

NEWS FROM CONNECTICUT

Bristow-Mondell Amendment Endorsed at Annual Meeting.

The annual convention of the Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association, which has been in session in Hartford Thursday and Friday of this week, came to a close late yesterday afternoon. The election of officers was held in the morning.

The afternoon session yesterday was given up to a discussion of the relations of the Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association and the National Association. Hitherto the Connecticut organization has been an affiliated member of the National Association. Last year, however, there was a change in the national constitution which made such membership very expensive to an association which is raising and spending much money in its own State. Dues were paid on the basis of a percentage of State income, and for 1913-1914 the C. W. S. A. paid in dues \$75 to the National, in addition to several hundred dollars in response to special appeals for help in the campaign States. It was felt that this was too great a tax on the resources of the association, and a resolution was passed that the C. W. S. A. should resign from its present position and apply for associate membership—a membership which costs \$100 and gives the association the right to delegates to the national convention.

There was a strong appeal for money to carry on the work of the coming year, and the pledges of support were headed by the Hartford Equal Franchise League and the New Haven Equal Franchise League, which each pledged \$1000. Bridgeport quickly followed suit, and a representative of the Greenwich Equal Franchise League made a pledge of \$500. Pledges in proportion to their size and resources were forthcoming from the other affiliated leagues, and the association starts the new year with every prospect of adequate financial support.

HAGERSTOWN WOMEN TO ORGANIZE

Local Branch of the Just Government League to Be Launched at Once.

Hagerstown is about to enter the ranks and put into the field an organization whose aim and purpose will be securing the right of suffrage.

At a meeting held at the residence of Mrs. George B. Stonebraker, South Prospect street, on the afternoon of October 19, plans were launched for the formation of a local branch of the State Just Government League.

The meeting was attended by sixty or more local women who are interested in this movement.

Various topics of interest along this line were discussed and plans were formulated whereby Hagerstown might have an organization of this kind. Many of the women present were heartily in favor of this, and a number placed their signatures as members, part as active and part as honorary members.

Miss Caroline Wilson of Easton, Md., who is in charge of the suffrage booth at the Hagerstown Fair, was present and gave a brief talk. Miss Wilson spoke of the organization of this league in Maryland and the great good it will accomplish. She pictured what form the organization would take in Hagerstown, urging the women to use every means for the propaganda. She also spoke of the organization in Easton, Md., her home town. In that town they have a splendid organization. Meetings are held weekly, and at these there are always some topic of interest and of educational value to the women discussed.

Mrs. J. C. Wrenshall, Jr., of Reading, Pa., gave an interesting address along this line. Mrs. Wrenshall spoke of the world-wide spread of the suffrage movement.

"WHEN ALL THE WOMEN WANT IT"

When all the women want the ballot, then, and not until then, according to some opponents, shall any woman have it.

What queer logic! Let's interpret that little "it" to mean something other than the ballot, and see how the story would read:

WHEN ALL THE WOMEN WANT EDUCATION (IT) THEN, AND NOT UNTIL THEN, SHALL ANY WOMAN HAVE EDUCATION.

(Oh, but some may have more ambition than others!)

WHEN ALL THE WOMEN WANT POLICE PROTECTION, THEN, AND NOT UNTIL THEN, SHALL ANY WOMAN HAVE POLICE PROTECTION.

(But some women are very timid—No matter!)

Now, let's apply this same reasoning to the men, and we have:

WHEN ALL THE MEN WANT FIRE INSURANCE, THEN, AND NOT UNTIL THEN, SHALL ANY MAN HAVE FIRE INSURANCE.

(What? Why that is foolish, some men wish to be provident!)

WHEN ALL THE MEN WANT TOBACCO, THEN, AND NOT UNTIL THEN—Ye gods! Well, I guess not!!

WHEN ALL THE MEN USE THE BALLOT, THEN, AND THEN ONLY, SHALL ANY MAN BE ALLOWED TO USE IT.

(Well, what do you think of that—and this, a democracy!!!)

Shall all men be prohibited from the use of the ballot because some men are too lazy or disinterested to cast theirs? Not at all, you say. Well, why then should the women who show a keen interest in the big home—the spacious home called the world, wherein both men and women have been placed, by no authority of either—be denied the right to express their opinions until every woman is wide enough awake to form an opinion to express? There is no reason in such an objection, but just as we are put through our other tricks and made to lie down and play dead, and jump through hoops, etc., to prove our ability and desire to vote, just so we have to meet those absolutely unreasonable objections. Therefore, let us be prepared to meet them.

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