

W. P. MARSH
LAW AND COLLECTIONS
LAWRENCEBURG, KY.

October 7, 1913.

Miss Laura M. Clay,
Richmond, Ky
Ky.,
My Dear Miss Clay:-

I have the honor to report that on Wednesday, October 1, we had a hearing before Circuit Judge C. C. Marshall on my motion for a writ of mandamus against our County Clerk compelling him to ~~RR~~ prepare separate ballots for the use of women voters in the next election, and on Friday the 3rd., we gained a complete victory in the decision. The Court sustained me in every point raised in the argument, holding that women possessing the statutory qualifications were entitled to vote for all school officers, and that the County Superintendent is a school district officer within the meaning of Chapter 47, of the Acts of 1912. The writ of mandamus was issued and, on the following day, was served on the County Clerk. The County Attorney, who is bitterly opposed to the suffrage cause, conceived that it was his duty to defend the suit, and filed a demurrer to the petition, which was over-ruled by the Court, and he will carry the case at once to the Court of Appeals on a motion to discharge the writ. However, I am confident that he will be over-ruled there as he was in the Court below. I am confirmed in this opinion by the statement of Judge Marshall in rendering his opinion in deciding our case. He said that personally, and as a matter of principle he was opposed to the idea of women

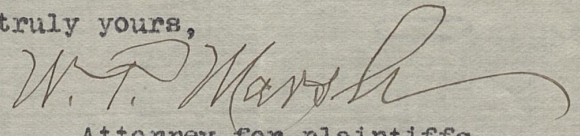
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on any question, but that the Legislature had the right to enact the law and had made it so plain that he was compelled to issue the writ and to hold ~~that~~ as I have already stated. The question being presented for the first time in this district, there was a large number of lawyers present at the argument, and among them some of the most able men in the profession in Central Kentucky, and they all said that the Judge was correct in his ruling, and that the Court of Appeals would undoubtedly sustain his opinion. The decision was so convincing that I do not believe the case would be taken up further, but for the request of Judge Marshall that it be done so that it could be decided once for the whole state, and it is certain now to go to the higher Court.

I should be glad to hear from you as soon as possible with any suggestions you may have to make.

Very truly yours,



Attorney for plaintiffs.

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OLD STATE HOUSE

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Oct. 4/
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Miss Laura Clay
Lexington Ky.

Dear Miss Clay,
your report just rec. thank you
very much. I am going to take this
matter up at our regular meeting
and hope to put it through, I am
sure it is the better way -

Miss Gordon is here - she addressed
our league Tues. we had the
largest crowd we have had since
I have been a member & I feel
she has helped us very much -

Our Mayor was in the crowd, when
I asked him to speak he did so with
alacrity & came out for Woman suffrage.

Hope to have an Ark. state organization
before another year.

again thanking you I am

Very sincerely

Alice S. Ellington.

1135 Fourth Ave., Louisville, Ky.,
Accepted Oct 11th 1913. Oct. 7, 1913.

My dear Miss Clay:

I am writing to you to ask your permission to retain your name as a member of the Educational Committee of the State Federation. The Committee would consider itself most fortunate, indeed, should you allow this to be done. Trusting that you may consider this request favorably, and eagerly awaiting your reply, I am,

Most sincerely,

Hazel M. Cornell.
(Chairman).

Oct. 10th or Greenwood Miss
Deferred her
to Mrs. Annie Satchel, Nicholasville
Oct 7th 1913.

Miss Fanna Clay -

Richmond Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

Thank you for
answering my
letter of recent date
and may I trespass further
on your kindness
and time to ask if
any of the older members

of the Todd family
still living? If so
would you give me
their address.

Miss Todd the wife of
Abraham Lincoln
was a girlhood
friend of my grand-
mother Hannah Stanton.
Perhaps some older
member of the family
could recall the line

I am so anxious to
please. Thank you
very much.

My truly
Mrs N. N. Pratt.

JEANNETTE MARKS
CAMP RUNWAY
GREENVILLE, MAINE

October 10, 1913.

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

Dear Miss Clay:

Thank you very much for your
kind reply to my letter with regard to
LEVIATHAN.

I hope the suffrage note in
LEVIATHAN will be of interest to you.

I am especially grateful for
the names of the leading members of the
W.C.T.U., as it is in the hands of tem-
perance workers, religious workers and
social workers, as well as physicians, that
I trust LEVIATHAN may bring its message
of hope and regeneration to many of the
unhappy victims of drugs and alcohol.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

Jeannette Marks

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Oct 12, 1913

Our Treasurer will send \$35. at
once for dues. I would not send
less than \$36^{to National} and that seems very
little to me as it seems we have
had good gains in membership
the past year and we want to report
progress. I realize our own need of ^{money}
however and vote to send \$36. and
more if the members in Lexington and
Richmond, available members ^{think it wise to do}
we had an election.

yesterday Mrs. Hubbard
was nominated for
Washington and will go
Mrs. F. B. W. is going to
certain about others.
W. S. M. Laughlin

W. S. M. Laughlin.
603 Greenup St
Cov. Ky.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Miss Laura Clay
Richmond
Ky.



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Miss Laura. Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

My Dear Miss. Clay:+

My subject for Woman's Club early in Nov is
(The Comparison of Laws of Different States, Concerning Women) Could re
would you give me some information along this line, I want my paper spiked
so to speake with (Suffrage) If you can not give the information please
refer this letter to the right channel and oblige.

Address Mrs H.O. Irwin,

416 E Carter Ave,

Ashland, Ky.

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FRANKLIN, KY Oct. 16th, 1913

My dear Miss Clay:

May we have your approval of the appointment of Miss Hazel M. Cornell, as chairman of the department of Education, she has been highly recommended as a most capable one for the position. Mrs. Rudy sending in her resignation has compelled us to make a change in Civics, may we have your approval of Mrs. John A. Stratton, of Louisville, as she is not only the logical one, having served so long and so capably on that committee?

Mrs. Nield of Louisville, has consented to take Legislation, may we have your approval of this appointment?

We regret that the Year Book is so late coming out, but it has been unavoidable, as even now two appointments have not been heard from, Miss Alice Lloyd, as chairman of Political Science, and Mrs. Chas. McDowell, of Danvill, as Chairman of Industrial and Child Labor, may we have your approval of these in case they will accept?

The State Fair appointed Mrs. Chas. P. Weaver of Louisville to prepare a program and represent the Federation during the Fair,

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the first appointment she fulfilled, but this year again they sent her notice that she was expected to do the same thing, but the notice was too short for her to present it to the Federation or to present anything creditable, so she has written me in regard to the matter.

The Fair Association wishes to furnish a Pavillion or building in which the Federation can display any exhibits we may have and in the evening have a woman's program representing our work.

If we have your approval of this plan we can make notice of it in our Year Book, and we think it would be well to say that we would have the privilege of approving of the appointment they make, to be sure that the appointment goes to a suitable woman.

Hoping we may have an early reply,

Sincerely Yours,

(Mrs. J. H. D.) Lily S. Durham,

JOS. S. WOOLFOLK
REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE BROKER

LEXINGTON, KY.

Oct^r 17th 1893

Miss Laura Clay
Richmond Ky

Dear Miss Laura -

We have been hoping
to see you here, but are told
that you are in Richmond and
have this letter -

Mr. Finley the Tenant in the North
Row cottage has been importuning
us for Public water saying they
have to carry their water some distance
beside having to pay for it -

We have told him that we did not
wish to ask you to expend any more
until the balance had been paid
for improvements to the property -

He said yesterday that his wife said
they would move unless they got Public
water. He is a good and prompt paying
Tenant. The water has no charges - Quarter
dollars

the meter & connection and also
Plumbing too charge five dollars for
a hydrant - Please instruct us what
to do about it - Y. O. O. O.

Yours Very Truly
Jas. S. W. J. Galt

Near Richmond, Ky.

Oct. 20th, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Durham,

Your letter of the 16th is at hand.

I take pleasure in approving the appointment of Miss Hazel M. Cornell as chairman of the Department of Education;

Of Mrs. John A. Stratton in Civics;

Of Mrs. Niels, of Louisville, for the Legislative Committee. If she is Mrs. Lucy A. Niels, whom I know, I feel the Federation is very fortunate in securing so efficient a chairman for a very difficult department;

Of Miss Alice Lloyd, as chairman of Political Science;

Of Mrs. Chas. McDowell, as chairman of Industrial and Child Labor.

I think we should accept the plan of the State Fair to give the Federation representation in its exhibition; and if Mrs. Weaver is their nominee for our representative, I willingly give my vote that the nomination be confirmed.

Very sincerely yours,

Near Richmond, Ky.

Oct. 20th, 1913.

Mr. J. S. Woolfolk,

Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of Oct. 17th came by the last mail.

I am not willing to put in the city water in the cottage on North Broadway. I consider that the house as it is, is fully worth all the rent that is paid. Even a prompt paying tenant is not profitable if he demands improvements more than his rent comes to.

If he is willing to put in the water at his own expense, I shall not object to his doing so; But I would rather he should ~~lax~~ leave than make any further improvements for him.

Very respectfully yours,

Near Richmond, Ky.

Oct. 20th, 1913.

Mrs. H. O. Irwin,

Ashland, Ky.

Dear Madam,

Your letter of Oct. 14th came by the late mail.

I am very sorry I cannot give you the information you desire, nor refer you to any one who can do so. A compilation of the laws of the many states regarding women is a large and complicated task, as legislatures are liable to change laws every year. Perhaps, however, you do not care for a very exhaustive treatise on the subject. I understand that Miss Emma J. Woerner, President of the Louisville Woman Suffrage Association, has lately been making some studies along this line. You might write to her for information. I am sorry I have not her street number; but if you fear a letter might not reach her with a general address, you might send it in care of Mrs. John D. White, 169 Crescent Avenue, Louisville, Ky.

Very sincerely yours,

189 N Mill,

Lexington Ky.

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Oct 31, 1913.

Dear Mrs. Bagley,

I am enclosing you newspaper clippings announcing our State E.R.A. convention. which please consider official.

I hope you will at once prepare for the convention by electing delegates on the basis of one for every ten members for whom dues are paid and one delegate at large. Please prepare a written report and send to me at least a week before the convention. The report should cover

these points:

Names and post-office addresses of officers;
Number of new members enrolled since last convention, with a statement of the entire number enrolled, new and old, whether dues are paid for the whole or not;
Number of meetings held;
Number of Women's Journals taken;
Number of women registered for voting on School affairs;
Any particular line of work done, and general remarks about what seems to your local of particular interest and importance.

The National Convention is to be held in Washington,

Nov 30 Dec. 5th. I am in hopes that Ashland will be represented there this year. We are informed that this year such delegates as desire it will be entertained. This necessitates that the names shall be sent in two weeks before the convention, and it may be that the Official Board will have to appoint some of them before the State convention.

In any case, it will be a help in securing delegates if I could be informed beforehand who would go from the several leagues. Will you kindly write to me about this at once? Hoping that the Ashland E.R.A. will be represented by

a full delegation in Louisville, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Woman Suffrage Headquarters
FOR
Philadelphia



207-208 HALE BUILDING

Executive Secretary
MISS CAROLINE KATZENSTEIN

October 31, 1913.

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

My dear Miss Clay:

I have just returned from the State Convention in Pittsburg and find your letter of Oct. 21st awaiting a reply.

As Section III of By-Laws 3, does not state that the Executive Committee shall elect from itself annually a Membership Committee, etc., while Sections I and II of By-Laws 3 do make such a qualification, I am wondering if this may not help us out of the difficulty in which we seem to be involved.

When I voted for the admission of the Montana State Equal Suffrage Assn., as you put it in your questions sent out Oct. 9, 1913, I thought that I was voting for Miss Rankin's Association. Is there any difference between the above-mentioned Society and the application of the Montana Equal Suffrage State Central Committee enclosed in your letter of October 24th? To the latter, Miss Rankin's name is signed Chairman of the Committee.

I shall be grateful if you will help me straighten out this tangle.

Very sincerely yours,

Caroline Katzenstein
Executive Secretary

Lebanon, Ky.

Nov. 1-8 1913.

Miss Laura Clay:
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Friend:

My daughter
is to debate at the opera
house on Nov. 13, on Equal
Rights. One of the papers
against her, is taken al-
together from the bible.
You told me at Madison-
ville you would send me
your bible reading.

If it is convenient for
you to send it soon we
would appreciate it.
Since our convention
our W. C. T. U. has taken
new life.

I have a daughter at
the State University.

If you don't live out
too far, she may come
to see you some time.

With best wishes for
your welfare, I am
Yours very truly

Mrs. Bettie Agnew.

Nov² 1913

1631 Eutar Place
Baltimore

My dear Miss Clay -

If you attend the Washington
Convention - which convenes on the 29th -
could you speak in Baltimore on the
28 (Friday - night) at our annual state
meeting - I hope it may be possible
for you to do this - If so will you let
me hear promptly on account of program
etc - We would be glad to entertain you
but if you desired to go to Washington
after the meeting - it is possible for you
to do so as trains go every hour - and it
takes only forty-five minutes for the trip
Hoping things are well with you & yours in Kentucky
I am - Yours truly - Emma Madory Finch.

189 N. Mill Street,

Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 4th, 1913.

Mr. A. C. Mayer, Pres. Ky. Fed. of Labor,

Paducah, Ky.

Dear Sir,

The date for the annual convention of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association has been set very recently for November 20-22, in Louisville. The program promises to be interesting, as you will see from the enclosed newspaper clipping.

In behalf of the Ky. E. R. A. I extend a very cordial invitation to the Ky. Federation of Labor to send a fraternal delegate to the convention.

Hoping that such a delegate will be appointed, and that the name and address will be sent to me, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Corresponding Secretary of Ky.

Equal Rights Association.

Richmond, Kentucky.

Nov. 7th, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Funck,

Your letter of Nov. 2nd was delayed in reaching me because you directed it to Louisville, whereas my residence is in Lexington. I am now not at home, but my letters are promptly forwarded when directed to Lexington.

I am expecting to attend the N.A.W.S.A. convention in Washington; and it will give me pleasure to accept your invitation to address your annual meeting on the evening of the 28th. I shall be glad to accept your hospitality for the night, as I have nothing to call me to Washington till the next day, and I dislike to go to a city at night where I am a stranger.

Please write to me at once how many minutes you wish my address to occupy. It is always best for me to adapt my remarks to the time I am desired to fill. I shall be glad to know, also, who else speaks on the same evening and the general tenor of their subjects.

I suppose you and your sister are interested in the Annapolis Election Case which is now going before the Supreme Court. I would like very much to see a copy of the brief. Perhaps when I get to Baltimore you can me me definite information about it. Among the States' Rights suffragists there is some objection to the suffrage amendment now pushed by the National Asso., and there may be an alternative in securing Federal Suffrage under the Fourteenth amendment by appropriate legislation in Congress.

Please direct your reply to 189 North Mill Street,

Lexington, Kentucky.

Hoping to see you soon, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Richmond, Ky.

Nov. 8th, 1913.

Dear Mrs. Agnew,

I was very glad to get your letter, for though I had not forgotten my promise to send my Bible Reading I have mislaid your address and possibly have lost it. You remember it was written just on an old envelope. I also forget the other lady to whom I promised it at the same time. If you recollect her name and address, or even just the name, I would be much obliged if you would send it to me.

I am enclosing now the whole reading, which is more full than what I spoke in Madisonville. Separate parts of it can be used to meet different objections:

I shall be very glad to have your daughter in the State university wall upon me in Lexington. I am now from home; but when I am there my address is at the head of this page. I live in one of three flats at this number.

Hoping my article may be of help to you in your study of the position of the Bible towards the rights of women, and assuring you that I shall be glad to give any other assistance in the study of my department possible to me, I am

Very truly yours,

Ashland Ky
Nov. 10 1913

Dear Miss Clay,

This is a real
winter morning. The "beautiful"
is about 3 inches deep.

Miss Laura, Mrs. C. M. Freeman
man will be a National Dele-
gate if she gets Free Entertain-
ment in Washington.

! Do you know if Louisville
will entertain? Miss Laura
White will entertain me
but she was going to entertain

tain some others and I did not think she could take another.

2 Are there any rates to Louisville from Lexington on account the E. R. A. There are Rates today from here to Louisville good till the 18th just one day before I want to start. Please tell me to whom do the dues go. We have never had any Min of the last meeting. I hope to get enough dues for 2 delegates but Mrs. Freeman will not go unless entertained

I hope that it will not be so Wintry then.

Miss Clay, I will send you my report this week.

Answer these questions please.

- 1 To whom the dues go.
- 2 Rates to Louisville
- 3 Hope for Free Entertainment for H

Please answer by return mail.

Truly yours,
Sarah J. Bagley.

Sec E. R. A.
Ashland Ky.

Wrote also to Mrs. Field and Mrs. McLaughlin.

Richmond, Ky.

Nov. 13th, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Roebuck,

At last I have finished the minutes and enclose you a copy. I have now much sympathy with any one who has struggled with the printers over correcting the proof. The printers got it into their heads that the minutes were of this year, and consequently changed the dates on me, in spite of my explanation to the contrary.

After receiving all the votes about what dues to send to the National, I struck a balance between all and had \$70 more sent, - that is, \$106 in all. Last year there were \$85 special donations for National dues; this year all had to be sent from the state treasury; so I think this is about right. It entitles us to 11 delegates and our president and Ex. Com. member.

Now I want your vote: The National proposes to entertain delegates who desire it, but the names must be sent two weeks before Nov. 29th. Our convention is only 8 days before. We learn that Mrs. C. M. Freeman, of Ashland, president of the E. R. A. there, and one who has made a number of addresses for us the past summer, will go if she is entertained. I think the Board has the right to elect some of the delegates, when the state pays all the dues. So I have suggested to Mrs. Breckinridge that a vote be taken if the Board will elect Mrs. Freeman, and in fact any other delegate who desires entertainment, and who is not nominated by her own E. R. A. When she is nominated because her E. R. A. has paid dues for 100 members, she can write ahead for her own entertainment. Please answer to me at Lexington, where I return in a few days.

I have written Mrs. John B. Castleman, 32 Hill Road, Louisville,

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chairman of entertainment committee, to engage rooms at the Seelbach Hotel for the Board. She can send names and prices of less expensive places for delegates who desire them. Of course, all the officers go to the Seelbach, as that has been chosen for the convention Headquarters. I understand that the Watterson Hotel, just across the street from the Seelbach, has rooms with bath for one dollar a day, if some of your Newport delegates would like to go there.

Have you studied the proposed new constitution for the National? We ought to take some action on what the Ky.B.R.A. will do about accepting the new conditions at our convention.

Please let me have your vote at once.

Hoping to see you soon in Louisville, I am

Very cordially yours,

Richmond, Ky.

Nov. 13th, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Castleman,

It is the requirement of our State Equal Rights Association that the expenses of the officers to and at the state convention should be paid from the state treasury. Therefore we always make engagements for their rooms before the convention.

Mrs. Breckinridge writes me that it will be impossible for her to do it this time; and I think you could make more satisfactory arrangements at the Seelbach Hotel than I can do by writing. So I am writing to ask you to engage rooms for the Official Board. There are nine names, but Miss Belle Bennett is in Brazil, Mrs. Laucy A. Niels, lives in Louisville, and that leaves ~~seven~~ ^{Mrs. W.C. Bennett will not attend.} In looking over the Seelbach rates, I think if you could get the cheaper rooms, connecting together with a bath, it would give all the benefit of baths without paying for more than three, since all the ladies are well acquainted with each other, and would not object to keeping the doors open between the rooms. ~~There would be no extra charge and~~ as Mrs. Breckinridge will be very hard worked all the time, and is entitled by her official position to particular consideration, I think she should have a room separate, and with a bath. Perhaps she will write a line about her room herself.

The names of the ladies who are on the Board will be found on the leaflet I enclose. Please let me hear from you. Please address me at 189 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

Very cordially yours,

Richmond, Ky.

Nov. 13th, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Bagley,

I got your letter of the 10th, and I am very glad to know that Mrs. Freeman will go to Washington. I understand the delegates will be entertained at Washington if their names are sent in early enough, and I shall try to send in hers in time.

No; the delegates will not be entertained in Louisville. The Ky. E. R. A. stopped asking that the delegates be entertained some years ago. The hotel headquarters are at the Seelbach; but those delegates who wish less expensive places can write to Mrs. John B. Castleman, 32 Hill Road, Louisville, the chairman of committee on entertainment, and she will send names of places and prices.

No; there are no railway rates. The railroads have stopped allowing rates except for one or two hundred delegates, and we cannot depend upon that number.

The present state treasurer is Mrs. Warfield C. Bennett, Richmond, Kentucky. The dues are 35 cents per capita, of which 10 cents are paid to the National. I hope you will try to get as many delegates to go to Louisville as possible, as the business is very important, as we are going to ask for a constitutional amendment.

Please send in the report of the Ky. E. R. A. to me as soon as possible now, directing your letter to me at 189 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

I enclose minutes of the last convention.

Hoping to see you in Louisville, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Nov 21, 1913

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The 24th Convention of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, meeting in Louisville, was called to order Friday, November 21st, at 10.30 A.M., with the president, Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, in the chair.

In the absence of Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, Mrs. C. B. Semple was appointed Recording Secretary pro tem.

Miss Clay presented the report of the Executive Committee which upon motion was accepted by the convention. The reports of the second and third vice-presidents were presented verbally by these officers and accepted.

The report of the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference in St. Louis in April 2-4 was made by Miss Clay. At this meeting \$10.00 had been pledged by the Kentucky representatives, Mrs. Breckinridge and Miss Clay, towards the expenses of the Conference. On motion of Mrs. Castleman this amount (ten dollars) was appropriated to meet this pledge.

The following committees were appointed by the president: Mrs. Halleck, chairman of Committee on Credentials; Mrs. Judah, Mrs. Hubbard and Mrs. Miller, the committee on Resolutions; and Mrs. Louis Becker a committee on Subscriptions to the Woman's Journal. Mrs. McLaughlin presented the report of the Plan of Work and Executive Committee meeting held at 9.30 A.M. as follows:

It was decided that vacancies in the Board occurring during the year were filled by the Board only till the meeting of the Convention and this convention should fill existing vacancies:

That the Board ratified the payment of the expenses of Institute workers.

Richmond, Ky.

Nov. 14th, 1913.

My dear Mrs. McCulloch,

The recent very marked increase of interest in the suffrage cause in Congress has set the States' Rights suffragists to thinking as well as those who have no objection to an amendment which will give Federal authority over state elections. Miss Gordon, you will have observed by the time this reaches you has led in the formation of a Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference, and has had me appointed vice-president at large. I did not go to New Orleans, and I declined a more active part, because it looks as if all my time will be taken up by our own state campaign. In view of this, I told Miss Gordon frankly I would not jeopardize the negro vote in Kentucky, where we have no fear of it through loss of white supremacy, but where the negroes are always jealous of any movement which may seem antagonistic to their suffrage rights, as they always are about any movement of the Southern States exclusively. I have no letter yet from New Orleans, but the paper states that while the words States' Rights has been avoided the object is to secure suffrage by state action as opposed to a Federal Amendment, as is proposed by the N.W.A. S. Asso. I wish to say at once I have not the slightest intention of in any way opposing any movement either the N.A.S.S.A., the Congressional Union, or any other body of suffragists may make to win suffrage. But I am decidedly a believer in States' Rights, and I believe it would be a misfortune to have suffrage come by a Federal Amendment, though I would rather it should come that way than not at all.

Now all this is preliminary.

Hotel Gardner, Washington
D. C.
Dec. 9, 1913,

Sen. Shafroth,

Dear Sir,

~~In my effort to secure the~~
~~support of women suffragists.~~
Among the ~~important~~ ~~for Federal~~
suffrage for women as introduced in
the Senate Bill 3507 which you
introduced, I have interested

Mrs. Ida Husted Harper, ~~now~~
residing at Hotel Hamilton of
this city. ^{In Senate Bill 3507 which you} ~~have introduced~~ Mrs. Harper is the au-
thor of the ^{fourth} volume of the History
of Woman Suffrage, was
for many years the constant
companion of Susan B. Autho-
ry, and has written the Life
of Susan B. Anthony. Her long
studies of ^{for three weeks} ~~the subject~~ have
particularized her
~~given her accurate knowledge~~

with ² legal and historical
~~edge~~ of many points of the
subject, including the author-
ities for the defence of the
~~constitution~~ ^{concerning} constitutionality of S. Bill
3507.

As I shall be compelled to leave
the city almost immediately,
and shall probably not see
you again before I return home,
I am writing to ask ~~you~~
that in case Mrs. Harper
requests an interview with
you that you will receive
her as ~~a~~ representative of
the women who, as I stated
to you, desire Federal suffrage
for women, and are working
and wish to support your
bill independently of any
suffrage association, and
without ~~discussing~~ & obstructing

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any ~~off~~ other plan for securing Woman Suffrage. I believe ^{and hope} the Constitutional Amendment, ~~or otherwise~~, Mrs. Harper may be of ~~use~~ service to you in looking up judicial and historical references; and I am sure she will ~~do~~ cheerfully any thing she can to further ^{your efforts for Federal} the success of S. B. 3507. ^{Suffrage for Women}

Thanking you on behalf of many women for your advocacy of our cause, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Laura Clay,

Com. Sec. of Kentucky
Equal Rights Assn.

Home address,
189 N. Mill Street,
Lexington,
Kentucky.

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Ans Dec. 27.

Lawrence, Kansas, December 18th, 1913.

My dear Miss Clay:

While on the train going to and from Washington I made ten tatted jabots and consecrated them to our suffrage leaders whom I dearly love. I do not have to watch my work very closely so could view the landscape over as I tatted.

With love and Christmas greetings,

Helen N. Eacker,

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The White Mountains through
which we toured today look
too beautiful to have defeated
our amendment. But it's
not beauty but merit such as
Ill. produces which we need.
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with his wife, with a view of organi-
zing in Harlan. See Pennsylvanians.