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## THE ONLY WAY



THE UNANSWERABLE ARGUMENT FOR SUFFRAGE

### SUFFRAGISTS ARE NON-PARTISAN

Suffrage Movement in This Country Has Never Endorsed Political Parties

Because of the prominent part women are taking in politics at the present time the various suffrage organizations have been kept busy explaining that the suffrage movement in this country has made no political affiliations whatsoever.

The national conventions of the political parties of the United States this summer have brought equal suffrage into prominence as a subject of national importance. The National American Woman's Suffrage Association has furnished a suffrage plank for both Chicago conventions and for Baltimore. Rev. Anna Howard Shaw and Jane Addams, president and vice-president respectively of the Association, spoke in favor of the plank, the former before the resolutions committee of the Democratic party, and the latter at the Republican convention. But this is nothing new. For many years suffragists have been attending political conventions with planks calculated to fit any platform. And for years the Socialists and Prohibitionists have been adopting the planks. The real interest this summer has been in the rumors that one of the "big" parties would come out for suffrage, and that the suffragists would then promptly begin to work for that party.

Now, as a matter of fact, endorsement by a political party at its national convention does not necessarily mean that any State will so amend its constitution as to enfranchise its women; and it does not mean that the constitution of the United States will be so amended that the States will have to enfranchise women. It simply means that the demand for equal suffrage is so strong as to make it worth while for politicians to take notice of it, as well as of the women voters in the six equal suffrage States. The idea that organized suffragists will work for any political party is quite contrary to the well-known policy of all large suffrage societies. The International Suffrage Alliance, in convention at Stockholm in 1911, discussed the question at length and decided that suffragists must be non-partisan. The National American Woman Suffrage Association, with branches in 37 States, has long had the non-partisan policy. So have the Woman Suffrage Party, in every State where it is organized, the National College Equal Suffrage League, and the Women's Political Union, a New York organization, which works for no man and no party but strives to defeat its enemies at the polls.

### CHICAGO TO HAVE A PETITION DAY

Illinois Suffragists Plan to Put Issue Before Voters at November Election—Hope For 100,000 Names

The Illinois Equal Suffrage Association has already begun the circulation of petitions for signers, and the returns are promising.

Chicago is to have a Petition Day, August 14, when the city is to be canvassed from the limits to the limits on all sides. Hotels, dining rooms and restaurants are to be invaded by the consent of the proprietors in order to gather the voters as they come from the tables in amiable humor. The loop district will be fully patrolled by young women from the colleges, professions and trades, for all are interested in this great issue now at stake.

Workers are to be sent to the smaller cities where a campaign is to be started, and a canvass made for signers of the petition.

### ARIZONA VOTE PUT OFF

Legal Technicality Delays Suffrage Petition

By a somewhat strained interpretation of the State constitution, the Supreme Court of Arizona has postponed the State election for two years. Moreover, it has thereby postponed labor legislation and the popular vote upon woman suffrage called for by the initiative petition.

Eight women candidates for the California Assembly have filed their petitions with the Secretary of State. Seven are Socialists and one a Democrat. Mrs. Helen M. Stoddard of San Diego is a candidate for Congress.

Johannesburg, the commercial centre of South Africa, has entrusted its city government to the leadership of a woman, Mrs. A. M. Ellis, who bears the title of "Mayoress."

Governor McGovern of Wisconsin has appointed Mrs. Ada F. Howie of Elm Grove a member of the Board of Agriculture. Mrs. Howie is the first woman member of the board.

### WOMEN ACTIVE AT CONVENTION

Many Prominent Women Attend the Convention of the Progressive Party As Delegates and Alternates—Miss Carpenter on Platform Committee

The national convention of the Progressive party, which is now being held in Chicago, is attracting widespread attention on account of the unusual prominence given women in its proceedings. There are between 30 and 40 women delegates from the different states, and a number of women alternates.

The women delegates from New York State are Miss Mary Dreier, Miss Pauline Goldmark and Mrs. William Grant Brown. Miss Dreier is president of the Woman's Trade Union League, and a member of the New York State Factory Commission. She has devoted her life to bettering the condition of working women. Miss Goldmark is Secretary of the Consumers' League of New York City, and has done much work in social and philanthropic investigation. Mrs. Brown has been active in the suffrage movement, and has always taken a prominent part in civic affairs.

The women alternates from New York are Miss Clara E. Morrison, sister-in-law of former Lieutenant-Governor Woodruff; Miss Madeline Z. Doty, a well-known lawyer and writer; Mrs. Robert Elder, wife of a former assistant district attorney, and Miss Frances A. Kellor, chief inspector in the New York State Department of Labor and Industry. She is a recognized authority on immigration problems, and has devoted much of her time to securing the passage of laws to protect immigrants.

The women delegates from Massachusetts are Miss Alice G. Carpenter of Brookline, Miss Eleanor Garrison of Boston and Mrs. Grace A. Johnson of Cambridge. Miss Carpenter is an authority on civic and sociological conditions, both in this country and abroad, and is an ardent exponent of woman's rights. She has been named by the Massachusetts delegation as a member of the committee on platform, and is said to be the first woman to fill such a place at a national political convention.

Miss Garrison is a grand-daughter of William Lloyd Garrison, and was given an enthusiastic reception by the other delegates. Mrs. Johnson is the wife of Professor Lewis J. Johnson of Harvard. Mrs. Johnson has been elected secretary of the Massachusetts delegation.

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