

SUFFRAGE OUTLOOK.

The State and Local Work for the Season.

NOT MUCH BEING DONE FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

The Women of Los Angeles Apathetic. The Central Committee Inactive. Work Should Commence at Once.

By One of the Express Staff.

IN NOVEMBER, ASSEMBLY CON-stitutional amendment No. 11 will come before the voters of California.

This is the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of California as to Woman Suffrage. It reads as follows:

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California, at its regular session, commencing on the seventh day of January, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, two-thirds of the members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof, hereby propose that section one of article two of the Constitution of the State of California be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Every native citizen of the United States, every person who shall have acquired the rights of citizenship under or by virtue of the treaty of Queretaro, and every naturalized citizen thereof, who shall have become such ninety days prior to the election, and shall have been a resident of the State one year next preceding the election, and of the county in which he or she claims to vote ninety days, and in the election precinct thirty days, shall be entitled to vote at all elections which are now or may hereafter be authorized by law; provided, no native of China, no idiot, insane person, or person convicted of any infamous crime, and no person hereafter convicted of the embezzlement or misappropriation of public money, and no person who shall not be able to read the Constitution in the English language, and write his or her name, shall ever exercise the privilege of an elector in this State; provided, that the provisions of this amendment relative to an educational qualification shall not apply to any person prevented by a physical disability from complying with its requisitions, nor to any person who now has the right to vote, nor to any person who shall be sixty years of age and upward at the time this amendment shall take effect.

The vote on this in November, comes at the same time as the general election, and is a constitutional vote each elector having a right to vote for or against. If the amendment is carried, the right of woman suffrage is settled in the State for all time.

As the general political atmosphere is beginning to be felt throughout the country, and I have heard almost nothing recently about the work for the woman suffrage amendment, I have this week taken a little pains to look up the state work and also the local features of the movement.

The California Suffrage Association has done much active work. Mrs. Ellen C. Sargent is chairman of the Campaign Committee. Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper president of the California Suffrage Association. In the northern part of the State, county and auxiliary societies have been formed. It is the intention when a thorough State organization is effected that State delegates will be chosen for a great convention to assemble in San Francisco in the spring.

The California Woman Suffrage Association announce that Miss Anna Shaw and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt will be here in March and make a tour of the State in favor of equal su-

oppose it do not want to be influenced and unless a speaker has a great reputation, like Miss Shaw, an audience is not easily gathered.

"This is essentially a woman's campaign, and the women must work if they expect to accomplish anything.

"The Central Committee in Los Angeles should appoint sub-committees in every town in the county, committees with influence, who would work through the press for this movement.

"There is no excuse," said Mr. Bulla, "for the apathy of women. Men may find excuses, but every woman should, now that this amendment is coming before the people work earnestly for its advancement. If they are too occupied, too busy, too anything, to work for this, I hardly think they would be able to assume the rights of suffrage, if they were given them."

The Central Committee of Los Angeles was organized soon after Anna Shaw's first lecture in the city. Mrs. William Spalding was elected chairman, Mrs. Robert N. Bulla, secretary.

Mrs. Spalding has since, owing to long continued illness in the family, resigned. No one has yet been elected in her place, and the work of the Central Committee is therefore at a standstill. A meeting, however, will be shortly called and the matter taken in hand. E. H. E.

HEARD AROUND TOWN

pointed State organizer led with Anna Shaw and many on last tour. Mrs. Harland is a resident of Los Angeles and in an interview in regard to her work, this week, expressed herself as follows:

"I really had only five weeks of organized work. In August the joint committees telegraphed me to leave my work for the association and plan for Miss Shaw's lectures. I went through the State traveling day and night, and in twenty-one days made arrangements for twenty-eight out of thirty lectures which Miss Shaw afterwards delivered, making \$2263, the larger part going to Miss Shaw, paying the expenses, and leaving a small sum for the joint committee.

"Miss Shaw drew large audiences, not because the people were in favor of woman suffrage, but because of her reputation.

"I found I could not work for organization and the lectures at the same time, as the work could not be carried on satisfactorily simultaneously.

"In Los Angeles," Mrs. Harland says, "there seems to be no enthusiasm. There is a suffrage association and also an organized central committee and excellent material to work with.

"The great trouble, however, is there is a lack of any plan for raising money and the campaign cannot be planned until the people come out and do some active work to raise funds.

"Headquarters should be opened and the greatest effort made to have the public informed through the press of the progress of the campaign.

"The press in San Francisco is very liberal in its attitude towards woman suffrage. The country papers too are willing to advance the cause but the methods to reach the press have not yet been employed in the right way.

"The joint committees may be doing all they can as far as they can see, but they have not yet reached the country precincts.

"In Northern California there are thirteen flourishing suffrage clubs, most of which I have organized. The work has been much more effective in Northern than in Southern California.

"It is the intention of the State association to have Miss Shaw tour the State again in April. Mrs. Chapman-Catt, national organizer, will also be here in the spring.

"I have the interests of suffrage so much at heart that I feel the apathy of the south very deeply, and regret exceedingly the lack of proper methods to reach the people. I leave Los Angeles at the end of this month, and I do not expect hereafter to take an active part in the work of organization as my connection with the State organization ends then.

"More active work, less 'parliamentary drill' and earnest effort to reach the voters will accomplish something. There is no lack of ability, but the ability in the South has not been utilized."

After talking with Mrs. Harland I visited the Los Angeles Suffrage Association of which Mrs. Alice Moore McComas is President. I did not find, however this association had thus far done any active work to further the interest in the constitutional amendment.

They had received their petition blanks from the State Committee and were preparing to send them out for signatures.

Hon. Robert N. Bulla, who has so earnestly championed the woman suffrage movement, was also seen.

"I think," said Mr. Bulla, "this is a campaign that must be conducted chiefly through the press. The day is passed when people will turn out to hear speeches on this subject. The advocates of suffrage know every argument; those who

WOMAN'S RIGHT TO THE BALLOT

A Plea for Equal Suffrage at the Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention.

With the Polls Open to Her Sex the Saloons Would Soon Be Compelled to Close.

PACIFIC GROVE, July 19.—The fourth day of the W. C. T. U. convention opened with an address on "Citizen Suffrage" by Mrs. S. M. Woodman of Chico. She began with Fred Douglass' famous saying, "Right has no sex, and truth no color; Justice is as eternal as God."

The address was an able presentation of the subject. The speaker reviewed colonial history and its relation to the mother country; the policy of taxation without representation, and its consequences. She said in 1775 the School Board of Northampton refused to appropriate money for the education of girls. Now in the same town Smith College for Women rears its walls, holding rank with the highest in the land. Business raises no barriers for women now. They earn wages and accumulate property. The assessor recognizes no distinction of sex, and the tax collector is unrelenting. It is a mistake to say few women own property.

"In a town of 3,000 inhabitants two-fifths of the property tax is paid by women, and there is not a large proportion of widows and spinsters. Very few single men pay taxes. Three-tenths only of all the taxpayers are voters, but the other seven-tenths of the taxpayers have to be governed by the votes of non-taxpayers largely. Taxation of women is a direct contradiction of the first principles of our Government. There is no mercy to sex in the penalties of crime. Suppose the franchise was withheld from all men with blue eyes and the dark ones allowed to vote. The reason for denying women a vote is not less absurd. It is said that all women do not want to vote. Do all men? Zachary Taylor had not voted for forty years when he was made President of the United States. Many women have not been aroused on this subject. Because they have not, is it just that others should not be permitted?"

"Who petitions for suffrage? It is the exception and not the rule that woman will not sign petitions for suffrage. Saloon men will not sign, but their wives will. One found his wife signing a suffrage petition and told her to stop. If women voted saloons would go and then her bread and butter. She said 'All right' and signed it. Women do not bear arms, do all men? May not women as well as men voters be exempt from military service. Those who followed the flag to martial music were patriots without votes, and so may those who at home are singing 'Hush, My Babe.' The self-denial and sacrifice of women during the war rivaled that of men in action.

"Political economy is the harmonious development of every faculty. Women are needed in political and municipal house-keeping. Dr. Vincent says the vote will only be doubled, while intelligent men will lead and influence the vote of ignorant or thoughtless women. Intelligent women will influence the same class of men. A look at the schools will indicate where intelligence may be expected. Far more girls are graduated than boys. Go to the courts and prisons to see the relative number of men and women convicts. Go to church to find the relative number there. The liquor traffic everywhere opposes woman suffrage, not for fear of injury to women, but for fear the weak and weary may be empowered for self-defense.

"The temperance crusade set in motion more philanthropy than any other movement since that which began in Bethlehem of Judea. Women are not asking favors, only calling attention to a strange oversight by which one-half the people are disfranchised. Men have the opportunity now to rectify it."

THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR SUFFRAGE

The Annual Convention of the State Association.

Credit Given to the State News- papers, Excepting the "Chronicle."

THEY ARE NOT CAST DOWN.

Consider They Have Won a Victory in the Great Vote Polled for Them

The women who have been in the front of the battle for suffrage in this State are anything but cast down by the result of Tuesday's election.

At the annual convention of the State Suffrage Association assembled in Golden Gate Hall Saturday nearly every speaker referring to the subject at all did so in the tone of congratulation and satisfaction.

Miss Anthony especially expressed gratification at the result, and Mrs. Ida Harper, chairman of the press committee, strongly seconded her.

"We from the East who came to work with you through the campaign will take the train next Saturday and return home," said Miss Anthony, "and we will do so with no feeling of disappointment whatever on the result. Quite the contrary.

"The fact that such a large number of votes were cast for the amendment is indication of a great stride toward the emancipation of woman in California. You must remember that this matter has been discussed in this State but little. The only reason for its failure now is ignorance—a lack of confidence in the very fundamental principle of the republic itself. But no such work of education has been accomplished anywhere in any like period of time—a mere little eight months. Down in my country, in the East, we have been working and agitating for many years, going before the Legislature session after session and to political conventions with the same regularity with which they are called, and we have not yet got suffrage.

"You see, we have a great many new people to educate down there. The thousands of newcomers that are year after year brought in from other countries wholly unable to comprehend the spirit of our institutions—they form our obstacle—so we have about given up hope of storming those citadels, and must wait for you of the West to work the reform. You have done excellently well, and it only remains for you to keep at work, to educate and educate and we will shortly win.

"I have to say that very much of the credit of this great work belongs to women whose names we never heard, whom we never see—those noble, loyal women who have labored in their own districts among their neighbors. They have accomplished much."

Golden Gate Hall was filled by the delegates to the convention and friends of the cause. By vote, it was decided to give representation to every club or organization in the State hailing from places where there was no regular county representation.

An additional delegate was allowed for every twenty-five members in excess of twenty-five in every club or organization. Mrs. McCann of Santa Cruz became a delegate by this action, and was warmly applauded when she arose to speak, coming as she did, and as she proudly said she did, from "a county that carried for suffrage."

The president's, secretary's and treasurer's reports were read for the year. Alameda County was reported as having the largest suffrage club, numbering over 300. The treasurer reported a credit in the bank of nearly \$300.

The routine business of the convention being disposed of Mrs. Ida Harper, chairman of the press committee, was called upon for a report of the work. She said that though her pen had scarcely been out of her hands for these eight months past, she had not prepared a report as yet, but would talk about it.

"When Miss Anthony first came here to direct this campaign," she said, "I offered myself for her disposal. I had known her many years; I had been always ready to do what I could in the cause of suffrage and now stood ready to obey her orders. She immediately put me in charge of the press committee. We called upon the proprietors and editors of all the newspapers and met with a most cordial reception at their hands without exception. They said they would give us what aid they could, and that they would not oppose us in any way. They have all kept their words and have treated us and our cause with great liberality."

A voice: "Did not the Chronicle on the morning of the election and for several

State could have made money by opposing us—for our enemies had plenty of money and were willing to spend it—we can better appreciate their action. When they—our special enemies—were organized and entered upon an aggressive fight against us, I was prepared to see a change of front in many of the newspapers, but I was very agreeably disappointed.

"I can say from knowledge that the newspapers were not influenced by the money of the opposition. They remained true to their first declarations of principle to us. More than that, they gave us all the space we asked for. They not even charged us for notices of our meetings. In spite of this I never considered a newspaper a friend of our cause unless it said so editorially. From the opening of the campaign until the close no less than 300 newspapers did this. Within two weeks of the election sixteen joined our ranks. Oh, yes, the newspapers have done their part indeed."

Mrs. A. A. Sargent, president, paid a high tribute to Miss Anthony. "At 76 years of age," she said, "this noble woman has given her time, spent money out of her purse, traveled up and down the State speaking and writing and directing the work, robbed of sleep and working tirelessly."

The convention applauded long and loud. Miss Anthony, sitting next the president, merely smiled and nodded.

Recording Secretary Mrs. Harland here paid a tribute to Mrs. Sargent and her tireless work, hospitality and liberality through the campaign.

Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway, president of the Oregon State Suffrage Association, was introduced and spoke a few words of encouragement to the California workers.

The following committees were announced for the convention and for continuing the work:

Committee on credentials—Mrs. Sperry, Dr. Elizabeth Sargent, Mrs. Martin. Plan of work—Mrs. Green, Mrs. Blinn, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Carr.

Resolutions—Mrs. Ida Harper, Mrs. Rev. Eliza Tupper Wilkes, Dr. Ida Stambach of Santa Barbara, Mrs. Judge Cotton and Mrs. Ada Van Pelt.

Courtesies—Mrs. Lovell White, Mrs. William Keith of Santa Cruz.

The convention adjourned until this morning.

Last evening a reception was given to Miss Anthony by the ladies of the State association at Golden Gate Hall. It was a successful and gratifying affair to all of the throng that attended. It was intended only to be a social gathering, giving Miss Anthony's friends and admirers a chance to meet her informally and to tell her of how they appreciated her sacrifice of time and personal convenience in their behalf.

However, the evening was not far advanced before they had called her to the platform, and the veteran of many campaigns related something of her experience here and bade them be of good cheer.

Miss Mary G. Hay was called for and then Miss Shaw, both making short addresses.

Mrs. Nellie Holbrook-Blinn, as chairman, also made a few remarks, reminding all of the rally to take place at Metropolitan Temple this evening, the last demonstration of the campaign.

A PLUMBER'S DOWNFALL.

Charles Clifford Has Four Charges of Burglary Placed Against Him.

Charles Clifford, a victim of the morphine habit, was detained yesterday at the City Prison by Policeman T. F. Burke on four charges of burglary.

Clifford is a plumber by occupation, and for the past two months has been going about the Southern district, carrying with him some plumber's tools, looking for vacant houses. He would apply for the key, representing that he had been sent by the agent to do some repairs in the vacant house and, it is alleged, would remove the faucets, cut off the lead pipe and other material and sell them to satisfy his craving for the drug.

Dr. Kettle Going to See His Son.

The Rev. R. Kettle of London, England, is at the Grand. He is on his way to Oceanside, San Diego County, to spend the winter with his son, R. H. Kettle, owner of the Montserrat rancho. The reverend doctor is of the Church of England and for a long time has been pastor of a church in Suffolk.

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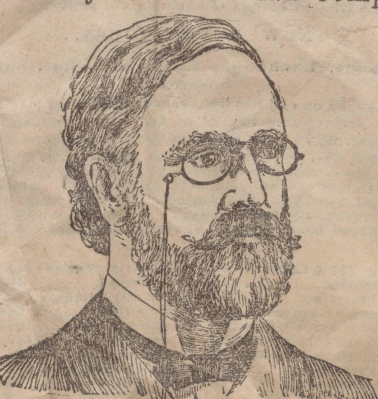
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Miss Susan D. Anthony

mornings before that come out distinctly against us, advising its readers to vote, no with regard to the sixth amendment?"

"Yes, it did. I, of course, meant to note that exception. It did that not only once, but very often. The Chronicle never declared for suffrage. It is a remarkable fact that only two papers in the State came out against suffrage, one being the San Francisco Chronicle and the other the Los Angeles Times. The Times opposed us from the first, and, by the way, Los Angeles County is one of the counties that went strongly for suffrage. My faith in the power of the press is somewhat shaken. In Alameda County, which went against suffrage, there were nine newspapers, every one of which favored our cause. Had I judged from them and their good offices I would have said we could not fail. I have to say that the newspapers have done their duty."

Mrs. McCann here moved that a rising vote of thanks be offered the newspapers of California that had so bravely stood for the enfranchisement of women. Mrs. Harper seconded the motion and every woman in the crowded hall rose to her feet.

"When we consider," continued Mrs. Harper, "that every newspaper in the