

# Suffrage CATOR'S POSITION OF MAN'S RIGHT OF CITIZENSHIP

President of San Francisco  
Election Commission Will  
Ask for Code Changes  
Ballots May Be Cast at First  
Election After Registration  
in January

Now that the question whether or not  
suffrage is a right, a privilege or a  
"responsibility," so far as its possession  
by the women of California is con-  
cerned, has been settled satisfactorily,  
the thousands of prospective women  
voters throughout the state are at-  
tempting to determine their political  
status. Strange to say, they have  
found few sovereign citizens of the op-  
posite sex competent to furnish au-  
thoritative information.

In order to satisfy the interest of  
those who are desirous of learning  
whether an unmarried woman over 21  
years of age, born in a foreign country,  
will in the future have to marry in  
order to stamp a ballot or obtain her  
"papers" by decree of the state su-  
perior or federal district courts,  
whether she will have to pay the poll  
tax because of her newly acquired  
franchise; whether she will be required  
to do jury duty, and whether she will  
be called upon to do a multitude of  
other things that hitherto have been  
considered entirely reserved for the  
pleasure or otherwise of the male por-  
tion of the population, The Call has  
obtained from President Thomas V.  
Cator of the San Francisco election  
commission a full statement of woman's  
position in relation to the ballot box.

### ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN

It might be well to preface Com-  
missioner Cator's statement with a few  
words regarding his position on the  
subject of woman's rights. He was the  
first member of the New Jersey legisla-  
ture to gain permission for suffrage  
leader to address that body from the  
floor of the house. That was in 1888,  
and the suffragette was the late Phebe  
Carey. Later Cator made the same  
to make his home, and in 1894 and 1896  
took an active part in the suffrage cam-  
paigns, stumping the entire state in  
defense of the movement.

Immediately after the last ballot has  
been counted in the outlying precincts  
of the state the secretary of state will  
begin his official canvass of the votes.  
He has 40 days from Tuesday next at  
which to give the result to the gov-  
ernor, and at the time the governor is  
informed of the official result of the  
election the women of the state will  
be written into the state constitu-  
tion automatically. The women of  
the state can register after January 1,  
when the new registration begins in  
all counties, and they will be eligible  
to vote at the next election.

Perhaps the most important question  
before the women of the state is what  
must be done by the legislature before  
they will be permitted to register.  
Commissioner Cator, who is the best  
informed man on matters pertaining to  
election law, has made the following  
statement as to changes to be made in  
the political code, permitting the filing  
of registration affidavits by the "pros-  
pective electors":  
"I am preparing to suggest to Gov-  
ernor Johnson that his message to the  
legislature, called into extraordinary  
session, include recommendations for  
the changing of sections 1098 and 1099  
of the political code. Section 1098  
states the matters to be included in an  
affidavit of registration.

### SUGGESTION FOR CHANGES

"I believe that the portions of the  
section relating to recording of  
visible scars and blemishes be stricken  
out, as I feel that it has been of no  
service to the state. There is not a  
single case of election duty based on  
our criminal records in which the guilty  
party was either apprehended or con-  
vinced of guilt."

"An addition must be made in order  
to overcome the sex requirement, and  
it will be recommended to the governor  
that the matter of sex be inserted in  
order to cover the women. Section  
1097 deals with the question of natu-  
ralization, and although we can not  
change the laws of congress, we can so  
amend our own regulations as to  
bring the women under the regulations  
covering the men.

### NEED FOR AMENDMENT

"This particular section of the polit-  
ical code will have to be amended so  
as to permit the filing of statements of  
naturalization by marriage. With the  
passage of the woman's suffrage  
amendment the foreign born women of  
the state who have married natu-  
ral born citizens will be entitled to  
a great advantage over our male  
alien residents. The women become  
citizens at the altar, while the male  
aliens have to pass through the long  
probationary period of from two to  
seven years."

In discussing the question of natu-  
ralization, Commissioner Cator went on  
to show that every foreign born widow  
whose husband was an American by  
birth or naturalization is entitled to  
vote, and only those foreign born  
women who are unmarried are called  
upon to pass through the proba-  
tionary period required of aliens by  
the federal department of commerce  
and labor, acting through the federal  
district and state superior courts.

### POLL TAX ONLY FOR MEN

Many women have entertained the  
erroneous idea that the women will be  
called upon to pay the state poll tax  
upon being given the suffrage. Section  
12, article 13 of the political code  
specifically states that the poll tax  
shall be paid by males over the age of  
21 years. There is little reason to be-  
lieve that this section will be changed  
and there is no reason for the women  
to fear that they will have to pay the  
"detested" tax by reason of their ac-  
quisition of the ballot.

"Another matter that has caused the  
women as well as the men of the state  
a great deal of anxiety is whether the  
young women who have attained the  
legal age of 18 years are entitled to  
exercise the right of suffrage. There is  
no reason for the fear exhibited by  
fond mothers and doting sweethearts.  
The young suffragette who attains the  
age of 18 has reached the legal age  
of independence in matters pertain-  
ing to all matters of the heart and  
property, but not of the ballot.

### VOTING AGE TWENTY-ONE

The law of the United States specifi-  
cally states that a person without re-  
ference to sex, a matter strictly con-  
served to the individual states, must  
be over the age of 21 years in order  
to vote or become naturalized. This  
provision does away entirely with any  
hopes the young women may have en-  
tertained that they were going to "beat  
'em to it" by three years.

Again there has arisen the question

# Amendment Made Law Automatically

Some of the leaders in the fight for woman suffrage, who gathered at the St. Francis yesterday for a jollification meeting. Those shown in the group (standing) are: Mrs. John D. Connell, Miss Cora A. May, Mrs. A. Spencer, Mrs. Rufus Steele; (seated), Mrs. A. Barrett, Mrs. Horace Coffin, Mrs. Arthur Cornwall and Mrs. E. G. Williams.



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## 43 YEAR FIGHT CONDUCTED FOR SUFFRAGE HERE

History Records First Appeal  
for Ballot Was Made to  
Pioneers in 1868

Nine Years Later Women Won  
Right to Enter Into the  
Professions

While the question of equal suffrage  
in the state of California has  
been given unusual prominence in the  
last few years, and especially during  
the last few months of the recent cam-  
paign, it is by no means a novel issue  
to the voters of the state, and its his-  
tory goes back into the benighted  
period when the education of women  
and their right to enter the profes-  
sions were seriously and ardently dis-  
puted in the state.

The first recorded movement for the  
woman's ballot was made 43 years ago  
by Laura de Force Gordon and Anna  
Dickinson, who attempted to impress  
upon the pioneers the equal rights  
which women had to education, the  
practice of professions and the use of  
the ballot. At the same time, Mrs.  
Emily Pitt Stevens, who figured largely  
in suffrage affairs subsequently,  
started her career by contributing ar-  
ticles to the Mercury in support of  
women's rights in general and the  
right to vote in particular.

### STATE SOCIETY FOUNDED

The following year Mrs. Stevens and  
Elizabeth T. Schenck took advantage  
of the interest which had been aroused  
and held public meetings in this city,  
at which equal suffrage was consist-  
ently boosted and, from all accounts,  
favorably received. The State Suffrage  
society was founded in 1870 by Mrs.  
J. W. Snow and, with the support of  
the organization, Mrs. Gordon started  
immediately upon a tour of the state,  
followed by an extensive tour through  
Washington and Oregon, traveling en-  
tirely by stage and working indefatig-  
ably in the small towns of the  
northwest. It was in Seattle that she  
learned that she had been nominated  
by the independent party of San  
Joaquin county as its candidate for  
state senator. She returned at once  
to conduct the equal suffrage cam-  
paign at the end of which she received 300  
votes from the males of the county, but  
was defeated.

Then came the great boom for  
women's rights, which gave the women  
of the state the educational advantages  
they had been demanding, the right to  
enter the professions and incidentally  
to establish the equal suffrage move-  
ment upon a fighting basis. Elizabeth  
Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony  
came from the east and toured the  
state in 1871. Petitions were presented  
to the legislature and in 1872 the "woman  
lawyer bill" passed the legislature  
through the efforts of Mrs. Gordon,  
Seton Tator and C. S. Matheis. There-  
after women were admitted to the in-  
stitutions of higher learning and to the  
professions in California.

### LEAGUE IS ESTABLISHED

The first suffrage organization in  
southern California was founded in Los  
Angeles, 1885, and in 1893 the equal  
suffrage league came into the field in  
San Francisco.

The great suffrage campaign of 1896  
began with the woman's suffrage held  
in this city in 1894 and addressed by  
Miss Anthony, Miss Anna Shaw and  
other prominent women. Everything,  
from the care of children to suffrage  
was discussed, but suffrage was prom-  
inent and such was the popular in-  
terest in the congress that crowds  
stood in the streets awaiting an op-  
portunity to force their way into the  
halls and on one occasion the schools  
were closed so that 900 teachers could  
attend. During the next two years  
the entire state was systematically  
campaigning and the home of Mrs. Ellet  
C. Sargent in this city was thrown  
open as the headquarters of the suf-  
fragists.

### LOBBY MANY YEARS

The energies of the suffragists have  
been expended for 15 years in lobbying  
at the various sessions of a series of  
obdurate legislatures. At the last ses-  
sion, however, the amendment granting  
equal franchise to women passed, was  
signed by the governor and for the last  
six months has been systematically  
boostered by the women of the state  
through their organizations in every  
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News Columns Contributed  
to Success

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litical women who desire preferment  
or the excitement of politics.  
"The course of the clergy in this  
matter may be traced back to their  
persistent desire to establish a theoc-  
racy in government. Every sensible  
man wishes that the clergy would con-  
cern themselves with spiritual matters,  
because in so far as they increase the  
spirituality of a community they make  
it better in its civic duties.

"When the clergy work for civic  
ends they have never failed to make  
matters worse. It is this tendency to  
abandon the spiritual for the material  
function that drives men out of the  
churches.  
The adoption of suffrage by the  
votes of less than a quart of the  
registered vote of California opens up  
many very interesting questions. The  
adoption at the same election of the  
referendum and initiative puts it  
in the power of voters to reverse any  
amendment to the constitution that  
was adopted on Tuesday. It is now  
competent to compel a vote on woman  
suffrage by all women voters of the  
state. This may well be done, and if  
done the votes of the vast majority of  
women who abhor suffrage, may go to  
the polls. It will be observed that  
this process will carry the questions  
entirely over the heads of time serving  
politicians and may furnish valuable  
suggestions to the older suffrage states,  
where men and women desire to rid  
themselves of a system that has proved  
more of a curse than a benefit.

"With my own course in the matter  
I am entirely satisfied and I would  
have done the same thing had I been  
entirely certain that only vote in the  
state would have been cast against  
suffrage.  
The afflictive problems of woman's  
suffrage are centered where the popu-  
lation is dense, and this accounts for  
its overwhelming defeat in the popula-  
tion of the state. These problems  
were not appreciated in the country,  
and the country people showed their  
indifference by snubbing the polls. If  
the entire registered vote had been  
cast against suffrage it would have  
been defeated by 75,000 majority."

"It is exceeding gratifying that in  
the communities where the women's  
suffrage is a matter of life and death  
the victory of anti-suffrage was  
complete. Unfortunately they were  
limited by time and the lack of means  
to extend their work. They rendered  
a noble service to true womanhood  
and the gratitude for what they did  
will grow as time goes by."

Captain T. Q. Ashburn, coast artill-  
ery, has just been notified that a vacan-  
cy exists in the list of majors. He  
will probably receive his new com-  
mission within the week, having passed  
his examination for promotion some  
time ago.

## Kidney Trouble Overcome By the Great Treatment

I have been a sufferer for years with  
kidney and bladder trouble and took  
almost everything a drug store con-  
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always dizzy and had a headache all  
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try your Swamp-Root. I am now tak-  
ing the third bottle and feel like a  
new woman, sleep well and have no  
pains whatever.  
I strongly advise all sufferers to take  
the only real cure for kidney and blad-  
der trouble. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root  
was a godsend to me.  
You may publish this letter if you  
wish, so that it may be the means of  
bringing some poor sufferers back to  
health.

MRS. MARY O'DONNELL, Lander, Wyo.  
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lusterless that I was just in despair. I  
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6 ounces of powdered orris root, mixed  
them and apply a tablespoonful every  
night or two and then brush the hair.  
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as nothing else does. I would advise  
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hair, and it's not expensive either."

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home-made 'dry shampoo' for nearly a  
month now, and really I do believe it  
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