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MICHIGAN NEEDS SINEWS OF WAR

Telegram from Mrs. Arthur Says Money Rather Than Speakers Now Necessary

The following telegram from the president of the Michigan E. S. A., received just as we go to press, explains itself:

"Michigan can use no more speakers. We need money for campaign expenses, literature and publicity. We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the assistance brought us through The Woman's Journal."

—Clara B. Arthur.

PRESIDENT TALKS TO DEPUTATION

Wilson in Interview Says Suffragists Must Not Think He Is Opposed

President Wilson was interviewed Monday by five representatives of the National Association with regard to recommending a suffrage amendment to the Federal Constitution in his message to Congress. The committee were Miss Alice Paul; Mrs. Stone, wife of Representative Stone of Illinois; Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, of Washington; Mrs. Ida Husted Harper, of New York; and Miss Mary Bartlett Dixon of Baltimore, a cousin of Representative A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania.

Miss Paul said that one-fifth of the U. S. Senate and one-ninth of the House of Representatives were chosen in part by women. Mrs. Wiley said that mothers needed the vote in order to control the future of their children. Mrs. Stone spoke for the women of the West. She said in Illinois it was very difficult to amend the State Constitution, and that justice to women everywhere demanded complete suffrage.

The President said so many subjects were pressing for a place in his forthcoming message that he could not promise to comply with the request, but he was considering the question. They must not think that he was against them, he said, if he should not now ask Congress to take up woman suffrage.

Representative Raker of California arranged the interview.

OREGON WOMEN REGISTER FAST

More Than 90 Per Cent. of Portland Registration Comes from Enfranchised Women

There is a heavy registration of women going on in Portland, Oregon. During the first eighteen days after the books were opened, 4985 persons recorded their names. The Oregonian says that more than 90 per cent. of these were women. The largest registration on any one day was on March 4, when 442 persons registered, 409 women and 23 men. No doubt this great disparity is because most men were on the register before, whereas this is the women's first chance to get there. Women of the highest character are coming forward to register, and there is no complaint about "undesirables."

"I have read The Oregonian every morning since I have been in the State. Now can you guess what my party affiliation is?" smiled Mrs. L. E. Jenkins, aged 81, to the clerk who waited on her at registration headquarters at the courthouse.

The clerk promptly wrote down "Republican," and Mrs. Jenkins smiled and nodded her approval. She went to the courthouse with her son, Ralph Jenkins, and refused a chair which the clerk offered, declaring that she is as "spry and sprightly" as ever. She has been in Oregon 23 years.

"Despite the fact that my husband is a Democrat, I am registering as a Democrat."

EVERYWOMAN'S ROAD

"Everywoman's Road," a play and pageant combined, will be given in Jordan Hall, Boston, next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. This unique production has more than local interest; it will be attended by scores of suffragists from other New England States, and it is especially suitable for entertainments in every State in the Union. It is written by Miss Josephine Hammond, and published by Mitchell Kennerley of New York City. It is the best kind of suffrage argument, for it does not argue at all, but makes its wonderful appeal through the unanswerable beauty of womanhood, woman's history, woman's sacrifice and consecration.

"Everywoman's Road" will be given as a Woman's Journal benefit, and it is very desirable that all tickets for both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings be sold.



Miss Virginia Tanner as Faun Spirit, Upper Left Hand; Mrs. T. P. Curtis as Brunhilde, Upper Right Hand; Faun Spirit and Children; Miss Josephine Hammond, Author of the Morality

TELL WHAT YOU SAW YOURSELF

Committee Investigating Parade Ruffianism Asks for Affidavits of What Occurred

A Committee of Congress is investigating the lack of police protection to the Suffrage Procession on March 3.

If any readers of The Journal have testimony to offer concerning the conditions on that occasion, they are requested to make affidavits concerning what they saw, and send such affidavits to me at once, so that they may be introduced into the evidence that we are presenting.

It will be helpful if Suffrage Associations will pass resolutions of protest and forward them to Senator Jones, chairman Senate Investigating Committee, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.; to the Hon. Richmond Hobson, House Office Building, Washington, D. C. (in charge of the House investigation), and to their Senators and Representatives. Copies of such resolutions should be sent to the local press, and to our Headquarters, 1420 F street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

It would also be well to have letters of protest written by as many members of your society as possible and sent to the various individuals specified above.

Alice Paul,
Chairman Procession Committee.

Of the 3,800 bills before the California Legislature, nearly 300 bear directly on the State educational system.

KEYSTONE SENATE HEARS DR. SHAW

Suffragists Fill Chamber in Hearing Before Committee of Pennsylvania Legislature

Thousands of women crowded into the Pennsylvania Senate Chamber on March 17. The equal suffrage amendment has passed the lower House, 131 to 70, and great interest centres on its fate in the Senate. According to the press reports, "Thousands came from the four borders of the State by special train, by automobile and by trolley car. It was the greatest crowd of women that has ever invaded the Capitol. Every inch of floor-space, the president's rostrum, the galleries and the ante-rooms were jammed."

The speakers for suffrage were Dr. Shaw, national president; Mrs. Blankenburg, wife of the Mayor of Philadelphia; Miss Mary E. Bakewell of Pittsburgh, and Beatrice Forbes Robertson; against it, Mrs. A. J. George of Massachusetts, Mrs. Horace Brock, president of Pennsylvania antis, and Mrs. Edward Beecher Fink. Each side cheered its speakers warmly. All declared themselves interested in the welfare of working women and children.

Dr. Shaw said, among other good things: "Women know some things better than men, and men know some things better than women, but all men and all women know more than either. All we ask is the right to share in the government of our country." Referring to the insulting treatment of the suffrage parade, Dr. Shaw said: "Not one man who struck a woman, not one who spat upon the women and as-



The State of Washington has passed a minimum wage bill, making \$1.25 per day the lowest permissible wage for women employed in offices, factories, laundries, stores and other commercial enterprises.

Votes for women will be a burning question at the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Church, South, which will open at Staunton, Va., on March 26. Women want to vote in church elections and to be put on an equality with the men. In the other Methodist churches women have nearly all the rights enjoyed by male members. A warm debate is expected and a foretaste of it has been given in the official publication of the church.

sailed them with indecent language would vote for equal suffrage."

The hearing was before the Judiciary General Committee. The chairman announced that the committee would report next week.

ALASKA GRANTS FULL SUFFRAGE

Both Houses Pass Equal Suffrage Measure Without a Single Dissenting Vote



A bill granting full suffrage to women has just passed both Houses of the Alaska Legislature without a single dissenting vote. As Alaska is a Territory, the ballot can be granted by an act of Legislature, and it will not have to be referred to the voters.

VICTORY GAINED IN U. S. SENATE

Woman Suffrage Committee Now Means Something with Colorado Senator Chairman

Woman suffrage won a national victory in the reorganization of the committees of the U. S. Senate last Saturday, when the Senate took its Woman Suffrage Committee out of the list of inactive committees, where it has remained for many years; increased its membership from five to nine, the majority of whom are advocates of suffrage for women, and gave its chairmanship to Charles S. Thomas of Colorado, a suffrage State.

Senator Thomas said he had accepted the chairmanship with the understanding that active steps would be taken in Congress to submit a suffrage amendment to the Legislatures of the States for their approval. Senator Thomas will confer first with national leaders in the suffrage movement, to determine what steps they desire to take. It is expected that the committee will begin the consideration of the suffrage question soon after the extra session convenes in April.

The Senate Committee on Woman Suffrage heretofore has been known as a "minority committee." Democratic leaders last week notified the Republicans that they intended to enlarge the committee and take over the chairmanship. As finally organized by the Senate, the committee consists of Senator Thomas, Colorado, Chairman; Senators Owen, Oklahoma; Ashurst, Arizona; Ransdell, Louisiana; Hollis, New Hampshire; Clapp, Minnesota; Sutherland, Utah; Jones, Washington; and Catron, New Mexico.

"The proposal to give women suffrage through an amendment to the National Constitution is becoming a question of constantly growing importance," said Chairman Thomas. "I have taken the chairmanship of this committee, because I believe I can do some effective work for the extension of suffrage to the women of the country."

WICHITA NOW HAS ADVISORY BOARD

Kansas Mayor Appoints Five Able Women to Help with Municipal Problems

Mayor W. W. Minick of Wichita, Kan., has appointed an advisory board of five women in order to get the women's viewpoint on municipal and civic problems.

The members of the board are Mrs. Sallie Toler, Mrs. W. T. Johnston, Mrs. Rodolph Hatfield, Mrs. S. A. Bass, and Mrs. W. P. Cleveland. Their chief duties will have to do with the welfare of women and children and civic betterment.

A large number of women have been appointed to the board.