

Dear Miss Gordon, Your printing my last leaflet in Southern Citizen is a great compliment. You can see by this letter what we are against. A Congressman says our enemies are today pouring in telegrams asking legislators to vote against Suffrage Amendment. Please remain true & Miss Gelay because she also sympathizes in our effort. I know she will disapprove of the Easterners opposing our work.

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February 6, 1917.

Fellow Member of the Chicago Political Equality League:

Do you know that your influence is being used at Springfield against the passage of the Suffrage Amendment? The fact that you endorsed the much needed Constitutional Convention which might remedy many defects in our present Constitution, is being construed to mean that you are opposed to a Woman's Suffrage Amendment. Many of you would not like your votes delivered against any Suffrage proposition, National, State or local, and many protest against our organization being put in that false position. Certain members of the General Assembly have shown me letters signed by officers of our League in which letters it is stated: "The Board of Managers of the Chicago Political Equality League representing 2,000 members are not in favor of the submission of a separate amendment under our present Constitution at this time. We thank you very much for your assistance in the passing of the call for a Constitutional Convention."

The uncertainty of the Convention proposition succeeding makes it unwise to depend upon the Convention alone for Suffrage.

It was brought out very clearly at the Senate hearing by Senator Morton D. Hull that the Suffrage Amendment according to the present rulings of the courts might not need as many votes to bring it to success as would be needed by the Constitutional Convention proposition if it should also be submitted in 1918, the latter needing a majority of all voting at the election and the Amendment according to the recent court decision needing only a majority of all who vote for members of the General Assembly. The Suffrage Amendment might win and the Constitutional Convention proposition might be lost, although both might have the same number of votes at the same election. The arguments against the submission of a Suffrage Amendment made before the Senate Committee were sufficiently strong to persuade three members to vote against it. But those men, Senators Herlihy, Coleman and Cornwell always have been opposed to Woman's Suffrage. Those three Senators would oppose Suffrage in a Constitutional Convention or any other place. The Senators who voted for the Amendment were Senators Barr, Barbour, Harding, Manny and Hull. The absent members Senators Jewell and Ettleson would have voted "Aye." Members in the House and Senate who are Suffragists seem annoyed that women calling themselves Suffragists should speak against a Suffrage Amendment being submitted as soon as possible. However, some men who are not sufficiently rooted and grounded in their belief in Woman Suffrage would welcome the excuse of a woman's opposition to defend their failure to vote for a Suffrage Amendment. It may be possible that by such tactics the Suffrage Amendment might not receive the necessary two-thirds vote. If you want Suffrage by the quickest, surest route please write, in your own name, to your members of the Legislature telling of your friendship for the Amendment.

Yours truly,

Catharine Waugh McCulloch

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February
Seventh
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Dear Member of the Woman's Peace Party:

In this time of uncertainty and possibility of war, you may be interested to know what the National Office has been doing in the way of telegrams to Washington.

On Saturday morning, February 3rd, before the announcement was made that diplomatic relations had been broken off, your Chairman sent the following telegram to President Wilson:

"Many of us hope that you may find it possible to meet the present international situation in league with other neutral nations in Europe and South America whose interests are similarly involved. Such an alliance might prove to be the beginning of a league of nations standing for international rights and would at least offer a method of approach less likely to involve any one nation in war."

Two members of the Executive Board who live in Chicago met with representatives of several women's organizations Monday, February 5th, and sent the following cables to Dr. Jacobs at the Central Office of the International Committee of Women for permanent Peace in Amsterdam, and to the Secretary of the National Committee in Germany:-

Dr. Aletta Jacobs:

"Members of our International Committee have sent greetings to German women and are making utmost efforts to allay war spirit."

Dr. Anita Augspurg:

"Many American women join with the members of our International Committee in sending messages of good-will to our German sisters and share our hopes that war may yet be averted."

The following telegram has also been sent to the members of the Executive Board of the Woman's Peace Party for their signatures and if it should receive these, will be sent at once to the President of the United States:-

To the Members of the Woman's Peace Party
Page #2., February 7th, 1917.

"The members of the Woman's Peace Party are persuaded that your wisdom can devise a new way out of the present difficult situation, which will be in accord with the principles of the new internationalism rather than with the antiquated and what proved to be futile method followed by our nation in eighteen-twelve when it attempted to protect by war, American rights upon the high seas. Should a democracy not ask the people by a referendum vote whether it is their wish to defend American commerce by war? Such a vote in view of our diverse population would be in effect an appeal to international public opinion. Is it not possible to call a joint official conference of neutral nations to consider safeguarding neutral rights on the seas before the United States is drawn into war, and thus make a very genuine beginning of a league of nations?"

The New York Branch of the Woman's Peace Party has telegraphed as follows: It is to be hoped that the various branches will avail themselves of the privilege offered.

"Pressure of emergency activities here has developed need of clearing house to provide for an exchange of information as to what the peace forces are doing all over the United States in this crisis and to establish a comparison of activities so that every effective move to avert war may be made and waste from duplication minimized. Machinery for such an exchange has been contributed by New York Branch of Woman's Peace Party. We ask you to wire what you have done and plan to do. On request we will supply you with daily telegraphic bulletins regarding developments in Washington not covered by press and news of various peace activities- address Emergency Office, Room 1034 at 70 Fifth Avenue, Telephone Chelsea 765."

A telegram has also been received from the American Union Against Militarism with which the Woman's Peace Party has always been in very friendly relations.

"Have you seen alternatives to war outlined in Bryan's statement to American people? Wire President, Senators and Congressmen endorsing Bryan's position which is gathering weight. Urge joint official Conference neutral nations to consider safeguarding common rights at sea before war move by American Government. Get ten others to wire. Emergent."

As matters develop further, information will be sent to the branches and National Members.

I am sure that we all have the earnest desire to stand by the President of the United States in such a crisis, but surely the highest patriotism does not exclude conscientious discussion of public measures.

Faithfully yours,
Jane Addams,
Chairman.

Mounton, Tenn.

Nov. 7, 1917.

Dear Miss Clay:

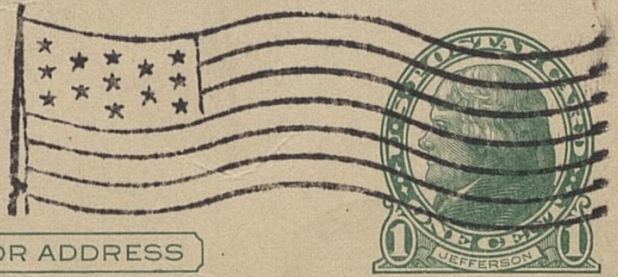
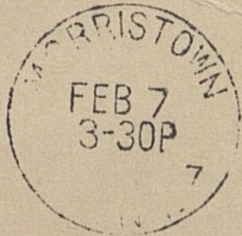
Our bill was defeated
in Senate, but Mr. Hill
moved for reconsideration,
so it will come up again
in a few weeks. The Leg.
has recessed for 21 days.

The Speaker of Senate, Mr.
Cravens says it will go
through this next time,
but we have more fears.

Will keep you posted -

Hope you are well.
With love,

Samuel Price.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Lanna Cloy,
189 North Mill St.,
Lexington,
Ky.

Feb 7, 1917

HOTEL WALNUT

CINCINNATI, O.,

ALL OUTSIDE ROOMS
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FREE BATHS AND SHOWERS.

Dear Miss Clay,

Your very welcome letter received and you have no idea how much pleasure it gave me. You'd know you are one of my Generals. When you undertake a work you always accomplish it, which is desirable. Of course you keep in touch with Ohio work. I really feel more encouraged now than I have before. It seems some of our Men at Columbus are in sympathy with our cause, and northern Ohio is succeeding fine. I had a letter this week from Mrs. Upton who has been in Columbus all last week. If it wasn't for the Liquor Question down here in

Feb 7, 1917

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Hamilton Co we would have little
trouble I believe. Well we must
have faith and patience.

I find there are quite a number
of prominent Men even here in
Cin who have come out emphatically
in favor of our cause. The terrible
War in Europe has opened their
Eyes to Woman's ability. Well we must
work, hope and Pray, and Victory will
come in time.

If you come to Cin at anytime I hope
you will honor us by coming here.
I know you are very busy, but if you
ever have time to drop me a line
I shall be delighted.

Sincerely your friend

M. C. Sherwood

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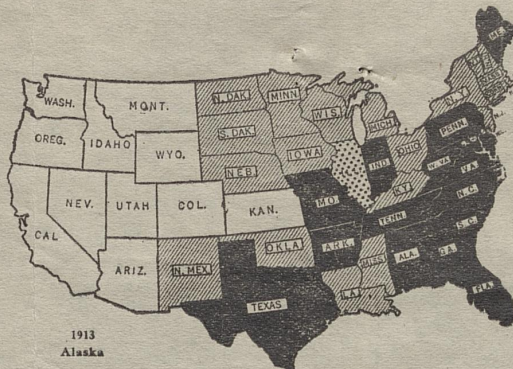
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White States, Full Suffrage; Shaded States, Partial Suffrage; Dotted State, Presidential, Municipal and Partial County Suffrage; Dark States, No Suffrage.



FRANKFORT, KY..

February 8, 1917.

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Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

You will find enclosed a copy of Mrs. Catt's call to the executive council. Of course, I will go. I deem it wise to call a meeting of the Kentucky Board so that we may have a full discussion of all these questions so that I may have the benefit of the splendid opinions and suggestions of my Board.

A number of other questions have arisen and, while I had hoped to be able to postpone the call of the Board Meeting until later, it seems, owing to these developments, best to call a meeting at once. I have selected February 15th as the date. We will meet at 11:30 A. M. at Suffrage Headquarters, Louisville, Kentucky. I trust this will be convenient to you.

Very cordially yours,

Christine Pringle South

(Mrs. John Glover South)

President Kentucky Equal Rights Association

Manchester, Ky. Feb. 10,
1917.

My dear Miss Celay,

As you probably know, two ladies Mrs. Wesley Martin Stoner and Mrs. James H. Poys, both of Washington, have been chosen members of The Inaugural Committee, and, "through the courtesy of Mrs. Stoner, a prominent suffragist and devoted peace advocate, The Woman's Peace Party has been asked to form one of the marching units in the Civic Section of the parade," and as Mrs. Wm. J. Thomas is resident in Washington during this session of Congress she has been asked to organize our division and is anxious to know, as soon as possible, the approximate registration from Kentucky.

Please let me know, and also write directly to her, Room 647 Munsey Building, Washington D.C. how many you think will go from your city and county, or rather your District.

Mrs. Thomas' letter was delayed by wrong address, by tides and zero weather, and yours might be, so please write to both of us, and do not forget that my address now is Manchester, Ky.

She says. "As it has been decided to omit all features of pageantry from the Civic Action, we shall not be called upon to make any elaborate plans or expenditures. --- Large banners indicating the organization and small, individual banners may however be carried by the marchers. --- We hope that numbers of young men and women from the universities and colleges, --- will feel moved to participate in a demonstration which is in itself a departure from the traditional idea that a march is necessarily militaristic in character."

Sincerely yours
Laura R. White

189 N. Mil St., Lexington, Ky.
Febr. 20th. 1917.

My dear Mrs. South,

Your letter calling for a Board meeting in Louisville for Febr. 15th was received this morning. That time is convenient for me; and I expect to be present.

We had a meeting of the Fayette E.R.A. this morning; and heard report of the Woman's Club meeting at Eminence. The ladies who were present there declared you had made one of the best suffrage speeches they had ever heard.

The meeting decided to send something to the National Bazaar in Washington.

We joined the Red Cross Society organized here as a group from the Fayette E.R.A. We think this will not conflict with any action the National or the State may take about our attitude to the War.

We heard a letter from Mrs. Leech about Press work and acceded to her requests.

No doubt, you will hear of these proceedings from the proper officers; but I am writing for your information in case it may help your plans for the Board meeting.

Very cordially yours,

Dues = 3.00
Monthly = 5.00
Quartermaster = .50
Box = 1.50
General = 5.00
15.00

Mrs. Wallace Bartlett

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 19, 1917.

Mrs. Dear Mrs. Bartlett:-

I have received your letter asking me to write an article for the prospectus of your book and a history of Woman's Suffrage for the book itself. I have been absent from home a few days and I am going to Washington on Wednesday morning, to be gone for a week or ten days, possibly longer. I have undertaken to write a newspaper article for Mrs. South's Suffrage edition, and I cannot do anything more than that before I leave for Washington. Therefore I shall have to decline your request to write the prospectus as I have nothing on hand that is suitable. If it is not too late when I return from the east, I should be glad to write an article for the book. If you think best, you can write to me about this in the next few days, addressing me at 1626 Rhode Island Avenue, Washington.

Very cordially yours,

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 19th, 1917.

Mrs/ Raymond Robbins,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Robbins:-

Your letter of January 30th was duly received; and though it is perhaps a circular letter I feel impelled to write to say why I cannot join the National Woman's Trade Union League although I am in such hearty sympathy with everything which bears on the interests of women.

I was born and reared in the country; and I have never known by observation the needs of women in industrial masses. Hence, I have never studied the principles of trade unionism. All the time I have been able to give for public work has been given to woman's suffrage, believing and hoping that with the power of the ballot women in every walk of life can help themselves most effectively.

The first plank in your platform requires more knowledge of the needs of industrial women in masses than I possess; and I cannot either in justice to myself or to them become a member when I am aware that at times the actions of trade unions need intelligent and sympathetic understanding.

Though I must decline becoming a member of the Union League, please believe me in very sincere sympathy with all efforts of women to obtain equal rights in every department.

Very cordially yours,

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 19th, 1917.

Hon. Mrs. Pauline O'Neill,
Phoenix, Arizona.

My Dear Mrs. O'Neill:-

I have often thought of you and my exceedingly pleasant acquaintance with you when I was in Phoenix. And now I see that you have been elected to the Legislature, I must write a few lines to congratulate you, and to say how pleased I am. I am sure your constituents could not have made a better choice and that you will do credit to them, to your state and to all women.

Is it not wonderful how the cause of women has progressed since you and I spent the tedious hours in the lobby of the Capitol in Phoenix?

We in Kentucky have made no advance except in securing a very liberal school suffrage bill in 1912. We hope to have a Constitutional amendment passed by the Legislature of 1918.

I am going on to Washington to attend the conference called by Mrs. Catt to see what help the National Suffrage Association can offer the Government in case of war with Germany. If it were not for the shadow cast by this dreadful war I could be very happy in the grand progress of our woman's cause in the last few years.

I should be so pleased to have a few lines from you some time when you have the leisure to write.

Please remember me to Mr. O'Neill and believe me very cordially

Your friend,

Lexington, Ky., Feb/ 19th, 1917.

Mrs/ Catherine W. McCulloch,
Evanston, Ill/

My Dear Mrs. McCulloch:-

Just today I received your letter to Miss Gordon which you asked to be sent to me; and I am sending mine to her. I am intensely interested in the Illinois situation and I certainly sympathize with you in the trials you are undergoing. I suppose the situation will not be complicated by the Prohibition amendment which I see is being pushed. It seems unfortunate that the Temperance people so often seem to work at cross purposes with the suffragists.

I am not at all able to give you any advice about whether you should go to Washington or not. However, unexpectedly to myself, I have been appointed proxy by our State Executive member, Mrs. Post, and I am going to Washington to the Council. If you do not go and if I can help you in any way, I shall be most delighted to do so. You can address me at the National Headquarters there.

Very cordially yours,

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Miss Laura Clay,
Suffrage Headquarters,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

The Federation are making preparations to publish a very valuable book, to be bound in Olive Green Leather, to be entitled: WOMAN'S WORK IN KENTUCKY. Mrs. Bartlett ~~and~~ President of the Ky. Federation, and other ladies, as well as myself, would like to publish a contribution by you on SUFFRAGE. Mrs. Bartlett writes me, that she has already written to you in reference to the matter.

Your Lecture I am informed, is entitled: SUFFRAGE PAST AND PRESENT. I think this would make a very good article to publish in the book. The title is a fine one.

Copies of the book will be in the hands of Members of the Federation and of other organizations, and it will also go into the leading Public Libraries, Historical Societies, Women's Clubs, etc. Leading Newspapers, National Magazines, etc. *in the United States.*

It is the only way that a history or an account of what the Women have done in Kentucky for the welfare of the State, its Women, and other altruistic work, can be preserved, and used as a reference.

Hoping you will grant our request, ~~and~~ ~~and~~ and assuring you whatever you send us, will be given a prominent place in the book, and will be appreciated, I am,

Yours cordially,

Ben. Labree

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My dear Miss Laura,
A handsome book
- Woman's work in Kentucky -
will be issued under the aus-
pices of the Federation and
I am most anxious to have
a complete history of woman's
suffrage from its begin-
ning in the state to the
present time - Knowing
that Mrs. Breckinridge had
written a history of the cause
I asked her to let me
have it for the book, but

she says she can not - and is
unequal to doing anything more,
which I can well appreciate, but
that she knows you would do it ^{any}
all her material is at your service.
No doubt you have an article written
at an other time that would do - If
so please send it to me for the ^{perfectly}
right array - enough to cover two or
three pages at least - and then take
your time in writing the full history
for the book - Mrs. Davis Lanna, no
one could do this as well as you
and I do hope you will not refuse -
for you have been in the fight from
the beginning and your words have
such weight and I think the book
will live! - Christine South is the first
suffrage President we could have found -
she is splendid and made a grand speech of
eminence - with Mrs. Wallace Bartlett.

189 North Mill St.,

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 20, 1917/

My Dear Mrs. Farmer:-

It is a long time since I have heard from you, and though it is so late in the year I bid you a Happy New Year and many returns!

I spent all the summer and fall in Madison County, but came over to Lexington in November, leaving both my sisters and my brother very well. I continue to live in my little flat and I have pleasant tenants in both the lower flats. I am not on the Official Board any longer of the Kentucky E. R. A. though I am on the Advisory Board. In this way I have shifted all of the hard work to younger shoulders and I am very happy to say that we have a very competent and industrious Board. The new president who was elected when L. E. Smith resigned to take her place on the National Board is Mrs. Christine Bradley South, the daughter of Governor Bradley, who you remember was always favorable to our bills, and who did so much to help us to get our woman physician in the Asylum.

I have been appointed proxy in the National Executive Committee to take the place of Mrs. Post and I start for Washington tomorrow to go to the Executive Council called by Mrs. Catt to see what aid the Suffrage women shall offer to the Government in case we have to go to war. My address there will be the National Headquarters, though that is so crowded that I will have to take a room at some hotel. If it was not for this dreadful war, I could be very happy in all the grand triumphs

[Feb 20, 1917]

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we have had for Suffrage in the last few years. The women here have formed a large branch of the Red Cross Society and our making hospital supplies which they will give to the United States if needed, and if not, then to the Allies. I joined but I never was much good at sewing.

I have not heard anything from my old Suffrage friends for some time. I saw Mrs. Roebuck about two years ago and she looked very well, though she was really not very strong. I have never heard directly from Mrs. Shepherd since she went to Texas. Occasionally Mrs. Charles sends me a newspaper marked, but I never get a letter from her. How the old band has scattered! But I think all of us are doing good work in our various new homes.

I know my sisters would send their love if they were here with me. They always speak of you so affectionately and ask me if I have heard from you. I expect you have had more recent news from Mrs. Henry than I have. Her eyes have failed her very badly.

Write to me when you have the time. You know I always love to hear from you. Goodbye.

Your loving friend,

[To Laura R. White]

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 20, 1917.

My Dear Miss Laura:-

I have your letter of February 10th which was forwarded to me here in Lexington.

Yes, I have received letters from the Peace Party; but I am sorry to say that I am not in perfect accord with the Peace Party's attitude just now. I think we ought to uphold President Wilson's hands and I am not at all in favor of asking for a referendum about going to war when the Constitution says plainly that the Senate and President alone have the power to declare it. And I do not like W. J. Bryan's views which the party seems to be endorsing. However, I really would not have been able to do what your letter mentions,- that is, to find persons who will march in the parade. I do not know of a single person in the Eighth District whom I could hope would go to Washington to take part in it. I myself am starting to Washington tomorrow as proxy for Mrs. Post to attend the Council meeting called by Mrs. Catt. While at present I am not contemplating remaining over for the inauguration I may come into pleasanter touch with the views of the Peace people at present.

My address while in Washington will be 1626 Rhode Island Avenue.

I was in Louisville the other day and saw Mrs. John White who looked very well and who told me you were now in Manchester.

I am always so glad to hear from you.

Very cordially your friend,

Friday P.M.
Old Capitol.

St Paul. Minn.
July. 23-1917.

My dearest dear friend:

The postman just brought me your dear loving letter. Yes, it is a long time, but I have sent several things to you, about our work & my personal work. On the 20th of this month - I sent you a page from the Pioneer Oboes, with picture of myself & Susan B. Anthony as two old suffragists & the Mrs Stratwell, Dr Hurd & a few others, observed Susan B's birthday. I want to observe this day as long as I am able.

I am very grateful to my Heavenly Father that I have such wonderful health and strength of body & mind. Keeping busy keeps me well. The old suffrage friends I do not hear from except Mrs Charles. Strange to say - I received a paper from Cincinnati: The Commercial Tribune, the heading marked: "with love from Josephine K. Henry": a tribute to a veteran writer. I enclose the clipping - I have not written to her - but will - not knowing if she is in Kentucky or Ohio. I am surprised to hear of Mrs Hop Shepherd being in Texas. We have just had our Amendment passed by our Legislature. Mrs Nelson and all of our suffragists amply up to the National ranked the presidential bill, we failed. The prohibitive bill passed - we have a strong Anti-Socialist Union organization here. They provoke me - for they are too militant to suit me - I prefer Mrs Catt for she is milder & more womanly.

We cannot all be of one mind. I am a member of the Woman Suffrage Southern Conference. I paid one dollar for this and The Citizen - My Woman's Journal & The Citizen I send weekly to the Historical Society here by request. For many High Schools & the University have been asking for suffrage literature. I am glad to do this for the cause.

Dear friend. I so often wish you were near me, your knowledge and advice have helped me greatly.

Ms. Ireland, our state president is a dear good woman, but leans too much to the Congressional Union. She is leaving however - she is just and wants to do right.

Give my love to your dear sisters. I cannot forget you all - for the past comes so vividly to me, when I recall the pleasant times we had together, in your home with your dear mother, and the legislative work.

We cannot recall these things. We must continue the strife without the aid of many loved ones who passed on.

God bless you and your ^{dear} Laura. We know in whom we have trusted, without this faith I would be miserable.

I shall always love you all, not forgetting the many happy hours we spent together.

Very lovingly you & friend, will be 82 in April. Early Sunday.
Eugenia B. Farmer.

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Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 26th., 1917

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

My dear Miss Clay,

Your letter of Feb. 19th. reached me safely, and I was so very glad to hear from you. It does seem that some friendships last, even if at times in the rush of work we get out of direct touch. Many a time, while plunged in the depth of a campaign for our cause, I have been reminded of you and discussed your whereabouts with Mr. O'Neill.

The fight here has been long and hard but as the success that has come to us has spelled a great victory for suffrage, I feel that our work has not been in vain.

During the past two campaigns we have had to fight the so-called "Woman's Party" who were organized with the avowed purpose of enlisting every woman, regardless of her political affiliations, against the Democratic Party and ~~all of~~ the Democratic candidates for President, Senator and Representative. The result however, was to awaken the Democratic women from their indifferent attitude and to bring every female voter to the polls. Then the famous "million dollar train" of the Republican party was a direct slap to the pioneer women of this State regardless of all party-lines, for our women felt that they knew how to vote without any assistance from the far east.

I am trying to give my best thought to the work of the Legislature, but we are having a very troublesome time over the Governorship in this State.

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The election has been so close that we have a long contest now before us with a Republican Governor in the chair, placed there by the Supreme Court of the State. The Democratic Party itself is divided into two factions the labor-unions controlling one faction and the other composed of the Conservative element.

There are three women in the lower house this time and none in the upper house. Mrs. Munds, who was a member in the Senate two years ago, did not run this year. Of the three in the lower house, two represent the labor-unions while I stand alone for the Conservative element.

We have however, passed some very fine measures. Today the Senate passed the Red Light Abatement Act, which was passed by the house last week, and now goes to the Governor. You know of course that Arizona is "Dry".

An amendment to that effect was passed over two years ago, and was made stronger at the last election. So you see, Arizona is forging right ahead with all of the great reforms.

I think that the undo activity of the Congressional Union has hurt the cause of suffrage, and has put us back at least ten years. We married women know from experience that it is better to lead our men folks than to drive them, - in the end our patience brings better results than the militant methods of our "sisters" in dear old England.

Here in Arizona, we had to initiate the first Petition that was ever started, for suffrage, and when the men found that we had succeeded in securing enough names of male citizens who were willing to let us place our cause before the electors of the State, they gave us a big majority on election day.

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I know that the visit of Dr. Anna Shaw helped us wonderfully. In her lecture here she won the heart of every man in the audience, and her method of handling the cause made many of the audience of the male persuasion decide that the advocates of equal suffrage were not such dreadful beings after all.

Again I want to thank you for your very kind and encouraging letter. Mr. O'Neill was as pleased as I was to hear from you again, for we both know that you are a very busy woman.

When you go to Washington remember me to all of our good friends who are working for the cause.

With kindest regards from both of us, I remain,

Yours sincerely

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Phoenix, Arizona.