. It may be
a case of "the longest way
'round is the shortest way
home". We rushed our
work as only four petitions
can be filed to the voters on
next time so we are in
two years ahead. A new law,
ours the first filed.

² change, ask for something
new, so only ask to
allow tax paying women
to vote. It looks as if
we might win, and if
so we feel to add the
tax paying women with
the vote of last year
we then could gain
full suffrage.

A wire came to me that
you were away from home
so I advised to forward
I am. But no reply.

Hope you have returned
from your vacation.

Kindly forward this
explanation to Miss Gordon
when you write her. George
has gone to Harvard Medical.
Wayne & Earl had at work
at P. A. again.

With love and best wishes

Vivita M. Coe
841 Long St.
Portland Oregon
September twenty sixth.

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Portland, Ore., Sept. 28, 1908.

My dear Miss Clay:—

We were glad to hear from you once more. The society instructed me to write and tell you we are glad to welcome you as a member.

We are growing in strength and numbers every day. Our petitions are filed and we hope to win in 1910.

We had a fine meeting in the city Hall, Saturday evening.

Yours for success in our cause.

Very cordially,
Myrtle E. Pease.

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Portland, Ore., Sept. 29, 1908.

Come and bring your friends--O.S.E.S.A. will meet Saturday Oct. 31, at 8 P.M. in the City Hall.

Please send your "Election Ballot" by return mail, to Myrtle E. Pease Cor. Sec. 403 10th, St. Portland, Oregon.

The following are the nominated officers:-

Honorary President:- Mrs. Henry Waldo Coe 18 votes, Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway 2 votes.

President:- Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway 17 votes, Dr. Owens Adair 2 votes, Mrs. F. Eggert 1 vote.

Vice-President at Large:- Mrs. Mary Apperson 1 vote, Miss Helen Spaulding 1 vote, Mrs. C.M. Cartwright 1 vote, Mrs. Sarah A. Evans 1 vote, Dr. Jeffries Myers 1 vote, Mrs. F. Eggert 1 vote, Mrs. Elizabeth Lord 14 votes
Corresponding Secretary:- Myrtle E. Pease 19 votes, Francis Gotshall 1 vote.

Recording Secretary:- Miss Elma Buckman 12 votes, Wilda Buckman 5 votes, Ellen Miller 1 vote, Mrs. O'Brien 1 vote, Mrs. Henry Waldo Coe 1 vote.

Financial Secretary:- Mrs. A. Bonham 18 votes, Mrs. W.E. Potter 1 vote, Myrtle E. Pease 1 vote.

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Vote for 3 Auditors

*Mrs F Eggert 16
Mrs M. A. Dalton 20
Mrs Imogene Bath 19
Mrs C.M. Cartwright 1
Mrs Sarah A. Evans 2
Miss Elizabeth Watson 1
Ralph R Duniway 1.*

Wilmington, Ohio.
Sept. 1908.

My dear Mrs. Beachamp:

I have a paper
to prepare for the W.A.R.
society, on a subject
that I am particularly
ignorant on. It is
"Woman's Suffrage".

Knowing of your great

interest in the cause, I
thought you could perhaps
send me some pamphlets
or speeches, containing material
best calculated to awaken an
interest in this great question.

I shall be most grateful
for anything that you can

help me to, and will re-
turn it as soon as possible.

I hope to condense that
which is most vital to the
cause of suffrage, into an
half-hour talk or paper.

Most sincerely

Emma W. Shivers

Wilmington
Ohio.

Richmond, Kentucky.

Oct. 5th, 1908.

Mrs. Viola M. Coe,

Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mrs. Coe,

I received your letter of Sept. 26th on Saturday. I had never received your telegram, as I spend the summers away from Lexington, and left no address for telegrams to be forwarded, though my letters are sent to me by the post-master.

I am sorry that I am not so situated as to be able to assist the Oregon campaign this year. I donated all I feel able to do for the last campaign, and do not see that I can spare more this year.

Your tax-paying petition has thrown some of your friends into a good deal of doubt how they ought to act; as it is against the principles of many of us to make tax-paying a qualification. Besides, we fear it may alienate the Labor organizations, which are powerful and our staunch friends in many states.

I shall continue to take a deep interest in your new campaign; and if I see my way clear to do so, I will again help financially at a later period of the campaign; but I cannot do so at this time.

I am very sincerely yours,

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Richmond, Ky.

Oct. 8th, 1908.

Dear Member of Ex. Com. of Ky. E. R. A.

I take pleasure in announcing that in accordance to the vote recently taken I have accepted the invitation of the Madison County E. R. A. to hold our annual state convention in Richmond the 17th and 18th of November. At the suggestion of the Ex. Committee the delegates will not be entertained at the homes of the members; hotel headquarters will be at Hotel Glyndon, where the rooms and table are both excellent, and the rates \$2.25 a day. If any delegate prefers a private boarding place, Mrs. S. C. Bennett, of Richmond, will endeavor to secure an agreeable place, if written to a few days in advance.

We have been able to engage Rev. Anna H. Shaw for the chief speaker on both evenings. Other parts of the program have not yet been arranged; and I earnestly request that all the officers will now endeavor to get the local clubs with which they are connected to call meetings for the collection of dues, the election of delegates to the convention, and the careful preparation of a report from each local of work done during the year. For some years the reports of the officers have been made a feature of the program, which I think is desirable, as it gives an opportunity both to let the convention know of the work done, and is a most suitable time for them to offer such suggestions for work of any kind that their experience may lead them to desire or recommend. I trust that each will provide a report along these lines. Also, if any of you have a suggestion for the program, or know of any one who wishes to present some cognate subject to the convention, please let me know at your earliest convenience. I start to Buffalo on Saturday, as Miss Shaw wishes a Business meeting on Monday morning, Oct. 12th. My address while in Buffalo will be Lenox Hotel. The National convention is held there Oct. 15th- 21st inclusive. I trust all of you will endeavor to persuade members and friends to attend this convention which promises to be of unusual interest. Usually all visitors from a distance are accorded all the courtesies and attentions which are shown delegates, so the trip will be pleasant to them. I would dearly love to have all of you there, and hope you will make an effort to come.

Mrs. Shepard, please write to all the clubs and urge the collection of dues and sending of delegates to the state convention.

Mrs. Roebuck, I enclose the certificates of delegates to the National convention, which I have lately received. Mrs. M. B. Clay expects to go; I have not learned what the others intend to do. Since I received the blanks so late, if you prefer, you can sign them all and send to me at Hotel Lenox and I will distribute them. Please send to me all of the alternate certificates, as they can be filled out there, when we know who are present.

I find my hands very full, having both the conventions coming so near together; but with the help of all of us working hard together, I believe we can have a successful and delightful convention.

Most cordially yours,

Pres. Ky. E. R. A.

Mallow, Okla. Oct-12-1908

My dear Miss Clay:

There is one thing that would be harder for me to do than to keep begging of your National Officers for help - and that would be to have to interview our old enemy "Alfalpa Bill" once more. Fortunately he is out of office now. (By the way I am going to tell you for fear I forget it that the old Chaplain, Rev. Naylor has been holding revival services in our school house. I had a little visit with him one day and he told me that ^{the morning} after our public meeting in the opera house in Guthrie Mr. Murray gave him a great scolding and from what he said I fancy said some pretty hard things.)

Now to business. I do hope, Miss Clay, that some arrangement will be made to have either Mrs. Boyer or Miss Gugg at Guthrie during the legislature. It really seems imperative. Really you know I am no good in that work except as a chaperone, even if I could be there. It will be quite impossible for me to go up there for the legislature for several

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reasons and you know probably better than any of the other members of the business committee not only the need of having some one there but also the necessity of having a tactful person, Now I am going to be very frank with you and you may use your own judgement as to whether it goes any farther. I feel afraid our legislative committee will not do much good. The Guthrie women promised to look after things last winter but they did absolutely nothing (no much prohibition in hand) Mrs. Stephens of Okla. City will do what she can I feel sure but she cannot afford to be there very much - and so it goes. Now, Mrs. Laskey told me frankly she was disappointed not to be on that committee, but Miss Clay, if you could know her manner of intervening you would very readily see why she should not be allowed to do any, and unless we have some one there whose business it is she will probably do us incalculable harm. You can almost be sure that she will go (altho' not on the committee) and she is so ambitious and so strong a suffragist that she generally says

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the wrong thing.

Will you not try and have our next steps in Oklahoma - the legislative work - in the hands of some one competent to manage it tactfully and successfully? There is a splendid beginning for us in the number who are already pledged for us, and it seems almost sure to carry if properly managed. If our old enemy Ellis is elected he will be as bad or worse than Murray but there is a possibility of him being defeated.

How I would enjoy being at the convention. Hoping it may be the best and most successful ever yet held.

Sincerely yours
Kate H. Biggers

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Atlanta, Ga. Oct. 13th 1908.

My dear Miss Laura:-

I received your letter yesterday ^{morning} and called Mr Hitch, the Governor's Secretary, but he was not in the office. Mr Joe. Carter the other secretary was, so I told him what I wanted. He said he would mail you a copy, and would also mail me one, of the law passed at the last session of our legislature defining the qualification of Elections and Registration of Voters. I gave Mr Carter your address Hotel Lenox, Buffalo, N. Y. and hope you have received it by this time. At the head of the copy he sent me he has written in pencil:—"Must also have paid all taxes due since 1877."

Like everything men have done, they ignore the women and legislate against them.

Men are neither "persons" nor "citizens" because we are not "males." I'm tired of all such foolishness myself, and I know you are.

Sadney C. Lapse has been to see me and wants the Ga. W. S. U. to indorse him and the Liberal Party. I suppose he or Mr Charles Moore have written

to you about the movement as I can give you
name and your present address - viz - The Amoy
Hotel - Buffalo - N. Y. He says Mrs Harriett
Taylor Upton is Vice-Chairman of the National
Liberal Party. Mr Tapp is to be notified of his
nomination for President on the 20th at Chicago.
The platform has several strong planks favoring
Woman Suffrage but everybody thinks it a huge
joke and do not take Mr. Tapp seriously.
He is a very agreeable gentleman I imagine; as
I only met him yesterday afternoon for about ten
minutes, I cannot of course be considered an
authority. Anyhow, he seems in earnest about
trying to get the ballot for women.
Tell Miss Shaw I shall write to her after the Con-
vention is over when she will have time to read it.
I attended the Convention of the G. W. C. T. U. at Albany
Ga. Oct 1-4, but never had a chance to offer a
resolution that the G. W. C. T. U. should adopt the
Franchise Dept. - I should be so glad to be
able to be with you and all the rest of the smart
women at Buffalo, but cannot afford the trip, or
rather, cannot afford to spend the money it would
cost to go to Buffalo and home again. I've
tried my level best to get Mrs Sibley and Kate
Koch to promise to go, but have not succeeded.
I shall never cease to be grateful to you dear

It was a noble thing for
me to do this for
you - I am
yours truly
Miss Lawrence

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Mrs. George Howard Lewis requests the pleasure of your Company at a luncheon at the Twentieth Century Club, on Saturday, October the Seventeenth, at one o'clock, to meet the speakers and delegates of the College Equal Suffrage League to the National American Woman's Suffrage Convention.

R. S. W. P.

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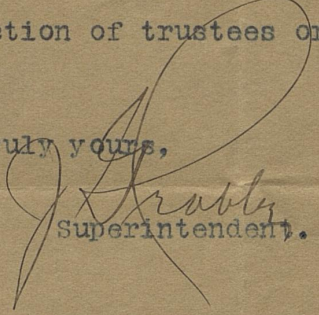
October 28, 1908.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.,

Dear Miss Clay:-

I have your favor of October 26 and in
reply I beg to say that widows with children are not
permitted to vote for the election of trustees or on
matter of school taxes.

Very truly yours,


Superintendent.

T H E C A L L.

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The fortieth convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association marks the sixtieth year since the historic convention in Seneca Falls, N. Y., which first formulated women's resistance to arbitrary limitations of their rights and privileges under law and in government. So effectually has that resistance operated that in four of our States full suffrage has been won; and laws relating to women have been improved in every State.

This spirit spread to foreign lands; and already several of them are advanced far beyond our country in the political rights of women. Since we met last in convention women in Norway have won full suffrage; women in Denmark have been granted municipal suffrage; and in Great Britain, where they have long possessed municipal suffrage, women have been made eligible as Mayors and County and Borough Councillors. The heroic struggle for Parliamentary suffrage by the women of Great Britain is attracting the attention of the world. The immense crowds recently assembled in a demonstration for "Votes for Women" formed the largest public meeting which has ever been held for any cause.

In our own country during the past year 175,000 women of Michigan appealed for suffrage to its constitutional convention; in Oregon, women secured the submission of a constitutional amendment for suffrage to a Referendum vote; and efforts for minor suffrage rights were made in other states. Though no victories were won, the advocates for equal suffrage have never felt more hopeful. Our watchers know that public sentiment is closer in sympathy than ever before. Five hundred associations of men, organized for other purposes, and numbering millions of voters, have officially declared for woman suffrage; only one, - the organized liquor traffic, - has made a record of unremitting hostility to it. The domination of the saloon in politics has wrested many victories from our grasp. Nevertheless, men who believe with us have won our cause for us in four States, and have given large favorable minorities wherever our question has been submitted to the electors; all indicating that our allies, men who possess votes, hold the balance of power in every State. We look forward confidently to the day when their power will be exercised to give the right of the ballot to women on equal terms with themselves.

We cordially invite all men and women who faith in the principles of the American government to meet with us, in convention assembled, for the advancement of our people along the lines of liberty and justice.

Laura Clay.