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Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Your note regarding the election laws of Oregon and the regulations touching women connected with political parties was duly received. I was recently a candidate for Congress in Oregon and had an opportunity of observing the working of at least one political party from the inside. There are no laws, so far as I know, governing the matter of appointment to national, state, and district chairmanships for women. The national vice-chairman in Oregon, a woman, was appointed, as I understand it, by the national chairman. I am quite certain that you could get accurate information by writing to the Democratic headquarters in Portland, Oregon. So far as the state of Oregon is concerned, the attitude toward women politically is very fair; at least that has been my experience. From the standpoint of a woman in politics, you may be interested in my own campaign: the third Congressional district in Oregon is a Republican stronghold. No representative has been returned from that district other than Republican since the close of the Civil War. If the sentiment in this district can be estimated at all from the vote in my own case, you will be interested to know that I polled more than twice as many votes as any Democratic candidate has ever polled in the district. In each precinct in Multnomah County, the largest county in our state, a committee woman has been appointed to cooperate with the committee man in the matter of political business and the matter of organization for the good of the party. There are no laws, so far as I know, that in any way touch the political appointment of women on the inside of the party organization.