

SUFFRAGE WAS BREAKFAST TOPIC

The First All Keokuk Suffrage Meeting Was Held With Forty-Nine Women Present.

ARRAY OF ARGUMENT

Toastmistress and Speakers Around the Banquet Board, Tell Why 'Woman Should Vote.'

The first "all Keokuk" suffrage meeting ever held was the suffrage breakfast on Monday morning at Hotel Iowa at which covers were laid for forty-nine women. The tables were laid in the form of a T and were decorated in Japanese baskets of daisies. The flowers used were the gift of Mrs. M. A. Martin. The breakfast was served at nine o'clock with the following menu:

- Cantaloup
- White Fish
- Saratoga Potatoes
- Vienna Rolls
- Broiled Spring Chicken
- New Potatoes
- Cornmeal Muffins
- Orange Marmalade
- Coffee
- Assorted Fruits

Mrs. Winona E. Reeves was toastmistress and in introducing the program, said in part:

"I am sure we all see the significance of a suffrage breakfast held as a part of the Fourth of July celebration, at which time we celebrate the birth of the democracy of the United States, the greatest democracy the world has ever seen and yet not a real democracy at all, since only half of the people vote or give consent to the government. The American Declaration of Independence says that all men are created equal... with inalienable rights... to secure which governments are instituted... deriving their just power from the consent of the governed."

Back to the Constitution.

"The word 'men' in the Declaration of Independence has always been interpreted to mean mankind—both men and women. And so you see we are very consistent in holding this meeting on this national holiday, and in taking as a slogan, the one used by the standpaters during Roosevelt's administration, 'Back to the constitution.' The equal suffrage idea has in its history passed through the stages through which all great movements pass, namely indifference, ridicule, re-

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spect, adoption. Perhaps no movement was ever more unpopular than this was in the days in which it was called woman's rights. The women who advocated it then were held up to ridicule and had every form of indignity heaped upon them and yet their reasoning was just as logical as it is today in the fashionable present day movement of equal suffrage. One of the most enlightening things about the progress of suffrage is the change which public opinion has undergone on the question. What a fine thing it would be if the editor of the Ladies' Home Journal, Edward Bok, whom Elbert Hubbard described as 'the most perfect lady he ever knew,' had a sense of humor. 'If he had he would see the joke on himself in the inscription in his periodical of a full page given over to women's clubs. It is on his editorial page, he wrote against the 'new woman' and the club movement just as he is now begging the women to forsake the desire for the ballot.

"All the array of argument being used against suffrage, now has been used against every advance step which women have taken. When the first high school was opened for girls in Boston in 1826 there were many who saw that it meant ultimately education for women and they argued that it surely meant that society and the world and the home and everything else would go to destruction. But women were educated and still the homes were cared for and children were not neglected. Then the women began to enter the professions, and surely that meant revolution, but it did not change things except for the better. Next came the 'new woman' and the club movement, most certainly that would bring neglected homes, but it only brought more intelligently directed homes. And now when women ask to be allowed to express their wishes in the laws which shall govern them and in the men who shall administer those laws we hear the same argument of 'neglected homes and neglected children.' Men don't neglect their business because they vote, neither are women going to neglect their families when they vote. There is no question which deserves a more respectful hearing from

both men and women than does this question of equal suffrage. If only you think it out, that it is a question of plain, every day justice to one-half of the population of this democracy, a half just as strong intellectually and just as strong morally as the other half—if you will but think, you can't fail to conclude that women should be allowed to vote."

History of the Progress.

Mrs. Leonard Matless gave a brief History of the Progress of Equal Suffrage. She said in part:

"Equal suffrage is today commanding the attention of the whole civilized world. In the year 1913 the subject was considered by seventeen national parliaments and by twenty-nine legislatures. In the international organization for the promotion of equal suffrage, five continents and twenty-seven nations are represented. Spain, Greece and Turkey are the only European nations where there is not an organization of women asking for the ballot. The first American suffragist was Miss Margaret Brent who was representative of Lord Baltimore in the management of his estate in Maryland, demanding in 1647 the right of suffrage from the Virginia legislature. She was refused. In a Boston paper of recent issue, is an article showing clearly the change of sentiment regarding suffrage. Father Thomas Scully of Cambridge says: 'Something to be very proud of is the fact that the first woman on this side of the Atlantic who demanded the right to vote, was a Catholic, Margaret Brent of Maryland.' Bishop Hamilton says: 'I have always been proud that the first woman's right convention in this country was held in a Methodist church.' Quakers say that equal rights principles have prevailed among them from the earliest days; that the wife of William Penn was acting governor of Pennsylvania for some time. Illinois boasts that it was the home of the first prominent woman to come out for equal suffrage—Abraham Lincoln. The question of suffrage received a strong impetus in 1840 from the many women who were engaged in the anti-slavery agitation. The world's anti-slavery convention was held that year in London and delegates from all anti-slavery organizations were asked to take part. Several American societies sent women to represent them, among whom were Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. These women were denied any share in the proceedings by the English members. They were excluded from the floor of the congress, but allowed to sit behind a screen in the gallery. William Lloyd Garrison was so indignant at the injustice of the affair that he left the congress. These two women decided then and there that as soon as they got home they would hold an equal suffrage convention. Accordingly the first equal suffrage convention was held at Seneca Falls, N. Y., July 19-20, 1848. The first national organization was perfected at Worcester, Mass., in 1850. The following states now have full suffrage: Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Washington, California, Oregon,

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Kansas, Arizona, Nevada, Montana and Alaska. Illinois has presidential and municipal suffrage. Last year for the first time the question of equal suffrage was considered by the United States congress. The question has been brought up in Iowa by every legislature since 1870 and in 1915 it passed both houses. The men of this state will vote on constitutional amendment to enfranchise Iowa women at the June primaries in 1916. A favorable vote depends largely on the women. Let it not be said, 'The women do not want it.'

Susan B. Anthony, Pioneer.

Miss Nettie Younker spoke of Susan B. Anthony, pioneer, and said: "Born of a noble heritage of right living and high thinking ancestry, a woman of brain and brawn, of earnest mind and serious purpose, Susan B. Anthony came to help set the world aright and to labor for the gospel of equal rights and privileges for women. She never faltered through the more than half century of devotion to this cause. I think that it has not been given to the world to know a woman who has pursued a purpose so single minded through so long a life. She was born in Adams, Mass., in 1820, the daughter of Daniel Anthony and Lucy Read. The mother

was a timid, gentle soul, devoted to her home and family and yet she never lost interest in her daughter's broader life.

"The father was a fearless man and one of great force and it was from him that Miss Anthony inherited the forceful traits. She was educated in a school in Hamilton, near Philadelphia. She taught for several years and as religion and temperance were the only activities thought permissible for women to be interested in, she accordingly joined 'The Daughters of Temperance' and made her first public speech in its interests. When she was a very young woman she made the acquaintance of Lucretia and Abigail Mott and through that friendship began her interest in equal rights, but in her mind this did not include voting, because the Quaker men such as her father did not vote, thinking it wrong to support a government which believed in war. Later, however, she joined forces with Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucy Stone, and these three were the pioneers in suffrage and on their work all others have built. In her effort to get a Maine law passed, she recognized that indirect influence of women was not enough, they should have the right of franchise. In 1852 at the close of the first woman's rights convention at Syracuse, she decided to devote herself unreservedly to this cause. Abolition and suffrage during the '60's became so united that they seemed one cause. Under a literal interpretation of the fourteenth amendment she attempted to vote and was imprisoned for the attempt. She then made every effort to have the fifteenth amendment include suffrage for women and in this attempt lost the friendship of William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Sumner and others. She suffered all sorts of accusations from the platform and through the press and suffered even physical violence. But relentless as fate she went on to the end of her days. Almost her last words were, 'Failure is impossible.' She scaled the walls; it is ours to take the citadel."

Miss Lida Gordon Howell was next introduced and read with splendid effect, "The Universal Republic" by Victor Hugo.

Mrs. I. A. Sawyer who had for a subject, "Why I Believe in Suffrage," gave her speech in an original verse as follows:

Why I Believe in Suffrage.
A believer in equal suffrage am I,
If you wish the reasons, Why
When in the history of man,
Was it ever the original plan
That woman should not be allowed
to vote?
Why is woman out of her sphere?
How is it that man and man only is
able to peer
into the future to decide her fate?
Whose was the original idea?
Why should he answer for his
mate?
Has any one solved it?
Aw! me! What of our state?
Iowa! the fair ones; the drowsy ones,
too;
Do these apply? I leave it to you.
Adam and Eve left the garden together.
The Creator willed it with sword of
flame.
Be it fair or foul weather
They were bound through partnership,
Paradise to reclaim.
The Great Decalogue stands for woman
and man.
That and that only was God's command:
If we defy those well defined laws
Pay we must, with severe reprimand.
In ages past, women were classed
With goddesses of fame,
Odes were sung to the eyebrows,
"Sonnets to the name."
A beautiful garden of fiction and romance,
We have accepted just by chance,
But the truth, ay, forsooth,
What are we doing for the youth?
I am for suffrage—First
To my creed I must be true in word
and deed,
Catholic! Universal! A serving for all,
Therefore I answer to the call
Of the children who labor in tender
years,
The women workers—eight million
strong,
Unhealthy surroundings; life but a
paw.
The housemother communing within,
Dwelling upon the sorrow and sin
Around her engulfing some of the
rarest,
Shall she be forced to give up her
fairrest?
The teacher striving for the right!
The woman of leisure who unthinking
retards
And often sends her kindest regards,
What of the drug so often abused?
Co-operation of man and woman these
problems will solve,
Cannot we all some plans evolve?
A believer in equal suffrage am I,
Though clerics endeavor to tell me
Why woman should govern her home
serenely,
There she reigns in style most
queently;
Well, I can keep house quite systematic,
With children be most emphatic,
I can pay taxes with never a nay
But, back in my brain I can see the
day
When "taxation without representation"
caused a foray,
"Woman will become so unrefined
If allow to declare her mind."
We have many examples that disprove
this
And think move on in a state of
bliss.
The foreigner comes to our shores
To him we open wide our doors;
Just a brief time and he will say,
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When the cities in Iowa begin to hum? We are citizens, for, doesn't it say, "For the people, by the people." A great display.
Or, are we just given a salve To soothe the wounds in spirit we have.
Then—Here's to the equal suffrage psalm
"Le monde est le livre de femme."
This is no Fata Morgana, Women of 'Keokuk! Shout the Hosanna!

A Talk on Peace.
Miss Ora Belle Cole was the next speaker on the program and had for a subject, "Women and the World's Peace." Miss Cole has had the privilege of personal acquaintance with two of the women who went to The Hague international conference in the early summer. She told in a very delightful way the reasons which Jane Addams and Elizabeth Breckenridge gave for the call of such a conference. When Miss Breckenridge was asked this question: "Isn't it a pretty big proposition for a group of women to go across the world to meet other women from other nations to plan a peace policy which shall prevent future wars?" And Miss Breckenridge said, "Maybe we will be ridiculed for undertaking such a thing. The men have tried to do what they could in The Hague conference, from which women were excluded, although they got their inspiration for it from a woman, the Baroness Van Suttner—and yet this awful war has come. When people are hysterical, sometimes a simple suggestion will bring them to a sane condition. Europe is in a frenzy of war and who knows we may think of something which will quiet this frenzy."
And so the women met in the hope

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Will the "rollers" kindly step forward for a spell and get some of this listen into their systems? Because Prince Albert certain and sure jams more joy into a makin's paper than ever before was figured up on two hands!

In the plain language of the hills, you can't any more resist such makin's tobacco than a bullfrog can pass up a piece of red flannel! Because P. A. hands to you everything any cigarette roller ever dreamed-out—rare flavor, and aroma, and mildness, and body; absolutely the best bet—the best smoke

you or any other man ever did roll and put the fire to! Men, we tell you to wise up.

P. A. is crimp cut and stays put—which means rolling P. A. is as easy as falling off a log. And it's good to remember P. A. is put up in the tippy red bag especially for you "rollers." Sells for the price of a jitney ride, 5c.

Now, will the "pipers" kindly open both ears? Here's tobacco that has made it possible for three men to smoke pipes where one smoked before!

Any way you hook it up, Prince Albert is tobacco insurance! Yes, sir, it guarantees your future as well as your present smokings! And just makes your tongue so jimmy pipe joy'us that your smoke appetite grows whopping big. You men who "dassn't," we say you go to P. A., natural-like! Because there isn't a bite in a barrel of this national joy smoke.

Unlimber your old jimmy pipe! Dig it out of the dark corner, jam it brimful of P. A. And make fire with a match! Me-o-my!

You get acquainted with Prince Albert in the tippy red bag, 5c; or tidy red tin, 10c, but for the double-back-action-joy, you buy a crystal-glass pound humidior. And then you're set! You see, it has the sponge-moistener top and keeps P. A. at the highest top-notch point of perfection. Prince Albert is also sold in pound and half-pound tin humidiors.



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