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MONTANA SUFFRAGE PARADE GREAT SUCCESS

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, the Veteran Leader, and Jeannette Rankin Headed the Procession for Woman's Cause.

MOST SIGNIFICANT EVER SEEN IN THE N. W.

Women Riders and Beautifully Decorated Automobile Floats Followed the Long Procession as it Wended Its Way Down the Crowded Thoroughfare.

The most significant parade ever seen in the northwest was staged last night when the long procession of marchers, with yellow banners floating in a blaze of golden light, passed down the main street of the capital city. Thousands ranged along the streets on either side as the long procession, fully a mile in extent, swept down between the crowd ranks of spectators.

The Anaconda band led the parade and the Helena band brought up the rear. The American flag, borne by a little girl and a boy of the same height, headed the procession. The flag was the silken banner which was carried by Jeannette Rankin through the entire Montana campaign, and, carried by the two children, was symbolical of Old Glory being carried on to further heights by the coming man and woman voters.

Then came the venerable Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, veteran and leader in the ranks of equal suffrage for 40 years, accompanied by Jeannette

Rankin, leader in the cause in Montana.

Following came the representation of all the states in the union, the enfranchised states represented by girls dressed in white bearing the national banner, one girl for each of the ten states. Then the partial suffrage states, whose gray banner was borne by women all in drab. And last in this section came the remainder of the states—all black and with a black banner. The campaign states of 1914 and of 1915 were also represented by banner.

In the next section the huge banner fully ten feet square, which read, "We demand an amendment to the Constitution of the United States enfranchising women," was carried by two young women. Montana counties were next in line and every county was represented by at least two people bearing banners. Then came the cities of the state, and some splendid banners were shown. Livingston, Great Falls, Butte, Helena, Chinook, Culbertson, Big Tim-

ber, Forsyth and Chisook had especially elaborate banners.

A number of organizations were in line—the Electrical Workers' Union, the Clerks' Local Union of Great Falls, the Boy Scouts, the Men's Equal Suffrage League, headed by Wellington Rankin, and many more men who announced that they were "just men" and had come to march.

But the striking feature of the whole affair was the fact that nearly every woman in the parade—and there were hundreds—wore the graceful yellow costume prepared for the occasion by the skillful hands of willing workers. With the quaint yellow hands, each bearing the words, "Votes for Women," which were worn as a headress, the effect was beautiful and artistic.

Dressed in a native Indian costume Mrs. Helen Fitzgerald marched as Sacajawea, the first Montana suffragist.

Two mounted marshals, Mrs. Kady Potter and Mrs. W. H. Duncan, both Helena women, made a splendid appearance as they directed the movements of the parade. Mrs. Harvey Colt, Mrs. Bertha Rosenberg, Miss Mary Stewart, Miss Gracia Erickson and Miss Mary O'Neill assisted by taking charge of various sections.

The many banners which were displayed were worthy of special notice. A group of children carried a large banner which bore the inscription in red letters on a white ground, "We want our mothers to vote." Another, borne by a group of men, stated plainly, "Nobody votes but father." And still another proclaimed to the spectators, "Mother, dear mother, come vote for me now." Another group of children carried an effective banner labeled simply, "The



MISS MARY STEWART, MISSOULA.

Miss Stewart, Dean of Women at the University of Montana, is a cultivated and efficient woman, especially equipped for the high position accorded her in educational and public life. She is a fine public speaker and a devoted advocate of equal suffrage.

voice of the children." Two men carried a large blue banner lettered in white which stated, "Politics govern the milk supply—not outside the home but inside the baby." Each Boy Scout wore a band which said, "I want my mother to vote."

The Helena band furnished the music near the rear of the parade and in the center two women buglers from Butte helped with the martial music.

And still the parade came on—women riders, beautifully decorated automobile floats and many other autos bringing up the rear. From start to finish the parade was one long, victorious procession. The crowds on either side accorded the most respectful attention, breaking forth in applause as each new section appeared. On to the auditorium the marchers wended their way and broke ranks at the doorway for the crowd to pass in.

Governor and Mrs. S. V. Stewart reviewed the parade from their own automobile, which was stationed at a convenient point.

And in this way the women of Montana have expressed their desire and their hope that this may be the first and the last demonstration of the kind ever held in this state, because they feel assured that the men of the state will grant them "Votes for Women" this fall.

WHAT THE ANTIS SAY?

Now, Wha' d' y' Mean?

1. Where women have had the ballot, they have made a failure of government.
2. Women don't use their ballot where they have it.
3. Women will vote just as their husbands tell them to vote, and it will only double the count.
4. Women will not vote as their husbands do and will break up the home.
5. Women have so much to keep them in the home that they won't go out to vote.
6. Women will leave the home and hang around legislative lobbies all year.
7. It is not modest for women to go to the polls.
8. Women can get what they want by lobbying; they don't need the ballot.

SUFFRAGISTS MET THE TRAINS.

All the week suffragists of the Helena organization met trains at the depot and gave aid and information to all who asked it. Their assistance was invaluable.

Suffrage Headquarters

Visitors Welcome

Everybody is Welcome at the Suffrage Headquarters, at the Sign of the Yellow Banner, Main Street, below Sixth Avenue.

Rest Room for Women and Children.

Reading and Writing Tables.

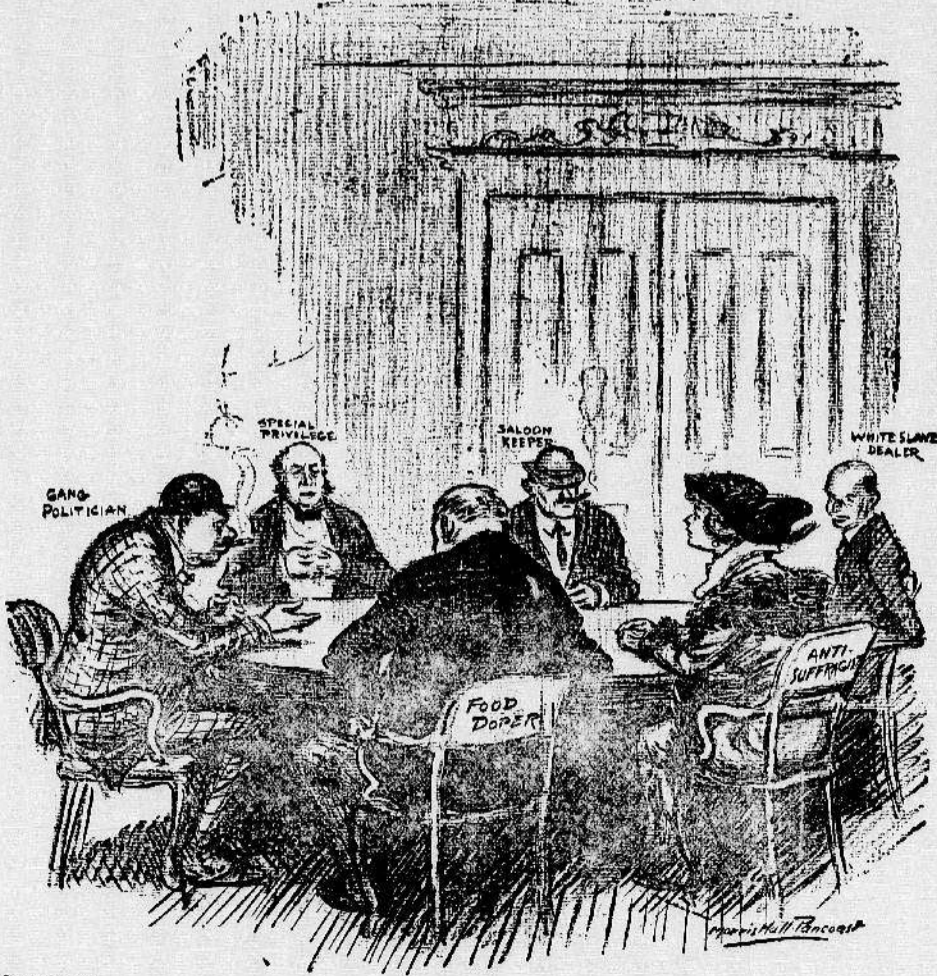
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Information Bureau

Come and Register, and Make Yourself at Home.

Make Arrangements for Marching in the Parade.



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