

Woman Mayor Who Would

Mrs. Susan Wissler Is Chief Executive of a Wyoming Town.

and Woman Be Governor

Miss Anna A. Maley Is Candidate of Socialists in Washington.

YOURS truly, Susan Wissler, Mayor of Dayton. Such is the businesslike signature of the new mayor of a little cow town in northern Wyoming which chose a keen eyed, pleasant featured woman to preside over its public affairs.

Though Wyoming is the first equal suffrage state, no woman ever before secured a mayor's office. Indeed, Mrs. Wissler is the second woman in the United States to be a mayor, Hunnewell, Kan., having chosen a woman for that post a year or two ago. But the Hunnewell mayor was chosen more as a jest than in earnest, it is said, and she was bitterly opposed by the town council, whereas Mrs. Wissler was selected from several available candidates and was elected by a rous-



Photo by American Press Association. MRS. SUSAN WISSLER.

ing majority that testified to the business ability which had secured the honor for her.

"I want to have some things corrected about my election," said Mrs. Wissler. "Some of the papers said the women elected me. While many women voted for me—and I appreciate their support—four-fifths of the votes for me were cast by men. You know Wyoming is a man's state, and the men are greatly in the majority here. I doubt if any one could get an office solely on the strength of the woman vote, as in other states where the proportion of women is much larger.

"Another thing I want to have corrected is the story that I promised to close the saloons and had appointed an anti-saloon man as marshal. I made no promises whatever, only that I would do my best to qualify for the office and to give the people of Dayton a good administration. I don't want to talk about my plans, but you can say that there will be no lack of vigor in this administration. After I have made up my mind what is the right thing to do I am going ahead without fear or favor, and I will have a marshal on the job who will back me up."

Mrs. Wissler is a widow and has lived in Wyoming twenty-two years. She is in the dry goods business in Dayton and is well known to the people of northern Wyoming. Dayton is the chief town in the cattle and sheep region and is the trading center of the ranch folk for miles around. Mrs. Wissler has a wide acquaintance in her part of the state, and even the cowboys and sheep herders know and respect her. For fifteen years she taught school in the lonely and isolated schoolhouses on the sheep and cattle range, and the children in the country surrounding Dayton love and admire "Aunt Susan."

Politically Mrs. Wissler is a Democrat, but partisan politics cut little figure in her election, as she was practically the choice of all parties. The saloon question is dominant in Dayton. Like most towns of its class, Dayton is "some lively" when a few visiting cowboys or sheep herders come in from the lonely plains and decide to wake things up. The control of such turbulent spirits has vexed the better class of citizens, and finally it was decided to put a woman in the mayor's office and see if some change for the better could not be wrought.

Those who know Mrs. Wissler have no doubt that she will solve the problem with determination, and at the same time with tolerance. She has lived so long in the "big outdoor country" that she knows its questions are different from those of older communities and demand different treatment. But life has been a hard fight for her, and she has delighted in overcoming difficulties.

"You bet that little woman in the dry goods store is some scrapper," said a gaunt cowpuncher, who had reined up in front of a Dayton saloon. "It ain't her way to say much, but if she ever takes it into her head to clean up this town in a hurry, it's goin' to be a record breakin' cleanup. An' if the

marshal ain't got sand enough to back her up, she's jest liable to grab his star and guns and go after the rough-necks herself."

The clubwomen of Wyoming are elated at the election of Mrs. Wissler as mayor of Dayton.

"It is time Wyoming began doing more for the women in the way of electing them to office," said a Cheyenne club leader. "Although this state was the first to adopt woman suffrage, it has not until the last session of the legislature that we had a woman representative. Colorado has had more than a dozen women in the legislature all told in recent years. Idaho has had more women in office than Wyoming. We have a woman as superintendent of public instruction, but that is an appointive office and is woman's work anyway."

"What we want is more representation among the elective offices of the state, and we are going to get them. More Wyoming towns are going to follow the example of Dayton and elect women mayors. We don't have to depend on the woman vote to get the offices, as Mrs. Wissler's election shows. Wyoming men are the most gallant and fair minded in the world, and they are going to help the cause along when they see how much good it is going to do some of these rough towns to have a woman at the head of affairs."

Mrs. Wissler has two grown children, and says that politics has been a pleasant field of work for her ever since her home duties ceased. Dayton, with its population of only 200 or 300, does not appear like a big field.

"There's more devilment here than in most cities many times the size," said one of the new mayor's boomers. "If 'Aunt Susan' can hold down the job here she wouldn't have any trouble bossing New York or Chicago. We're going to give her lots of elbow room and plenty of help, and we believe that it ain't going to hurt things a bit to have a crackerjack housekeeper and business woman in charge of Dayton for awhile."

Miss Anna Agnes Maley, the Socialist candidate for governor of the state of Washington, was born in Minnesota in 1873. She was reared on a farm and was the eighth of a family of eleven children. At thirteen she went to Minneapolis, where she "worked for her board" and attended school until she had completed three years in high school. She taught in country schools until she was twenty-two, when she took up stenography.

Later she returned to school, doing special work at the University of



MISS ANNA AGNES MALEY.

Minnesota and in the Rand School of Social Science in New York. From 1909 to 1911 she was a special organizer of women for the National Socialist party. For a year past she has been connected with a Socialist paper published in Everett, Wash.

Miss Maley made no canvass for the nomination, as in her state Socialist nominations are made by referendum. The state office issues a call to the locals and each local sends its nomination. All who receive more than five nominations either accept or decline. The names of those who accept are sent back for final vote. Only Judge Richard Winsor and Miss Maley accepted, and Miss Maley won by 800 votes.

She is already in the field campaigning. She is regarded as likely to run second among the candidates for governor, and her election is not impossible if the old party remain split.

"I care nothing for myself personally," said Miss Maley recently. "It is the principles, aims and methods of the National Socialist party that I desire to see succeed. Our party has stood upon this unmodified platform since its organization—social ownership and democratic control of the socially necessary industrial property."

THE GREAT INCOMPETENT.

He Goes Out to Seek a Job and Returns to Rail at "the System."

RAW, untutored, unskilled, crude, yet strong, some fine bits of ambition stung him. He arose and flung out his arms to the sky. "Teach me, oh, some one, to make money! Teach me that I may do and be and see and feel what I want most!"

He went to a great publisher. "Teach me to make money," he whined. "Certainly," the big man answered busily. "Get us the circulation and the business we are entitled to and \$12,000 a year is yours. Begin now. Your salary has already started. Move right into the front office."

"But I'm afraid I can't!" "I see. You just want a job. Good! Take the elevator. Six dollars a week!"

He departed. With head lower, he went to a great baseball magnate. "Teach me to make money," he whined again.

"Easy—easy. Just the man I want. Knock 'em over the fence every whack and—never mind the salary. Ask it, and you'll get it!"

"But I'm afraid!" "I see. Pardon me. You just want a job keeping the grounds. Sorry. We already have a watchman."

To the theater, to the bank, to the merchant, to many places in many parts he went and many were the impossible things he was asked to do. Jobs, jobs, jobs were offered him at every turn.

In time he returned crestfallen to his waiting comrades. "We know," they cried. "You need not tell us. You're beaten. Ground under the heel. It's the system, the system; down with the system!" And the following voice of the great incompetent rose and fell and rose again.—St. Louis Republic.

Impressed the Wife Anyway. William Frank March, the Lawrence banker, who knows or is known to nearly every student who has attended Kansas university during the past twenty years, is also a well known lodge man. He is grand commander of the Knights Templars of Kansas and holds several other titles, present and past, in the Masonic order. He was helping a reporter get a list of the officers and other details of the meeting of the grand commandery in Kansas City, Kan., and laughed when the reporter quizzed why every lodge officer's title was preceded by the word "grand."

"You make me think of my wife," he said. "I left home one night to attend a meeting of the grand commandery in another city. A neighbor woman saw me leaving with my uniform and sword and asked my wife where I was bound.

"He's going to some Masonic affair," she answered. Then the neighbor asked what office I held in the lodge. 'I don't know the name of it,' was the answer, 'but I know it's a grand one.'—Chicago Inter Ocean.

This Changing World. The world is growing better. We are much better than our fathers and mothers were, and grandma and grandpa could not hold us a light. But our children are wayward and much worse than we are.—Dallas News.

For Value Received. Little James while at a neighbor's was given a piece of bread and butter and politely said, "Thank you."

"That's right, James," said the lady; "I like to hear little boys say 'Thank you.'"

"Well," rejoined James, "if you want to hear me say it again you might put some jam on it."—Chicago News.

Physical Impossibility. The Mistress—Why, I gave you a pound of walnuts to crack. There are hardly any here. Where are the rest? The "General"—Lor', mum, the uvvers was so big I couldn't get 'em in me mouf!—Sketch.

Cupid's Recall. "Father, what do you think of the recall?" "Well, my dear, I hardly know. Some people think it is dangerous. But why do you ask?" "I sent Ferdie away last night, and now I'm sorry."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Proof. Drummer (in wine)—Have you tasted that sample of wine I left with you, madam? Madam—No, I haven't; but I don't think it can be any great shakes, for it's been here three days and the servants have barely touched it.—Pele Mele.



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Four presidential electors. Two representatives in congress. One governor. One lieutenant governor. One associate justice of the supreme court. One secretary of state. One attorney general. One state treasurer. One state auditor. One superintendent of public instruction. One railroad commissioner.

One state senator in each of the following counties, to-wit: Beaverhead, Blaine, Carbon, Carter, Dawson, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Hill, Lewis and Clark, Meagher, Musselshell, Park, Powell, Sweet Grass, and in any other county where a vacancy exists.

Members of the houses of representatives of the several counties of the state as follows, to-wit: Beaverhead county..... 1 Blaine county..... 1 Broadwater county..... 1 Carbon county..... 3 Cascade county..... 6 Chouteau county..... 4 Custer county..... 3 Dawson county..... 3 Deer Lodge county..... 3 Ferris county..... 1 Flathead county..... 4 Gallatin county..... 3 Hill county..... 1 Jefferson county..... 1 Lewis and Clark county..... 5 Lincoln county..... 1 Madison county..... 2 Meagher county..... 1 Missoula county..... 1 Musselshell county..... 1 Park county..... 2 Powell county..... 1 Rosebud county..... 2 Sanders county..... 1 Silver Bow county..... 13 Sweet Grass county..... 1 Teton county..... 2 Valley county..... 3 Yellowstone county..... 1

One judge of the district court in each of the judicial districts of the state, except the First, Fourth, Fifth, Eighth, Twelfth and Thirteenth, in each of the within named districts two judges are to be elected, and except also the Second judicial district, in which three judges are to be elected.

At such election the electors of the state may express their choice for the office of United States senator.

It will be submitted to the qualified electors of the state of Montana at said general election the question of the approval of the law enacted by the twelfth legislative assembly of the state of Montana and published as Chapter 144 of the laws passed by the twelfth regular session of said legislative assembly, authorizing the state board of examiners of the state of Montana to issue bonds in the name of the state of Montana to an amount not exceeding six hundred and fifty thousand (\$650,000.00) dollars in excess of the constitutional limit of indebtedness of one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars, for the purpose of creating funds with which to make permanent provision for the care of the property of Mitchell & Musselbrod in Deer Lodge county, to be used for the care of the state's indigent insane and others needing hospital treatment and attention, the actual purchase price to be paid for such property having been fixed by a commission appointed pursuant to law at the purchase price of thirty-three thousand (\$33,000.00) dollars, which accordingly will be the extent of the proposed bond issue.

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Initiative measure Nos. 304 and 305, being a bill for a law limiting candidates' campaign expenses.

Initiative measure Nos. 306 and 307, being a bill for a law in reference to the selection of United States senators.

Initiative measure Nos. 308 and 309, being a bill for a law by which the people express their preference for party candidates for president and vice president.

County officers in each of the counties of the state, other than Musselshell county, as follows, to-wit: One county commissioner. One assessor. One county clerk. One treasurer. One clerk of the district court. One county attorney. One superintendent of schools. One coroner. One public administrator. One surveyor. One auditor in each county of the first, second and third classes.

County officers in the county of Musselshell as follows, to-wit: One county commissioner for a term of six years. One county commissioner for a term of four years. One county commissioner for a term of two years. One treasurer. One assessor. One clerk of the district court. One clerk and recorder. One county attorney. One superintendent of schools. One sheriff. One surveyor. One public administrator. One coroner. And any local question submitted to the voters of any county.

And in order that said election may be conducted in a quiet and orderly manner I do hereby offer a reward of one hundred (100.00) dollars for the arrest and conviction of any person violating any of the provisions of Title IV, Part I, of the Revised Codes of Montana of 1907, the said reward to be paid until the total amount thereafter expended for that purpose reaches the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Montana to be affixed, this tenth day of August, A. D. one thousand nine hundred twelve, and in the one hundred thirty seventh year of the independence of the United States. EDWIN L. NORRIS.

By the governor: T. M. SWINDELBURST, Secretary of State.

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