

LEXINGTON, KY. JUNE 2, 1909.

My dear Mrs. Stewart,

I was glad to get your letter of May 25th and the copy of the little speech made at the mock Senate. I get occasional letters still from Arizona, but none of my acquaintances out there were people who were likely to do anything on newspaper work. Still I may have a chance to use the item.

I think that you had better arrange to have the books to go on to Seattle, either on the same train as the official party, or just expressed to Seattle, because I want to have a look at them myself and yet I do not think it worth while to send them to Kentucky after you have gone over them carefully. Shall you join the official party after going to South Dakota, or ~~go~~ you going ahead of it? If I could see the books on the train you and I could compare our notes upon them very quickly and be ready to make our joint report which comes quite early on the program.

I am so much interested in what you say about South Dakota. My idea was from your report that the Campaign Committee would be composed of a representative or representatives from every endorsing organization and that this committee would choose its own chairman and its manager of the campaign. I suppose, however, many details must be finally settled at the Huron Convention and I trust that nothing will prevent your attendance at that.

Very cordially yours,

PRESS DEPARTMENT
National American Woman Suffrage Association

ELIZABETH J. HAUSER, Chairman
WARREN, OHIO

June 2, 1909.

My dear Miss Clay,

Enclosed find a letter which explains itself.
Knowing nothing whatever about the writer, I did not of
course feel like encouraging her and think the best thing
I could do was to send her letter to you, together with
carbon of my rather non-committal reply.

Yours very truly,

EJH*A

Elizabeth J. Hauser

PRESS DEPARTMENT
National American Woman Suffrage Association

ELIZABETH J. HAUSER, Chairman
WARREN, OHIO

June 2, 1909.

WMM
Louise Southgate, M.D.,
124 Garrard St.,
Covington, Ky.

My dear Doctor,

Your letter of the 19th. inst. has waited some little time for reply since I was out of town when it was received. It is true that Mrs. Obenchain was obliged to give up the Kentucky press work sometime ago and since then the work has been under the direction of Miss Laura Clay, the State President. I have no doubt that Miss Clay would be glad to have you co-operate with her and I am sending your letter to her, with the request that she write you directly.

With best wishes,

Yours very truly,

EJH*A

Elizabeth J Hauser

Lexington, Ky. June 2, 1909.

Mrs. Mary E. Craigie,

295 Delaware Ave.,

Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Craigie,

I am in receipt of your letter of May 15th.

I have no report from our Clubs of Church Work. Personally, I have made one little address at our convention on this subject and have distributed a small amount of literature.

In spite of my very discreditable little report I wish to reiterate my opinion that this is a most important branch of the suffrage work. I find everywhere a latent belief among women and among men too that the Scriptures are not favorable to equal rights for women. I have long thought that a compilation of the texts of Scripture which bear upon equal rights for women would be valuable. And I think also the teachings of the Scriptures on the principles of freedom as a Christian doctrine ought also to occupy our attention. I trust that I will see you in Seattle for I would like to have a conversation with you about this. I have long desired to do some work along this line myself; but time seems always to fail me.

Very cordially yours,

THE UNION REAL ESTATE AND BROKERAGE CO.

OFFICE, 411 OLIVE STREET,

ROOM 210.

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E. P. CONKLING, MANAGER.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

June 3-09

My dear Miss Clay-

Thank you very much for letter & enclosures. ditto return of papers, what in the 10 years. ago! 18 years. have you on records of work done by a vicious bolting faction. recognized by the Natl. nothing - all we have done has been done in spite of the heavy handicap of both -

Mrs. B. Boreman - Wells. was sent directly by Mrs Upton so she (Mrs Wells) told me herself in the presence of Mrs. Dougherty. - or her dau

Mrs. Wayman Richardson wrote to Miss Juggo a visit was made at the instance of the Natl. Miss Richardson & her mother were very helpful in our work this winter filling 4 long petitions - Only one woman of the faction sent in a single name. To us, the as I wrote our petition was 48 4 do. long. Does the faction or the Natl want suffrage in Mo? It does not seem so - all we ask

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is that the Outsiders keep their hands out of Mo. & let us alone. States have the eternal right to regulate their own affairs - Mrs. Backstaff wrote to me to send on our petition. I am perfectly willing if it would do any good. & further I have been instrumental in urging the sending of more than 50% of the names sent. Urging the point. "It is the ballot we want" Help get it in any way. We shall hold a meeting or convention soon when I will put the matter up to them. all do. as you did when we sent our dues. "On motion of Anna Straw they were referred" before the matter was tried out at the Convention to which you refer. I have Mrs. Upton's letter to the above. ditto. report of Ex Com when it was done. I also have Mrs. Ball's letter in which she acknowledged the

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"had prevaricated" & asking me "not to say
any thing about it" Then when she was here. &
was asked for an explanation by the Minister
of the church, (a warm friend of mine) why she was
giving countenance to the acts of misrepresenta-
tion & summoning a policeman to put us
out of our own meeting place - She de-
nied positively knowing a thing of it. Then
my organization arose & demanded I
give to the press the facts. to-gether with
her & Miss Anthony's letters - For the sake
of the cause I would not but it took
a long time to do it & even yet it is
occasionally thrown up to me - I
know I made a mistake there but my
motives were good -

Very truly

F. C. Whitney -

Lexington, Ky.

June 4th, 1909.

Dear Dr. Southgate,

Day before yesterday I received a long-delayed answer from Mrs. Obenchain to my letter asking for instructions for Press work.

She says: "The only directions I have to give are: Send the articles to one half the papers one week and to the other half the next. If the name of a paper is crossed out it means that it is discontinued or that the editor refuses to publish our matter. I used to have 100 papers, - 50 to supply with suffrage matter each week, but I have lost some papers. .-/' The trouble, as I have always said in my reports, is to find out whether the articles sent are published. You will notice a cross mark at some of the names. This means that the editor is likely to publish what we send."

She had previously sent the list of newspapers, which I can copy, as her copy is pretty badly worn.

Miss Elizabeth Hauser writes that she answered a letter from you, saying that since Mrs. Obenchain's resignation the Press work had been under my direction. But in the letter which Mrs. McLaughlin quoted to you, I said that I had found it impossible to take up the Press work; and in fact Headquarters has never sent me the articles which it supplies for the weekly Press work.

For some years past the Ky. W. R. A. has paid Mrs. Obenchain \$5.00 per month for Press work, made up of free-will offerings for that purpose taken up at the convention. But last convention Mrs. Obenchain wrote that she would not accept this salary, as she could not do much work. Therefore there is no fund in our treasury for this nominal salary this year, though the

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Executive Committee has authority to vote a sum for the necessary postage and stationery for the work. As I believe I have written, the National Headquarters supplies articles in any number desired once a week, I believe.

I wish very much that we could find one of our good suffragists who would be willing to do this work, for it is always valuable. My going to Arizona threw me out of all the plans I had made for the winter's work; and when I returned I was not able to rearrange them, so as to do what I had hoped to do. If you think you could undertake this press work for a time, I shall be very glad to write a circular letter to the Ex. Committee and have you appointed to fill the vacancy made by Mrs. Obenchain's resignation till next convention, when the Press Superintendent is elected.

Next Tuesday I am going to Owensboro to attend the convention of the Fed. of Woman's Clubs, and shall be from home a few days. If you write at once, however, I shall probably have time to write my circular letter before I go, and will have the answers by my return. Please, therefore, let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Hoping you will decide to try the Press work, I am

Very cordially yours,

Marlow, Okla. June 6 - 1909.

Dear Miss Clay

I had a letter from Dr. Gay yesterday. She tells me we will not have the required number of names in by the 11th - we will have, she thinks, about 15000 at that time. ^(She has very near that now) It seems there is another petition out - which is also behind and Dr. Gay says "If they cannot succeed in less than thirty days we will try that too, if we get ours in by the time they do that will be all right; otherwise suppose we will have to take the nine months at it." So I suppose we can keep on gathering names but will miss this special election unless we succeed in the thirty day limit - which I doubt our ability to do.

Mrs. Allur who lives in the north of Caddo Co. on a farm wrote me that in getting 75 names she had only 4 refuse. That was a letter showing that I could give.

(over)

Sincerely yours
Kate H. Biggers.

The Oklahoma Co. owners are the only ones who
have made anything of a showing yet - they
have 4,000 names to their credit.

Grayson Ky
June 11/1909

Dear Miss Clay-

It was for love
of you - and Miss White, that I
consented to take Miss Penfield
into my home & introduce
her to our people - for as you
well know I am a busy woman
& give to the W. C. T. U. work - all
the time, I have from my church,
& home duties - I did not
believe - an E. R. A. - could be
formed in Grayson - for like
most small places there is more
or less prejudice against it -
but for the sake of the two
"Lauras" - I said she could
come, & try, & I would help her -

She proved to be a most
charming speaker - with much
ability and information
and our people were well

greatly pleased with her - I was
glad to open the way for her -
My husband & I - suggest her
stay in our home very much -

As soon as possible - I will
give the work - my attention
I received from Miss White -
the Enrollment Cards - and
the Literature from you - Thank
you very much - just at
present my hands are full -
Circuit Court, Company -
and Honor Missions day
tomorrow -

With much love for you - and
good wishes for the E. R. A. -
I am yours to command
Jehiel - Sansclome Jones -

Swarthmore, Pa.,
June 11, 1909.

Dear Members of the Business Committee:-

I found this morning the copies of a letter from Miss Blackwell to me in answer to the letter which I sent out during Miss Shaw's absence in regard to removal of headquarters from Warren. At the time it seemed to me that you all ought to see Miss Blackwell's letter, and I had these copies made and then failed to send them to so, so I enclose one herewith.

I wish also to make a report on one or two points on which I feel I owe it to the Business Committee:

BOOK OF RECITATIONS,- BOOK FOR DEBATERS: At the Buffalo Convention, about the close of the meeting, I was approached by a group of Pennsylvania delegates who urged me to consider the nomination as President of the Pennsylvania W. S. A. Mrs. Blankenburg had talked of me many times as her successor and had fully made up her mind that she would not hold the office any longer. After consultation with Miss Shaw I agreed to take this office, should I be elected. I confess at the time I did not know how much of my time and strength would have to go into this work, but it has absorbed a great deal of me this winter, and that is my excuse and apology and reason for not having taken any time for the collation of the Book of Recitations and the Book for Debaters. I have some material on hand and have looked it over once or twice, thinking I would get at it, but the time has never been mine to do it. I am, of course, more than ready to hand it over to any one who will undertake it and can give them such copy as I have on hand. I am very sorry to have delayed this publication because I think it is an important one, although perhaps not as important as most of our literature which has been issued by the Literature Committee this year.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY FUND: As soon as I got some of the Pennsylvania work started, in the late fall, I sent out a letter to each of the state presidents in regard to the Susan B. Anthony Work. I wrote a circular about which I consulted with Miss Shaw, and although she did not feel any great hope of results from it, she felt that I might be allowed to have some of the circulars printed and make an effort.

I stated to the various state presidents the fact that the bulk of the Fund of course remained to be raised, and suggested the use of coin cards in connection with the circular, a copy of which I herewith enclose. I received most discouraging replies and only in two or three cases was there any offer of co-operation along this line. On writing a second letter to these states asking how many of the coin cards they thought they could use I failed to receive any response.

B. C. #2.

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I do not think it necessary here to go into detail as to each state, but there have been no contributions at all as a result of these suggestions of work, although I did not let the matter drop, but followed up my first letter by later ones where I did not receive any reply.

Some of the states feel that they have done all that they could; some feel that although they have done nothing as yet they can do nothing just now but must let the matter wait until some state work that is under way is through with. Nebraska alone expressed the opinion that each state ought to do something each year until the Fund was completed.

I blame myself very much because I feel that it was through my inability to take the situation in hand, as I had every reason to believe I could, that what might be called the psychological moment for raising this Fund was allowed to pass. I believe surely the time will come when Miss Anthony's name will be one to conjure with, but just now, although the work itself is going on in more places and with more activity than at any time heretofore, that very fact seems to make it impossible to raise money for this general National fund. I expect we will take up this National question and discuss it both en route to Seattle and at the Business Committee meetings which will follow the Convention, but I wish to make this much of a report here so that you would know that I have not this year neglected the work but have made a consistent effort to secure co-operation in it.

In my own state of Pennsylvania, in taking the presidency, I have felt that I must devote every energy possible to finding out the friends of the movement in order later to make an appeal for the Fund. In this great state we have but 1150 members, and that is such a handful to whom to appeal that it seemed wise to put the present strength and time upon the effort to secure a larger membership.

Looking forward to seeing the majority of the Business Committee at Chicago for the trip west, I remain,

Cordially yours,

R. F. Avery.

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WOMAN'S CLUB
OF JACKSONVILLE

Oak & Stockton

Jacksonville, Fla.

June 11th 1909.

My dear Miss Laura:

Since receiving your letter of the second inst. I have been in Tallahassee in conference with Mrs. Shackelford, President of the Florida State Federation. Like myself she is a Kentuckian, and like myself she is anxious to have you in Florida next winter. The Federation meets in Palatka, Nov. 17, 18 & 19, and Mrs. Shackelford is anxious to have you speak at the State meeting. If you will consider making this address and also one before the

Woman's Club of Jacksonville on November
the twenty second, following, your
expenses will be paid by the
two organizations. i.e. Transportation
to & from Kentucky including sleeper
will be paid, and I should be
most happy to have you as my
guest while in Jacksonville. In

Palatka you will be entertained
by the Woman's Club of that place.

If you will give Florida this
honor, I would suggest that in
buying your ticket a round
trip ticket from Jacksonville to
Palatka would be more favorable
than a round trip ticket to
Jacksonville only - since the Palatka
ticket would give you stop-overs

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June 11, 1909

Privileges in Jacksonville for as
long as you cared to remain.
Palatka is South of Jax. on the
St. Johns river about twenty five
miles I think.

It will be a great joy to Mary
Collier to have you and her mother
with her in July. I am sure. Even
as near as I am to Kentucky.

I welcome the advent of some
one "from home" with delight,
and if it is a member of my
family, I am, of course, doubly
pleased. Kindly mention me to
Mary. I am fond of all the
guys, though of course Laura

is my special charm.

I do hope you will be able
to give us these dates, my dear
Miss Lanyon, and hoping for
an early and a favorable
reply to him we

Cordially yours

Miss M. Phelps Jennings

(Mrs. Frank L.)

Covington Ky
June 14-09

Dear Miss Clay

I will undertake the
Press work for the summer
providing the postage is
furnished me. Just at
present I have to meet
heavy payments for
property I have bought,
as I do not wish to
cumber myself with
additional burdens (financial)

Lexington, Ky., June 14, 1909.

My dear Mrs. Stewart,

Miss Shaw asks us to write to you any suggestions we may have to help you in your South Dakota Convention. I returned home late on Saturday evening from Owensboro, where I went to attend the convention of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs, so that I am late in complying with Miss Shaw's request.

I have not really anything to add to what I have written previously. If the factions cannot arrange to work harmoniously I shall be opposed to the National's giving any assistance financially or otherwise to the campaign.

You will be interested to know that the Federation of Woman's Clubs passed a school suffrage resolution and that its Legislative Committee will push the bill vigorously in the next legislature.

Wishing you good luck in your mission, I am

Very cordially yours,

Lexington, Ky. June 14, 1909.

My dear Mrs. McLaughlin,

Just before I went to Owensboro to the Federation of Woman's Clubs I received a letter from Mrs. Roebuck, in which she mentioned that you had asked her if we were going to hold our next convention in Covington. I had thought all this time that the Covington invitation had been accepted by our convention; but on looking at the minutes I find that it was referred to the Executive Committee. Therefore it is still open to us to change the place of meeting if our Board thinks it is advisable. Mrs. Shepard was at the convention of the Federation and Mrs. Alice White of Louisville talked to both of us saying that the suffragists desired to have the convention there this fall. Mrs. Shepard and I both thought it would be more useful to have the convention in Louisville than in Covington; so I told Mrs. White that I would at once write to you on my return home. The Louisville people are particularly desirous of having Miss Shaw; and I cannot yet say whether we can get Miss Shaw or not. Before we decide definitely, therefore, to hold the convention in Louisville rather in Covington I think that I had better hear from Miss Shaw what dates she can give us. I shall write at once, but I think it very doubtful if she can answer till after the Seattle Convention. I hope that it will be entirely agreeable to the Covington E. R. A. to have us accept the Louisville invitation. Certainly it has been a great relief to the Executive Committee to have the Covington invitation and to have received it so early. But since

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Louisville needs education on our question more than Covington I believe you will agree with Mrs. Shepard and me that it would be better policy to accept the Louisville invitation now with the hope that Covington will repeat its invitation for another year. Please let me hear from you what you think about it.

I got a pleasant letter from Dr. Louise Southgate in reference to taking the Press work. I think she would make an excellent person to take this work, and I wish she would take it at least for the few months before the convention. I had to tell her that we had no money for paying the small salary we had previously paid because we took up no free will offerings at the last convention, but that the Executive Committee could vote money for stationary and stamps. I should be very much pleased to have Dr. Southgate try the work and I wish you would urge her to do it.

The Federation passed the school suffrage motion again without a dissenting vote, and the convention showed great interest in the subject. The Legislative Committee is going to push the bill vigorously in the next legislature. I enclose a copy of the resolution which you may be able to use in your local papers.

Very cordially yours,

Lexington, Ky. June 14, 1909.

Dear Miss Rugg,

I found your letter enclosing the song, leaflets on my return from Owensboro. Your verses are very bright and catchy and I shall be pleased to call attention to them as I have opportunity of doing so. I thank you for sending them to me.

I am glad to know you are succeeding with the Petition. I think circulating it affords a fine opportunity of getting new members on our enrollment Membership Cards. We find many people whom we had no idea were suffragists.

I went to Owensboro to attend the convention of the Federation of Woman's Clubs. You will be pleased to hear that the convention passed a school suffrage resolution unanimously, and their Legislative Committee will push the measure vigorously in the next legislature.

Very cordially yours,

Lexington, Ky. June 16, 1909.

My dear Mrs. White,

When I reached home I examined our Ky. E. R. R. minutes and found our Executive Committee could choose the place for holding our annual convention this fall. As I am quite sure our committee would prefer Louisville this year to Covington I am writing to you to learn about what date would best suit the Louisville friends. We have found that some time in November after election day which comes this year on November 2nd and Thanksgiving on the 25th, is our most convenient time. As I know you want Miss Shaw I wrote at once to ask if she could give us dates this early for November. Of course, I have not yet had time to hear from her; and I really doubt whether she can set dates this early. But in case she gives us a choice of dates I would be glad to hear what dates would suit Louisville best.

You would like to know what the association expects from the club which invites us. We would expect the hall and local advertising to be provided free of expense to the State Association. For many years we also ask entertainment for the officers and delegates; but last year by vote of the Executive Committee it was decided that this was no longer desirable as a requirement. The State E. R. A. pays for the evening speaker and for printing the programs though it would be desirable to have the speaker entertained. I have

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asked Miss Shaw for two evenings. I expect our convention to last two days.

I start for Seattle the 24th of this month so it is likely we will not be able to fix upon the dates exactly until after I see Miss Shaw. I trust Miss East has decided to go to Seattle. I start to Chicago on the 24th and the official party starts from Chicago on the 25th as Miss East will see from the folder I sent her.

Very cordially yours,

Lexington, Ky. June 16, 1909.

Dear Dr. Southgate,

I am so gratified that you will undertake the Press work for the summer. I hope you will find that you can keep on with it until our next convention, which I expect will be in Louisville in November. I shall write an order at once to Mrs. Shepard for stationery and postage so that you can supply yourself with what you need and ask her for reimbursement. You see I am not waiting to write and receive answers to a circular letter to my Executive Committee (though I shall write the letter for all those whom I have had opportunity to consult are much pleased that you were speaking of undertaking the Press work.

I will write to Miss Hauser that you are going to do the Press work and you had better drop her a line to say how many copies of the syndicated articles you wish send to yourself weekly. I enclose you a list of the papers Mrs. Obenchian send and have marked them with a cross whose significance is mentioned in the directions I wrote to you previously. As a bit of local news you may find usefull I will mention that the Federation of Woman's Clubs at Owensboro last week again endorsed school suffrage for women and its Legislative Committee will push a school suffrage bill in the next legislature. Under another cover I am sending Calls to the National which makes good newspaper stuff where you can get it inserted.

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I go to Chicago on the 24th and start with the official party to Seattle the next day. I shall also be in Madison County for a few days before that time so if you do not hear from me again you will understand that I am much occupied.

Very cordially yours,

Lexington, Ky. June 16, 1909.

Dear Member of the Executive Committee,

When I was in Owensboro last week at the Federation of Women's Clubs Mrs. Alice H. White extended a very cordial invitation to the Kentucky R. R. A. to hold our annual convention this year in Louisville. Upon consulting with Mrs. Shepard, who was also at Owensboro, and with Mrs. Cramer since my return we think it advisable to accept the invitation from Louisville this year rather than the very kind invitation which Covington sent to us last convention. In order that definite arrangements may be made as soon as possible I would like to have your vote promptly upon this point. The Louisville suffragists are particularly desirous to have Miss Shaw and so I have written to find out what dates Miss Shaw can give us. I have suggested any suitable days in November between election and Thanksgiving days as we have all agreed this time is the most suitable season.

I have had an offer from Dr. Louise Southgate to take our Press work for the summer. She does it on condition of the stationery and postage being provided. I had written to her that the little salary we had been paying Mrs. Obenchain was not available now because we took no free will offerings at the last convention. I have felt so confident that all of you would be pleased to have Dr. Southgate do this work that I have already written to her practically accepting.

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ner offer. However, I wish you to vote formally on this question: Do you vote to appoint Dr. Louise Southgate superintendent of Press work till the next convention with the understanding that there is to be no salary, but that stationery and stamps are to be supplied?

On June 24th I go to Chicago and join the official party which starts to Seattle on the 25th. I shall hope therefore for a very prompt answer to this letter so that I may settle the details of our convention as far as possible before I leave, and may also give Dr. Southgate an official answer.

Very cordially yours,

Lexington, Ky. June 16, 1909.

My dear Mrs. Jennings,

Your letter of June the 11th was duly received. I would certainly have accepted your invitation to come to Palatka and Jacksonville to address your Clubs, but I fear the dates will conflict with the annual convention of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, of which I am President. We usually hold this convention some time between the election day and Thanksgiving; and we have not yet selected the exact dates, because we are waiting to hear when Reverend Anna H. Shaw can come to us as our evening speaker. She has just returned from Europe and I cannot expect to have an answer from her and make other arrangements for definite dates so as to answer you within the next few days. As I must be guided in my movements in November by this State Convention I think you would be safer not to include me in your arrangements for your convention, though if I can make any definite promise before the time you publish your year book, it would certainly give me great pleasure to accept your kind invitation to come to Florida.

Very cordially yours,

Laura Clay



My dear Miss Laura:

Jacksonville is not
willing to relinquish
you without another
effort, and I am
instructed to say
that we shall hold
these dates open until
we hear from you
further. Now, if

the Equal Rights Assoc.
conflicts with the
Fla. State Federation,
with your permission,
we shall give you
a date in Jacksonville
in Dec. or Jan. and
eliminate the Palatka
Trip. through Mrs.
Shackelford. The
State President would
be greatly disappointed.

Hoping we may be able
to "get together" upon
a date when you
was from Mrs. Shaw,
believe me with cordial
regards. Sincerely yours.

Minerva Phelps Junnaga
(Mrs. Frank E.)

Oak & Stockton
Jacksonville Fla.
June 19th 1909.

[June 20, 1909]

Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs.

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Mrs. LETCHER RIKER,
Harrodsburg.

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Recording Secretary,
Miss LILLIAN LINDSEY,
Frankfort.

1244 East St. Louisville, June 20th

My dear Mrs. Stone -

I am sorry not to have gotten your
card off yesterday it will go tomorrow by registered mail.
Price of doing up cards -

This week has been being full of work. letters &c to
about women. Ride on Stationery & Loan Bank.
seeing & consulting women & those who are
chairman &c &c. not to mention sewing &
much company.

Mrs. Halleck declines to be chairman of the Indian
Fund & Child Labor Com. The vacancy must be
filled by the Board at suggestion of the president.
I have asked Mrs. Sam H. Stone to take the place. She
is much interested but has been in bad health
since Col. Stone's death. So she will consider the ques-
tion until tomorrow. Will you endorse her for chairman?
We passed the good roads resolution without creating
any machinery to carry it out. Will you approve of a

Special Committee for this purpose, with Mrs Thurston
Ballard as Chairman? I hope to get her to take
the place as it would appeal to Mr Ballard &
she is so superior to interest him.

I have written to Mr Rankin enclosing a copy of
our resolution.

I have seen the president of the Astor Club,
who will do all he can to help us.

Reuben Davis wishes to make his case for the legis-
lature on the good roads that year & a friend
has promised to bring him to see me.

Mr Bennett leaves tomorrow for a business trip
to New York - but will join me at Southampton
care Hotel about July 1st. We shall keep you
happy all summer, and hope to have things
done.

I do want to thank you for giving me our
Board, because you add so much to its strength
and I want your help & advice - which I
ask you to give me freely -

Always cordially yours,
Caroline C. Leach.

Lexington Ky
June 21st '09

My dear Miss Clay

I have just finished reading your two letters and will answer at once hoping it reach you before you leave Lexington.

Dr. Southgate asked me about the Press work, I told her I was sure you would be delighted, she was not aware of the fact that a salary was attached to the position, until I told her that Mrs. Obachian received fifty dollars a year besides stamps and stationery. I vote

to appoint Dr. Louise Imthof
Superintendent of Press work.

Our invitation for the Convention
was accepted conditionally, the
condition as I have understood
it was that if Louisville
wanted it, their invitation would
be accepted. I am sorry to lose
the convention as we are prepared
financially; Our Basket Ball girls
made the money for us, but I am
also delighted with the invitation
from Louisville, it must be
gratifying to you as I remember
your expressions on on the

subject for the past several
years. I vote to accept
invitation to Louisville.

I have been away visiting
in Dillards Land. Your letters
were held here at home a couple
of days as they were expecting
me then forwarded ^{Friday} the day
I left there, and just came
back this morning.

I wish I could go with
you to the Convention. One of
our papers had a picture of
The Suffragists special, five ^{Cracks}
Mrs. Catts, Miss Law, Keuser, Ypton
and Mrs. Clay's pictures, nearly

a page. Mrs Trimble has
decided not to go, she does not care
to since the death of her grandchild.
Mrs Giltner said she needed
money and if she made a sale
that she expected to, she would
go the last minute, & that is
the situation here.

Hope you will be more
gratified with the result of this
Convention than any previous one.

Affectionately
G. L. M Laughlin

1046 Scott St.

Lexington, Ky. June 2/ 1909.

My dear Mrs. Jennings,

I received your very kind letter of May 27th; and am glad to know that your large Club is making a serious study of Civil Service Reform.

It would give me great pleasure to address your Club if I expected to be in Florida any time next winter; but at present I know of nothing else to take me there except your kind invitation. Therefore I think that you had better look for another speaker, because I find the railroad rates are just a little less than thirty dollars without counting the sleeper, even with the usual winter reduced rates.

I have just received a letter from my neice Mary Bennett Collins. Bell Bennett has just finished a visit to her and she wants her mother and me to visit her when we go to Seattle in July to attend the National Suffrage Convention. Helen Bennett was expected in New York last Sunday and I suppose she is now at home.

Thanking you again for your very kind invitation, I am

Very truly yours,
= Laura Clay =

Diet.

Lexington, Ky.

June 23rd, 1909.

My dear Mrs. Leech,

I found your letter of the 20th awaiting me on my return from Richmond yesterday, and this morning I received the lace, beautifully cleaned. I thank you for the trouble you have taken about it. I enclose stamps for the expense of cleaning and mailing. I start tomorrow for Chicago on my way to Seattle. My address whilst there will be Lincoln Hotel.

Yes, I cordially vote for Mrs. Sam H. Stone for chairman of the Industrial and Child Labor Committee; also, for a special Committee on Good Roads, with Mrs. Thruston Ballard as Chairman. I hope we shall be able to interest Mr. Davie in all our bills before the Legislature.

I feel much complimented by your being pleased that I am on the Board, and I shall do my best to help all I can.

Very cordially yours,

Lexington, Ky.

June 23rd, 1909.

Dear Mrs. Jennings,

Since I wrote to you last, I have had some correspondence about Miss Shaw's dates, and with the Louisville suffragists, and it seems probable that we can hold our Equal Rights convention in the first or second week of November, so that I can accept your very kind invitation to Florida for the 17th-19th. Of course, there may be something which will make it impossible to hold the E.R.A. convention at the time I now expect; in that case, I shall have to defer other engagements to it, but I will not allow any other less imperative than that convention to interfere with my engagement with you. Unless you hear from me to the contrary, therefore, you can count on me. I leave tomorrow for Chicago on my way to Seattle, and I suppose I shall be away from home for a month, as I plan to visit the Yellowstone Park on my way back.

Under another cover, I send a marked newspaper, telling something of the last convention of the Ky. Fed. of W. Clubs.

Sincerely yours,

— Laura Clay —

National American Woman Suffrage Association

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June 24, 1909.

My dear Miss Clay,

Of course you will not be in Lexington when this letter reaches you, but I feel that I ought to write it now to avoid any possible neglect later. You have not replied to my former letter in which I enclosed one from Louise Southgate of Covington relating to the press work. I have now, however, another letter from Dr. Southgate, in which she asks for 20 of the press articles weekly and also for some of the National stationery, saying that she thinks this will carry weight when she sends out her first letters to editors. I am assuming therefore that you have written to Dr. Southgate and put her in charge of the press work. I am sending her a package of the press articles and telling her that I cannot send her any stationery because our stock is low and we are not printing any now since there will doubtless be changes on the official board at Seattle. I suggest^{ed} that the official stationery of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association would be more effective with Kentucky editors than the National paper.

Yours most truly,

EJH*A

Elizabeth J. Hauser

1554 Madison ave



Covington Ky

June 28th 1909

My Lansa Clay

Dear Friend

I cannot tell you how much
the Pittner and I regret
that we cannot be with
you all at this Convention,
we had hoped that
something would come
up financially so
we could go, but
we have found it
impossible.

I enclose you one dollar
do you can send me
the Seattle Papers that
give the best account
of the Convention,

Hoping you will all
have a grand time
and a great and grand
convention

I am most sincerely
Mary E. Gittner

Please remember me
to Miss Dunfield and
all who ask about
me,

Respectfully
M. E. G.

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The Socialist Party

State of Kentucky

WALTER LANFERSIEK, State Sec'y,
No. 506 WASHINGTON AVENUE



Newport, Kentucky. July 1, 1909

Rachel Foster Avery,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Madam

I am enclosing herewith the names of a number of women in the State of Kentucky whose tendencies are radical, and who are thoroughly in sympathy with the Woman Suffrage Movement. If you will send petitions to these women, I am confident you will get returns of thousands of signatures.

Kentucky is not very wide awake, but you can get these women to working and perhaps enliven us up a bit.

Hoping you may be successful in your campaign, I remain, Yours for absolute equality of rights between men and women, including the right of equal opportunity in earning a living, which will be Socialism,

State Sec. S. P.

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- Mrs T F Fisher, Scottsville, Allen co
- Mrs A W Hill, Scottsville Allen co
- Mrs Eliza Grigsby, Kevil, Ballard co
- Mrs O Pollock, Slater, Ballard co
- Bessie Perkins, Cave City, Barren co
- Mrs A E Ball, Eighty-eight, Barren co
- Mrs Grace Garretson, Glasgow, Barren co .
- Lula Weaver, Middleboro, Bellco
- Laura Gayther, Shamrock, Bell co
- Jennie Cullar, Straight Creek, Bell co
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- Miss Vera McVey, Ft Thomas, Campbell co
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- Miss E B Berry, 593 9th, Hopkinsville, Christian co
- Lucy Smith, Lafayette, Christian co
- ~~Miss E B Berry~~ Lucy Smith, Lafayette, Christian co
- Minnie Rodgers, Lafayette, Christain co
- Annie F Lisle, Elkins, Clark co
- Mrs G B Nelson, Bx 13, Winchester, Clark co
- Mrs M S Evans, RFD1, Winchester, Clark co
- Mary E Guffey, Watauga, Clinton co
- Mrs Maggie Butler, Tribune, Crittenden co
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- Amanda Gibbs, 9 Hanning, Owensboro, Daviess co
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ORVILLE M. CLAY, M. D.
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
EQUITABLE BLDG.

TACOMA, WASH.

July 11, 1909.

My dear Aunt Lina -

A letter just came from Cousin
Mary saying that you and Aunt
Sallie would be in Seattle until
the 7th -

Can't you all come over here and
have Sunday dinner with us. I
ask you to do this for I expect
Bessie to be coming any time now.
She'd love to meet you and
I'd like very much to have you
meet her.

If you can't come please let me
know and I'll come over to
Seattle for a few hours - for I
am very anxious to see you all
With much love - Your devoted nephew
Orville M. Clay.

July 3/1909

My Dear Laura

I enclose Chk 22 ¹⁰
for interest - So July 1st I
had expected to sell the
property in Louisville before
this but Mela's illness so
concerned me that I could
not give the matter the
necessary attention. She
is now in the ninth
month of sickness and
while she is better yet is
she not relieved entirely -
only the attacks of pain
are further apart and
less severe when they do
recur. Her Dr is positive
that they will ^{so progress} gradually
until they [^] cease entirely - With
love to you and all my

1046 North St.
Covington Ky
July 7th: 09

My dear Miss Clay

Dr Dudley

Came to see me a few days
ago about the field secretary
ship, she says she is a good
speaker, is interested heart and soul
in suffrage work and is so
situated that she can devote
her whole time to the work.

She is an elderly lady
I should say between fifty
five and sixty, I told her

you wanted a younger woman. She asked me to write and state the facts to you and she feels sure you will agree with her in thinking she is the one for the position.

She says she is well known through Kentucky, her husband (dead) was related to the Clays of Paris, and she can get an audience of the best people wherever she goes. Dr. Sumner says she is all right.

I met her when she called in reference to this for the first time, but have heard of her for years. She was a gold

medal pupil of the Medical College.

I will address you at Lexington, as your secretary or whoever is there will know where to forward your mail.

Please let me know about this proposition as soon as you can, as Dr. Dudley is anxious to have know.

If you wish to write to her send letter in my care and I will see that she gets it.

I do not know her address but can find out.

Sincerely
H. D. McLaughlin

July 21, 1909?

WESTERN FEDERATION OF MINERS.

Denver, Colorado, February 24, 1909.

Laura Gregg,

Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Madam:-

Yours of the 20th inst. at hand and in reply will say that I am an enthusiastic advocate of women's suffrage, and will communicate with a number in the Territory of Arizona, who, I believe, will be able to materially assist in securing favorable legislation.

Wishing you the fullest measure of success, I am

Very sincerely,

(Signed) Charles Moyer,

President W.F.M.

July 21, 1909

Dear Miss Clay:

Miss Shaw writes that you will send me the information about Arizona. I am thinking now of starting on the 6th of August, as my sister is thinking of going with me to the Grand Canyon.

So will you kindly send me the information as early as convenient?

Don't you think it would be better for me to make my headquarters at Prescott instead of Phoenix during the warm weather? You know they told us it was so insufferably hot in Phoenix.

And if I make my route from ~~Phoenix~~ Prescott, Mrs Munds could take care of it and forward my mail.

I am so glad the Business Committee decided to resume the work in Arizona. I feel that there is a good fighting chance, and I am very glad to go back.

I feel very much the loss to myself of not being at Seattle, but I felt that my sister needed me, and that

it was not right for me
to stay away from her
three weeks longer when
she had been alone so
much since my mother's
death. If I can get her to
go with me to the Canyon
I am sure it will do
her a world of good.

With-Kindly good wishes

Yours Cordially -

Laura Gregg.

Garnett, Kans.

July 21-09.