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I think also new members should be asked for always at every meeting where there are others than members. It would be well to have local committees appointed and instructed in the method of procedure for both of these before the time of the convention, if possible.

Let me hear from you concerning these points as soon as convenient.

Very truly yours,



Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year

Dear Sir:-

I thank you for your letter of July 1st; and I note with interest your willingness to meet with firmness the discussion of any public question.

Since the endorsement in 1916 of the principle of woman suffrage by all the political parties undoubtedly the final extension of that right to them became a matter of time principally. But since the submission by Congress of the Susan B. Anthony Federal amendment, another issue, incorporated with suffrage in that amendment, has acquired a prominence which demands serious attention from all leaders of public opinion. It is to that issue that I wish to beg your attention.

In the discussions of the Anthony amendment, public attention is almost entirely devoted to the first provision, which is that of woman suffrage, to the exclusion of the second clause, which ~~provides for~~ which extends to Congress a power of legislating on State elections. ~~This is in essence~~ as far as women are concerned in them. As the 15th amendment confers the same power in regard to the men of the yellow and negro races, there remain only white men whose electoral rights are not subject to Congressional legislation. Thus practically a new power, ~~not contemplated~~ that of legislating on state elections, one not contemplated by the framers of the Constitution, is conferred upon the Federal government. It amounts in practice to disjointing the balance between the State and Federal governments by conferring a new power without providing a new check against its abuse. The check of uncontrolled State power of State elections is very largely destroyed by the conjunction of the enforcing clauses of the Fifteenth and the Anthony amendments, and not new check is provided. This is a ~~dangerous~~ step towards autocratic power in the Federal government dangerous to all sections of the country; and is one to which the serious attention of all public men should be turned before our Legis-

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lature acts upon the ratification of the Anthony amendment.

It is ~~awing~~ a keen sense of the danger to which our National constitution is exposed by this disjointing of the separate powers of the States and the Federal government which has caused the formation of our Citizens Committee for State suffrage amendment. We realize that probably the only effective way to prevent the ratification of the Anthony amendment is by rapid action of States in granting suffrage by state action, and thus making increasingly evident that the chief effect of the ~~grant~~ first, or suffrage clause, but in its second, or enforcing clause, which confers a power on Congress to legislate on State elections, exactly as the enforcing clause of the 15th amendment does. The Force Bill under the 15th amendment is part of our national history. But the enforcing clause of the Anthony amendment will be more far-reaching and important in its effects in the same proportion that women are a larger more widely dispersed and more important part of the people than the men of the yellow and black races.

The suffrage clause cannot affect at all suffrage in fifteen states which has full suffrage now, and in only a partial degree twenty-five other states which have partial suffrage; but the enforcing clause operates on all the states; and will be in full operation after suffrage is attained.

These two combined practically disjoints the balance of power between the State and the Federal governments which was designed by the framers of the Constitution, ~~and~~ by destroying the check of ~~unbridled~~ unbridled state control of State elections, without providing any other constitutional check. The new, unchecked power of Congress is a step towards autocracy dangerous to every section of our country. It was to combat this danger that our Citizens Committee for State suffrage amendment was formed. If you would give us your aid against this danger, as well as what you promise ~~for~~ in your letter for woman suffrage, you would confer a great favor to us; and we believe, a patriotic service to our State and our country.

Miss Louisa Clay.

"The empty spit  
Ne'er cherished wit:

Minerva loves the ladder."

Mrs. Harmon Ayre Miller.

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120 Haywood St. ~~Quincy, Mo.~~ Ky.  
Asheville, N. C.

*Luncheon, June 22*

*\$1.00*

Dear Miss Clay -  
This article is  
masterly. I have  
no criticism -  
Have indicated  
where I would cut -  
out repetition of "San-  
Francisco or New Orleans,"



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person. I have also thought that Major Obenchain might be in touch with some who would like this work. So often women who have prepared themselves for teaching find the work too sedentary or otherwise uncongenial. If you should know of any suitable person, please let me hear about it. We have felt that the work would prosper more if some one woman would devote her whole time to it, in addition to what time the officers and Press Superintendent could give.

I ordered some Chicago papers to be sent you at the time of the National convention. I hope you got them; I know they are very careless about filling orders sometimes.

Let me hear from you when you have leisure; and write me more of the good news of your book.

Remember me to all your family, and believe me,

Cordially yours,

Miss Laura Clay Secy.  
Chairman of Com. from  
Southern States Woman  
Suffrage Conference.

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Miss Laura Clay  
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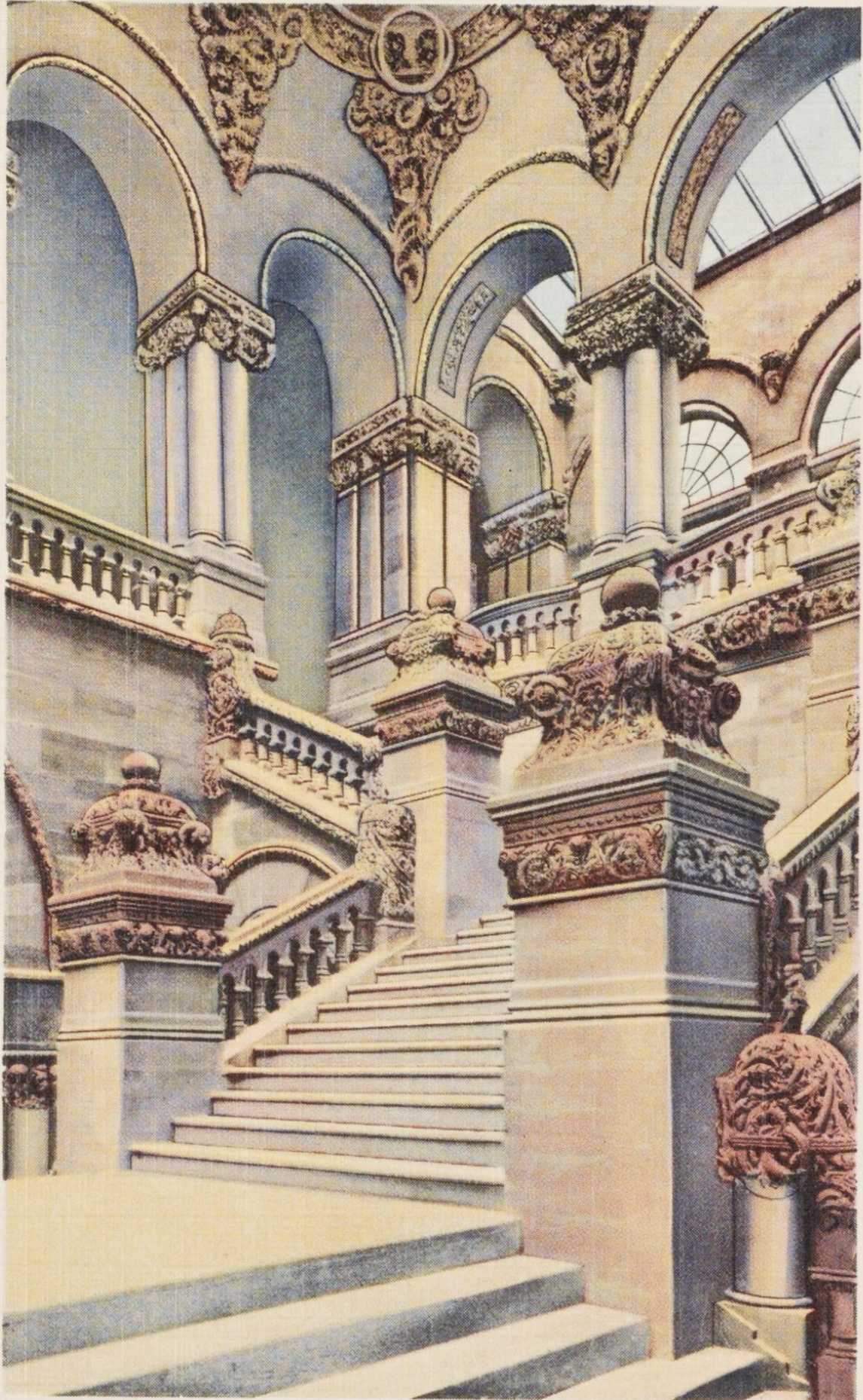
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Miss Laura Clay

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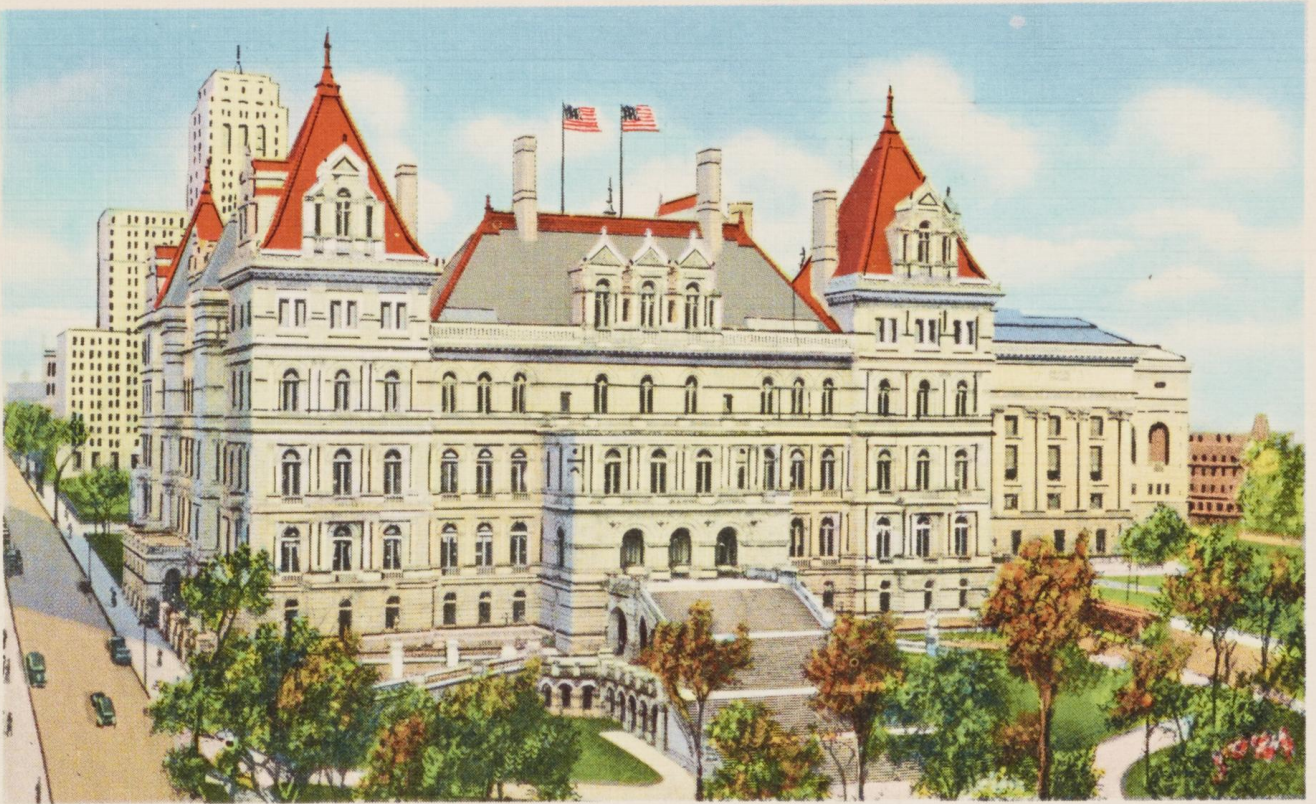
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Resolved,

That the Congressional Committee be instructed to investigate and promote the right of women to vote for electors for President & Vice-president by Congressional legislation and all other forms of suffrage which Congress can extend.

Rev. Olympia Board  
329 Dolphin Street  
Baltimore.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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Washington Clippings put in  
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Miss Laura Clay,  
Raleigh Hotel,  
Washington, D.C.

KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

"IF YE ABIDE IN MY WORD ..... YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE"

MISS LAURA CLAY,  
PRESIDENT,  
LEXINGTON, KY.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen of the Committee,  
 In asking your honorable Committee to  
 give your support to a National meas-  
 ure for the extension of suffrage to  
 women, I do not ~~desire~~ <sup>to</sup> advocate any  
 new theory of government for the benefit  
 of women. ~~We base~~ <sup>is based</sup> Our claim upon those  
 old principles, enunciated <sup>by our forefathers</sup> in the Decla-  
 ration of Independence. ~~With a government~~  
 founded on <sup>these</sup> ~~principles~~ <sup>the</sup> our country  
~~has enjoyed~~ for a century and a quarter  
 has enjoyed ~~an~~ <sup>un</sup>exampled national  
 prosperity. Principles that at the begin-  
 ning of our National existence were regar-  
 ded by their ardent friends with fears ~~for~~  
 for the results of their practical  
 applications have sustained the na-  
 tion through trials of outward foes and  
 internal dissensions ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> a suc-  
 cess which justifies the faith ~~in~~  
~~in~~ that we woman  
 suffragists place in them when we

demand the extension of their applica-  
tion to women.

It is not an answer to our plea when our  
opponents say that our forefathers never  
thought of political rights for women  
~~when they spoke the words~~ when they  
organized our government. Perhaps they  
did not; perhaps they did; it matters  
not. ~~What~~ They unincubated principles,  
and principles are living things, bearing  
within themselves a necessity of growth  
and a power of adaptation to all  
new situations involved in a civilization  
ever passing into new forms ~~under~~  
~~and~~ through intellectual and moral growths.  
It may well be that our forefathers did  
not foresee a time when <sup>for</sup> the more  
perfect liberty of the people and suffrage  
should be extended to women. But it  
would have been easier for them to  
foresee such a development of polit-  
ical rights than for them to even faintly  
foresee the vast changes in the social

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We are now raising troops in this  
county & all over the state to go to  
the war, but I shall not go until  
I think it more urgent than now.  
The order that you gave me on Jim  
Grimes, he will not pay, but bring  
out a bill against you for the same  
amount. For work, shingling & mend-  
ing flower pit & some galls. Your negro  
men get on slowly & give me a great  
deal of trouble, the fact is I have to  
spence two thirds of my time attending  
to your business, & you will either  
have to get some one else to do it  
or pay me, for I do me for you  
then if I were your overseer. There  
is not a day that passes that I am  
not going for you. I sold some of  
the wine, but have most of it yet,  
& what I did sell I cannot get  
the money for. I will have to go  
to Billy Moore, he returned that a  
month, that he got from you that



He says is not good. I am not  
able to sell the bull. The truth is  
that nothing can be sold for money.  
Corn is only worth fifty-cents per  
barrel & hay two & one half dollars per  
hundred. I will not keep this house  
next year if you charge me any or  
at least so much rent, for it  
cost too much to keep the grounds  
in order & every thing in repair.  
I was in Washington to see about  
the hemp agency but was unable  
to get it. I do not know what  
I will do. I am working hard  
and hardly ever leave the farm, but  
yet it seems that I will not be  
able to keep my head above water.  
I hope you are pleased & are satisfied  
& will remain where you are until  
we have better times here. I will  
write to you again soon. So Goodbye  
I am doing my best  
for the Union.  
Evan Coley.

sighted charity on the  
other, which would give  
an incompetent teacher  
a position, merely because  
she needed a salary. Sur-  
prisingly it is a short-sighted  
philanthropy which  
would sacrifice the edu-  
cation of thirty or forty  
children to provide a  
means of support for a  
woman who ought to turn  
her attention to ~~some~~  
other vocation than  
teaching. In a few  
short years these chil-  
dren will be men and  
women, with the necessity

LEXINGTON

The principle is greater than any party issue. It is only a great principle that can hold down the conservatism of the East, and defeat the forces that <sup>of civil</sup> carry themselves against the woman vote.

Women must show that they not only know their rights, but know how to maintain them. Wisdom is ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~has~~ <sup>has</sup> ~~tongue~~ <sup>tongue</sup> than force, but stronger in the end.

It is not safe to trust to appearances. The Republicans have panicked themselves taking the lead for suffrage, and now the Democrats seem to be taking

the victory out of their  
hands.

Employ ourselves in build  
up a party that will do it.