

WHY WOMEN SHOULD VOTE

Editors of Metropolitan Dailies Give Reasons for Supporting the Woman Suffrage Amendment in New York

OPINIONS OF MEN WHO KEEP UP WITH THE TIMES

One good turn deserves another! Newspaper people do so much in the way of assembling noteworthy opinion from noteworthy persons on every subject under the sun, that it is helpful to turn the tables and hear from the men responsible for the newspapers, on a subject that has reached such a crisis of popular interest as has woman suffrage. In the symposium of lively reading, here presented, leading newspaper editors and proprietors of New York city discuss the principle and the expediency of giving women the vote.

Ogden Mills Reid—Tribune.
"In the Roman days the family was a political unit, which was represented by the pater familias. Now there is no special representative, as all the grown men can vote. Those who oppose votes for women see no harm in this change, yet they argue that the home will be endangered by extending the suffrage to those whose 'place is in the home.' The anti-suffragists are not merely illogical. They are blind to the march of time and do not see that the political, social and economic conditions of today are different from those of Caesar's day. The great work of governments in the future will be to increase the prosperity and better the living conditions of the people whom they serve. Women will be as much affected as men and will have a large share in the work. They should also have their share of the responsibility and the power to bring the moral, mental and physical condition of the people to its highest possible point of development.

Godfrey Parsons, managing editor of the New York Tribune, thinks that the alarm which the anti-suffragists are now feeling is the alarm which conservative minds always feel upon suddenly discovering that the world moves. The answer to them is not so much argument as a friendly suggestion to look about at the new times and new scenery. In a society constructed as was New York in 1818 woman's suffrage was unthinkable. And the opponents today are those who have not noticed what has happened to home life, to women and the State in the last century. Votes for women in an era of steamships, factories, public schools and improved milk are as logical and natural as they would have been argued in the days of spinning wheels and the family cow."
New York Evening Post.

The Evening Post's editor-in-chief, Rollo Ogden, has this to say on the subject of votes for women:

"I have become convinced of the high political expediency of giving the vote to women. They may not always make the best use of the ballot, but they can't well misuse it so shockingly as men have often done. In a country ruled by public opinion, we ought not to shrink from the surest means of finding what public opinion is—that is, by taking a vote of all the citizens. This is the principle. The details are to be worked out."

Oswald G. Villard, proprietor of the Evening Post, says:
"As a practical newspaper editor and publisher, I emphatically believe in the necessity of woman suffrage. Years of close study of politics and politicians have made me feel the great need of woman's ethical point of view in all that affects the management of public affairs.

"I believe the time will come when we shall look back with amazement to the period in our history during which we starved our political life by excluding one-half of our citizenship from the polls and kept such woman leaders as Miss Addams, Miss Lathrop, Miss Goldman and Miss Waid from our public service."

George M. Smith—The Evening Sun.
The managing editor of the Evening Sun commends himself to woman suffrage on six different counts:

- "Suffrage, it seems to me, is a right and a duty, and not a mere privilege, for women as well as men, because: 1—"Women are amenable to the laws as well as men, and therefore, should have a hand in shaping the laws. 2—"Women are liable to taxation as well as men, and therefore, should have a voice in fixing the taxes. 3—"The State needs the benefit of all its education and all its intelligence. Women, as a rule, are as well educated as men, and their enfranchisement would double the volume of intelligence which goes into the solution of public problems. 4—"If two heads are better than one, so are two sexes better than one. 5—"Neither half of this community is good enough or wise enough to govern the other half without its consent. 6—"Woman suffrage has proved its value in practical tests. Wherever it has been adopted it has resulted in better politics and progressive legislation."

"I believe the woman suffrage amendment to the Constitution will be ratified in November because it is the wise thing and the intelligent thing to do."

Charles E. Chapin—Evening World.
"I believe that all women should be entitled to vote if they wish to."

Bernard H. Ridder—Staats-Zeitung.
"It is a pleasure for me to register my hearty sympathy for the cause of equal suffrage. In the sixty years since this subject has been agitated in this State, three generations of women have shown persistence, determination and such a high order of courage that suffrage deserves success when the subject is finally presented to the voters of New York State this fall.

"My reason for believing in the cause of equal suffrage is because I look upon the vote as an expression of freedom. It is the test of Americanism. The ballot has meant more to America and American men than we are willing to admit. When we consider that our forefathers succeeded through one war, our Revolution, in securing a limited suffrage, and then through another and greater war, our civil war, in extending that suffrage, it must be evident that we have paid dearly for our ballot. During the last twenty years we men have carelessly delegated the functions of government to a professional class of politicians, who were more interested in governing us in their own interests than ours. During the past few years the Primary Law agitators have been aimed at restoring the power and prestige of the independent voter, a highly desirable reform. While we are engaged in doing that work, I believe we should not overlook the opportunity of incorporating into our body politic several million independent voters by granting equal suffrage.

"Furthermore, I have an intense admiration for the manner in which women are proceeding in their campaign for securing the ballot. History shows that there has never been a great increase of suffrage without wars and bloodshed. Our own history bears this out. Every male vote that is cast throughout the world today was purchased at the price of blood. If the women can succeed in securing their suffrage through peaceful means, it will be a magnificent lesson in the possibilities of securing reforms without the test of war."

E. Wardman—New York Press.

"The time for mid-Victorian whitening that 'Woman's place is the home' is past, although there is still a remarkable type of man and an even more remarkable type of woman who is willing to abandon the home and go around the country making speeches to prove it. Man's place is at work, when you come to that, but there were half a million men in this part of the country this winter who were out of jobs and there seemed to be no way to get them back.

"Do you imagine that the thousands of women who are working eight and ten hours a day in New York city left comfortable homes and loving husbands and rushed with cheers of triumph into the sweatshops to make \$4.50 a week?

"You may run across the man who will argue that thousands of women 'do not care to vote.' As I understand it, there is no idea of making the ballot compulsory. Any woman who elects to stay away from the polls will be left undisturbed. This does not change that fact that there are many hundreds of thousands of women who do 'care to vote' and I have never seen a good reason for refusing them the right.

"It is a fight which will be won. There is no stopping it and there is no profit in attempting to stop it."

TWO EDITORS OF WEEKLIES TESTIFY FOR SUFFRAGE

Walter Lipmann, of the New Republic, believes "that women should vote because their point of view is required in the conduct of modern government; because their ability will contribute to the humanizing of administration; will be to centre it on the questions most related to the welfare of the race. They should vote because they bear equal burdens with men, and because they are politically as mature as the existing electorate."

Nathan Straus, Jr., owner and editor of Puck, says that "there is only one thing funnier than the man who does not think women have brains enough to vote and that is the woman who agrees with him. One hundred years from now the men who opposed the introduction of the printing press and trial by jury and votes for women will all be regarded with the same mixture of amusement, pity and contempt."

THAT MORMON BOGEY.

Anti-Suffragist Fears and Some Cold, Hard Facts.

Anti-suffragists are authority for the statement that "Mormonism has been a powerful force in winning equal franchise, and 'the only woman suffrage State in the West without tremendous Mormon influence is Kansas.'" According to some figures compiled by the EXPRESS ALMANAC, of Buffalo, there are just 296,000 communicants in the Mormon Church of the whole United States.

The seven states which the anti-suffragists are ruled by the Mormons, Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon, Colorado, Nevada, Washington and Arizona, have a total population of 4,871,535.

The 296,000 Mormon communicants represent a probable Mormon population of 450,000, less than 4 per cent of the population of the states that the anti-suffragists are controlled by them! H. K. Carroll in his book "The Religious Forces of the United States" gives the number of Mormons in Utah, their home state, as 117,640, a little more than 8 1/2 per cent of the total population, which is 379,351.

Suffrage a Good Neighbor.

Every time a western state has won suffrage for itself it has helped win it for the states adjoining. From every state in which it is tried it has crossed the border into the states nearby, states that is to say, that have the best opportunity to watch suffrage in operation.

From Wyoming it went to Colorado and to Utah and Idaho; from Colorado it made way into Kansas; from Idaho it traveled on into Montana and into Washington. Oregon lingered unpersuaded a year too long, so suffrage jumped over her into California. Whereupon Oregon followed suit, as did the other contiguous states of Nevada and Arizona.

No state or country that has ever given suffrage to women ever takes it back. On the contrary, suffrage in operation makes converts. It spreads.



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MOTHER'S RISK AND SOLDIER'S RISK.

Mrs. Farrell: "I've risked my life eight times in child bed."
General Mitchener: "My dear Mrs. Farrell, you surely would not compare a risk of that harmless domestic kind to the fearful risks of the battlefield!"
Mrs. Farrell: "I wouldn't compare risks run to bear living people into the world to the risks run to blow them out of the world. A mother's risk is a jooty, a soldier's nothing but divilment."
—George Bernard Shaw.

A Deadly Parallel.

"Kansas, where women have had the municipal vote twenty-seven years," says Ida Husted Harper, "reports in ninety-seven counties but eleven insane persons. Massachusetts, where women have only a scrap of a school vote, has the largest percentage of insane people of any State in the Union. There may be no connection between insanity and suffrage, but this is a deadly parallel."

"The joy I felt (when Finland won the vote) and the thought that possessed me then was this: Now we have the whole Finnish people, a nation acting together, and this in the days to come will establish the peace and prosperity of our native land."
—Professor Swan, Willmarstrand, Finland.



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