

WORKING WOMAN AND "SILK STOCKING" ELEMENT TO WORK TOGETHER FOR SUFFRAGE

Working women of Chicago, through their organizations, and as individuals, will fight shoulder to shoulder with the so-called "silk stocking" element for indorsement of woman suffrage and primaries April 9.

The suffrage committee of the Women's Trades Union league is meeting this afternoon to formulate plans for a definite campaign of education among the union men. It is the intention to have speakers attend all the men's meetings and urge them to mark their ballots in favor of votes for women.

Mrs. Raymond Robins has suggested that sample ballots be printed, showing just how they should be marked to indorse the "cause," and that they be distributed to voters throughout the city. This idea will probably be adopted by the committee.

At tomorrow's meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor the women will make their first speech of the campaign. Already the labor body, by resolution, stands pledged to the cause of equal suffrage, and the women will remind the men of this and ask them to go to the polls and back up the resolution with votes.

Miss Emma Stéghagen, secretary of the Women's Trades Union League, said today she was confident the appeal of the women would be indorsed. "Some women say they don't want the ballot, but that is no reason the

women who desire to/should be deprived of the right to vote. And you will find that nearly every woman wage earner is a suffragist. We have to compete with the men in the labor market, and it is only right and just that we should have some voice in framing the laws that govern our employment."

The office of the Illinois Political Equality League is a beehive of activity in preparation for the publicity campaign that will be opened Monday. Postals will be sent to voters reminding them that the question of equal suffrage is on the ballots. Large posters advertising the movement have been printed and will be displayed conspicuously.

There is but one obstacle in the path of the suffragists, and this may be removed Monday. County Clerk Sweitzer has declared that he has not decided whether the question of votes for women will be put before the people of the smaller towns of Cook county surrounding Chicago. The order of Judge Owens applied only to the city of Chicago. Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch will confer with Mr. Sweitzer Monday in an effort to secure his approval of a suffrage ballot.

Petitions have also been mailed to the county clerks of every county in Illinois asking that a suffrage preference vote be taken at the primaries. No reply has yet been received to these petitions.