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REPORT TO NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE CONVENTION

The most vigorous, engrossing labor on the part of Oklahoma woman suffragists resulted in securing the names for an initiative petition to strike the word "male" from our State Constitution.

The petition asks that this question be submitted to the voters at the next Special or Regular general election to be held in the State of Oklahoma 1910. Dr. Ruth A Gay conducted the petition work from her office. Her staff consisted of,

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| Mrs. Adelia C. Stephens | Miss Margaret Rees |
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| | Mrs. Minnie Kieth Bailey |

Many other suffragists rendered effective service. The list might be extended indefinitely.

When the petition was ready for filing, a representative committee carried it to Guthrie. The Secretary of State accepted it and complimented the committee on the excellent manner in which it was arranged. On making out the receipt, it was ascertained that the women, being political non-entities, could not receive the receipt for their own work. The secretary of the Oklahoma Federation of Labor, Mr. J. Luther Langston, thereupon offered to stand as guardian for these sex-minors, and the receipt was made out in his name. The anomaly of these women, many of whom were middle-aged and gray-haired, requiring a young man to act as guardian, was an unexpected surprise, as well as an object lesson in the injustice perpetrated on women.

So quietly had the names to the petition been secured that it caused consternation among the politicians when the women presented the completed petition, of 38,586 signers, to the Secretary of State. The aspirants for political berths, whose records might not stand the test of women voters, immediately conferred with a view to preventing the petition from being presented to the people. This anxiety to attack the petition was one of the strong proofs of the general prophecy that the vote on our Amendment would surely

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carry. If those who manipulate our politics had not been confirmed in this opinion they would have permitted the question to be voted upon. They dared not take this risk. Immediately the plan of suspending action on the petition was suggested, on the absurd charge that 5000 of the signatures were fraudulent. A hearing was granted by the Secretary of State, January 25. The Suffrage Association being ably defended by three of Oklahoma's eminent lawyers, Judges J.L. Brown, J.B.A. Robertson and F. Hagie. These men being prominent in the Republican, Democratic and Socialist parties. The Secretary of State sustained the petition, whereon the remonstrant appealed to the Supreme Court. He was allowed forty days in which to file his brief. At the expiration of the time, he was unable to sustain his charges, and prayed for a further extension, which the Court granted. He was given until April 1st, to produce proofs of his allegations. Meanwhile, we are losing us time in working in our campaign. During the past year we have had the cordial support of many influential men and women in this State. The Oklahoma Federation of Labor stands pledged by a forceful resolution to sustain our Amendment at the polls; the Socialist Party is an untiring ally, and its speakers are strongly urging men to vote for the Amendment, and women to work for its success; Mrs T.W. Hill and Mrs. Dora Kirkpatrick have organized a debating team and have already visited several towns where meetings have been successful; our friends in the W.C.T. ranks are lending assistance individually. "Failure is impossible" is the inspiration of Oklahoma woman suffragists.

Kate H. Biggers
(President)

169 Crescent Ave.
Louisville, Ky. -
Apr - 1 - 1910

My dear Miss Clay

How I wish I
could go to Washington!

I was not aware that I was
nominated at all -

I have tried to urge some of
our members to go to the Convention
and hope some may do so -

As for me it is out of the
question to my very great regret -

Perhaps some day I may
go - Very sincerely
Miss Harriet White

Apr 2, 1910

Items to be adjusted for Auditor's Report.

In Gregg's account of Jan. 15, mistake against her of 30 cents on expenses. Order 5.

(2) Perle Penfield, March 6-15. Mistake of ten cents, due National.

(3) Explain Gregg's order of March 16. Discrepancy of 20 cents.

(4) April 15th. Receipt not signed for 87 cents. Church Work Committee.

(5) Order not signed by Rec. Sec. April 1st, for \$20.10, President's Office expense.

(6) Order " " " " " " March 31, for \$8.87 for telegrams.

(7) Order not " " " " " " April 1st, for \$19.50 stenographers additional.

(8) Order not " " " " " " April 7th, additional stenography.

(9) " " " " " " April 9th, \$2.00 for R.R. Work.

(10) Order to Lucy Anthony " " June 12th, for \$2.00 and \$6.31

(11) Order not signed by president, No. 200, Sept. 3rd, \$6.90

(12) Order not signed by Sec. Nov. 30, \$35.98, Gregg's expenses.

(13) Order to Marjory Ford lacks Sec's signature. Nov. 29. \$10.00

(14) No order for Audrey Doty's salary from Jan. 1st to Sept. 1st.

(15) Orders for Upton's Office Expenses 87 cents less than receipts call for

(16) No order nor receipt for Convention expense of \$6.60 called Expenses of Officers and extra meals. *No receipt ~~no order~~ for Treasurer's Office Expenses, Dec. 6, Cash. \$5.00*

(17) No order for president's regular stenographer from January 1st to June 5th.

I have not yet tackled the accounts of N.Y. Headquarters. It may be, if I find them too contradictory, that I will refer the decision to the Official Board. In that case, I may think I ought to send the books to Washington. At present, however, I see no reason for that expense, as the last Woman's Journal says Alice Blackwell will not be there. I can take the papers needing amendment in my trunk. What do you say? Shall I return the books to Warren, or send them to Washington?

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Laura Clay. April 2nd, Lexington, Ky

Eastern Kentucky State Normal School

Office of the President

Richmond, Ky.

April 2 - 1910.

Dear Miss Clay.

I fear I am not to have the trip
to Washington and the pleasure of being
at the convention. Superintendent Crabbe
has not yet taken charge of the school
and he does not know just when
he can come. When he comes - he
wants me to continue my work
until he has time to become

familiar with it. I appreciate your
good news in offering me time
for a little talk before the Con-
vention. Do not expect me this year.

Very cordially and gratefully
Mary C. Roark

45 Boutwell Ave. Dorchester
Mass.
(Private)
April 3, 1910.

Dear Miss Clay:

As you have seen,
there have been several
references in letters which
have been sent around
to the Business Committee
to the possibility of making
the Woman's Journal the
national organ. Mrs. Coonly
Ward wrote me the other
day that "Miss Shaw
thinks it a fine plan"—
but she may have been
in error as to Miss
Shaw's opinion, or Miss
Shaw may change her

mind. I am not sure that the official board will want to do it - and I am not sure that they ~~so~~ ought to want to, when there are four amendment campaigns pending, & needing every cent that we can scrape. For it would certainly cost them more than to continue Progress as a monthly & have it edited from Headquarters. But, in case the matter should be brought up

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~~at~~ at Washington, I will tell you what I should be willing to do.

I think it is reasonable that the Association should control its organ. I am not willing to part with the ownership of the Woman's Journal, but I am willing to part with the control of it, temporarily - i.e. for as long a time as it remains the organ of the Association. We might make the arrangement

for a year, ⁵⁷ to see how it
would work; and if both
sides were satisfied, we
could renew it from year
to year. I think very likely
it would work all right;
but it is quite possible
it might not.

While the Journal
was the organ of the
Association, I would
agree that the official
board should dictate the
editorial policy of the
paper, and should run
its business end. But,
before entering into the

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agreement, I should like to know what ^{changes in} the editorial policy ^{there} would be - what the board would want me to do that I have not been doing, or to leave undone that I do now. And I should also want to know what they would want to do about the running of the business end - what their plan would be. I think that Miss Johnson, who now has the care of the mailing list, attends to it adequately and is com-

petent; but ⁶if they wanted
to put someone else in
her place, they could. I
should not be willing
to discontinue our Boston
office, or to tear up
my present arrangements
so completely that if
I wanted to resume the
control of the paper at
^{or if the board wanted to drop it,}
the years end, ¹it would
be out of my power to
go on again by myself.
~~do so.~~ For the same
reason I could not
let the price be put
down to \$1.00 - at least

during the ⁷first year.
For, if I understand the
plan, it is to make the
paper 8 pages. Now, sup-
pose that at the year's
end the board were
dissatisfied & wanted to
part company, or I
were dissatisfied myself
& wanted ^{to} in either
case I should ~~have~~ ^{have}
to go back to 4 pages,
the cost of which is
not fully covered
by the \$1.50. And if
the size of the paper

were lessened & the
price put up simulta-
neously, after having
been put down to \$1.00,
the subscribers would
naturally rebel. Of
course it is possible
that if the National
took hold of it &
the business end was
pushed vigorously,
the paper would
become self-supporting.
That is what we
hope, but there is

no certainty of it. [Apr. 3, 1910]

If I put the paper into the hands of the board free from debt, ^{them} in case any debt were incurred while they were running the paper, I should expect them to assume that debt when we parted company. On the other hand, ^{if} any profit were made on it, the

profits would belong to them, in the event of our parting com-

pany. I really think¹⁰ the probabilities are that we shouldn't want to part company; but it is best to have every-thing clear.

Editing the Journal is hard work; and if I were editing the Journal for the Association instead of as a free lance, I think I ought to have a salary. On the other hand, I don't see with what face I can ask for it, with these amendments

campaigns on & the Association so hard up. If I began ~~to~~ doing the editorial work for the Association without a salary, they would expect me to keep on doing it so, indefinitely; & if I ask for a salary, in the present straitened state of our finances, it will probably knock the whole plan of making the Journal the organ on the head & I don't know but it

ought to. They have a goodⁿ editor right there under their hand in Elizabeth Hauser, who would do the work there in Headquarters without extra office rent, & without extra salary, as part of her press work, if she is retained for press work, as she ought to be & doubtless will be. That would be the least costly arrangement, & I don't know but the Associa-

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tion ought to make it,
& put the difference into
the amendment campaigns.

You see I am writing
to you very frankly, &
telling you my perplexities.

I think I would
agree to do the work
without salary for the
first year, for the sake
of the amendment cam-
paigns; & at the year's
end we could consider
the question of the
future.

But I should not need a
secretary but for my

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editorial work, & I should stipulate that the Association should furnish me with ^a secretary - \$15. per week.

I wish also that they would furnish me with Miss Agnes E. Ryan, ^{as an assistant editor} & really think it would pay them; but of course I could not insist on their doing this. Miss Ryan is a college graduate - earned her way through - now has a good position on the Boston American, but is such an

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ardent suffragist that she wants to give it up & go in with me on the Journal. She came & proposed this to me not long ago, not knowing anything about the possibility of the National wanting to take up the Journal. She said she thought we could enlarge the paper & make it pay, ourselves; & she has a lot of practical ideas - most of them

points on which I ought to advise the Mass. delegates in advance how to vote?

always affectionately, Alice Stone Blackwell.
P.S. Have you any suggestions
very good, I think¹⁶ - for
working up advertisements
& street sales of the
paper, right here in
Boston. She typewrote
them for me, & I will
enclose them if I can
put my hand on them.
I have not an intimate
acquaintance with her
personally, but she is
young, intelligent &
energetic, & a trained
journalist, & the Journal
badly needs ~~the~~ new

a statement of the Journal's receipts & expenditures for the last few years. Yours,

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blood, & someone who
is young, & able to
run about & report
meetings & solicit
advertising, etc. She
is going to Washington
as one of our
delegates, & ~~she~~ she
will be glad to have
a talk with you,
if you can appoint
a time to see her.
She is a Catholic, but
I don't know that

that the Associationought to control its
organ. I will mail you to Washington

that need be¹⁸ any ob-
jection. She says she
~~if the~~
does not want
much salary —
just enough to
live on & have a
little over.

The doctor says
I shall probably
never be able to
work so hard in
the future as I
have in the past.

It goes much against the grain with me to
give up my editorial independence, but I
think the principle is perfectly sound.
In consequence¹⁹ of many
years of overdoing,
my heart gave out,
& I have been very
near quitting this
earthly scene. The
trouble with the
heart is not organic,
but functional; the
muscles that work
the heart are nearly
worn out. The
doctor has been building
them up by rest &

could tell them in a general way what
my view of the matter would be.
These excused pencils I am still in bed.

feeding. She²⁰ says I am
doing nicely, & she ex-
pects me soon to be
able to resume my
work. But she says
I positively must have
more help, and
must not get
myself^{again} into the state
of complete exhaustion
to which I had
brought myself by
reckless & persistent
overwork. She
thinks I am perfectly

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they ~~would~~ should decide that they would
 like to take hold of the journal. You
 able to serve on the
 official board, if I
 am re-elected, & ~~do~~ to
 edit the Journal
 with proper help.
 She has been eager
 for my little
 secretary & stenogra-
 pher to get here,
 so that I could
 dictate my letters,
 without the strain
 on head & eyes of

to make any proposition to me, you need not say anything about this. But if

writing every thing by ~~hand~~ hand. My secretary is here, but not the typewriting machine; & anyway it is Sunday so she has holiday.

I wish you would tell me frankly what you think I had better do. I have not made any proposition to the board, and if you find that they do not mean

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OFFICE OF PRESS COMMITTEE
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK
MRS. IDA HUSTED HARPER, CHAIRMAN

April 4, 1910.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:

I asked Miss Shaw if she had any objection to my writing a letter to you about Progress. She said she had not, so I now say to you what I have already said to her.

First, I think, if possible, Progress should be edited by a member of the Official Board. So long as it is the organ of the Association an elected officer should be responsible for the policy of the paper.

Second, I believe the time has come when Progress could and should be put upon a self-supporting basis. The paper has never had a fair show. That is, it has never been the chief care or first consideration with anybody. It was the fifth wheel to Mrs. Upton's Chariot, if I may use that expression, both as to editing and business management. Here it has been the same. I have talked with Miss Peck about it and she is as firmly convinced as I am that the paper could be made to pay. The subscription list is increasing and no doubt could be doubled in a comparatively short time if a systematic canvass for subscriptions could be inaugurated and as systematically followed up. Some advertising could be secured, even at the present rate of circulation. The paper should

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either be established as a weekly or enlarged. Being naturally cautious I should probably advise continuing it as a monthly for the rest of this year, if any responsibility for the decision rested upon me. The business management of the paper should be put into the hands of an experienced woman who should devote all of her time to it, and who would work in harmony with the editor. If it were necessary to borrow some money to start this project right I believe the Association would be justified in doing so. I believe my friend, Zell Hart Deming, who is known to most of you, could take the business management and make it a success. I have no idea, however, whether she would be available and this is the only time I have mentioned her name in connection with it. In fact it has just occurred to me. I have thought of Mrs. Boyer, of Florence Garvin of Rhode Island, and Mrs. Ella B. Kendrick of Connecticut, as persons who might possibly be utilized in connection with the press work and Progress, but I do not know any one of them well enough to know whether these suggestions are practicable.

Third, Progress and the press work cannot be done by one person and well done. That is, if either is done well, the other must be neglected. There are so many opportunities in the line of press work that it is impossible to follow up all of them. The rapid development of this work along the lines suggested in my report to the Seattle Convention has been as astonishing as it has been gratifying. Now this brings us face to face with another question. Shall the present policy be continued, or have we reached ^a a place where we can let the newspaper syndicates take care of themselves? Is the demand for suffrage material such that if we did not meet it through our articles to the Syndicates, they would get suffrage stories from their own

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writers or paid contributors? Could the time and energy and money now expended on this work be better put into Progress? These questions I am not able to answer but since they occur to me I consider it my duty to present them to you for your consideration. It seems to me that the press service which the National used to give the States should be re-established for the States in which campaigns are on. I think such service should be put into operation as soon as possible and continued up to election time. Washington seems to be getting on very well with its press work, but would welcome our help. Mrs. Boyer is doing press work in Oklahoma but says she could use our material to good advantage, and South Dakota and Arizona want it badly.

I have no "official excuse" for writing this letter, but I am confident that you all know me well enough to appreciate my motives.

Mrs. Harper has put the Convention press work entirely in my charge and Miss Gillett is co-operating with us and things seem to be working out very satisfactorily.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth J. Hauser

Lexington, Ky.

April 4th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Field,

I am enclosing your credentials as delegate to the N.A.W.S.A. convention to be held in Washington. Though I have not heard directly from you, I have heard from Miss Robinson that you may go. After the Louisville convention several of our clubs sent in additional National dues, so that we are entitled to several more delegates than we thought at that time; and as some are not going, I fear our delegation will not be full unless we can find other members of the Ky.B.R.A. who are going.

Now I would like to ask a favor of you. Either the state resident or some one asked in her place has the state report to make. The minimum of time allowed is three minutes; but when a state has done legislative work two minutes are added, making, in the case of Ky. this year, five minutes. It is not necessary to make a state report, as that is done in the printed minutes; but the speaker may take the allotted time for a speech. It has been my ambition to have some of our fine Ky. speakers take this time to represent Kentucky; and I wish very much that you would take this time to make one of your speeches, which have given you the reputation of being one of the most delightful of Ky. orators. I know five minutes is nothing for a speech; and if I had anything to do with the program I should arrange for more time for you; but I have not. I know you can say as much in five minutes as any one; and I wish you would consent to do so. Please let me hear from you; so that I may have my mind relieved of the duty of filling that time.

Hoping to ~~very~~ ~~soon~~ ~~by~~ ~~and~~ ~~date~~, see you soon in Washington, I am

Eliy Hauser
about Progress

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Hoping to ~~very~~ ~~soon~~ ~~see~~ you soon in Washington, I am

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432 CARROLL STREET
NEW ORLEANS

Thursday,
April
seventh,
1910.

Miss Laura Clay,
189 N. Mill St.,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:-

Your kind letter of March twenty-fourth received and we thank you for the list of names you enclosed. Our special "Votes for Women" edition will be published in the course of the next few weeks, and we shall take pleasure in forwarding a copy to you.

Again thanking you for your interest in our magazine,

Cordially yours,

Pauline S. Townsend

Associate Editor.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, *Permanence Okla.* 191*1* *Apr 10*

Dear Miss Clay

I am making a beginning in the campaign work. It is all so new to me and I haven't all to learn as I go along. I interview all the newspapers and ministers, and they have nearly all been very willing to help along to some extent. At my first town the Dr & minister said we will stir them up never fear we'll raise an excitement. Said he would challenge some one for a debate, and take the negative himself, and a good socialist brother entertained me free, although his wife, said she was not interested enough to even talk about it. At the next place we got a campaign committee formed, with men taking the lead. They are all republican prohibitionists, and promised to try to reach the whole county. In the next county I went directly to Enid the largest town, and a city of 25,000, Miss Bartley's home I think you will remember her. There we organized a club with 28 members - Mrs Bartley, president, Miss Jessie Houser sec. And Miss Houser will also organize clubs in the small towns of that county. They have three daily papers, and all of them gave us nice notices, & the reporters

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attended our meetings, and wrote up fine reports all of them showing great interest in the campaign. The candidate republican-insurgent- for Senator, ^{Dr. Davis} 1st district is unqualifiedly in favor of woman suffrage, ^{the} candidate - for ^{Judge Barber} Circuit Governor democratic, sent his campaign manager to assure us that he is and always has been a suffragist that it is always a plank in his platform. I received the most kindly treatment at the Oklahoma Christian University - the President introduced me and told the students that it was the time they got waked up on the question, - that "we men have given women equal rights in every thing but the ballot, the saloon and the penitentiary, in those things even stand supreme ^{and} alone. Many of the students are young ministers who go out to their appointments on Sunday, and nearly every one gave me their names as being willing to use literature, and help along in some way. The W. L. S. U. showed considerable interest, and I believe, will co-operate. The Trades Council promised to have a representative in the club and the engineers brotherhood, will give some assistance, I asked each organization for a donation of five dollars. The Martha Washington club asked me to tell them of our work. They were very much interested, and almost every one is a suffragist. But I did not meet with any of the federated clubs. Mrs Bailey though is quite a prominent member, and will lead them I believe, gradually in. While ~~the~~ I was there the registration for school election came off, and more of the club women showed an interest than ever before. The president of the federation went with Mrs Bailey to register, - first time in her life, she ever registered. Our movement created much discussion and interest. I never did receive so much attention before. Oh yes there were two candidates for Senator who announced themselves for woman suffrage in this district. The dem as well as the rep. The leading paper wanted my picture, and altogether I think the question is quite well stirred up in mind, and

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surrounding country. And to-day I came on to Alfalfa Co.

I find the one preacher in Garman (M E) a good supporter. The Republican paper will use my stuff - editor's wife promising to join, and act as correspondent. By the way, this same editor's wife is Mrs. Salter, who was once mayor of Argonia Kansas, first woman mayor in the U. S., some say in the world. Two of the teachers here are deeply interested, and took time after school to arrange for a meeting to-morrow. I am to go first to a Ladies Aid, and then a meeting in the evening to organize. There seems to be considerable enthusiasm in this little place.

I didn't hardly know whether I could organize a club - but so far, people seem to be just ready to take hold of it, and candidates are more than anxious to assure us how that they are suffragists.

I am just getting started, and seem to me it would not be best now for me to spare the time and means required to go to Washington, much as I would like to go. And anxious as I am to have this state represented. Do you not think that I better use the money right here than I think you will represent us, of course it would seem much more proper, for an Oklahoman to go, but you will explain, won't you? We have such limited means that I can't bear to even use the extra money it would take to go home once in a while. I am assured that this county will go strongly for, but we must remind them, or many will forget to vote on the amendment, as their minds will be so taken up with the governor and other exciting matters. And you know we must have a majority - of the highest number of votes cast, on an initiative. The referendum only requires a majority - of votes cast on the question. I'm afraid this is rather a rambling letter, but there are several around talking. You know we must make our expenses as little as possible, and that means entertainment at friends, and under all kinds of circumstances - pleasant enough usually, but not always

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conducive to the best work.

I think Mrs Bailey will write you soon. I told her I knew you would like to hear from her. I shall be so glad if we can ever more get clubs organized all over the state. Every where they want speakers. I wish we could have a good speaker to send to every place that wants one.

We had a broken engine to-day, and while waiting I gave out some literature, and it started a general discussion, which was very interesting. Two Dutchmen argued with a dapper young preacher. He would address a barangue at the whole crowd, saying he was not opposed to suffrage, but he thought the men were acknowledging that they could not run the government and were willing to turn it over to the women. Then the Dutchman would get in a funny little remark, that would cause a general laugh at the poor preacher. He got the worst of it every time, although he tried hard to impress his superiority on his ^{little} audience. And so far I find the majority of sentiment in our favor. But I am getting quite near to a strong friend community, and as one of the friends said to me, Woman Suffrage is a part of our religion. But I will close for this time, and if you should wish to hear from me again, you could let me know when to address you, by sending to Mrs Boyer, she could forward it to me. Love to me. Geo. R. Stephens.

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Perhaps my remark may have sounded like an insinuation as to the ability of Mrs Boyer which I do not mean in the least, but she is so much needed right in the head quarters all the time, that I can't see how she can spare much time to go out speaking. I am sure she would fill the bill, if she could only spare the time. What can we say to get the National to furnish us an organizer to keep in the field all the time. I am just as sure we would win if we could do this, as I can be. Sentiment has increased in this state, by leaps and bounds, I think. Or else I am just happening to come across different people from what I did a year ago, when I started with the petition. I feel that I could cover considerable territory, if I only had to organize clubs and get things started so that they would be ready for speakers. And the whole thing could be done, comparatively so cheap. I don't believe that any state will ever be brought in with as little money as would be required for this right now. I will do my best to arouse them to the point of giving as I go along.

Montgomery, Ala., Apr. 14, 1910.

Sec., National American Woman Suffrage Association,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:-

Will you be good enough to let me have the newspaper accounts of your present deliberations in Washington, and any other literature that may be of interest. I am preparing a paper on the question of Woman Suffrage to be read before the Woman's Club during the present week, and it might be of interest to have the latest word on the subject.

Thanking you in advance for the courtesy, and wishing you success,

very truly yours,

DeFalma S. Hauman

P. O. Box 309.

DSH/LM

P. S.--The material must be in my hands by the 19th at the latest to be of service.

W. S. H.

THE ARLINGTON



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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Sen. Wm C

Dear Sir,

The National American
Woman Suffrage Association has
a petition to the Senate and House
of Representatives, asking them to
submit to the Legislatures of the
states an amendment to the
National Constitution empowering
women to vote. Will you kindly
present the petition from Kentucky?
And will you make a speech
in favor of the petition when pre-
senting it? We expect to bring
the petition to the Capitol on
Monday morning a little before
twelve o'clock, and therefore
a prompt reply from you
will be much appreciated.

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER, WARREN, OHIO

Arlington Hotel, Washington,
April 14th 1910.

Hon. J. W. Sangley,

Dear Sir,

The National American Woman Suffrage Association has a petition to the Senate and House of Representatives, asking them to submit to the Legislatures of the States an amendment to the National Constitution empowering women to vote. Will you kindly present the petition from Kentucky?

We expect to bring the petition to the Capitol on Monday morning a little before twelve o'clock, and therefore a prompt reply from you will be much appreciated.

Hoping you will comply with this request,
I am

Very respectfully yours,

Laura Clay, President

of Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

MR. BRADLEY, CHAIRMAN.
MR. BROWN. MR. BAILEY.
MR. DILLINGHAM. MR. RAYNER.

United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON
EXPENDITURES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 15, 1910.

Miss Laura Clay,
Arlington Hotel,
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Miss Clay:

I will with pleasure present the
petition from Kentucky as you request me,
but you must excuse me from making any speech
in regard to it.

Yours truly, *W. D. Bradley*

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BIRMINGHAM, ALA.,

April 16-1910

*Kentucky Eq. Rights Ass'n.
 Mrs. Alaska Beckinridge, Pres.
 Dear Madam:-*

The Alabama Equal Suffrage Association has decided to have made an Historical Record of all the happenings of this Association since its formation, so that the records might be kept for reference and education.

It has occurred to us that books of this character would be valuable to other associations, to assist in better work and Alabama is asking that the State President advise their Association to purchase one volume from Alabama, at \$1.00 per volume.

As the printing is very expensive it is necessary to have sufficient subscriptions before anything can be finally done.

Please do not fail to answer this letter as soon as possible--we desire your co-operation and interest.

Very truly yours,

MRS. SIDNEY M. ULLMAN,
 Chairman Committee
 Historical Record.

Mrs. Sidney M. Ullman.
 911--So 12th Ave.
 Birmingham, Ala.

*I hardly see the value
 to us. Do you?
 M. U. D. B.*

*I have sent your letter of Apr. 21st on to Mrs. Frank.
 Perhaps it will help to make her take up the U.S. Sec. + Rep.
 will -*

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 18, 1910

Miss Laura May,

Please excuse failure to be present this morning as I agreed. Was quite sick last night and did not reach Senate Chamber until 1:30 when I found the petition held by Senator Payne & presented it in the Senate.

Sincerely,
W. O. Bradley

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My dear Miss Day;

I could not resist sending these little suffrage blossoms to say "good bye" to you, from me, with the hope ^{that} I may meet you again next year.

Our mutual experience of last Sunday evening will always be to me an actual and real test of the perfect democracy of our movement. I honored you and Mrs Craigie so much for your generosity that night, both to

our "Christian brethren"
as you so well put it, and
to me who unwittingly
put you, both in a position
which you were
unprepared to me.

Cordially

Anna C.

Miss Anna G. Weston,

yours

Kellon

184-1 B. Street

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UNITED STATES SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS,
WASHINGTON.

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April 23, 1910.

Dear Madam:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant and in reply to your request will say that I expect to be at my room- No.426 in the Senate Office Building at three o'clock p.m. next Monday, and will be pleased to hear what you may wish to say in regard to the National Suffrage Association.

Very truly yours,

Henry E. Burnham.

Laura Clay,

Room 106, The Arlington,

C I T Y .

WILLIAM P. DILLINGHAM,
CHAIRMAN.

United States Senate,
COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 23, 1910.

Miss Laura Clay, Auditor,
Arlington Hotel,
City.

Dear Madam:

In replying to your note of the 22d instant requesting an interview regarding the Territorial Bills now pending, permit me to say that I shall be glad to see you at the room of the Senate Committee on Immigration, which is situated on the ground floor of the Senate wing near the public elevator, at ten minutes before twelve oclock on Monday next.

Very truly yours,

W. P. Dillingham

United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

April 23rd, 1910.

Miss Laura Clay,

City.

Madam;

Your letter of yesterday is at hand. As you request, I
can give you an interview on Monday at 9 o'clock a. m. at my committee
room, in the Capitol--the Committee on Public Lands.

Yours truly,

Wm. Nelson

Is not unfavorable. Says Congress can prescribe
that women can vote for delegates to Con. Conventions
and an acceptance of Constitution.

Sen. Clapp came in. Says he is a suffragist.
Sen. Nelson says we should ask Sen. Beveridge to
call together his Committee.

UNITED STATES SENATE,
WASHINGTON.

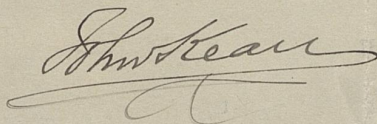
April 25th, 1910.

Miss Laura Clay,
The Arlington,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Madam:

I have your letter of April 22nd, which bears the post mark "Washington, April 23rd, 12:30 P.M.," and was received by me this morning, so that it is impossible for me to arrange an interview with you for today. However, when the matter is laid before the Committee on Territories by Senator Beveridge, it will have my consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John H. Keane". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed closing "Very truly yours,".

Dorchester, Mass. ✓

April 26, 1910.

Dear Miss Clay:

Just a line in regard to the rearranged board of officers. I need not tell you that I should be delighted to see you promoted; but I am dismayed at the idea of being left as responsible for the auditing of the national accounts with a person whom

I don't know.
know. Is it abso-
lutely certain that
Mrs. Deming can
get to the next
convention? And
absolutely certain
that she will be
able to unravel
our accounts,
practically without
help from me?

For you remember
it was pretty well
understood that I
am not strong
on figures, & could
be ~~but~~ but a nominal
auditor. And however
good a business
woman Mrs. Dem-
ing may be, she
has no experience
of the National's
books - & these
may be more

than usually taught,
if Miss Shaw &
Lucy Anthony are
to be allowed full
swing at Headquar-
ters. I should feel
far more comfortable
about the books
if you would remain
as first auditor.

I think, too, that
the Association will
be better satisfied
if we don't make

any more changes
~~than we have to.~~

Public opinion would
sustain us, I am
sure, in shifting Mrs.
Stewart from the
Rec. Sec. to the
Treasurer, because
so important an
office as treasurer
ought to be
filled by someone

was temporarily surrendered to Mrs. Belmont.
Just what does she mean by that?

whom the Association knows well,
& if possible by someone already on the board.
And I think it would sustain us in making Mrs. McCulloch first vice president instead of second.
But if a new

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woman, practically unknown, ~~is to be~~ added to the board, I think it would be better to put her in for 2^d vice president, which is a sinecure, rather than as ~~an~~ auditor first auditor - an office less distinguished, but far more arduous & res-

Blackwell,
Helen Stone
National
Mrs. Potter writes me that the

yours affectionately,

about giving my vote without consul-
tation, as ~~W~~ always you suggest.

probable - especially
when the accounts are
likely to be mixed up
& the 2^d auditor is
a figurehead. Or a
new woman could
be made Rec. Sec.,
which calls only
for character & hon-
esty. By the way, you
don't mention who
the candidate for Rec.
Sec. is. Anyway,
I will be cautious

W. M. BECKNER

LUCIEN BECKNER

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW
WINCHESTER, KY.

April 27th, 1910.

Miss Laura Clay,
189 N. Mill St.,
Lexington,
Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:

I hope you will pardon my seeming delay in answering that splendid letter you wrote me anent my father's death, the long vigils over his sick bed and the labor that fell upon me when he was compelled to leave the office, broke me completely down, and our Circuit Court coming on so soon after his death, casting upon me all of the responsibilities of the firm have together compelled me to lay aside the answering of the letters of kind friends and admirers until I had a little more leisure and chance to compose my feelings.

It was one of his proudest ~~boasts~~^{boasts} that he was the author of the married women's property rights bill, ~~and that~~ and his next ~~boast~~^{boast} was that he was always for every extension of woman's sphere of influence, earthly. If he had two idols they were moral courage and that kind of goodness which woman displays so much more frequently than man. The advent of women in politics seemed to him a panacea for our civic troubles. During the recent temperance campaign in this community, he delivered me a lecture in the office ^{one afternoon} upon the importance of women having a say in such matters. He made the point that was absurd for the whiskey men to declare that woman's place was in the home and yet deny them the right to be heard in a matter that affected the home so profoundly as does the liquor question. Your letter gave us children great pride and pleasure and we shall treasure it as showing

Apr 27, 1910

W. M. BECKNER

LUCIEN BECKNER

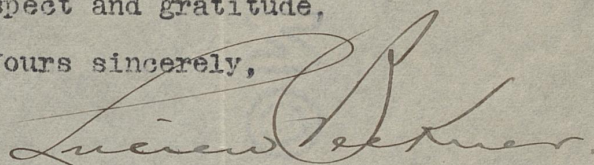
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WINCHESTER, KY.

what the good womwn of his native state thought of him, and because
it is expressed by one of the gratest and best of them. Hoping
that you pardon this last personal allusion because of its sincerity,
and hoping that you will be spared many years of usefulness ^{to} and your
fellow citizens I am, with respect and gratitude,

Yours sincerely,



[Apr. 27, 1910] ✓



My dear Miss Clay:

I just
want you to know
how much I admire
you in this convention.
It is so wonderful to
me for any one to
be always so sane
and loyal and to
be able to so well
express his thoughts.

in words. I hope
after a few more
lives on this earth
I can attain your
mental and moral
force.

Elizabeth and I
are enjoying two
days weather here
and I am resting
from the convention.
We dined with Mrs.
Call Saturday and
she looked ill.

Ford - by -

Sincerely

Zell Hart Shering

April 27

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New York City



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Chicago, April 27, 1910.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Friend:

I have been accustomed to send to the State Presidents a copy of our Illinois subscription book, and accompanying letter.

This year the letter was sent out while I was out of the state, and I neglected to instruct our secretary to send a sample to the State Presidents, as usual. It is a little late now, but if you will pardon the delay, I take pleasure in sending you one of the little books to use as a sample in case you desire to adopt some like method.

This is the fifth year we have tried it in Illinois, and it has always proved very successful.

I should be glad to receive a sample of any of your new literature, or any plans which you may have adopted.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours most cordially,

Ella S. Stewart

P.S. Please do not feel that you must return these, as all the pledges have been recorded, and the letters have been returned because of removal.

FROM
ROBT. L. OWEN.

United States Senate,

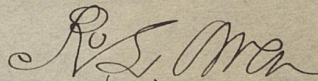
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 27th, 1910.

Dear Miss Clay:

I will introduce the resolution and get an estimate on the cost and see how many copies can be purchased for \$200.00 as requested and let Mrs. Rachel Brill Ezekiel, 1823 H. St., N.W., Washington, D.C., know.

Yours very respectfully,



Miss Laura Clay,
c-o The Arlington Hotel,
C i t y.

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St. Paul, Minn., April, 28, 1910.

Dear Miss Clay:-

It has been a long time since I have written to you, but you have not been forgotten. I have been in an uncertain state of mind ever since the election of National officers at Washington. It is nothing more than I expected. We had a fortaste of this at our state convention last October, when Anna Shaw and Mrs. Potter interefered with our election. We have a "Workers League" in Minneapolis, (Socialists) and with the assistance of Mrs. Potter enabled to control the votes for Mrs. Stockwell. We did not want her again, but The League were defiant and it became hot for a time. A member of this League is othe president of the St. Paul Political Equality club and made it so unpleasant for that as Secretary I resigned. I am sorry that anything has occurred in the National. My opinion is it would be better to ask Anna Shaw to resign and elect Mrs. Aver, as president. I do not think it would be right for Mrs. Belmone to dictate if she has contributed to the expense necessary to carry on the work. ill you tell me what you think will be the outcome. I do not want you, Mrs. Upton and Mrs. Avery to resign, for it would interefere with the national work. How will this affect the Press Work? Is there any

friction there? It makes much harder for the press chairmen now having to prepare the articles for the editors. We are getting along about as usual, Mr. Farmer is about the same, but is able to attend to business. We have so much cold weather and snow since the fifth of last November, that it seems as if it had frozen up everything, when in fact so much snow on the ground for so many months has kept the frost nearer to the surface. The trees are shedding their leaves out down by the frost,, some will re-leave others will remain as they were. For all this, I like this climate, but Mr. Farmer does not. I have never been so well as now, and with all the anxiety about Mr. F. I have not grown thin but rather fleshier than when you were here. I had planned to attend the Federation this year, but I cannot leave my husband. We have a charming member of our suffrage club in this city, a Mrs. Russell Dorr, Vice-President of the Ath District of the Federation of Clubs of this State. I wish you could meet her and if you are to attend the Federation, let me know and I will give her a letter to you. She is a charming woman, well known in the social world, a fine speaker, an attractive woman in every way, and much sought after in public affairs. I had hoped to be able to meet with many of my old friends at this time but it is best and I must be content to remain with my good husband. How are you and all your dears sisters? I hope well. Remember me to each of them in which Mr. Farmer joins, not forgetting your dear self. I often talk and think of the pleasant times I had with you and all the loved ones here and those passed over.

Lovingly and sincerely,

Engenia B. Farmer.

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Chicago, April 30, 1910.

Miss Laura Clay,
919 W. Franklin St.,
Richmond, Virginia.

My dear Miss Clay:--

Your letter of the 27th inst. is at hand, with enclosures, etc. I received a letter yesterday from Mrs. Tyndal of Washington. She says: "After our conversation at the Arlington the other evening, the thought came to me in the night that Miss Gillette was the only person I knew who is in any way comparable to Mrs. Upton as National Treasurer. If the matter were put to her in the right way, she might feel it her duty to accept it, as it would be a good excuse for retaining the headquarters here. I have not had an opportunity to consult her about it. She is a lawyer, as you know, and has the national reputation that is required for a national officer."

It struck me that this might be a very good suggestion. Miss Gillett would probably keep the books, and raise as much money as Miss Ashley, and in addition, her judgment on all other matters, it seems to me, would be riper than Miss Ashley's could be. She has not had anything to do, so far as I know, with large suffrage measures.

Miss Ashley is the woman Miss Shaw suggested. I spoke to Mrs. McCulloch yesterday about Miss Gillette. She made no objection except that she seems to favor the idea of having the treasurer at New York to save expense. Miss Gillette certainly would not need to rent another room for her work. She could do it right in her offices, and she is close enough to New York to run up there occasionally if necessary. For my part I think it is just as well not to get too big a bunch working at headquarters.

As for the shifting about of the officers on the board, I am sure that Miss Shaw will oppose that most bitterly, as that is the way she talked to me Sunday. She said that we would have no right to do it, and would be severely criticized, as the people were elected to the positions they now occupy because the convention considered them acceptable to fill those offices, but probably not the others. She was inclined to leave the first vice-presidency vacant, and Mrs. McCulloch to be the only vice president.

Miss Nicholes will not accept the South Dakota headquarters work. She feels that she is too inexperienced, and also that she is almost completely

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worn out from her year's work at the settlement.

I shall be glad to hear from you whenever you have any new thought on the question of officers, or any suggestions to offer.

I have not heard from Miss Shaw.

Yours most cordially,

Ella S. Stewart

Copy

April 30, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Potter:

Mrs. Harper and I had a talk last night and when I mentioned her frigid attitude toward me upon my return from Washington she said it was occasioned by the following incident:-

That two persons, one a member of the Board of officers, one not a member of the Board, had told her that at the Business Committee meeting in Washington when press work was under discussion Mrs. Potter said, "Before anything is decided I think Miss Hauser should be called before the Board because she wishes to prefer charges against Mrs. Harper"; that a member of the Board then said, "No, if charges are to be preferred against Mrs. Harper she must be telegraphed for immediately and given a chance to defend herself". I had Mrs. Harper repeat the language three times so that I might make no mistake in repeating it. I told her that I would write to you at once and ask you about it. She said, "I wish you would, I would like to see her reply in writing". As I am leaving in a few days I will ask for an immediate reply. Please address me c/o Mrs. Zell Hart Deming, The Remington, 126 West 46th St., New York City.

Yours most sincerely,

Elizabeth Hauser

Apr 30, 1910

My dear Miss Clay:-

Will you kindly send me a
line on the enclosed. Of course I know
Mrs. Potter never said this thing &
I want her to have the protection
of the word of two or three other
Board members - I am writing to
Mrs. Stewart & Mrs. Upton too. Mrs.
Gray sailed yesterday.

Please address me at the Remington
as indicated in the letter to Mrs. Potter.

Yours in haste.

Elizabeth J. Houser

April 30