

Dr Proebuck's name is Laird
but she practices under the name
of Proebuck.

March 7th 08

My dear Miss Blay

I have felt horribly
guilty of neglect in not answering your letter
but oh I have been so busy.

Club entertainments, and the terrible
reception to meet Lady ^{Key} a dressmaker
in the house, and in servant, besides
helping others with their work, for instance
Louella Boyd asked me to get all our
club members that I could reach by phone to
Telegraph to Mr Dimmons to do all he could
for the school suffrage bill which was
to be put through last Wednesday. This was
Tuesday morning, I asked quite a number
all of whom promised to Telegraph at once. That
same afternoon we discovered Mr Dimmons
whereabouts. He was at home at the
bedside of his mother who died Wednesday.

Louella Boyd said she hated like smoke
to do it but she was going to send a messenger

to ask him to call up his colleague
in Frankfurt and ask him to receive his
mail and act for him. I have not heard
the result.

I wrote some time ago to Mrs Katherine
Wangh McCollough of Evanston Ill. and
had her send me a copy of their Co-guard-
ianship bill. She also sent me a copy of
her little book Mr Sex. I sent the bill and
book to Mr Simmons, will enclose a copy of
bill to you. I will write a list of the
women doctors as far as I can remember
and if I find others later will send their
names. Dr Dell Edwards 27 Kenner St Sudlow
Louise Southgate Flat 1 Stickney Bld. Chicago
Annie Yates 80 E. Front Street Covington
Katherine Probeck 717 York St Newport

Dr Edwards is a member of our club (Sudlow)
and a fine bright woman. All these women
are suffragists. Will write again as soon
as I hear any thing that will interest you.

Hope you are well and able to do all
you desire.

Sincerely

W. S. McLaughlin

[Mar 7, 1908]

Section 4 of Chapter 64 of the Illinois Statutes

The guardian of a minor shall have, under the direction of the court, the custody, nurture and tuition of his ward, and the care and management of his estate; but the parents of the minor, if living, and in case of the death of either of the parents, the surviving parent, they being respectively competent to transact their own business, and fit persons, shall be entitled to the custody of the minor and the direction of his education.

The parents of a minor shall have equal powers, rights and duties concerning the minor. In case the father and mother live apart, the court may, for good reason, award the custody and education of the minor to either parent or to some other person.

Whenever any person or persons makes a settlement upon or provision for the support or education of any minor child, it shall be competent for the court, in case either the father or mother of such child be dead, to make such order in relation to the visitation of such minor child by the person or persons so making such settlement or provision as shall to the court seem meet and proper.



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Miss Laura Clay -
Leetington
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#919 Franklin

Ladies Guild Bazaar

Newkirk, Oklahoma

Dear Friend:

If within your heart a kindly feeling
Is now struggling to be freed,
Here and now is time for action,
And 'twill meet a pressing need.
In April time appointed,
Whether you are near or far,
Will you not some way contribute
To the Ladies' Guild Bazaar?

"What to send?" I hear you asking
Oh, we leave that, now, to you;
Send a 'kerchief, apron, bonnet—
Almost anything will do!
Neglect it not my friend, I pray you,
We depend upon your aid;
And on him, for whom we labor,
Keep your trust forever staid.

Please Send Articles by April 10, to

Miss J. F. King

Newkirk, Oklahoma

*Our Guild will be from across - across
The name of Miss King will be
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Richmond, March 9, '08.

Dear Miss Clay,

Ans. Mar. 13. Sent check for \$20.00

You have no doubt - kept - yourself informed in regard to the progress of the bill for School Suffrage for women. While we have not succeeded - we have done a fine work for full suffrage. It has been an educational campaign. We have had in all five opportunities to speak to the men in committee. Among the women who have done work in Frankfort are Mrs. Breckinridge, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. St. Clair, Mrs. Warner Kincode, Miss Belle Bennett, Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Halleck, Mrs. Little - Mrs. Whiteside, Mrs. Riker,

Mrs. Lafferty. Miss Boyd of Covington - three
ladies from Laurensburg and myself.
Thus you see Lexington, Louisville, Cynthiana &
Harrodsburg - Richmond - Covington and Laurensburg
have aided in the work. Our women have
been commended - and they made a
fine impression on the men. Numbers
of men professed themselves converts.
The clubs all over the state responded
quickly to our request - to send
letters and telegrams to the members
of the Committee. As you know we have
had the best newspapers on our side.
The women who have worked against us
are connected with the liquor business
directly or indirectly.
I believe we could have carried the bill if
we could have gotten it out of Committee
earlier. The Education Committee voted to report it
favorably - then the chairman, who was opposed
to the bill, - must have gotten the
men to change their vote - as they reported
it without recommendation.

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Mr. Shanks first seemed in favor of our bill - but he later was against us. It is said the whiskey interests won him. I did not cash your check - and was so unfortunate as to lose my case containing it and some other checks. I have notified the bank - and do not think it will benefit any one - even if it should be found.

I hope you are well.

With best wishes,

Your friend
Mary C. Rook.

WILLIAM H. WOOD

TEL. 6755 BROAD

HARRIETTE M. JOHNSTON-WOOD

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NEW YORK,

March 14, 1908

REMOVED TO 52 WILLIAM ST.
Telephone, 4896 John.

My Dear Miss Clay:

For your very kind words respecting my hurriedly prepared paper, please accept my thanks. I am convinced that we have the right to the franchise, and that it cannot legally be taken from us; that any state constitution depriving us of the exercise of this right, is unconstitutional,- and I am most anxious that we have other test cases. I do wish that women in many parts of our (?) country would act concertedly to this end. This year Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch will run for the assembly in our state, and we will take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court, if necessary. Can you not arrange to have some woman do likewise in your State,? I think perhaps it would be better for her to run for congress, and then have the women try to vote for her for that office. The constitutional expressly states that ^{members of Congress} ~~congressmen~~ shall be elected by the people. If we can get women, do ^{to} this in every state where suffrage does not obtain, it will continue the agitation and emphasize our determination to insist upon a recognition of our rights.

With many good wishes for your Peace, Happiness and Success, and complimenting you upon your wise selection of a slogan, i.e. "The Truth shall make you free,"

Faithfully yours,

Harriette M. Johnston-Wood

National American Woman Suffrage Association

(MEMBER OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN AND OF INTERNATIONAL WOMAN SUFFRAGE ALLIANCE)

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Moylan, Pa., March 31, 1908.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:-

Before this reaches you, you will all have had time to read over Mrs. Upton's Business Committee letter, in regard to her interview with Mrs. Boyer, and you will have doubtless made up your mind as to your attitude toward the work there, and what the National Association ought to do in regard to it. My opposition toward the sending of Mrs. Boyer to Oklahoma to do the work which was suggested at the Business Committee Meeting has not decreased but has been greatly increased by further investigation since that time, and I am wholly at a loss to suggest any plan to the Business Committee in regard to the work, because I feel it is all so utterly inadequate and useless that I could not conscientiously make any suggestions in regard to it. Just what Mrs. Upton wishes me to submit to the Business Committee I do not know. She enumerates that I shall send out a vote regarding Mrs. Boyer doing the picnics, curtailing press work, deciding the time of Mrs. Boyer's stay in Oklahoma, &c. The length of time of her stay in Oklahoma was discussed at some length by the Business Committee, some of the members thinking she should remain until the next election; others until the meeting of the next legislature, or until the close of it. Now whether there is sufficient additional light upon the subject to make those who voted to send Mrs. Boyer to Oklahoma able to define the length of time she is to remain, that will be one point, at least, in regard to it upon which you are agreed. In regard to the picnics and curtailing of press

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work and the use of two cent stamps or one cent stamps, these things to me seem so little as compared to the entire expense of such a campaign as is planned, that I cannot realize that it would make any difference in the end. We knew at the time of the Business Committee Meeting that there was no money in the treasury with which to pay Mrs. Boyer and no suggestion was made as to how the money was to be secured, and, personally, I do not know of anyone to whom I can turn at present in order to secure it, nor am I willing at the present time to sign a note, as I have before, with two or three members of the Committee. If the whole Committee will stand responsible for the money, I will join with the others, although I am frank to say that I would be sorely grieved to have to borrow money to spend in what seems to me the most useless and unreasonable campaign that we have ever undertaken. The whole business of sending Mrs. Boyer to Oklahoma is so incomprehensible to me that I am incapable of understanding the viewpoint of the members of the Committee who voted for her to go. I fully agreed with Senator Owen that all candidates should be interviewed, but those of you who were present at the interview when he made that statement will remember that I asked him very directly whether this interviewing should be done by outside women or Oklahoma women, and he stated, decidedly by Oklahoma women. Now then, I believe that if there was enough interest in Oklahoma so that the State Association could do a sufficient amount of correspondence to get the women of the state to do this questioning, it would be a wise bit of work to undertake, and the National could well pay any expense connected with it, and knowing the attitude of some of the members of the Committee toward Oklahoma, before going to Washington I had written to Mrs. Biggers, asking her if it would be possible to secure any woman or women in the state of Oklahoma,

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who, either from love of the cause or from love of the cause accompanied by a salary would do that kind of work, and urged her to send me a reply, hoping that I might receive it by the time the Business Committee was at my home. I received her reply a few days after the Business Committee Meeting, in which she said she had no doubt there were many women in the state who had ability and leisure to do this work if they could be found, but she did not know any of them. During the whole of last year the one thing that I urged upon Mrs. Boyer more than any other was to find a woman or women in Oklahoma who would undertake some such line of work when paid by the National Association, and when Mrs. Boyer called on me on her way home from Washington, I asked her if she had really made an effort to do this and she said she had but had been unable to unearth a single woman. Now then, with all the interests against us, with the political machinery in the hands of our bitterest enemy in the state, without a particle of local interest on the part of the women, facts well known to the members of the Business Committee, yet the majority voted to carry on the work, there must have been in your minds some good reason and some well defined plan or hope of achieving something; just what, I failed to discover then and I do not now know, and because of this I do not know exactly what kind of a vote Mrs. Upton desires that I should send out, nor just what kind of a vote will draw from you a plan which shall govern Mrs. Boyer in her work in Oklahoma, but I will submit a few questions to vote.

When I notified Mrs. Boyer of the vote of the Committee I added on my own responsibility the statement that there was little money in the treasury and there was no defined plan by which we expected more very soon, and that the probabilities were that if she went to Oklahoma she would have to wait for her pay. This I wrote her while she was still in Washington, and I also added that there

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was not a sufficient sum of money at present in the treasury of the National Association to pay for one month's work in Oklahoma. I remember at the Business Committee Meeting I said I thought it would take from \$300. to \$400. a month to carry out the work which the Business Committee suggested. Some of you laughed, but it seems that my estimate was altogether too low. I think now that Mrs. Upton's is too low, after hearing Mrs. Boyer state the things she wanted to do, without explaining just why she wanted to do them.

Faithfully,

Woman's Public School Association

[Apr 3, 1908]

155 N. Bellevue Blvd

Memphis, Tenn.

Apr 3

Dear Miss Clay

I enclose you a few of
our leaflets. I think they are
quite nice I have John. Coat
of Arms. and it is suggestive
of peace and plenty where
we can help in plans for
government. and we sadly need
it now.

I will have a page in one
of our Sunday papers in June
Can you send me a few
lines for it? along any branch
of the work you think best.
of two to five hundred words as
you have time. Must have Miss
by first week in June.

Lovingly Martha Allen

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Richmond, April 15, 1908.

Dear Miss Clay, - I found my card case
after a few weeks and so return your
check. You will be pleased to know
that - the club women are determined to
have school suffrage. Mrs. Riker has all the
enthusiasm of a new convert - and I
believe that - we will win next - time.
Mrs. Ballard of Louisville has been very
successful in securing a fund for the
School Improvement work. She has over
\$2,500 - and hopes the fund will reach
three thousand. She seems to have more
ability to plan large things and carry
out her plans - than any one I have met.

I hope that - we can hold her in the work.

Mrs. Breckinridge seems much improved.

and hopes to return this month to Ky.

We have just had a meeting of the
County Superintendents of our normal district.

About forty were here, - ten being women.

As women are eligible under the new
law to serve as trustees and members of

the County Board of Education - we are
urging the clubs to be active in getting

women elected as local trustees - whenever

a woman can be found better

able or as able as the men available

I trust - you are having a delightful

rest.

Sincerely your friend.

Mary C. Rook.

C O P Y

Oklahoma City, April 8, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Upton:-

Things have been in sort of a whirl since I reached Oklahoma City, and I wanted to find out some definite points before writing to you.

PLEDGES: The Oklahoma City Club feels re-inspiration, and is going ahead to raise the one hundred dollars promised. I will send out letters to all our clubs and urge them to make a special effort toward raising the \$500. pledged at Chicago. I think we can raise much, if not all of the amount. From the difficulty I found in securing an office room, the panic hasn't affected this city to any appreciable extent. Every room is occupied and the hotels are unable to accommodate the applicants. I finally succeeded in getting a room for Headquarters. It cannot compare with what we formerly had, but is in a location where politicians will not hesitate to wait on us come to us. The rent is \$18. per month; this includes heat and light. Furthermore, I am going to try an experiment. Will curtain off a corner of the room and see if I cannot sleep in this. There are two women who now sleep on this floor, but our room is at the head of the stairway and may prove too noisy. The floor above is occupied by various lodges:- Knights of Columbus, G.A.R., Woodmen of America, and a host of other organizations. I really don't know all of them.

HEADQUARTERS: The club members have collected sufficient furniture to fit up the room. We have a small desk, a table, five chairs, some shelves and a wire cot. A rug has been promised, so we look quite fine. Now if I can manage to sleep in the room, it will save the expense of lodging.

CANDIDATES: All the members of the House are to be elected in November. There number 108. There are 16 to be elected in the Senate. This means 124 candidates on each of the tickets, Democratic, Republican and Socialist, or a total of 372 nominees for us to interview and endeavor to pledge! It means a voluminous correspondence with the respective aspirants, and an effort to enlist women in all the districts to do local work. It would be easy if people would but answer letters! Our women are so indifferent about this.

LEGISLATURE: I hope to go to Guthrie on Tuesday of next week, and ask the club women there to interview as many of the present legislators as possible, and ascertain who will be candidates for re-election. If they will give us some expression now, it will save us much future work and perhaps expense. The Labor people are pledging candidates; the Socialists and Prohibitionists are doing the same. So we will be in the political swim.

PRIMARIES: Last year the primaries were held in June and the election in September, but as this year the election will not be until November, it is probable that the primaries will not be so early. There will be a host of primary candidates.

PICNICS: These are the opportunities for campaigning, but I do not see how it is possible to include them in our work, unless we have more assistance, a thing which I know is out of the question. But I want to tell you all our needs, and then you can determine what we are to do. IT WOULD BE TREMENDOUSLY EFFECTIVE IF MISS GLAY COULD SPEAK AT THESE FARMERS' PICNICS, but the season is so warm that she would find it very exhausting. If she could stand the heat she could

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reach more people in one month at these gatherings, than by ten years of our other methods. She was the most effective of our speakers at the Constitutional Convention. She caught the Southerners. She's welcome to them! Alfalfa Bill and the whole bunch.'

PRESS: It seems as though we ought to do newspaper work, since it will be a peculiar situation to have the press silent on our question at a time when we are trying to pledge candidates, and yet can show no public interest. The Labor Federation Secretary is about to launch a new paper, and has invited us to furnish two columns of matter each week. They feel the importance of newspaper work to their movement. The Oklahoma News has started a series of "Anti" articles. Same old Colorado-woman-suffrage-a-failure-hash. When these are finished we shall ask the same amount of space to reply.

LITERATURE: We shall need leaflets with special reference to Labor and Farmers' Unions. The three we have now (Mrs. O'Sullivan, FitzGerald and I forget the other, they are new) are very good for the Labor people. Best we have.

Mrs. Biggers spent several days with me last week. She is far and away the very best woman in the state; is so self-sacrificing and level-headed. I met a Socialist a day or two ago, who gave me an astonishing bit of news. He said the Socialists were meditating an Initiative and Referendum campaign for woman suffrage! I do not get this authoritatively, and am doubtful of its authenticity or of its desirability. The Socialists could put up a big campaign, especially if they could effect a combination with the Labor and Farmers' Unions. The vote for the candidate for State Auditor on the Socialist ticket was 10,454. They are stronger in Oklahoma than in any State in the Union. I shall take an early opportunity to see Mrs. Branstetter, their chief engine in this section. He is now in Chicago arranging for the National Convention. It would be strange for them to inaugurate such a campaign without conferring with the Suffragists.

The Federated Club women are much wrought up over the Attorney General's decision that women are ineligible to serve on school boards, since these are elective offices. Mrs. Michael Conlan, former Federation President of Indian Territory, and I think, a relative of Lee Cruce, ran way ahead of her ticket in Lindsay. Now she is declared impossible and must resign! Good, isn't it! The women of Eufaula are protesting and insist on running two women candidates.

Our municipal election was held on Tuesday. A strong fight was made by the Democratic machine against Rev. Harper, for School Board. The women canvassed his ward, stood at the polls all day, and he won easily! They weren't suffragists either.

The Maccabees held a public meeting in the Opera House last night. Initiated a number of candidates, and Mrs. Hellister made a rattling good plea for woman suffrage in this New State. She gave the audience a big, strong dose.

Mrs. Biggers will write you about a letter received from Roy Hoffman. He was one of the aspirants for the U. S. Senate.

Our plain paper has not been delivered, which accounts for this waste of letter-heads. It is too late to make out financial statement, but will try to get it off to-morrow.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Ida Porter Boyer.

Lexington, Ky. April 11th, 1908.

My dear Mrs. McCulloch,

I am writing to ask you kindly to give me some advice in regard to the Bruce legacy; or rather the loaning of a portion of it. Perhaps you remember that in that deed of trust you wrote out for me I decided that I would use it for a campaign in Ky. when necessary. It is still my intention to do so; but hitherto I have placed the income in the General Treasury of the National; though this year I have donated the year's income to the campaign in Oregon. Now you may have observed that Mrs. Boyer has returned to do more work in Oklahoma; and Miss Shaw has in consideration how we shall find funds to keep her there, according to the vote of the Business Com. meeting lately held in Moylan. In her letter she says there is not money in hand sufficient for this purpose; but does not state clearly whether we will have enough when the pledges of Chicago convention are paid, or whether more money ~~should be raised~~ must be raised before we have the money for these Oklahoma expenses. I have written to ask further information on this point. She asks if the Board will be willing to sign a note upon which money can be borrowed to meet these expenses.

I am one of the Board who is anxious that this Oklahoma campaign shall be pushed. Now on the 15th of April a note of \$900 of the Bruce legacy will fall due, and will probably be paid. If not, I have notes of the legacy in Warren on which money might be raised. What I want to ask is this: What sort of note ought to be made me as trustee if I lend any money to the Business Committee, without interest, but to be paid back either soon or when it is needed for a Kentucky campaign?

Second; Would you advise me to make such a loan, or should I content myself

with doing what I can to help on the note out of my own means? You see, I want to be very careful to use the legacy in a manner which cannot provoke any criticism. At the same time, if I have any of it uninvested, it seems a good use of it to let the National have it, as I have usually paid the interest to it .

You may notice that I ask your friendly opinion as to whether it is desirable for me to make such a loan; and if it is, that you should send me a form of note which the members of the Business Committee can sign, and ensure the return of the money either at a designated time; or when it may be needed for a Ky. Campaign. Miss Shaw must have an answer by the time I ~~ex~~ can hear from you; so kindly write to me at once.

I want to thank you for the kind assistance you gave to the president of the Covington suffrage club in its work for the Co-guardianship bill. This past session our E.R.A. divided out the legislative work among several sub-committees, and that club took that bill, because their representative brought in a bill on that subject the previous legislature. This year I did nothing personally in the legislature. I have not heard that anything was successfully passed; but I was out of the state much of the legislative time; and just returned from a long visit to my sister in Richmond, Va., ~~tkr~~ three days ago.

I am eager to know your opinion on the legal work about which the B.C. at Moylan consulted you. I suppose you have hardly yet had time to give an answer.

Please accept my thanks for all the kindness you have shown me and the Cause dear to both of us. Please remember me to Mr. McCulloch and the children, and believe me

Very sincerely yours,

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April 13, 1908.

My dear Miss Clay,

I can see no objection legal or otherwise to your investing the \$1000 of the Bruce trust, due April 15 in a note signed by the national office. If you continue to pay to the U. A. W. S. A. the interest you can still do it even if this note is drawn with interest. I enclose a form which would meet your requirements. Notice I have made it due in six months. If not paid then you can extend the time of payment. This will make every thing as regular as tho you loaned this to a stranger.

I replied to Miss Gordon about the question as to test case in Washington and to Miss Shaw as to the Iowa matter as each directed me. Miss Shaw says she has had copies of my letter sent out

+ if you now have it you can see that I advised some financial help to Iowa tho I did not believe that the present suit could settle the constitutional-ity of the tax suffrage law.

These test cases take almost as much time as to secure a new bill and if we hire lawyers at ordinary rates it takes more money. ⁵⁰⁰⁰ is a small sum for costs and fees in a case going to Supreme Court.

That money would send out a million pages of literature. Seed sowing by means of literature + press work is still needed.

Yours truly,
Catharine Vaughn Mulloch

I suppose you hesitated to make this loan because you are one of the officers. Ordinarily a trustee can not loan to herself but as this fund is for suffrage anyway, this loan would show no lack of good faith on your part.

W. G. WELBORN,
—PRINCIPAL—
RUSSELL CREEK BAPTIST ACADEMY.

Campbellsville, Ky., Apr. 13, 1908.

Miss Laura Clay:

Dear Friend,

Our school is very much interested just now on the question of woman's suffrage. Will you kindly send me some literature on the subject. I shall appreciate this favor very much.

Very Truly

W. G. Welborn.

Lexington, Ky. April 16th, 1908.

My dear Mrs. McCulloch,

I thank you very much from your prompt and helpful reply to my letter. I have great confidence in your general good sense as well as in your legal knowledge. And I think both were exemplified in your answer to the question put about the Iowa case, a copy of your reply having been promptly sent to me by Miss Shaw. But Miss Gordon has not yet sent a copy of your opinion about the Washington case; and if she had, that is not the opinion I wish most to hear about. I expect to hear from Miss Gordon in a day or two; and then no doubt she will let me hear of the Washington case. Since I am writing about it, I would like to say how the whole matter was discussed. As you know, Miss Gordon has had a plan to re-open the legal questions of the 14th and 15th Amendments by trying it on the basis of "white woman" suffrage. Her legal friends in New Orleans told her they had struck a snag, which they had not gotten over when she was in Moylan. She and I have had several conversations about the legal points; and we felt that as time had passed, and there were still persons with respectable legal knowledge who thought that those amendments gave women some suffrage rights, it might be possible to re-open the question in the courts. We thought it would be wise to investigate what opening the Washington case would present; and probably advise the Business Committee to expend a considerable sum of money to bring forward the issue. When it was spoken of before Mrs. Kelly she expressed herself as believing that case was too old to be favorable for a test. Then we decided to leave the expediency of it to our legal adviser; and I suppose this is what Miss Gordon has written you about. We were more concerned, however, with the pos-

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sibility of obtaining a new case, altogether; and the vote, as passed by the B.C., and recorded in the minutes is: "Voted, on motion of Miss Blackwell, that Mrs. McCulloch be asked to investigate and see if there is a chance to get a reversal of the Supreme Court's decision that women have not a right to vote under the U.S. Constitution; she to see if there is material enough to make it worth studying into, and if so to let us know what it would cost, as we mean to employ her to do it".

In my last letter to Miss Shaw I asked her about your reply; and in her answer received this morning she says she has not heard from you in regard to the opening of the United States constitutional question; that the informing of you on this point was left to the Corresponding Secretary, and probably she has been in correspondence with you on the subject. As I have not heard from Miss Gordon, I am not sure from your reference to your correspondence with her that she has laid this matter before you; or whether she thought it was written about from the president's office. Of course, your information should come from one or other of those offices; and if it has not, I would like to have the omission corrected, as I am very deeply interested in the matter. As the vote is recorded in the minutes I have not thought it improper to make this mention of it myself. If you have not had the subject laid before you, please let me know, and I will have it officially presented to you.

Thanking you again for your kind letter, I am

Very cordially your friend,

P.S. Please remember me to the dear children and to Mr. McCulloch.

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April 17, 1908

For value received by the National American Woman Suffrage Association, we, the officers of the said National American Woman Suffrage Association, promise to pay in six months from date, to the order of Laura Clay Trustee of the Laura Bruce suffrage bequest, the sum of nine hundred dollars (\$900⁰⁰), with interest from date until paid, at the rate of five per cent per annum.

1534 Madison Ave
Covington Ky
April 18th 1908

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Dear Miss Louisa

I send you a notice
clipped from the Commercial
 Tribune of an open air meeting
of the "Suffragettes" last night
in front of the city Hall in
Cov. The "speakers stand" was
an old richety wagon to which
was attached an old grey horse
of very humble demeanor as he
stood with his nose almost
touching the pavement.

Conspicuous upon this makeshift
(at a cost of \$1.50) and improvised
platform, were the speakers
Mrs Tolley London & Mrs Bigelow
Mrs M. Loughlan Mrs Reynolds
Mrs W. W. Trimbles daughter &

Scissors Mrs Schompprother
Mrs Muselman Miss Bond
ford and Mrs Gilman

We wish you could have
them as an audience of at
least five hundred stood com-
pactly crowded around the
speakers staid eager to hear
everything the distinguished visitor
had to say. The audience
was courteous and well behav-
ed

yours sincerely
M. E. Gilman

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April 18, 1908.

My dear Miss Clay,
 your letter is awaiting me as I return from our State Suffrage contest, a program of which is enclosed. I am glad your opinion and mine as to the Iowa matter coincided.

As to the matter submitted by Miss Gordon, I only wrote her briefly asking her to submit the briefs on which these lawyers founded their opinions that we might get vote under the 14th + 15 amendments. She doubtless thought it was not yet in shape to send to the rest of you. Miss Shaw asked me nothing about that + so I did not reply to her concerning it.

Now comes Mrs. Bayer with new problems concerning municipal suf-

frage in Oklahoma.

I have constantly a heavy
correspondence from all over
the country -

Just now I am pinning
great faith to the work among colleges -

Yours in haste,

Catherine Waugh McClough

[Apr 20, 1908]

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Business Committee, as I wish them to know the reasons why I stand for my vote.

You will observe that I ask Miss Shaw two questions towards the end of the letter. In answer to my remark about informing Mrs. Boyer that the B.C. voted no assistance except a stenographer, she says she left all the details of the agreement to you; and does not doubt that you told her she could have no assistance but the clerk. If this is so, I do not see how it is possible for Mrs. Boyer to run up bills to \$500.00 a month. If she is proposing to spend that much money for what may be called mechanical help, I can see nothing for it but to say that she must not do so. I suppose you should answer the questions about the money. If the pledges are good, we did not vote any more money than we have in sight; and if we have to borrow at all, it will be with the expectation of repayment from those pledges. In her last letter, Miss Shaw says she has started on her southern tour, and all inquiries about these things must be sent to you. I have been trying ineffectually to get this letter off to you for several days; and now that I have succeeded in getting it written, I hope you will give me a somewhat full explanation of the financial matters, and why it is you are so disturbed about the Oklahoma work when we carefully limited it in our vote by the money you then thought was in sight. When I know what the difficulties are which trouble you, I shall be glad to do what I can to help; and that is what I mean in my vote by saying "I wait for further information".

Hoping to hear from you promptly, I am

Cordially yours,

April 22 1908

Mrs. Adelia C. Stephens
723 W. California Ave.
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Madam:-

State suffrage is provided for male citizens on all questions, for school purposes for women, but the right of each city to make its own charter is also provided and municipal suffrage can be given by the City in its charter without violation of law.

The Constitution of the United States does not forbid women suffrage, its interpretation has done so.

Yours very respectfully,

Rob't L. Owen

(Copy)

Lexington, Ky.

April 22nd, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Gältner,

I thank you so much for sending me the account of the "suffragette" meeting in Cincinnati. I think the reports are very respectful though of course the newspaper had to have a little fun. I think the jokes were on the opponents. I was quite surprised that the Cinn. suffragists took up this line of agitation, though it is making headway in New York; and in England it promises success.

I stayed East six weeks when I went on to the Washington Congressional Hearing and to the Business Com. meeting at Moylan. Those two meetings took a week and then I went to Richmond, Va., to visit my sister, Mrs. S. Dabney Crenshaw. While there, I was invited to speak on suffrage at a parlor meeting at the home of Mrs. Cary McCormack and her sister, Miss Ellen Glasgow, the author of the "Battle Ground" and several other popular novels. The ladies wanted to hear suffrage discussed, though they were not yet ready to organize. As far as I could learn, their interest had been aroused by the "suffragette" movement in England; and its influence in this country. At a tea to which I was invited by Miss Glasgow, I met about a dozen ladies, all interested to hear me talk of suffrage; among whom were Miss Mary Johnston, author of "To Have and to Hold", and other popular novels. I am glad to have these literary people take an interest in our cause. I shall be anxious to hear more of what you think has been the effect of your street meeting; and if you increased your membership by it.

I tried to keep up with the legislative bills through the newspapers; but I did not see that our co-guardianship bill went through. Your club should make a careful record of what was done, so as to make it a part of

your club's report at the state convention.

You know that the School Suffrage Bill failed, mainly through the opposition of the whiskey members of the legislature. I receive comforting assurances from several sources, however, that the campaign has had a fine effect on the club women, in making them determined to work for the bill next time; and in making them feel that full suffrage is what they need.

The effort to have women appointed on Boards of public institutions, undertaken by the Fayette E.R.A., also failed. The bill which passed did not offer the opening to put women on which we hoped, when it was first spoken of in the newspapers. We have, therefore, no direct gain in legislation; yet I think we managed our legislative work in the best manner; and that the results in the next legislature will be good. For I think a greater number of women were interested, and learned the real difficulties of getting bills for women through a legislature elected only by men.

I hope your health has been good through the winter. We had a great deal of grip in Lexington, which I was fortunate to escape. When did you hear from Mrs. Roebuck? She had a severe attack of grip.

Please remember me to Mr. Giltner; and to my other suffrage friends.

Thanking you again for your most interesting letter, I am

Very cordially yours,

McCulloch & McCulloch
Lawyers
1104 Merchants Loan & Trust Bldg.
Chicago, Ills.

April 23, 1908

Mrs. Ida Porter-Boyer,
220 1/2 W. Main St.
Oklahoma City.

Dear madam:-

The Oklahoma Constitution prescribes the qualifications of electors at State elections, and at School district elections. At school district elections female citizens may vote. Sec. 3, Art. 3, Const. At State elections only male citizens are mentioned as entitled to vote.

The qualifications of electors in cities are not defined in the constitution nor are such officers mentioned by name. The only reference to Mayor, Alderman, City Clerk or whatever other officers are generally elected in cities, are such as in Sec. 5, Art. III "Municipal officers", or as in Sec. 46, Art. 5, "Officers in cities". Even in such paragraphs the power of the Legislature is shown. Sec. 5, Art. III of the Constitution reads: "The Legislature shall enact laws providing for a mandatory primary system *** which shall provide for the nomination of all candidates in all elections for *** municipal officers."

Of course your own Supreme Court's decision as to the constitutionality of a municipal woman suffrage law will decide your case as other States' courts have decided for other States. But the general weight of authority is that a Legislature has power to extend to women the right to vote for officers not mentioned in the constitution. On that point, the brief we presented to the Charter Convention members in our Chicago Contest may be of value. After this argument and whatever argument pro and con might have been presented privately to the committee by its own members, the vote of the committee was that municipal ~~XXXXXX~~ woman suffrage for Chicago was constitutional and this we were told was by a unanimous vote. After this no newspaper or speaker claimed it to be unconstitutional. It was defeated on other grounds.

The effort is worth making and if you succeed it will be a great victory. I am sending you samples of the literature we published, all of which you are welcome to copy from after revising to date. The maps were specially valuable. Miss Anna E. Nicholes prepared them.

Yours truly,

Catherine Waugh McCulloch

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San Francisco, April 29 1908

My dear Miss Clay:
Yours of the 18th at hand containing the reasons why the majority of the Business Committee voted for the work to be done in Oklahoma. Your letter has given me more clearly of the situation. I thought as the Gov. was against us, and so few women in the country to help, and so vast an extent of country to go over. No money in the Treasury, it seemed to me to be a useless work. When they wrote me that there was only five hundred dollars in the Treasury, I wondered how they were going to send Mrs. Bayer there, and keep her for months. Of course I did not know how much of the \$25,000 pledged money had

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been collected, and it seems what is due
San Francisco, 190
is good money not yet paid in. I often
wonder at Conventions why people pledge and
never pay. I do believe that we should follow
up these campaigns more closely, for we are
ever to get anywhere. We are very busy in this
State, and how far we shall succeed in the
Legislature next Winter, remains to be seen,
but there is a great amount of work being
done by our State Central committee. What
we lack is money, and the women think
that every cent collected for S. B. G. Fund must
go to our own work, in fact, some women say,
they will not give otherwise. We have had two
years of hard pull, and now are on the verge
of the fleets arrival. A big bond election in
a few days, etc. What about that affair in
Iowa, and has it been decided. Very glad to hear
from you. Very sincerely - Mary S. Sperry

Lexington, Ky., Apr., 30th., 1908.

Statement for Treasurer of Fayette Equal Rights Association.

My Dear Mrs. Gratz:-

I am making out a statement of the collections of the dues I have collected and the payments I have made :

1907 -

Nov., 5th.,	Linda Neville, Mary Neville, Prof. Neville	\$1.50
"	Mrs. K. G. Reid	.50
"	Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Oldham	1.00
"	Miss Zoe Bassett	.50
" 6	Mrs. Wellington Payne	.50
" 6	Laura Clay	.50
" 6	Mr. & Mrs. T. B. Hay	1.00
" 6	Mrs. Alice Carpenter	1.50
" 6	Mrs. E. Lehman, Midway	.50
" 6	Miss Sallie Daley	.50
" 6	Mrs. T. D. Ballard	.50
" 6	Mrs. A. M. Harrison	.50
" 6	Mr. & Mrs. Preston & Miss Preston	1.50
" 6	Miss Matt. Walton	.50
" 6	Mr. & Mrs. F. A. Cramer	1.00
" 6	Mrs. Laura Cannon	.50
" 6	Mrs. Gertrude Willemen	.50
" 6	Mrs. Jennie Withers Smith	.50
" 6	Mrs. Thornton Moore promised to pay and I advanced for her X	.50
Dec. 10th.,	Mrs. C. W. Moore	.50
" 11th.,	Mrs. Lewis Kemp	.50
" 11th.,	Mrs. Ellen G. Hiaatt	.50
" 11th.,	Miss Emma Shaw & Mr. Joshua Shaw	1.00
		<u>15.50</u>

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Statement Continued - *forwarded.* 15.50

Dec., 12th.,	Mrs. Samuel Clay	\$.50
" "	Prof. Charles Loos	.50
" 11,	Mrs. L. W. St. Clair	.50
" 11,	Mrs. Susan H. Shelby	.50
" 11,	Miss Lucy Shelby	.50
" 13,	Miss Lizzie A. Lyle	.50
" 13,	Mrs. Mary Shelby Wilson	.50
" 13,	Mrs. S. S. Carey	.50
" 14,	Mrs. John Morgan	.50
" 14,	Miss Sallie Adams	.50
" 14,	Mrs. John Clay	.50
" 14,	Miss Laura Cravens	.50
" 17,	Mrs. Mary Warfield Bennett	.50
" 19,	Mrs. Lyman B. Todd	.50
" 20,	Mrs. Shelby Harbison	.50
" 23,	Mrs. Isabell M. Coleman	.50
" 26,	Mrs. D. C. Frost	.50
" 26,	Miss Sarah McGarvey	.50
" 30,	Mrs. J. D. Kiser	.50
" 30,	Mrs. Mary G. Morton +	.50
" 31,	Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton Scott	1.00
" 31,	Mrs. C. D. Chenault	.50
" 30,	Mrs. N. G. Daingerfield	.50
" 30,	Miss Bessie Daingerfield	.50
" 30,	Miss B. Gray	.50
" 30,	Mrs. HD. Norman	.50

1908- Dues for 1907.

Jan., 1st.,	Miss Katherine Christian for 1907	
and 1908 X		
Jan., 1st.,	Mr. & Mrs. Sam Roberts	1.00
" "	Dean Irene Myers	1.00
" 2d.,	Miss Mary Kinhead does not wish to continue membership	.50
" 2d.,	Mrs. William Gunn	.50
" 4th.,	Mrs. William Irvine	.50
" 11th.,	Mrs. R. Thornton & Mrs. George Hunt	1.00
Feb., 8th.,	Miss Katherine Pettit X 1908	.50
" 15th.,	Mrs. James Mulligan	.50

35.00 1907 in Mar. 9, 1907

I observe that Mrs. Emma Lorraine Ramsey paid for 1907
 Mrs. Frances Beacham, Mrs. Wm. H. Barkley and Mrs. Sarah Allen had paid you earlier in the year. Mrs. A. T. Parker thinks she has paid you but if she has not paid when you look at your books she will pay. Mrs. H. E. Ross says she will pay. Mrs. E. D. Potts thinks she has paid you for 1907. Several others said they would pay, but they were not reached.

May 11, 1908. Mrs. D. G. Falconer paid for 1907 & 1908 — \$1.00

July 6, 1908. Dr. C. B. Johns, — 50 cts.

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I paid dues to Mrs. Shepard before the convention at Richmond Nov., 14th. and 15th., for 50 members ----- \$17.50

at the convention I paid the pledge to the State from the Fayette E. R. A. which was printed in the State minutes as 10.00 but as I do not see it mentioned in Mrs. Payne's minutes I will charge here as \$5.00, if you think it best you can refer this item to the local E. R. A. 5.00

Since the convention I have paid Mrs. Shepard 35¢. for 30 more members in time to be counted for 1907 in the National minutes
Total Payments 10.50
\$33.00

Total receipts \$35.00
" pay. 33.00

\$ 2.00 now in my hands.

Perhaps we may be able to collect the dues from 10 members which I have over-paid. If not we must hope for better luck next year.

Cordially yours,

Laura Clay.

Acting Treas. for Fayette E. R. A.

National American Woman Suffrage Association

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April 30, 1908.

Dear Member of the Business Committee;—

We have only \$89 00 left in the general treasury and Susan B. Anthony Fund. Yesterday I was obliged to draw \$1000 from the Thomas Garrett Fund. I have not had a distinct vote to do this, although I think the majority of the committee have expressed themselves that it ought to be done in case we had not the money. Miss Shaw spoke that way when she was here in Headquarters, but at Moylan she said that she thought we ought not to borrow anything from that fund unless we could give some security. Now we have no security to give. By your vote, sent in a letter to Miss Shaw, you thought best not to negotiate a loan, and so being obliged to pay bills, I had nothing to do but to draw from this fund. I hope you will all think that was a proper thing to do. If not you must suggest something else.

Cordially yours,

HTU-A

Harriet Taylor Upton