

ENDORSEMENTS BY NOTED PEOPLE

I believe that woman suffrage will have a beneficial effect in all matters in which women are especially interested. While the mothers of a nation have a voice in the conduct of its affairs, there will be no more concern on the part of the government for the welfare of the sons and daughters of those mothers.—Senator Gronna, North Dakota.

I am in hearty sympathy with the woman suffrage movement. I think the women of Chicago are as intelligent and as much entitled to the vote as are the women of Denver, which city seems entirely satisfied with the practical results of woman suffrage.—Edward F. Dunne, ex-Mayor of Chicago.

Over and above all, suffrage is woman's right, and no fair, just man will deny her that right.—Alva Adams, ex-Governor of Colorado.

Under equal suffrage, there is much more chivalrous devotion and respect on the part of men, who look upon their sisters not as playthings or as property, but as equals and fellow citizens.—Sarah Platt Decker.

So long as there is one woman who wants the right to vote, she is, according to the spirit of the Constitution and the Declaration

of Independence, entitled to that right.—Rabbi Charles Fleischer, Boston.

I believe the work for equal suffrage to be a Christian work, and I try to aid it because I am a Christian minister.—Rev. J. W. Hamilton, M. E. Bishop, Boston.

I also find that women are not active politicians nor office-seekers.—Rt. Rev. James J. Keane, Bishop of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Secretary of State William J. Bryan said: "Above all other rights the mother can justly claim the right to employ every effective weapon for the protection of those whose interests she guards, and the ballot will put within her reach all the instrumentalities of government, including police power."

In Colorado I find no tendency in men to omit the politeness and gallantry to women which she has always commanded. In education, in culture, in her home influence the Colorado woman is surpassed by none, and her ideals are as lofty and as pure as our own glorious Rockies by which she is surrounded.

Who are these women who, some seem to fear, will have a corrupting influence on elections if given the right to vote? They are our mothers, our wives, our daughters, our sisters. Is there a man in high or low life, in moral or degraded position, who believes his wife, his mother, his sister, his daughter, will be more corrupt than he in using the ballot.—United States Senator Shaffroth, Colorado.

I think that many of those opposed to equal suffrage are honest in their convictions, but I feel sure that two years from now, after having seen equal suffrage in operation for that time, very few, if any, would go back to the old, unfair way. Democracy must be based on equality, and equality does not mean that half the citizens are to have a voice in the government only by the "indirect influence" which they may have over the other half.—Harvey Coit, manager Briggs & Ellis Livestock Co., Big Timber, Mont.

It is my conviction that the question of suffrage is not one merely of arbitrary right, but one of duty.

That duty does not rest on all alike nor for the same reason. Men are, as a rule, by reason of their environments and conditions bending their energies and powers along certain lines that deal with economic questions, while woman by reason of her conditions, some of which have been imposed by men, has a duty that calls her to the humane side of life, to the home life and the child life. It has become the duty of the wives and mothers of the nation to mould and direct the influence of the home around which as a common center the American life has been built. My conclusion is, if this be true, that if women are to have the real responsibility of the home life and are expected to really shape and shield the lives and destinies of our children, they must have the power to influence legislation and the execution of the laws which directly or indirectly touch upon this responsibility and duty. The women of the nation have willingly accepted this great trust and responsibility and now ask that great instrument of power with which to execute that trust. To impose the one and deny the other is to defeat the purpose of her existence.—E. M. Niles, attorney-at-law, Livingston

The next election will grant, I hope, suffrage to the women of Montana—Bruce E. Millikin, principal Butte High School.

As democracy is the political destiny of the world, even as the brotherhood of man is its social destiny, I believe that the time has come to take the next

forward step toward that goal, which will be the granting of suffrage to women.—John C. Blackman, pastor First Congregational church, Big Timber, Mont.

I am not in favor of requiring women to vote, but think such of them as desire to vote, should have that privilege.

The man refusing the right to vote says in effect, that his mother, his sister and his wife are either too ignorant or too degraded to vote properly. The women opposing suffrage admit their own incompetency. If they are of the active anti-suffrage type, preaching that woman's place is over the wash tub, they themselves would show more consistency if they would stay at home instead of galavanting around to whist parties, tango dances, pink teas and anti-suffrage meetings.

I think women are of equal intelligence with men. I know that they are morally superior to men.—Ike E. O. Pace, attorney-at-law, Whitehall.

In regard to the constitutional amendment giving the woman the right of the ballot, I would certainly advise voting "Yes." They have conducted a splendid educational campaign, and have proven conclusively to a fair mind that they are justly entitled to a vote. It is inevitable, and we should give it to them now. They have proven by their interest in civic affairs that they would be a great aid in the upbuilding of the state.—W. B. George, Billings.

I have for twenty-five years favored equal suffrage, and for the following reasons: I believe the welfare of all will be promoted. Women are entitled to vote for every reason which can be urged why all men should. So long as we have unrestricted manhood suffrage, no valid reasons of sufficient weight have been urged to justify longer refusing that right and privilege to women. Whatever may have been said about women of other times, at present they are not subject to the criticisms. It is inevitable that the right will be granted them.—Judge Edmund Nichols, Billings.

Since women have shown themselves so thoroughly capable of handling all rights that have been accorded them in the past, I feel sure that they could not fail to use to the best advantage any further powers that may be put into their hands through suffrage. I am, and always have been, in favor of woman suffrage and earnestly desire to see women granted the ballot at the coming election.—W. Lee Mains, Billings.

I have always been a strong advocate of woman suffrage, as I believe it will have a tendency to purify the ballot. There is no question but that women have the intelligence to vote as their best judgment would indicate and I believe that they would not be susceptible to wrong influences so quickly as the men. I voted at the last session of the legislature to submit the question to the voters of the state, and I am very anxious that it receive a large majority in its favor next month.—Edgar B. Camp, Billings

Women should be entitled to vote if they are allowed to own property, pay taxes or transact any business. Most women are capable of more sincere and conscientious thinking on public problems than the average man, and certainly better able to protect the home in such matters, and the home is the starting point of all good government.—Lou W. Chapple, Billings.

One of the characteristics of our people that must be done away with is unfair discriminations. One of the worst of these has been against women, which will undoubtedly be done away

with in the near future.—R. R. Auerbach, Billings.

I am for the equal suffrage amendment for the simple reason that it proposes equal rights to human beings, regardless of the accident of sex.

The right to a voice in government is a natural right inherent in every human being affected by government.

If "just government rests on the consent of the governed" how can one half of society with any show of fairness or equity, assume that right for itself, while denying it to the other half?

To me the proposal for equal suffrage is so plain that I can conceive of no valid argument against it.—Jos. M. Dixon, Missoula.

Woman suffrage is as inevitable as the rising sun.—Champ Clark, speaker of the House of Representatives.

Since we trust our women to the care of our homes, I see no reason why we cannot trust them with a ballot.—A. N. Veit, mayor of Livingston.

Because my investigations have convinced me that in the ten states and one territory where equal suffrage has been adopted the laws for the protection of the home and children are far in advance of such laws in other states, is one of the reasons why I shall vote in favor of equal suffrage in Montana.—A. P. Stark, judge of the Sixth judicial district of Montana.

The world should be governed by all—not part—of its useful workers. Society as now organized subjects women and children, as well as men, to exploitation of the mill, shop and factory. This in itself is sufficient reason for extending suffrage to the wives and mothers.—Clarence Smith, mayor of Butte.

ANTI-SUFFRAGE PLATFORM A SINISTER THREAT AGAINST LABOR

One of the planks in the platform of the Montana Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage reads:

THE TIME HAS COME WHEN IT IS SUPREMELY IMPORTANT TO PUT THE PRESENT MENACE BEFORE EVERY VOTER IN MONTANA. THE TIME HAS COME TO PROTECT OUR COMMONWEALTH. OUR WOMEN OUGHT NOT TO BE DRAFTED FOR POLITICAL DUTIES AND OUR INDUSTRIAL PROBLEMS SHOULD NOT BE COMPLICATED BY THE MAJORITY VOTES OF WOMEN.

Workingmen do you know what that means? It means that the anti-suffragists and the powers back of them fear the vote of your mothers, your wives and your daughters.

No greater or more flagrant shame ever stained a political platform than this relic of class distinction.

The full significance of this sinister threat against labor may be more fully appreciated after reading the following excerpt from the statement of Miss Alice Stonewall Blackwell of Boston, Mass., presented to the Committee on Rules of the House of Representatives, sixty-third congress, second session. Miss Blackwell says:

"I once heard Miss Heloise Hersey of Boston say in a public address against suffrage that she believed the workingmen of this country would be better off without the ballot, because then their employers would feel a sense of chivalry toward them."

There are 8760 hours in one year. It takes, on an average, not to exceed two hours out of every year for an elector to attend all the elections and cast his ballot. If a woman is given the franchise and spends two hours

out of 8760 hours in voting, how long will it take "to contaminate her at the polls?"

Write answers in a legible hand and deposit, postage prepaid, in the U. S. mails, addressed to:

Auntie Suffragette,
Podunk, Labrador.

The M-A-O-W-S have six vice-presidents, one president, one secretary, one treasurer, six second vice-presidents. The offices just 'go round.'

Last spring Miss Minnie Bronson, into Butte did go; and to the men and women did preach that it was so. That women had no right to vote, of that she was quite sure—the suffragists and Socialists and, oh, so many more, were there to hear the argument that women have no place, except to wash and mend and darn and keep a smiling face. But talk is cheap, and years have told the women many things, for facts are facts, as hard to beat as aces are with kings. It did not make a hit with them, at once they went to work to gather women, and the men for a work they would not shirk. Miss Bronson to our state returns to rip and snort and sizzle against all women suffragists, then blow up in a fizzle.

Wallpaper, Paints, Oils and Glass
PHONE 1087
C. V. FRANZMAN
WALLPAPER CO.
115 West Park St. Butte, Mont.
Artist Materials, Picture Framing, Paper Hanging and Printing.

**IVANHOE
BLOCK**
Mrs. Annie Ward, Prop.
First Class Furnished Rooms
70 East Park Strictly Modern

McKEE SERVICE
Right here in Butte. All that is Best is at your command.
Come visit our new saloons, where we carry the "Best in the West" in Select Stationery, Office Fixtures, Office Furniture, Office Supplies.
McKee Printing Company
Printers and Engravers
138 West Granite St.
Bell Phone 269 Ind. Phone 1122

LEWIS & WALKER
ASSAYERS AND CHEMISTS
Careful attention given to Smelter Shipments and Settlements. Ind. Phone 6929, Bell Phone 659. 108 N. Wyoming St., Opp. Thornton Hotel. Butte, Mont.

DON'T FORGET
Your Protection Against
FIRE
Insure in reliable companies with an agent who knows how to give you complete protection.
E. D. ELDERKIN
Pennsylvania Block Butte, Mont.

**BEFORE YOU
BURN!**
—SEE—
**SLEMONS
AND
BOOTH**
16 WEST GRANITE

**IF NO ONE HAS IT—
TRY THE
RACKET STORE**
120 West Park St.
TOYS, HOLIDAY GOODS,
MASKS,
STATIONERY, HARDWARE,
ETC.

"The Ford"
An ideal car for women. Do you know that the Ford is becoming the universal car for women as well as men? Why? Because the Ford is famous the world over for its simplicity of control. It is this feature that makes the car so popular for shopping, or any other purpose where city traffic is constantly encountered.
Another highly essential point to be considered is the economy of driving a Ford. Thousands of Ford owners are driving their car for less than two cents a mile—lower than horse and buggy rates.
Why? Because tire, gasoline and oil bills are of a secondary nature from a Ford standpoint. Their cost is reduced to a minimum.
With all the advantage of low cost and economy of upkeep, the Ford car is in no sense a cheap car. Few cars of many times the cost of a Ford, can boast of the quality of materials which go to make up the Ford, nor can they compare favorably with the relative power and length of service.
The housewife knows she pays more per egg, when she buys only a dozen, than she would were she to buy a thousand dozens. So the Ford Motor Company is able to get the best materials for its hundreds of thousands of cars, much cheaper than it could buy these same materials in smaller quantities.
It is a fact that the Ford is not the poor man's car alone. This can be observed by the large number of cars that stand before the homes of the wealthy.
Two of our most widely known citizens, President Woodrow Wilson and John D. Rockefeller are Ford users. These men realize the many advantages of the famous Ford.
Two of our best known advocates of suffrage for women, Mesdames Ray Foote and J. B. Ellis of Butte, will testify to the great measure of satisfaction which they constantly derive from the service of a Ford Car.
Now is the time to consider the purchase of a Ford. The unique fact that the Ford Motor Company are going to give the buyers for the coming year a share in the profits of the company, should be an inducement to enter the ever increasing ranks of the Ford users.
For prices and demonstration see The Montana Auto & Garage Co., Broadway and Arizona Sts., Butte, Mont.