

Richmond, Kentucky.

Jan. 8th, 1914.

Mrs. Nerah B. Taylor, Treas. Ky. W. C. T. U.

Lexington, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Taylor,

Please find enclosed my check for twenty-five dollars for State W. C. T. U. work.

I am sorry I have been able to attend so few of our meetings, but I am always interested, and I read the W. C. T. U. notes in the paper with pleasure always.

Wishing you a Happy New Year!, I am

Very cordially yours,

Balfour, Miss.
Jan. 29, 1914.

My dear Miss Clag,

Please send me, just as soon as possible, a written statement of what you said at the Tri-State Fair, in Memphis, last fall, relative to the fact that, unless the women of the South are enfranchised, there can never be another Democratic President of the U.S. Write me the figures which you used about the presidential electors. Address me as above. I shall be grateful.

Yours Cordially, Belle Kearney.

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FRANKLIN, KY. ~~February 1st,~~ 1914

My dear Miss Clay: —

Let me have your vote on these questions --

1st. ---The Kentucky Child Labor Ass'n. asks our endorsement and co-operation in behalf of a new bill they have to be introduced at this session, embodying the reforms we have advocated along this line for years. I want your vote before having our chairman Mrs. Geo. Major, of Fulton, take it up with the clubs.

2nd. ---The Tourist Club, of Louisville, wants our endorsement on a movement to establish a "Place of Safety" or "Detention Home", where first offenders, (Girls or women) may be taken instead of jails.

Mr. Robinson, Prosecuting Att'y., for Jefferson Co., says this is badly needed, and he will frame bill and secure some legislator to introduce same, if the Federation will endorse it.

3rd. ---Shall we not fill program for Annual meeting with outside speakers if possible, having the reports and tedious details for day sessions?

Let me hear from you as soon as possible.

*Sincerely,
Mrs. Richard H. Lacey*

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Febr. 2nd, 1914.

My dear Miss Kearney,

Your letter relative to what I said at the Tri-State Fair is at hand. I have no notes of what I said exactly; but I did not say that the votes of women were essential to the success of another Democratic president. What I have said several times, and apparently with effect upon politicians is: That no party need to hope to succeed which opposes woman suffrage:- that the Democratic party is now in ascendancy, and if it makes the mistake of opposing suffrage as a party, the Democrats will not have another president in this generation:† because states which have women voters now control 84 electoral votes in the electoral college of 531 votes, and that the women leaders in these states have declared that they would use their votes to help their sisters to gain suffrage in other states:- that history is now repeating itself, and just as the Republican party kept its supremacy for forty years because it enfranchised the negro men, just so some party will greatly strengthen itself by extending suffrage to women:- if the Democratic party fails to take advantage of its present opportunity to do so, it is pretty certain that some other party will succeed by the mistake of the Democrats:- that whilst women cannot be expected to vote from the blind gratitude of the enfranchised negroes, yet something may be expected from the gratitude of women, ~~and more~~ and more from that characteristic of the human mind that first impressions are strongest,- women have political principles now, but they have not been crystallized into partisan views:- that since all parties claim high ethical principles women's choice will not be made because of the peculiar claims of ethics of any one party, since none is superior to others on that ground, but women's choice will be placed upon that party which makes the first definite impression upon

their minds, and the party which does most to give them the ballot will be the party to make the first impression, & this impression will likely last one generation, till some new vital issue comes up. Since the Southern States have so large a control of the Democratic party, it is peculiarly the duty of the Southern States to take advanced ground on the suffrage question.

The only statistics to which I remember to have referred are the electoral votes of the suffrage states. Of these, Wyoming has three; Colorado, six; Utah, four; Idaho, four; Washington, seven; California, thirteen; Kansas, ten; Arizona, three; Oregon, five; Illinois, twenty-nine.: 84 in all, and this number will be largely increased by new suffrage states before the next Presidential election. Even if the women do not vote solidly for the party which declares and helps women suffrage most, yet they are certain to hold a dangerous balance of power which no party can disregard with impunity.

The fact that women leaders have declared the policy of helping their sisters in other states is evidenced by the organization of the National Council of Women Voters, that the suffragists both in Oregon and Kansas immediately re-organized for the express purpose of educating the women voters and to gain suffrage in other states, and by the general declarations of prominent women in politics, to say nothing of their natural feeling toward the question.

Hoping you much success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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DARLINGTON, WIS. Feb. 2/14.

My dear Miss Clay:-

The Conference of the middle states is to be held this year in Des Moines, Iowa, in accordance with the opinion of a majority of the states included in the conference. The last three days of March have been selected as the most convenient in every way. The first mass-meeting will come Sunday afternoon at the special request of the Des Moines Society.

The general plan of the program is as follows:-On each topic there is to be a talk of twenty minutes followed by a ten minute discussion. We hope to have the discussions led by the various state presidents, the speech being given by some one who has had experience along certain lines of work. Of course the key note of the whole conference will be 'methods--methods'.

Will it be possible for you to come and give one of the twenty minute speeches? We should like to have you choose your own subject if you will.

We are trying to get the program in shape so would appreciate an early reply. If you think of someone who would make good program material

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Feb 2, 1945

I should ^{like} to hear about them. Do you think of a good speaker for the College work? We have no-one for that yet and I think we should give at least one half hour to that phase of the work.

Trusting to have a favorable reply from you soon, I am,

Yours most cordially,

Harriett E. Griener

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Febr. 3rd, 1914.

My dear Mrs. Lacey,

Yours of the 1st inst. is at hand. I return my votes according to number.

1st. I vote Yes to give endorsement to the bill of the Ky. Child labor Asso., since our Club women have considered this subject and have shown their willingness to co-operate with that Association.

2nd. I vote No to endorsing the movement for a Detention Home in Louisville. Not that I oppose the bill at all; but I think the Federation should be very careful about giving its endorsement to bills lest our endorsement should become so easily obtained that it will be worth nothing. I am opposed to the Federation giving endorsement to bills which have not been long enough in contemplation to present to the Federation at its Annual Convention. This matter should have been brought to the attention of the convention at Middlesborough. The session of Legislature is now one third over, and I feel it is not wise to endorse a bill which has yet to be framed and presented.

3rd. Certainly I vote to have the evenings filled with speakers interesting to the public, and vote to do so. I think, however, if you mean by "outside speakers" persons outside the State, the expense will be considerable and we may overlook speakers in the State quite as interesting.

Very sincerely yours,

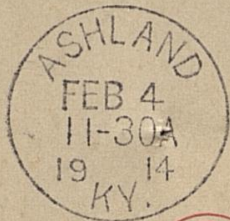
Ashland Ky. Feb. 3. 1914.

Dear Miss Clay,

Mrs. Wm. Galliker. 1622 E. Winchester
Ave. is our Supt. of Franchise. Send literature
at once as we want to have a meeting on this
Dept.

Yours in W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Sadie G. Lee. Pres. E. Ashland
904 E. Central Ave. W. C. T. U.



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Miss Larna Clay
Lexington

Ky.

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Kentucky.

Febr. 24th, 1914.

My dear Miss Grim,

Your letter of the 2nd inst. is at hand.

I expect to attend the Mississippi Valley Conference, and I shall be glad to take a place on the program if I can be of use.

I am deeply interested in Congressional action on woman suffrage. We seem to be having small success with our petition for the submission of a constitutional amendment, and I believe the Conference might profitably consider whether it would not be wise to give our support to the Federal Suffrage bill which has already been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Shafroth and in the House by Rep. Franch. I enclose a copy of the bill. I suppose no one doubts the desirability of the bill; its constitutionality is the only point in question. Personally, I believe it is constitutional and I can make an argument in its favor, though I am not a lawyer and hold my views subject to revision from the profession. However, we have much high authority to that effect, and as Congress seems not inclined to do anything for us towards the bills asked for by the National and the Congressional Union, I think a discussion of other measures is very fitting. The Democrats must consider the views of the States' Rights Democrats, and the Federal Suffrage bill has the advantage of not impinging on States' Rights.

If you think an address from me on "The Right of Women to Vote For United States Senators and Representatives by Congressional Action" would be a good subject, please let me know at once, and I will take that subject. I hope you will think of a shorter name for it.

I do not think of any speakers to suggest whom you have not probably already thought of. I hope Miss Anne Martin, of Nevada, will be allowed ~~it~~ time on the program to present the Nevada cause. Since Mississippi has

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has been so active recently I hope that state will be fully represented on the program. Mrs. Nellie Somerville, of Greenville, Miss., is an able and active woman. She intended to be at the Conference at St. Louis, but was deterred. For some years I have heard nothing of Miss Frances ~~Griffith~~, Griffith, but formerly she was a very attractive speaker; ~~she~~ from Alabama. Shall you ask one of the Gordon sisters, of New Orleans? Miss Jean is a pleasant speaker, as well as Miss Kate.

I think of no new one for the College League.

Very sincerely yours,

Feb 4, 1913

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Feb 4th 1913

Dear Miss Gay:

I learned of you
being connected with
the Woman's Suffrage
so I write to you
asking you to send
me some of your
literature as I want
to become acquainted
with your work.

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(Mrs) L Astor Woods

Lexington, Ky.

Febr.6th, 1914.

Mrs.Wm.Gallihier,

Ashland, Ky.

Dear Fellow-Worker,

Mrs.Lee writes me that you are the Ashland sup't of Franchise, and that you want some of the Department literature. I rejoice that the Ashland W.C.T.U is taking up this department in earnest, and I shall be glad to assist you in any way I can.

Under another cover I am sending samples of the literature used in the National Department, and some of the Kentucky E.R.A., also, a sample copy of the Woman's Journal. This forms the literature which I recommended in my report at the convention in Madisonville. I do not keep in stock any of the literature except that published by the Ky.Equal Rights Association. But you can order from the National W.C.T.U headquarters. I enclose club rates for the Woman's Journal. You will find getting up a club for this paper good suffrage work, and it may bring in a little money for your department.

You know the Ky.E.R.A. has had introduced into the Legislature a bill submitting a constitutional amendment to the Ky.constitution to grant full suffrage to women. It has been favorably reported by the Committee, and I ask the prayers of your W.C.T.U for its success. I wish your members would write to your representative and senator asking their vote and support for the measure.

Very cordia ly yours

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Kentucky.

Febr. 9th, 1914.

Mrs. L. Ashton Woods,

Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Madam,

Your letter of the 4th inst. is at hand. I enclose a leaflet telling something of the suffrage work in Kentucky; and under another cover some other literature which you may find interesting.

In 1912 I had the honor of helping in the campaign in Kansas which won votes for women in that state.

Respectfully yours,

189 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

Febr. 9th, 1914.

Mrs. Geo. E. Cunningham,

Little Rock, Ark., Treas. Southern States W. S. Conference.

Dear Madam,

Some weeks ago I sent Miss Kate Gordon a pledge of one hundred dollars, for the Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference, to be paid in four yearly installments, the first on or before March 12th. Please find enclosed a N. Y. draft for \$25 in payment of the first installment. In sending receipt please make it for payment on my pledge to Miss Gordon.

I am sorry I was not present at the Conference. It has occurred to me that it would be an excellent thing if the Conference could pay Miss Gordon's expenses for travelling in the interest of the Conference, and a sufficient salary to enable her to devote her whole time to the work. I know she thinks that Mrs. Ida Porter-Boyer is very desirable to engage for the work of the Conference, but I think Miss Gordon herself would be our best choice, if we can get her whole time.

I should be glad to hear what you think of this suggestion, and if it seems likely that we shall have the means in the near future to employ the time of any one.

Very cordially yours,

Vice-Pres. at Large of Southern
States Woman Suffrage Conference.

Stoughton Ky Feb 10th 1914

Handwritten note on the right margin, possibly a name or address, written vertically.

Dear Miss Laura

Doubtless you will be surprised to hear from me but I never miss an opportunity of speaking a blow for Equal rights. We have a new Baptist preacher here who is preaching a good deal. Will you kindly send me some literature to distribute. I will be glad to see you if you should visit. I will come to you on the

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Miss. Laura Cloy
Lexington
Ky.

[Feb 10, 1914]

A meeting of the Board of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association was held at the Capital Hotel in Frankfort at 10:30 February 10th, 1914. Those present were President, Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, Miss Clay, Mrs. Judah, Mrs. Firth, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Smith and the secretary.

First business was a discussion of the Finance Committee and the president was authorized to name the chairman of the committee.

Miss Clay moved headquarters be kept open at the Capital Hotel during the Legislature. Carried.

Mrs. Birth moved that it is the sense of this meeting that the Congressional Union be not admitted as an auxiliary to the National Association. Carried.

Moved by Miss Clay that the State Congressional Chairman be named by the president and authorized to spend \$25.00. Carried.

Miss Clay moved that Mrs. Breckinridge use her discretion as to legislative work and lobbying for the constitutional amendment and try to save her own strength during the present session of the Legislature. Carried.

Miss Clay moved that this board approve Universal Suffrage Day and that it be left to the president to decide on a day and notify local associations. Carried.

Mrs. Judah moved that the president be authorized to use her discretion in all matters arising before next meeting of the board and be allowed her expenses for carrying out the same. Carried.

Miss Clay moved that it be the sense of this board that Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Smith's position with this association remain the same. Carried.

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Mrs. Judah moved that the next meeting of this board be held in April at the time of the Kentucky Educational Association Convention in April. Carried.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia R. McDowell,
Secretary.

Dear Miss Laura, My Dist Com. ^{Feb 12, 1914} meets
with Franklin this year. They have
asked me to have you with us
at that time, I always give local
Unions the privilege of selecting
speakers for the occasion. I told
them I would write you at ^{once} if you
can come as you did last
year I will get you other appoint-
ments, in the list, I feel sure.
As you know Our Prohibition
Campaign is on and we

are striving for means on every
hand but I think after Feb 17
& Fanning is ^{through} out of my list.
Then they would consider
you in several places. and in
some in which He will not go.
The exact date is not decided
as you know of ten times
these must be changed for
3 speakers. some ^{us} want you back
here, we may be able to arrange
2-12-13 yours for redemption State
Lizzie Tucker

February 12, 1914

Dear Miss Clay

I am in receipt of
your letter of the 8th inst. &
very much I could attend
the Miss. Conference but
will not be able to leave
home at that time

Miss place call at
headquarters and hope
that some other way

So I have just written
Miss Gordon to say how

glad we shall be to
have her speak in
Louisville. I found her
very charming at Oronoboro
and feel sure she will
make a good impression
on a Louisville audience.

I wish you would pay
our Louisville headquarters
a visit. Elizabeth Robin's
the novelist was here last
week and expressed much
interest in meeting you.
— With kindest regards
I am
Very Sincerely
Julia S. Manning.

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA, Feb. 14th., 1914

Dear Friend of Suffrage:-

The "Atlanta Georgian", a Hearst paper, will devote its entire edition March 3rd to the cause of suffrage.

We are in hopes this will help us to make Georgia the first southern state to adopt suffrage and we desire your assistance,

We would appreciate an article from you of from 500 to 1,000 words upon the subject - "What results have been accomplished by the ballot in my state", also your photograph.

Please have them reach me not later than Feb. 28th.

Cordially

Bertha Harwood Arrowood
(Mrs. Milton Wallace Arrowood)

(Press chairman)

99 East Linden Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

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was at a
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at the time
his name
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Franklin Tamm
Feb. 16th 1914.

Miss Laura Lelay-

Dear Cousin,

I am constrained
to write you to know some
thing of the Lelay family
I have been Regent of
"Old Glory" Chap. of A. O. J. for
3 yrs past. My great Grand
mother was a Miss Lelay
named Gallie and married
Capt. Martin from Ga.
I want to know her
father's given name.

What has become of the Bedford
Lee Jr. family? Give me
their address also please.
Among the women at Bryan
Sta. to carry water was Mrs
Sarah Clement Hammond
My father's mother was a Miss
Sallie Hammond of Ky do
you know anything of them?
Her mother's name was
Judith ~~was~~ of Ky. I hope
some time to meet you
wish I could trace the
ancestral line to the war
of 1812 or some of them
who served even in the
Legislature. I will not
detain you longer.
Sincerely
Betty Martin Thomas

and her Mother's maiden
name. I think perhaps the
latter was Bedford of Ky
near Lexington. My Great
Grand mother ran away from
her father's home & married
with the consent of her mother
The little hair trunk is in the
family in Nashville that
contained her wardrobe, I
have seen it. I am anxious
to be a Colonial Dame also
a daughter of 1812 if it
be possible. How are
the Greens connected to us
My mother's mother Betty
Martin had a son
named John Green
Grosely

I am sure she Green came
through the Lelay family - and
Nathaniel Green. Cousin
Bettie Moseley Snow of Dallas
Texas told me that she met
some of the relatives Lelay
at the Baptist Convention
Coz B - myself are 1st Cousins
I saw your picture in
the Nashville paper. you
had spoken at Mt. Eagle
on Suffrage. I also see
in a clipping of mine
^{my} Lucretia Hart Lelay Regent
of a chap - presided at the
ceremonies on the speaking
of memorial in honor of
the women at Bryan Sta
- If you can't find data
if Miss Hart ^{stay} still
lives refer to
her.

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DARLINGTON, WIS. Feb. 19/14

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Kentucky.

My dear Miss Clay;-

I have received a letter from Miss Kate Gordon saying it will not be possible for her to come to the Conference unless she gets some speaking engagements on the way to Des Moines. She is to talk on Sectional Methods of Working for Suffrage, Miss Paul National and Mrs. McCulloch, State. So you see she is quite necessary in the proper working out of the program.

Do you think it would be possible for you to secure any speaking engagements for her? I have written Mrs. Gellhorn and Mrs. McCulloch concerning the matter.

May I have an early reply from you?

Most cordially yours,

Harriett E. Grim.

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Febr. 21st, 1914.

Mrs. Joseph Yuill,

Yale, Michigan.

Dear Madam,

It may have passed out of your mind that I promised nearly a year ago to send you a copy of my Bible Reading on the Equal Rights of Women. I had not forgotten it, however, but I lost your address, and this morning I came across it in looking over some letters.

Hoping you may still be interested in the Reading I am enclosing it at this late date.

I should be glad to know that it reaches you, and so I enclose a self-addressed postal card for a reply.

We are now engaged in Kentucky in trying to obtain from our legislature the submission of a Constitutional Amendment granting full suffrage to women.

Very truly yours,

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Kentucky.

Febr. 23rd, 1914.

Mrs. B. H. Arrowood,

Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Madam,

I enclose the little article you ask for the suffrage edition of the Atlanta Georgian; and under another cover I send a photograph. If it is convenient, I would like to have the photograph returned after using, as my stock of photographs is running low.

Wishing you all success with your enterprise, I am

Very cordially yours,

Vice-pres. at Large of Southern

Women's Suffrage Conference.

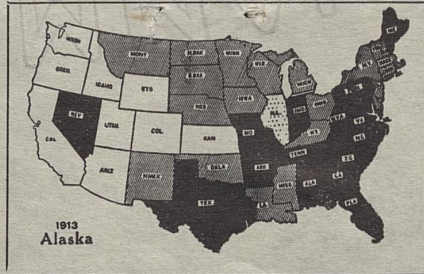
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HEADQUARTERS:
 505 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

February 24, 1914

My dear Miss Clay,

Owing to the steady and continuous growth in the demand for suffrage literature throughout the country, it was found at the last Convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association held at Washington, D. C., that the work conducted by its Literature Department had assumed such large proportions that the Association was unable to handle it effectively.

The National American Woman Suffrage Association being a membership corporation cannot conduct business as a stock company. It was therefore decided that its Literature Department be formed into a company for the sole purpose of furnishing and printing supplies and literature of all kinds in sufficient quantities to meet this increasing demand for suffrage material.

In accordance with this action the National Woman Suffrage Publishing Company was incorporated on January 22, 1914, for \$50,000. Five thousand shares of stock were issued at a par value of ten dollars per share. Of this number we still have 1600 shares of 5% preferred stock which we desire to sell at as early a day as possible in order to raise funds to meet the pressing needs of our business.

We have orders on our books which we have been unable to fill owing to lack of material; in consequence, suffrage organizations are hampered in their work for want of proper suffrage literature to carry on the campaigns in which they are engaged. With capital, stock can be replenished, new material can be added, and all demands for suffrage supplies can be met.

We should be glad to have you purchase shares in our Company, and enclose blank to be filled out and returned to us with check if you desire to invest. Upon receipt of check certificates of stock will be mailed to you. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the National Woman Suffrage Pub. Co., Inc.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Laura Clay,
 Lexington, Kentucky.

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