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May 1, 1916.

Miss Laura Clay,
189 No. Mill St.,
Lexington, Kentucky.,

My dear Miss Clay:

We want to ask you if you will stand
in the receiving line at the reception Monday
evening at 6:30. We hope very much that you
will do this.

I also enclose ticket for a seat on the
platform at the auditorium mass meeting Sunday
afternoon, the meeting beginning at 3:30.

Most cordially yours,

Clara Ueland

614 Colorado St., Davenport Ia.
May 6, 1916.

Miss Laura Clay,
Radisson Hotel
Minneapolis.

My dear Miss Clay: The
Scott County Equal
Suffrage Association will
welcome your presence
May 11 to 18. We need

you to speak part
time in the County towns,
and to address such
"ready-made" meetings
as we can secure. Will

you advise me of the
hour of your arrival,
by mail, or collect
telegram, that I may
meet you.

Sincerely,
(Mrs J. H.) Lois Smith Cann

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LEXINGTON, KY., 5/12/1916.

Miss Laura Clay,

Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:-

I have written to Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Smith, President of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, suggesting a plan I think would be of mutual benefit to that Association and The Lexington Herald, and write you a rough outline of the plan that you may be considering it in case it should be brought up for discussion at a meeting of the Board in the near future.

The plan is, of course, subject to such modification as may make it more effective, or more satisfactory to you and to The Herald. It is: that the Kentucky Equal Rights Association should have in the Monday issue of The Lexington Herald two columns assigned to it, for which it would furnish the matter and be responsible, The Herald assuming no responsibility for the matter published, the statements made or the objects advocated. The Herald would publish what matter was furnished, giving to it the circulation which it now has and the increased circulation which it hopes to obtain. It now has a bona fide paid circulation of approximately seven thousand which, estimated according to the judgment of the advertising agencies, means a reading clientele of thirty-five thousand.

It has been suggested also that the Kentucky Federation of Woman's Clubs also have two columns in that issue, and the Kentucky

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Woman's Christian Temperance Union have likewise two columns. In return for these columns, subject to the use of these Associations, I should hope that the members of the Association would use their endeavor to increase the circulation of The Herald both that it might give wider publicity to the matter furnished by them, and bring to quicker realization the purpose for which they are working.

The rate for the Monday issue of The Herald is a dollar a year. We should, however, make a rate of two dollars for three years' subscription to the members of these Associations.

Hoping that the general plan will meet with your approval and that we shall be able to work out some definite plan for the immediate future, I am,

Yours very sincerely ,

Charles I. Stewart

DB/K

Lexington, Ky.

May 13, 1916

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

My dear Miss Laura:-

You will probably recall that you are a member of the Committee on Social Service, and that this Committee must prepare a report to be presented at the Approaching Council in Frankfort on May the 23rd.

I am therefore writing to say that there will be a meeting of this Committee at the Parish House in Lexington on Saturday morning May the 20th at ten o'clock. In order to be perfectly fair to all parties concerned, I think it should be said that persons who live at a distance more than twenty-five or thirty miles from Lexington ought not to be expected to attend this meeting, but only to send in writing before that meeting either their suggestions as to what should be done, or their report as to what has been done. Those of us who live in or near Lexington can meet and formulate this material into a suitable report for the Council.

As a Committee, I do not think we have accomplished anything much; as individuals and parts of other organizations, I feel that a good deal has been done. So that our report may fairly be reasonably encouraging and useful.

Kindly let me hear from you not later than the 19th of May on this matter.

Yours very truly,

Robert K. Massie

Chairman of Committee on Social Service

RKM/W

May 23, 1916

Copy of letter sent to Presidents of
Southern States.

May 15, 1916.

My dear *****:

In a recent letter to me Miss Gordon states that she will ask the National Democratic Convention for a "distinct States Right plank". Miss Gordon will act in her capacity as President of the Southern Conference. As my previous letters have told you, the National American Woman Suffrage Association will ask the Democratic Party to include in its national platform a plank endorsing the principle of woman suffrage without reference to method.

I think you will agree with me that an endorsement of the principle of woman suffrage is the broadest and most inclusive endorsement that could be secured. I believe you will also agree that division in our appeal at St. Louis will lessen our strength and jeopardize our success. I therefore hope that the Southern Presidents will unite in supporting the plank proposed by the National Association and that all our organizations South, North, East and West may stand as an united body in St. Louis. The plank which the National will offer is as follows:

"Believing that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, we acknowledge the right of women to participate in government and favor their enfranchisement".

I shall be glad to have your opinion on the subject and to know whether your organization will support the National Association in the plank which it will offer.

Cordially yours,

PRESIDENT.

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To the Presidents of the Southern States:

Mrs. Catt's letter in regard to the Southern Conference just received. I regret that she has taken steps to place the southern suffragists, by inference at least, in a doubtful attitude to States Rights. If suffrage was in the academic stage this might be expedient, but when dealing with a situation as politically acute as the one we are confronted with, there certainly can be no "weakening of strength" or "jeopardizing of success" by having the distinctively southern element bring a flank movement.

The Southern Conference is extremely anxious to place the Democratic Party on record as a pre-requisite to suffrage success in the south. The National Association is on record "to inform all who read that their workers are after a federal amendment". After such publicity the abstract principle may well be interpreted by opponents as veiling an issue. It certainly cannot be politically unwise to make it difficult for the party to refuse us by asking for an endorsement of woman suffrage along the line of the party's traditions and prejudices. In addition, State Right Suffrage as the practical solution of the question has the endorsement of Mrs. Catt -- Miss Shaw -- and was pronounced by the McCormick Congressional Committee as holding the key to the situation. Then why not ask for what we can get.

A majority of the Officers of the Southern Conference voted to submit a States Rights plank, because:

1. It was expedient to get the party on record.
2. The issue for a National Amendment has been so stressed by both the N.A.W.S.A. and the C.U. that it is political suicide for the southern suffragists to ask for any other form of suffrage.
3. The necessity to block the rapidly growing anti-movement in the south, and beat them at their own game. The Antis are waging their battle not on suffrage but on suffrage as a state right.

I regret that Mrs. Catt is making a point of the southern organizations' endorsement in a way which may be interpreted as against state right suffrage. Twenty years of the closest study of the suffrage, from a National as well as from a southern viewpoint leads me to believe that simply asking for the abstract principle leaves a wide margin for the party to hedge, but if southern women, with the same traditions and prejudices, ask the party for suffrage via the route the party endorses, then I think we will do a great service to the Cause, Mrs. Catt's opinion to the contrary notwithstanding.

Cordially

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Mrs. May 23

To the Officers of the Southern Conference:

I enclose a copy of the letter sent to Presidents of Southern States by Mrs. Catt. I enclose my reply, and also send copy of a letter written to Mrs. Catt.

The reference made in regard to integrity is drawn forth by the fact that when Mrs. Catt found that I would put in a states rights plank for recognition by the states rights party, she wrote me "that three women in three different states" had charged me as being "in conspiracy with the Congressional Union to smash the National". I have asked her for her authority, but I have never received it.

I have written to Miss Passmore of St. Louis to secure me rooms in a good boarding-house. I am not going to obligate myself to \$4.00 a day for the full term of the Convention. Will not all of the officers, who are going to St. Louis reply to me at once?

Very cordially,

Said I would join in sup use to appeal for States Rights plank.

KMG / BS.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union

WESTERN WASHINGTON

CIVIC HOUSEKEEPING DEPARTMENT
(FRANCHISE)

SOPHIE L. W. CLARK,
SUPERINTENDENT

1701 KILBOURNE STREET
SEATTLE.

May 25 1916

Miss Laura Clay
Lexington Ky.

My Dear Miss Clay -

In Woman's Journal you are noted as speaking for States Rights and consequently not for Susan B. Anthony Amendment. Please read carefully the enclosed leaflet which is altogether too brief on a subject close to my heart, and for which I have labored actively since 1910.

Suffrage is in the gift of the State, but Naturalization is under Federal control. Therefore amendments to state constitutions enfranchising women do not cover wives. In the U.S. the citizenship (which includes more than just voting) of a wife is entirely dependent on that of her husband. Of course it is a survival of the taint in the Common Law, which makes woman, maid wife or widow, property. Yet very curiously this citizenship disability for the wife was not U.S. law until 1907. We may have suffrage for women by Federal amendment or by state after state deciding to grant same, without touching this wifely disability. To put a wife's citizenship upon her personal eligibility

it will be necessary to pass S. 718, by Wm Howard
Thompson of Kan. This bill is the same as S. 4022
of 63^d Congress - It is now before Immigration Com.

not only women voters but all suffragists should
have this fundamental disability removed from our sex.

Washington State Constitution requires all voters to be
U. S. citizens. The Fed. Statute of 1907 therefore disqualifies
American women whose husbands are not citizens.

In reality all married women vote ^{because} on husband's eligi-
-ble - not because they are. The proposed amendment
for Iowa has the same defect, viz. U. S. citizens
only may profit by same.

By branding as aliens all who marry aliens
our U. S. Congress (of so recent a date as 1907)
certainly more closely welded the chain of woman's
dependence. I have not succeeded in inter-
-esting (to the point of action) any Eastern suffragist.

The plea being that suffrage pure & simple is the
only matter now under consideration. But I am
so very deeply convinced that now is the psychologi-
-cal moment to urge the passage of S. 718 - that
I am impelled to write you at this time.

It will be an added impetus to Fed. and
State suffrage - You may remember me as writing
to you in 1911 - when I served the National W. C. T. U.
as Franchise Supt. Hoping to hear from you

I remain cordially yours
Sophie L. Webb Clark (Mrs.)

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May 25, 1916

Mrs. Laura M. Clay,
c/o Suffrage Headquarters,
Des Moines, Iowa.

My dear Mrs. Clay:

Delivered May 30th

The Young People's Civic League is going to hold a big First Voters' Night mass meeting Monday evening, June 5th in the Auditorium Theater. Alexander H. Revell will preside, and William Jennings Bryan is to be one of the speakers. We are awaiting to hear from John Wanamaker and Governor Hiram Johnson. We want also a woman speaker for a short talk, and Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch, who is very much interested in First Voters' Night, said that you would be here at that time, and that probably you would be glad to grant us the favor.

We are reserving all of the main floor of the Auditorium for First Voters. The meeting is to be absolutely non-partisan and is inter-denominational. Its one object is to appeal to the young people to take a high stand in all matters pertaining to civic life. About twenty organizations, such as the Chicago Woman's Club, Illinois Equal Suffrage and the Immigrants' Protective League, are uniting so heartily in this that we feel it is going to be a really wonderful evening.

If it is impossible for you to be with us the entire evening, may we depend upon you for a part of the time? We could easily arrange to take you to another meeting should it be necessary for you to go. We are having it at this time for the sake of the national importance and significance it will have because of coming just before the big conventions and the Suffrage Parade.

All are donating their services. We are not charging admission because we are anxious that every First Voter who wishes to come may not be barred. We are trying to reach many of the immigrants. We are hoping earnestly that you can come. If you can do so, do not hesitate to wire us at our expense to that effect.

Awaiting your early reply, and trusting that the great Suffrage Parade in Chicago in which our organization is participating will be a great success, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mary F. Balcomb,
Superintendent.

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May 1915

Miss Laura Clay
reput to Mrs A D ~~Ficke~~

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[June 3, 1916]

Saturday Morning Eastonville.

Dear Miss Clay.

In the night I remembered I failed to pay my hotel bill in Greenfield. I went into the office once to do so but "Miss West" was absent, and no one else knew any thing about it. Then I absolutely forgot to try him again. I should have this morning that I would send it and learned to my embarrassment that you paid it. Well, tell me if you please. Enclosed find that amount, and please accept my apologies. My absent-mindedness

I must have given you a bad impression. C. June 3, 1916

I am glad it is such a beautiful morning. Your auto ride this afternoon will be a delight I hope. You certainly have done our cause much good in San Diego and is giving you high praise.

Affectionately,

Gertrude B. Nash.

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Laura Clay,
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Miss Clay:-

In introducing myself may I say that I am the recording secretary of the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association.

Would you kindly contribute an article for me on some phase of the Woman Suffrage Movement, and may I have one of your pictures?

Thanking you in advance I remain

Sincerely yours,

Judith W. Loewenthal

JWL/MEJ

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Warwick Hotel, St. Louis June 10/16.

ATTENTION!

I arrived in St. Louis this morning; and am sending this "hurry call" to some of the Southern states, from which I get no report that women are coming to the Democratic convention. We secured our plank in the Republican and Progressive Platforms, and now ~~for~~ we must make a stupendous effort to get one in the Democratic Platform.

There is nothing we can do to help this out so much as to get this plank. You will be helping your own work tremendously by sending some women to work with your own and other Southern delegates. If, among those who come, there is one who can speak at our 12 out-door meetings, Wednesday evening, please let us know at once.

Believe me, it is most important.

If you want us to look up a place for you to stay, we will do so. The prices of rooms in hotels have doubled, as in Chicago; but it is nevertheless important to pay the price for work here. We have a working headquarters at the Jefferson, 4th floor; and one at the Planters, 2nd floor. The National Board are located at the Warwick, - at which point I will receive mail.

Cordially yours,

CCC-SMR

I take it for granted that you will be here. We need you here tremendously
Carrie Chapman Catt

June 10, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Powers:

Now that I am State Chairman of the Woman's Journal Committee, I am anxious to urge you to make Carter County Woman Suffrage League show up well on the offer made to us by the Woman's Journal. I am asking every league to take twelve as their minimum number of subscriptions and then to add to their credit by getting as many more as possible. Mrs. Breckinridge makes the very excellent suggestion that out of the premium on these twelve subscriptions each league should pay the State and National dues on one delegate to the State Convention. Now that the Woman's Federation of Clubs and the State W. C. T. U., and the Grangers, and the Federation of Labor have passed suffrage resolutions, it is perfectly proper that we should ask them to help us to get subscriptions to the Woman's Journal. The first duty of every association is to circulate literature, and our best suffrage literature is the Woman's Journal, as I have often heard women from the campaign states say. The best way to distribute literature is to get subscriptions for the Woman's Journal, for they get that once a week for a year.

You will be interested to know that the Woman's Auxiliary passed a resolution endorsing the Woman's Peace Party at the Diocesan Council, held June 4th in Newport. The Peace Party endorses woman suffrage, which shows that the Woman's Auxiliary is not afraid of

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woman suffrage, as indeed it should not be, when Mrs. Burton, the Bishop's wife, Dean and Mrs. Massie, Rev. Mr. Maxon of Margaret College, are all members of the Equal Rights Association. Dis you see Mr. Maxon's suffrage speech in the Diocesan News of June?

Mrs. Murray Hubbard, the chairman of the Federation Clubs Party Platform Committee, did magnificent work by getting a woman suffrage plank in the State platform of the Republican Party, which was held in Lexington yesterday. She, the State President, Mrs. of Women's Clubs, Bartlett, and I made five minute speeches before the committee on resolutions and we feel very happy over the result. Now do write to me that you will take hold enegetically of the Woman's Journal business, and cheer my heart by telling me that I may depend upon Carter County to send at least twelve subscriptions. Please let me hear from you, and if you need more blanks send to me for them.

Very cordially your friend,

Chairman, Woman's Journal Committee.

Enclosure.

A. H. GRISSELL, EDITOR

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Guthrie Center, Iowa, June 17, 1916.

My dear Miss Clay

In the excitement of the election and an unusual rush of work afterward, I have neglected sending the paper I promised to. Which I am doing today, however.

Shall we speak of the defeat in the state? No, let's doubt. But I want to say that you helped wonderfully in Guthrie county. In fact some precincts were won or turned by your speeches. This has been told me by men over the county. The local fights were so bitter in this county that I really was

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surprised at the outcome - as were also many white politicians.

There is something else I'd like to tell you but I don't know exactly how to say it. He's this. Naturally I'm a shiker, I love ease and beautiful things, and at times I've come dangerously near exchanging my birthright for a mess of pottage, the birthright of working for things I know are right. Hitherto Fate or Providence has simply chucked me back into the place

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I should feel and made me fight— ^{Guthrie Center, Iowa,} and knowing you
has made me a little less rebellious— I guess that's what
I want to say— And after our talk that night, my feeling
of defeat hasn't been personal but for the women who
are striving for the kind of things you have fought for—

Sincerely yours,

Helen H. Griselle.

I spoke to you of my father,
I wonder if you'd care to see the last words
said of him.

Harriet C. Upton
Real Estate, Mortgages and Loans
Warren, Ohio

June 20, 1916,

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.,

My dear Miss Clay:-

Mrs. Upton is in Columbus attending the State Republican Convention. She left the enclosed check for you provided Mr. Williams brought in his check. This he has done and I am sending it to you.

Please sign enclosed receipt and return.

Very truly yours,

Margaret Bethune.

Clerk.

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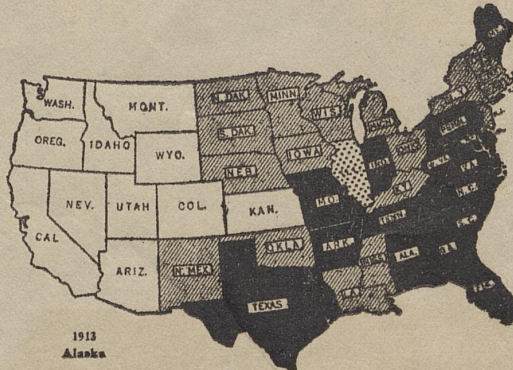
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FRANKFORT, KY., June 26, 1916.

My dear Aunt Laura:

The club women are trying to raise \$10,000 to finance Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart's Moonlight Schools as the Legislature would not appropriate enough money. I feel that the Federation has been so loyal and helpful to us in our suffrage work that I must help them a little to carry out this plan, though, I have little time or energy left after I have attended to the work at the suffrage office. I wish you would make me a donation of \$5.00, more or less, as you feel able.

I am anxious to see you and hear about the St. Louis meeting. I think Mrs. Post did splendid work and her report was most interesting.

I am busy making engagements for Miss Margaret Foley, who is sent out by the Woman's Journal, and am starting Mrs. Arch Pool out into the Tenth and Eleventh Districts for the month of July.

Miss Walker writes that she is ⁱⁿ West Virginia, now.

Yours with much love,

Elise Bennett Smith.
(Mrs Thos. J.)
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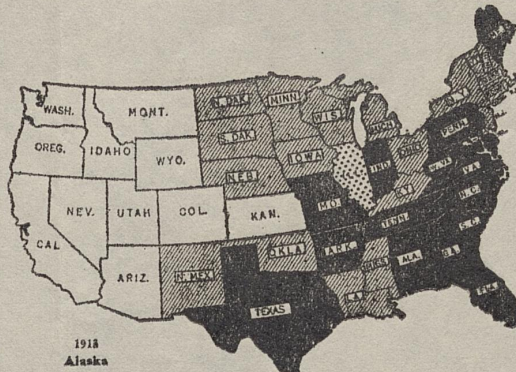
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FRANKFORT, KY., June 29, 1916.

Dear Board Member:

Please read carefully the enclosed letter received from President Catt this morning. Business of so vital importance demands a Board Meeting as soon as possible.

1. When and where shall we call a Board Meeting?
2. Shall we call our Convention in July, about six weeks before the National Convention at Atlantic City, September 6th?

Article VI. of our State Constitution says that the delegates to the National Convention shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. We could not have a large meeting, but we could have the reports from the Chicago and St. Louis Conventions and the organizers' work, raise a fund of money for West Virginia, and other business of importance. We have only \$10.00 for the West Virginia campaign.

I suggest that we call a Board Meeting in Lexington, Friday July 7th, at the Phoenix Hotel, but I will await the decision of the Board. I am sure that members of the Board will have other matters to be decided upon. Give this matter your careful consideration and let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Most cordially yours,

Elise B. Smith

President

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Brief Report
of the
KENTUCKY DELEGATION
at the
REPUBLICAN CONVENTION..

TWENTY DELEGATES, viz.: Mrs. Edmund M. Post, Paducah; Mrs. Allen Carter, Louisville; Mrs. Ed C. O'Rear, Frankfort; Mrs. Chas. Firth, Covington; Miss Irene Krone, Delegate to the National Convention, Paducah (there were thirty-three women seated in the Convention; twelve from Washington State, the largest delegation, and one from Kentucky); Mrs. Edwin P. Morrow, Somerset; Mrs. Wm. Marshall Bullitt, Louisville; Mrs. L. M. Maus, Frankfort; Mrs. Thos. J. Smith, Frankfort; Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, Lexington; Mrs. R. A. McDowell, Louisville; Mrs. Harry R. Whiteside, Louisville; Mrs. Augustus E. Willson, Louisville; Mrs. Samuel Henning, Louisville; Mrs. A. H. Cardin, Marion; Miss Elizabeth Mengel, Louisville; Miss Virginia Kane, Louisville; Mrs. D. H. Cheney, Louisville; Mrs. L. L. Cheney, Louisville; and, Mrs. Mary Lanive, Louisville.

A PLANK IN THE REPUBLICAN AND PROGRESSIVE STATE PLATFORMS: The Member of the Resolutions Committee of the Republican Party voted for the plank. The Kentucky Delegation favored it except Judge Robert Winn of Mt. Sterling, who voted against it, and Mr. William Heyburn of Louisville, who was doubtful.

The President made a three minutes report to the Assembly at the Princess Theatre. She was also invited to speak by the Illinois Suffrage Association at the Municipal Pier on the afternoon of June the 8th. Mrs. Harry Whiteside was asked to speak upon this occasion.

Col. McCulloch, Judge O'Rear and ex-Governor Willson were kind enough to supply our Delegation with tickets to the National Republican Convention.

The following is the plank adopted by the Republican Party:

"The Republican party, reaffirming its faith in government of the people, by the people and for the people, as a measure of justice to one-half of the adult people of this country, favors the extension of the suffrage to women, but recognizes the right of each State to settle this question for itself."

Most cordially yours,

Elise Bennett Smith
(Mrs Thos. J.)
President