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## Little Girl Wins Suffrage Prize

When the Leonia branch of the Women's Political League of New Jersey offered a \$5 gold piece to the pupil in Leonia schools who wrote the best essay on Woman Suffrage, and decided that "No. 63" easily won, the committee was astonished on opening the envelope so numbered. It contained the name of Miss Julia C. Horne, aged twelve years, of the sixth grade of Leonia grammar school.

Nearly two years ago the New York World published a playlet written and staged by Miss Horne, who is the daughter of Prof. H. H. Horne of New York university, whose home is in Leonia. The child's precocity then caused widespread comment.

She is an omnivorous reader, but not a bookworm, being a tappy, normal child, who loves out of door sports, including riding, driving, swimming, diving, baseball, tennis, basketball and other healthful recreations. She is an apt violin pupil, being a member of the Leonia grammar school orchestra. Her histrionic talent is marked, one of her favorite roles being that of Robin Hood.

**Women Have the Will.**  
 Little Miss Horne's essay, entitled "A Plea for Woman Suffrage," follows:

"My husband," remarked a Philadelphia matron to a group of friends, "was a confirmed smoker with a tobacco heart when I married him, a year ago, but today he never touches the weed."

"Good," said one of the group; "to break off a lifetime habit requires a strong will."

"Well, that's what I've got," said the wife.

So to break off the lifetime habit of male suffrage only requires a strong will; but that's what the women have got.

Equal Suffrage is not a new issue. For ages, in practical form, noble women and brilliant men have pleaded for it. Gentle poets have sung the deeds of such women, nor accounted them too strong-minded for "human nature's daily food."

In the Leonia grammar and high schools the girls receive in every particular the same mental training as their brothers and other boys. In our homes we have the same parents, the same influences in the formation of character and intellectual pursuits. We inherit the same talents and the same tendencies. The wisest scientist is not yet able to predict sex for a child.

If a mother wishes to influence an unborn son to be a statesman or man of affairs, and the child is born a daughter, is this culture for life and good citizenship to be sacrificed?

School children should be interested in this question because they are the men and women of tomorrow, and "as the twig is bent, so the tree inclineth." If our government is to be an ideal one we must receive the complete training to fit us for a perfect work as individuals.

The children of today must learn not only what their parents know, but many other things, so that we may be said to improve.

A few years ago the German emperor jestingly remarked that woman's kingdom was bounded by four K's—viz: "Kirche, Kueche, Kleider, Kinder." Now, when the political map of the world is being changed, the boundaries of that kingdom must be modified accordingly to keep pace with the world's needs.

I will present my pleas for equal suffrage as rebuttals of favorite arguments used by anti-suffragists. First, "women are not the equal of men mentally, and not naturally interested in politics," it is claimed.

Even if we admit this, the way to improve their mentality is to give them the vote. New vocations will then be open to them, better salaries paid, and thus in their broader education the statesmanship of their husbands, sons and brothers will be cloved and purified.

**Cites Dido as Example.**  
 From the time of Dido, the wise Queen and beautiful woman who founded a city in 870 B. C., to the present time, wise reforms in government, in matters of public morals and public health have been effected—"Dux Femina."

Perhaps the most striking illustration of woman's intelligent interest in politics was Aspasia, by whom Socrates was taught and who is believed to have written the most famous orations of Pericles, and of whom he was singularly proud. I have not time to cite the familiar names of noble queens from the days of Queen Esther until now, whose wisdom and prudence have guided their counselors and saved their subjects.

Second, they say "Suffrage would be detrimental to women and to the country." This has not been the case where it has been on trial. Who can estimate the value to public morals of the policewoman that we already have? Also of "welfare" women in

## A Modern Declaration Of Independence

By HELEN MOWER.

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one half of the people—the women—to ask for political bonds that shall connect them with the other half—the men—and to assume among the people of the United States the separate and individual station to which the laws of democracy entitle them, a decent respect for the opinion of the voting constituency requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to take this stand.

We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men and women are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among people, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes, and accordingly all experience has shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of injustices evince a design to keep them under absolute sex aristocracy, it is their right, it is their duty to throw off such government and to provide new safeguards for their future security. Such has been the patient suffering of the women of the United States and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their present system of government. The history of the United States is a history of repeated discriminations against women. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.

The government as at present existing has refused its assent to laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

It has refused us the right of representation, a right inestimable to women and formidable to tyrants only.

It has maintained armies and navies without our consent.

It has declared war without our consent.

It has imposed taxes upon us without representation.

It has tried us by juries in whose selection we have had no choice, under laws we have had no hand in making, and before judges we have had no voice in choosing.

Our repeated petitions for better laws affecting the home and children and our own honor have been ignored.

It has refused to establish minimum wage laws that we may receive proper pay for our work.

We do not receive equal pay for equal work.

We are restricted from entering certain professions which we are by training fitted for.

Mothers are not allowed to be equal guardians with the fathers over their minor children.

We must obey the laws, yet we are not considered capable of having any hand in making the laws.

We must pay taxes, yet we have no voice in saying how the money shall be expended, nor what the rate of taxation shall be.

We are classed with children, aliens, idiots, lunatics and criminals, yet we do not feel that we rightly fall into any one of these classes.

We work in factories, stores, and offices, yet we have nothing to say about the conditions under which we work.

We are obliged to attend school, yet we have no voice in shaping the policy of the school board.

We have appealed to the native justice of voters to right these wrongs, but they have been deaf to our appeals. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity and demand direct representation in accordance with the laws of democracy.

We, therefore, as representatives of womankind, do, in the name and by authority of our sex, solemnly publish and declare that all women are and of right ought to be free and independent voting citizens, that all political dependence upon the male sex is and ought to be totally dissolved, and that as free and independent women, we must have full power to vote, hold property, and do all other acts and things which independent women may of right do. And for the purpose of this declaration we mutually pledge each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.

## Farewell Parties For Congressmen

Preparations for giving congressional men in the non-suffrage states farewell parties when they leave their home towns for Washington in the fall are going rapidly through 32 states, according to Mrs. M. H. McCormick, the energetic secretary of the well party idea.

The Congressional Equal Suffrage Association, National American Association, held its convention at New York, Pennsylvania, where their belief in the necessity of equal suffrage is now on for equal payment to the state writers are continuing upon these. Nor does it mean the eleven equal suffrage states all but half of whom forty congressmen voted for or were opposed for the Woman Suffrage amendment last year. But in all the other states, the congressional district meetings will be held and suffragists believe that they will have a decided influence upon state as well as national legislation in regard to Woman Suffrage.

"This is according to the time honored policy of the National American Woman Suffrage association," Mrs. McCormick points out. "We believe in building firmly in the states while at the same time doing our work in Washington. We realize that our committee in Washington has force and effect only as it is backed up by the congressmen's constituents. So we help the state workers in their state campaigns, and they help us in the congressional districts. As congressional districts combined make states and conversely, states are subdivided into districts, we are preparing for the ratification of our amendment as we go along."

## Women Shape History As Well As Men

(Bion H. Butler.)

A few weeks ago I was in Raleigh one afternoon when Dr. Anna Shaw and some other determined women were there talking to the people and to the legislature about female suffrage. The men put up a bold bluff that female suffrage would be a long, long time on the road in North Carolina, but after the meetings were over, I noticed that in each group of men that discussed the subject a certain significant number of them perceived that female suffrage would come in this state much sooner than lots of folks think. Theoretically they had figured that suffrage a long way off, but when these prophets had listened to the women a new light seemed to appear. It was the old story. When women set their minds on a thing you can conclude they will be heard.

You boast that this is a man's country, but if you look at your history you see that women made it. Columbus was a great old navigator, but who paid the bill? Isabella of Castile. It was not Ferdinand, the king, who sent Columbus to find the new Western world and create the greatest nation the earth has ever seen. It was Isabella, and the money came from her own personal possessions. Isabella, and she made not only a great nation in the Western World, but in her reign Spain became the united kingdom that dominated all of Europe.

Columbus turned in vain to the men of Europe. It may have been superior wisdom, or better judgment or any old trait of character, but the men would not listen to Columbus. It was the women who stood by him in his wild venture, and to Isabella is due America.

Perhaps Elizabeth of England is not in all respects a model of feminine character and attributes, but it is certain that she aided Sir Walter Raleigh in beginning the colonization of the American wilderness. She made England and in making England started colonies.

**A Woman's Country.**  
 From the beginning this has been a country of the women and by the women. You may not be aware of it, but it is the women who do things in the United States. The women run the schools. The women dominate the churches. The women are the patrons of the stores. The women shape the character of the children. Now the women are going to come forth boldly and take a hand in the development of North Carolina, and they are going to introduce some new fashions and bring some new energy to the task.

## Women to Get Same Pay as the Men Get

The Illinois state board of administration decided that women employed in state institutions shall receive the same pay as men where they do the same work. This decision will affect about 3,500 women employees.

President Kern, of the state board, who presided at the meeting, said: "There is no reason why a nurse in a state institution should not receive the same wages as men attendants in the same class of work. It should have been recognized long ago."

**Definition of Chivalry.**  
 Madam De Staël's definition of "chivalry" was "protecting a woman from every other man except himself." And it is no less true today. While we condemn the mob lashed to fury by confused ideas of manly duty based on false sentiment, the outward of degrading social standards, we seem to forget that the real blame is on the men who make the laws—the laws to protect themselves and their own sons, at the sacrifice of somebody's daughter—somebody's little girl, a tender, confiding child lured to her ruin by those to whom she would naturally look for counsel and protection.

## OREGON GOVERNOR AIDS CAMPAIGN

Governor James Whitcomb, of Oregon sent the following telegram to the Empire State Campaign Committee on their recent Suffrage Telephone Day:

"I take pleasure in endorsing the working of Equal Suffrage in Oregon. The women of our state have availed themselves of their privilege with enthusiasm and wisdom, and I am confident they are a strong factor for good government and progressive principles. Their example should encourage the voters of the east to grant their mothers, wives and daughters the full right to which they are entitled as working, tax-paying citizens, bearing the full burdens of the commonwealth without all its privileges. The women of Oregon have done well with their franchise."

**New Wine of Democracy.**  
 If anything were needed to prove that woman suffrage is a part of modern demand and progress the alignment in certain families would be sufficient proof. Dr. Lyman Abbott is unalterably opposed to votes for women but his progressive son is for the women's ballot. Hamilton Wright Mable is against woman suffrage but his daughter is an advocate. Ex-President Taft argues against women voting, while his daughter Helen is working for the cause as a member of the Equal Suffrage League. Grover Cleveland's two daughters are active in suffrage work while their mother is an anti. President Wilson is non-committal but his two daughters are suffragists. The younger generation are seeing the vision of the promised land of equal right to all. The new wine of democracy won't be contained in the old bottles of prejudice and tradition.

**Bishop Spaulding Declares.**  
 Bishop Spaulding of Utah: "After long observation, declares that Equal Suffrage has developed better wives and better mothers, and that women have brought to their duties as citizens and legislators superior humanity and motherhood."