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Dear Suffragist:

There will be a very important conference of the presidents and officers, district leaders, and chairmen of precincts and working suffragists, with the State Board Monday July 31st at 10:00 A. M. at the Minneapolis Headquarters 403 Essex Building.

The following questions will be considered:-

Shall we ask the Legislature of 1917 to submit a Woman Suffrage Amendment?

What bill if any shall we offer the Legislature?

What shall be our attitude on the Initiative and Referendum Amendment to be submitted to the voters at the next election?

Shall we help South Dakota and West Virginia with their Campaigns?

State and County Fairs.

Our finances.

No more important meetings will be held during the year and I urge that you attend even if it entails sacrifice.

Remember your officers are on duty every day and expect your loyal co-operation and help in considering questions of policy.

We have need of our united wisdom in meeting some of our problems.

Faithfully yours,

Clara Ueland.



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Pipestone, Minn.,

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My Dear Mrs. Frounle

Your letter containing check
for fifty dollars was promptly re-
ceived and thank you very much.

I am herewith inclosing
statement of expenses for the month
of June.

You fortunate residents of
the lake regions have no idea of
the desert-like heat we have been
experiencing out here for the past
five days. — but I see a cloud up
on the horizon — so there is hope
ahead —

Sincerely yours —

Rene E. H. Stevens —



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Dear Mrs. Briggs:

Dear Mrs. Briggs: After forty years of unceasing endeavor to get women to work for their own emancipation, Phebe Cousins repudiated the whole blooming 'propaganda' "because the women were such d-fools they didn't deserve the vote."! Dear old Phebe!

Now, I'm writing simply as a preparedness measure. since preparedness means prevention of disaster - I'm preventing myself from blowing up -

Here is Pipestone as a Con-
ventian prospect -

Pap. approximating 3,000

Paved Streets

Water System & Sewage

Electrically illumined with cluster lights

Convention would probably have to be held
in a church and ~~at~~ ^{on} - Presby. could be had.

Mass-meeting there on all of doors.

Two hotels - one fairly good.

No decent restaurants

(over)

Banquet would probably have to be provided by hotel. - 50¢ is about as much as could be wrung from the natives - per plate. Think the hotel would give us something we could choke down for that price.

There are plenty of good looking homes where it appears entertainment could be given if the spirit of hospitality is not lying dead in the front parlor just awaiting burial.

Do they want the vote? O, yes. They were "barn suffragists" - some of them -

Do they want the Convention? "O, dear lady - why have you - I - I - uncle John - When did you say? - Yes. - ^(thoughtfully) "August - yes. August," ^(hurriedly but happily) "Uncle John's coming in August - and I'm going to the Lakes! - and why I don't think you could get a soul out to hear you!! - Seems as tho' everybody's interested in something else more'n they are in suffrage." (Little nervous laugh - Bracing up and with conviction) "But it's coming! Oh it's coming - Nothing can stop it!"

 ----- Adding further ----- world with
 and - etc -



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Saturday when it got near enough Sunday so that its rays were some what deflected from a direct and fierce assault upon the person I sought out Mrs. Playmaker whom I had met at Mrs. Upton's in Worthington. She is a mighty fine little woman and would do anything to further the work. We had a talk about the situation in which she was apologetic about what she knew we would be up against -

Together we went to see Miss Stella Smith who is a fine energetic girl. Her clerk is in one of the dry goods stores - was on duty until ten Sat. and that is where we called on her. We mapped out the possibilities - divided them up and planned to call a meeting for four this afternoon. We all went to Church yesterday talked with those we could see and telephoned others - 16 promised to come -

This morning I called on the Press -
(over)

The Star. (Rep.) semi-weekly - not much interested to your face - behind your back decidedly anti, Sam told - Editor now out of town -

The Leader (Ind.) weekly - Pro-hibition pro suffrage - fine boyish clean faced editor - Circulation smaller than other and not nearly so much influence.)

Called on the Banks ^(Three) ostensibly to get a map but really to get a word in and a handful of suff flyers - Found the Security for us - The State and National mildly ^{but} and sincerely embarrassed and noncommittally stern, respectively - They referred me ^{for the map} to the real estate office of Mr. Briggs - I went - really ^{threetimes} but he does some "chasing" round and in and out" himself and I have not yet overtaken him.

Mr. Briggs is an Englishman whose eldest is now in the Army of the Allies.

He is also Mayor of Pipestone Rep. Candidate for the legislature from this District - and anti-Suffragist Sam told - I shall continue to pursue him.

This afternoon at the appointed hour - four o'clock because this is wash-day and the women do their own laundering - I went to the trying place and found myself alone for the next 20 minutes -



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Then came Mrs. Slaymaker, five minutes. Then came Miss Smith, several minutes later Mrs. Pease Ancient, sweet, decrepit and W.C.T.U. — and here endeth the influx —

At five, we adjourned and I went to see two of the women who had told Miss Smith they would come. - One said: "Oh, you are the woman who rose to speak this afternoon. I forgot all about it! The other, I am sure, thought exactly the same words but was sufficiently self-possessed not to utter them. They both said a good deal besides which deleted of all but its bare meaning was "I can't promise anything" -

However, I left each thanking her for offering entertainment and such help as she could give, etc, etc, and hoping to see their husbands at the banquet. ----- Of course they have

promised any thing and obviously ^[6]
could not be made to do it if they had

I now have that kind of support from
the two ladies Mrs. Cowley and Mrs. Har-
ard ~~and the real~~ who are women of posi-
tion (Mr Howard is a lawyer-opposed) and
the two real ones whose social position
is exceedingly modest. —

I could not go on calling tonight
because every one was going to the
Birth of a Nation — I fancy that's
where many of them were this af-
ternoon —

The City Supt. and his wife are favorable
but she has three babies —

Every sort of woman's organization
has disbanded for the summer — even
church societies — so I can't catch a bunch
together —

I think I could camp here and sys-
tematically work the community un-
til I hypnotized or bull-dozed them in-
to taking the Conference. but this
would give me nearly no chance to work
up the program and roam with
butterfly net — fish-hook and lasso
in search of more or less known
local and near local spell binders.
I find my working equipoise much

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disturbed by a sense of hurry - lest the time slip by - the expense accumulate and no conference be landed - Alred yet I don't believe any of these unworked towns will take it hot off the bat, with the temperature unabated - tho' we are growing more used to it. Any way Pipestone is the last hope on the S. Dakota border - I know we can have some sort of a thing - as good as the one at Sioux Falls (this is not critical - mere statement of fact but not for publication) They had neither a mass-meeting (other than street) reception or banquet. But if we do have it here I want to make a dent in the attitude of the town people. Naturally we all do -

Mrs. Jacquot is to meet me here Wednesday - maybe together we can catch an inspiration -

Last week this place had Oldsters day and Old Soldiers Day - Their

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Shantauqua - received 8 days ending
July 13th -

They have ^{not} been able to name a thing
that would conflict with a Conference in
Aug. except their attitude toward any
additional effort of any sort - and
can you blame them! The only
way will be to bully them into sub-
mission and that will have to be done in-
dividually as they won't come together.

I don't get my Journals - and this
adds to my social and spiritual bereavements
The Nat'l New Letter and Suffragist come but
I haven't had the Journal that contains
St Louis Convention - I even left a
cent for forwarding at Luverne yet it
won't be sent - I wonder if it comes
to Hdqts - or if something goes wrong at
the source.

I presume I shall have some advice
with regard to post-poned date (Aug.) of Conf. to-
morrow - but I know each one of you has
your Goliaths to over come - so taking
care of the home if not logs may not be your
most urgent duty.

I had to write this to get it out of my
system - The little Leader 2d. gave me an
Anti-Prohibition Manual which I will forward
for delectation of the office, when I'm read in a little
more. Markings mine - You can consider that
this is written to you all - when divided it won't seem
so long
Faithfully yours Rene E. A. S.

July 5, 1916.

Mrs. Rene E.H. Stevens,
Pipestone, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Stevens:-

You can do what you reasonably can to get a conference at Pipestone sometime in August, not too near fair time, preferably the first half of the month. But if it seems best it could be even the third week of August. Do not kill yourself trying to get the conference. I should say organization work in that part of the state that might help South Dakota was of most importance. If the conference falls through there is nothing else to do about it.

We could of course get up a conference nearer the Twin Cities, but since we started out to do what we can to help South Dakota I think we should follow that out to the end. My own inclination is to have you spend some time in South Dakota later in the summer and fall, especially if they seem to be waking up to the urgency of the occasion. I don't know what the board will do finally. They are feeling both ways--that we should help and that we should not, as Mrs. Bright says, "Spend one cent in South Dakota." I feel that well directed efforts in South Dakota are not lost even though we are sure that the vote will go against us. All educational work is to the good, especially when it is in territory next our own.

To sum up: Put over the conference if you can with a reasonable amount of effort, because a showy thing like that will make itself felt in South Dakota. If you can not, keep on working in those south western counties with an idea that you may be allowed to cross the border perhaps in Sept. or Oct.

Cordially yours,

CLARA UELAND,



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Dear Mrs. Briggs -

Your and Mrs. Helander
joint letter came this morning on
schedule time. Thank you both
for all your kind and encouraging
word - I am writing rather brief-
ly tonight but will probably
supplement tomorrow.

We decided today to entertain
the Quarterly Conference at Pipestone
August 3^d and 4th - about four
of us. It all seems quite un-
usual to me - When I boasted for
the C - at Worthington and Luverne
I laid down the law and told
them something about who's

Committees should be formed
and what they should do -
Now there aint no Committees
and the few that have promised
to undertake it are quite inno-
cent of what their undertaking is.

I feel one day like a sportsman
who is about to land a brook trout,
and the next like a tight-rope
dancer who is about to land
on a hard and unsympathizing
paramech -

But whatever happens we
are billed for the 3rd and 4th. It
went into one paper today and
will come out in the other
tomorrow -

Watch your wireless stations for
I O O calls from now on -
Hostilely with more to follow
Rene E. H. S.



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Do we have any "Logic for the Business Man" I could use a hundred or so of those in my canvas of business streets in the small towns.

I ought to have something to give the strictly politician. I can't think of any thing better than that "An American Platform for Honest Americans" or works to that effect.

Will you add for one more week sending to Rev. Bedford Norman Saff and the Liquor Suits. I think that will help him quite a bit - Good night
S.



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My Dear, Your letter this morning stiffened my spinal column quite a bit - I suppose what I need and what we all need is something to make us a bit ~~to~~ mad - When those C. U.'s go to hectoring Mrs. Catts and making life miserable for Mrs. Ueland I feel like "showing um"!

^{No}
~~Know~~ doubt it is impossible for them to be patient with Mrs. Catts views as it is for her to command tolerance for theirs - but it does seem to set up another miserable obstacle to ever come in reaching our common goal - On the whole, however it may work to all our advantages in this way - Mrs. Catts greater statesman-ship and the consistent non-partisanship with its concomitant loyalty to friends holds the real genuine men supporters of both

parties while the clever political work ^[2]
of the C.U.C. ^{inspiring} ~~wins~~ the admiration and
wholesome fear in the minds of that
type of politicians who heed only
the argument of Club or axe -

The C.U.C. do surround themselves ^{with}
or generate an alluring spirit of Romance
and adventure that attracts adher-
ents. And they certainly have a gen-
ius for getting money - Oh that
that power would flock into being
among us and quickly - but
I must quit rambling and get down
to business -

Along with the mere nothings
you already have on your calendar
how much can you do in the
way of Press for this blind, halt
and stumbling conference?

(More later - now I must go and
see if I can get next to Dr. Goncalves
and get a word in for universal
Suff - Got the speaker of the after-
noon and he gave us a big boost.
His subject was "Russia of Today -")



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(Continued) It is simply hotter than Hades this morning and this hotel is the spot intended to reduce granite to liquid in a reasonable length of time. My room is right over the furnace. Thick but as such breeze as there is enters my window and the sun is on the other side of the house. I'll stick here to do a little writing. When I come in last night I felt I could sit up another minute so quickly undressed and stretched out. I don't mean to make my case out to be exceptional. I'm sure every one was in the same limp state.

Dr. Junsaulus gave us a mighty strong word. Thanked God that he lived in a community intelligent enough and just enough and right-acting (not his word) enough to give women the vote. Then he elaborated on the mighty need in this hour for the helping heart.

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and hand of roman in the directing power of destiny - or roads to that effect.

Later, in illustrating that Abraham was an American (he was defining Americanism) he had occasion to refer to Lot's disposition - and condoned his fault on the ground that he had lived a long time with a roman so backward looking she had turned into the static thing, a pillar of salt. Then he lambasted the backward looking roman of today and all days - but I wondered if it got under the skin of the really backward ones. Any way it gave peace to the souls of the forward looking - His Subject was "America of Tomorrow" so the importance of the forward look was what he was, in general, stressing -

The nervous strain of catching the chance and then breaking in on the hot tired things, for an interview, tires one more than walking miles in the sun, but it is worth it. The whole town was there to hear Dr Junsaulus and most of the women of the town heard the afternoon speech -

Senator Burkett's subject is



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"The New Woman and the Young Man." I understand that he points out with some emphasis that if he is not to be quite outdistanced by the young woman ^{the young man} he has got to revise his thinking along the lines of innate superiority and get down to applying his brains and developing his abilities with such skill and zeal as he can muster. I don't know whether or not it appeals to the male sense of fairness to open further gates of opportunity to this competing female creature or not.

These Chautauques really are great stuff for rural communities - Regular summer schools.

I received a copy of the official returns by Districts this morning from Lorran As nearly as I can make out every one of the Districts in which we star organizers (you, Elsie, me)

marked, lost. "Aint it awful Mabel!" [6]

At Dubuque the comment I heard on the District Organizer (Miss Greene) was all to the bad - ditto with regard to Miss Erickson. I used to hear quite a bit about the things Miss E did and said. They were not conciliatory nor yet tactful but they punctured spots that needed deflation. Her critics will in the next campaign no doubt profit by what she did to them.

Well to get down to Conference, Send on suggestions.

For the day of actual Conference we need all our District leaders. How shall we get them? If we ask from for a report from each she'll be sure to stay away want she? I'm inclosing subjects for discussion - will you and Mrs. Heland cross off and fill in as you see improvements should be made?

Under recent developments is it to be expected that the Union will meet with us or does their attitude express withdrawal from the State Union?

The numerals on the tentative program



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mean very little. - Propaganda with its
Eight subs could be taken by one person
or distributed by topic -

I've written Mrs. Pyle to send a representative
if she cannot come herself. If
she does this S.D. will talk for herself
and that Caption would be changed to
suit.

For the opening night I should like
to have one good strong spiel for suf-
frage garnished with short professions
of faith by local or near local celeb-
rities.

For the "Piece de resistance"
I can think of no others than Mrs. Sumpf
son, Mrs. Ueland, and Mrs. Stockwell.
As I expect to make Mrs. Ueland pretty
hard as Chairman all day the 4th
feel she should be let down lightly
that evening. Who does the com-
bined mind of Hdqts suggest.
My locals are rather "eely" but they
can't all slip thro' my grasp. Three

however, that I had hopes of claim an
alibi — I simply have thought about
responders to toasts — I have found prac-
tically nothing in local talent. Possi-
bly can find some music — Instead
of saying they'll do any thing that now they
declare it is too much to try to attend
Chautauqua — When I ask who speaks
or sings or plays or does dramatic read-
ing — the universal answer to date has been
"Why really I don't know any one who could
do that." I know I must sound like one
screaming of cholera morbus — I don't mean
that. I'm only explaining that it seems
necessary to import the entire pro-
gram — Mrs. Upton of Warehington used
to live here. I've written her to know if
she can come — If she can will ask
her to be toast mistress — I'm sending

her to be toast mistress
along with all this mess in sending
eulogistic toasts. Suggest some
good ones and you Mrs. Ueland and
Mrs. Simpson say what your own
will be. "I and publicity" should

will be, "press and publicity" should
I suppose be on the day program - Where can it be
stuck in, and will you discuss it, only
if you do who will talk organization? Will Mrs Sharp tell
Love Rees there must go in

July 8, 1916.

Mrs. Rene E.H. Stevens,
Pipestone, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Stevens:-

I am glad you have been able to make definite plans for a conference. Of course you will let us know what you want us to do at this end. Send all the material for the press to us just as fast as possible so that we can send it on to the country papers.

We have under consideration the possibility of going there in automobiles but I haven't much hope that any automobile owners are enthusiastic enough to give us machines and chauffeurs for so long a time, and then there is of course the question of possible roads. All of this we will have to find out. It would of course be a corking thing to do but I am not very hopeful that we will be able to carry it out.

I have a letter from Mrs. Pyle asking us definitely what we will do. At its meeting Saturday the Board voted to postpone consideration of South Dakota until the next meeting. There is a strong disposition on the part of some of our board members, especially those with Congressional Union leanings, to oppose giving any time or money to South Dakota as it seems rather hopeless. We will not have any money to give them as it is going to be all we can do to pay our own expenses up to the time of our annual convention in October.

Mrs. Stevens, -2-

But we might send you and Mrs. McMahon into South Dakota for a part of the time. My own opinion is that we should do this, and especially if they have changed their minds as they seem to have done, about having outside workers.

With best wishes for your success,

Cordially yours,

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Mrs. Edith D. Briggs, Secy
Minnesota Woman Suffrage Assn
403 Essex Bld. MINNEAPOLIS.

My dear Madam:

We have your letter of the 7th, and in compliance
with your request hand you herewith pamphlet
containing dates and names of secretaries of
the county and district fairs of Minnesota.

Yours truly,

JCS:B

J. C. Simpson
Secretary



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My Dear Mrs. Briggs

Yours of yesterday containing copy of Mrs. Helands letter to Clubs received this morning - No doubt you received mine giving dates of conference about the same time - The money problem is the real problem at this juncture I can see so many ways where I shall need to spend it and so few for getting it in regard to the conference. If only the promise of "rain and cooler" come true it will perhaps be possible to think. The women, and men too so far as I have met them, have been entirely friendly as to sentiment - have signed slips pretty much because they don't want to be counted with the antis. but when it comes to doing any thing or giving any thing they wish to be strictly counted out - One of the Club

members told me they could not get people to join because of the small dues. Besides there is every kind of organization known to civilization or savagery represented here and contending for memberships. Needless to say the bridge clubs are the winners. — I go to the Chautauque as much as possible because I get a kind of chance at them there and it pleases the local Chautauque Mgmt. ^{with} whom I'm trying to cultivate the spirit of reciprocity. Have succeeded by this means in meeting three or four Ruffs from out-lying towns.

sent I need ¹⁰⁰ more free leaflets about an equal quantity of each of the "babies" including "Better Babies" — any thing else you think I need.

Did I mention that I could use the "Logic for Business Men" to advantage and that we ought to carry a line especially for political aspirants. It would not require such a lot of these last.

Also I need stationery —

sent (25 Letter heads and second sheets
25 Envelopes — blank
300 Enrollments — blank) I could use about the 25 "a good many penants" ^{of months} for publicity and decorating about



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and that kind of poster or those kinds you were sending to some one when I was in the office - We discussed their publicity and propaganda value.

This weather would indicate that we might even sell the fans and by August the flies will need the swatters I'm sure. - If only we had them the fans would be popular at the (Hall) taugud - And it could advertise dates of Conference.

I'm going to try to get some money here in spite of all the discouragements.

Among your sample copies do you have something in the way of suffrage song that young girls 20 or so (I mean years) might think attractive to sing, with some persuasion of course.

The printing pens arrived safely, also the duplicate journals so I think my file is now complete.

This town is being circularized with

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anti-suffrage as well as anti-prohib.
I haven't got hold of the anti-suff but
was told by a suff man who had received
some that day. Said he threw it a-
way.

I made inquiry at the Court House as
to how a mailing list of voters could be
secured. The voters are very loosely
enrolled - don't have to register - and
so for mailing purposes the young
lady in the Tax Commissioners Office
has made list of tax-payers which she
sells for five dollars. There are she says
some thing over 2300 names on the list.

I haven't had a chance to take this up
with local suff. I don't know whether
I told you it has been a year and a
half since this club had a meeting.

The Fair in Pipestone Co. comes
in Sept. My memory or want of it
caused me to overlook days.

Mrs. Jacquot did not meet me
as planned - On the 3^d they had a
tragedy in Swanhoe. Some young men
were celebrating, so early, a sane Fourth.
There was an explosion. One was killed.
ed another blinded - about 9 others



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arrested and some likely to go to prison. Dr. Jacquot the only physician in the place. This circumstance disclosed that she ^{is a} ~~was~~ very important element in her husband's profession. Had she not been on the spot (a man suffering for instance) the situation as to caring for the injured baby would have been vastly worse. This indefinite postponement of her beginning activity, discouraged ^{her} as to attempting any more than she is doing. She must get "their things" ready for this winter. He is special-izing and they spend three or four months in New York this coming winter. I saved her letter to forward to the office but inadvertently destroyed it later. She was terribly upset when she was writing, I answered

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sympathetically but have it let go.
Haven't yet given her dates of con-
ference but will tomorrow.
I'm afraid her husband is going to
train her into his "right hand" in-
stead of permitting the Cause to do
the like for itself - And like a
few million others he's cleared
his conscience. He's willing she
should have the vote - If she can
get without committing any slight
service to him. To be sure he has not
so analysed ^{his} suffrage faith.

Well any way I got another
suffrage speech in at Chautauqua
tonight - Prof Nassam of Iowa
State Uni. It was a good one too.

I'm going to bed - are n't you
glad. I've written half of this piece
the lecture and its turning cool and
sit here - Thank heaven -

Ever yours
Pence E. A. S.

There is a dance in a hall a block away ex-
actly opposite my window - nothing intervening -
I try to rejoice in their happiness but their music
sounds terribly like noise to me -

July 11, 1916.

Rene, dear:-

It is so late that I am afraid that we will have to stick strictly to business in this letter. Mrs. Briggs is waiting for a call from "husband" and you know what I get if I don't show up at 6:30! Besides I am to speak tonight at the Settlement House -- so here goes.

We all like your idea about having the mass meeting a street meeting. Have you decided who will be your chief speaker? If a man, I suppose you want a celebrity. What would you think of Sen. Noonan of Waseca? They say he is a good speaker but you may have somebody better in your mind, as he is not in the Senate now. I had him down as a sort of understudy for Mankato, in case Sen. Putnam refused. (Haven't asked Mrs. Ueland's opinion of this as she was so busy this afternoon while here, we did not have time to take up the Pipestone conference!)

I want to give you this piece of advice out of my experience: if you want speakers asked from the office or by Mrs. Ueland, prefer the request at once. Great bodies move slowly and you only have a week now before your program ought to be out of the printer's hands and in the mail.

Upon looking over your letter again, we think you must mean that you want a woman for the chief speaker; if so, let us know that too, so that we can decide. Of the three you mention, we think Mrs. Simpson would be very much the best. My judgment would be to have a man and a politician for the longest talk and a brilliant woman to supplement him.

As for me, I will do anything you want me to--I have been many kinds of a fool, one more kind wont make any difference. So just let me know what you taste in fools is! Mrs. Thorp probably will not be at home so if you want me to do the press, I will do my best. I have already refreshing my mind on press work, with Mrs. Briggs behind me. We have sent out about 75 of the story, copy enclosed. (Bum stencil,) yesterday and today. Tomorrow another story made

up of the same stuff to go to the papers where there is more than one publication in same town.

For Heaven's sake, pass on every item you have; we would like to have a new story every day and must send to the papers, items of local interest to them. To go back to speakers again, one of the Normal School professors at Mankato had promised to speak at our banquet; would you like to try him again? I had a good many acceptances; if you would get any help from these I will send you their names.

If you could get Sen. Julius E. Haycraft of Fairmont, he would be a drawing card.

We suppose if Mrs. Simpson is going to talk at the street meeting, you would hardly want her to take a toast, too.

I'd be awfully glad if you would ask Mrs. B.J. Burton, Leader of 9th Leg. Dist. Granada, Minn., Mrs. Nora C. Munson, of Albert Lea, (asked to be leader of 6th district), Mrs. J. H. Frazer, Austin, Minn. to have the program somewhere. I had asked Mrs. Will Curtis of St. James, assistant editor of the PLIANDEALER, to talk on press work after I found that Mrs. Thorp could not come to Mankato, and she had accepted. I wonder if it wouldn't be a good idea for you to use her in that capacity. Another suggestion I have is Mrs. Skinner of Austin, editor of the HERALD. She could talk so well on the kind of stories they need in country papers. If you want me to, I might lead the discussion and let her talk on the country papers.

After talking over the subject of organization, Mrs. Briggs says, "Why, don'te both of you talk on organization, dividing the subject between you--so the audience won't get so tired of either one of you?" and the suggestion seems good to me; let's make the division "City and County Organizing." And under Cities, let's include such towns as Mankato, Albert Lea, Stillwater and Worthington.

Do you really mean you want me to take a toast, when you know I have no wit, nothing in me but hard work, how can one do a toast with neither clothes nor brains. Of course I shall buy a dress in your honor, if I really am to stand up in meeting, but the brains, what shall I do about them! The small amount I have thought I had before, have melted and oozed away on an unresponsive Hennepin County organization. We think the subjects are awfully clever. Do express your opinion on our respective talents so that we can at least put some measure of blame upon your shoulders. You know this is YOUR conference so even if we are stupid, you have to stand for it.

I Believe Mrs. Briggs has a few personal remarks to make, so good night and no dinner for me. -- 6:30 now.



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Pipestone, Minn.,

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Mrs. Andrew Ueland
403 Essex Bldg.
Minneapolis

My Dear Mrs. Ueland-

How fine it would be if the
Twin City delegates could make the
conference pilgrimage by auto.
So many points enroute could be
uncovered and perhaps other del-
egates induced to join with their
autos. I have had the thought that
it would be a good thing, if it can
be arranged, to send speakers from
our conference to near by towns
in S. D. such as Elkton and
Slandreau. I have not yet got
word from these towns as to their

wishes - ~~For~~ Mrs. McMahon, for instance,
whose activities are not so limited, as those
of women who have to keep homes as
well as get votes, might be dated
up for the first, second or fifth.
This however has not passed the stage
of pure idea.

Things are progressing rather
hopefully - only our conference
must ^{not} think to be entertained ele-
gantly - It is entirely probable that
they will be banqueted in a basement.
We are planning an open air for mass
meeting if weather is fair

Letters this morning bring acceptances
from Mrs. Hayden R. Upton of Warthing-
ton - and Miss Leone Eric of Kinbrac.
Miss Eric will respond to the toast
When Mother Votes.

Mrs. Upton was on the program
of the post-poned Conference for
"Indoor Meetings." She is well known
much loved and thought very brilliant
by the women here. Knowing now
that she will come I have it in



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mind to ask her to be toast-mistress.

The local Committee is as follows:

Mrs. Mark H. Slaymaker	} Hospitality
" Thos. Sawe	
Miss Stella Smith	} Banquet
" Winifred Bartlett	
Mrs. Nason	Music

You know at first no one wanted to take the responsibility of doing anything - Think gradually I can work more in to help a little.

Any way thru gentle but persistent reminders I got an endorsement for suffrage from every one of the Chautauqua Lecturers - made a five minute spiel about the conference myself to one of the largest audiences on the grounds and have a perfectly good hand-made invitation

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to the attendants there to take in the ^{next} big event in Pipestone, Aug. 3-4 - posted on their ticket booth.

I think the endorsement from these big men has helped a lot.

In return - this afternoon I must desert my suffrage duties long enough to act as judge in an oratorical contest at the grounds. After today I shall fall upon the surrounding territory -

I'm inclosing a letter from Mrs. Fowler which speaks for itself. Dr. Jencks told me last night he was receiving anti literature and would send me some.

More later, I want to get this in to the mail - Oyes - I received a statement from Dr. Todd for testing my eyes and when I remitted I inclosed a pledge slip and made the strangest short appeal I knew how for a contribution - Here's hoping he responds and also hoping that the Anti-So. Dakotans reconsider their decision not to help -

Very Sincerely Rev E. H. Stevens



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Pipestone, Minn.,

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Dear Friend,

Earlier in the day thought there were a lot of things I wanted to ask you about but it seems uncertain whether my head will work.

One thing I since ~~last~~ day in finding quarters which appear pleasant and will cut living expense in half. I have felt so conscious of extravagance staying here while the barrel scraping process is before us, but it seemed as tho there was no place for one. This kind Samaritan just got home yesterday from her summer vacation - I move in the morning.

I should have a list of the Leaders at least and I think too the chm - throughout our organized portions of the state. I have written to all I know to be active by which I mean those who haven't resigned.

I know requests and invitations from you would be more effective because they know and love you - but I must have their names and districts for the

program any way.

How many programs did you get out for Albert Lea? Using yours for a sample. I got bids from the two newspaper offices here -

Leader's Price	Star's Price
300 --- 8 ⁰⁰ ---	\$7 ⁵⁰
500 --- 10 ⁰⁰ ---	9 ⁵⁰

The difference seems to be in the cover - The more expensive is nicer. Neither office seems to have a thing but the one cover material shown me.

What did yours cost? How much did the separate banquet programs cost - and is it the rule to provide only as many of these as you estimate plates - I did not realize I was so ignorant, and did you have tickets made and how many of these?

A little woman I met here at the hotel gave me the names of the following women at St. Cloud as interested, to Hdgls acquainted with them and are any of them prospects for toasts?

Mrs. W. W. Wright - (close friend of Mrs. C. E. Ottorood)

" J. Smarth

" A Anderson

" Mayberry (husband lawyer)



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Do you think July 25th early enough to have the programs ready for mailing? Perhaps you will send me all this information in tomorrow's mail without waiting for my questions -

I called on the Mayor the other morning but he was just on the point of receiving a gang of contractors for paving and so shunted me off - It was entirely obvious the W. S. is the last theme he cares to harken to. Oh how different would have been his manner had I been a voter. He candidate for the Legislature. He looks stupid and - oh well. I want to defame him. I shall telephone him and ask for an appointment - then I'll ask him to preside at Mass - meeting - welcome us or something.

Is there any one at Duluth devoted enough to come down here - and who?

I was so absorbed in conference when I wrote last I even forgot all about

J. Stitt - I sure would be interested in his letter.

Hope Nance is liking her work better every day and that Suffrage workers are beginning, or least, to spring up around you -

I never wrote to the Child Labor committee for those pamphlets or all and they do make interesting matter for study clubs -

I've got to rid up my house and pack - Also I am sleepy - Last night was hot - stormed - people moving in and out over me every time a train arrived or departed - with the result I can't remember of sleeping any.

I think I reported I had asked for representatives from S.D., and had written Dr. Jones. Of course, only few replies have been rec'd -

Can't you make a little press matter out of nothing? I'm going to make up something for the papers here tomorrow.

Had these little flyers made to distribute thro' this and adjoining counties. Is it worth anything? I will do as much as I could afford at this time with love. Stevens.

July 13, 1916.

Mrs. Rene Stevens,
Pipestone, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Stevens:-

I you have a successful conference in Pipestone I shall feel that you have made it out of whole cloth. The program as you outline it and from the very cursory attention that I have been able to give it, seems all right. I think you can count on Mrs. Simpson, although we haven't definitely got her to say she will come; we will do that at once. She is fine on all big occasions. We must not overwork her as she is not any too strong.

The most important parts of the conference, as I see it, are the street meeting and the banquet. I remember a wonderful street meeting that we had in Waseca two or three summers ago. It seemed to me there were thousands of people on the street. We, all of us, had to go from one corner to another and repeat our speeches. The success of this was due to the enthusiastic women who literally went from house to house with their posters, advertising the meeting.

If you can get up a big street meeting and a pretty good banquet, I wouldn't worry so very much about the other part of the conference because you are working against such handicaps; by handicaps I mean of course the little suffrage sentiment and the few working suffragists, also the long distance from headquarters which will probably tend to keep down the numbers of those attending.

If this conference were the only thing that we had to think of here, it would be big enough and important enough to give our entire attention to, and when I tell you that I have three or four almost equally important things pressing upon me to be done at once--things

relating to the National Association, to our coming legislature, the men who are running for office and the measures that we are to push next winter, you must not feel that if this conference is left pretty much to you that it is because I am not interested. Once I can get a series of important letters off, I shall give a little more attention to the conference.

As to automobile trips, nothing has been done as yet. I will ask some of our women but I must wait. I am not so very hopeful.

We think you are doing wonders with your Chautauqua meetings and everything else. Keep track of the important things that you do for a report at Board meeting in August, (which by the way, will not be until the second Saturday, Aug. 12th, postponed on account of the Pipestone conference.) I want to say to you that we have to meet a very marked attitude of criticism of our organization work from the Congressional Union members on our Board and outside of it, so we want to put up the best showing possible from the organization work.

Cordially yours,

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JULIUS A. SCHMAHL,
SECRETARY OF STATE

ST. PAUL. July 13, 1916.

✓
Mrs. M. S. Boyd,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Madam:

The Minnesota legislature is now non-partisan and there is no way of determining its politics. This is in reply to your letter of July 11.

Yours truly,

Julius A. Schmahel
Secretary of state.

July 14, 1916.

Bridgeport Y Mailing Plate Co.,
9th and Spruce Streets,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

We desire to place with you order
for the smallest number of cuts you make
from one picture, of each of the enclosed
photographs, two in number:

Mrs. Albert McMahon, }
Mrs. Rene E.H. Stevens, } organizers for Minn-

esota Woman Suffrage Assn., 403 Essex Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn. These cuts are to be one
column cuts, 2" x 4", which at your price of
2½¢ per sq.in. quoted us in your letter sent
us in February, replying to ours of Feb. 4th,
would be 20¢ per cut, and \$4.00 per 20 cuts;
is 20 still your minimum? When you write in
acknowledgment of order, will you kindly advise
about what will be the cost of the original zinc
cut.

We would like very much to have the cuts
of Mrs. Stevens as soon as you can get some of
them out. We need them now for use in Minnesota
country papers and if you could rush this part
of the order, we would be very grateful. Will
you please advise when we may expect these, also
confirm prices, and advise what are your prices
and terms for two column cuts if not the same as
for one column size. Thanking you for an early
reply,

Yours very truly,

MINNESOTA WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION,

(Mrs. H.W. Briggs)

Secy.

July 14, 1916.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt,
171 Madison Avenue,
New York.

My dear Mrs. Catt:-

We have your first and second letters about the proposed convention and I am giving careful consideration to all the points that you have enumerated. We will do our best to get a delegation to go to Atlantic City.

I should be glad to have the following distinguished women from Minnesota sent invitations from the National, and I will also write to them personally urging them to go.

- ✓ Miss Margaret Sweeney, Dean of Women, University of Minn. Minneapolis.
- ✓ Miss Josephine Berry, Dean of Women, University Farm School, St. Paul, Minn.
- ✓ Miss Gratia Countryman, Librarian, Minneapolis Public Library.
- ✓ Mrs. T. G. Winter, Chm. Literature Extension, Minn. Federation of Women's Clubs, 418 Groveland, Av., Minneapolis.
- ✓ Mrs. W. T. Coe, President Minnesota Fed. Women's Clubs, Wayzata, Minn.
- ✓ Mrs. C. M. Ferguson, President Minneapolis Womens Club, 1526 Harmon Place, Minneapolis.
- ✓ Mrs. Margaret Evans Huntington, Honorary Pres. Minn. Federation of Women's Clubs, Northfield, Minn.
- Professor Maria Sanford, Honorary Pres., Minn. Federation of Women's Clubs, 1050 - 13th Av. S.E. Minneapolis.
- Mrs. Clarence Atwood, past President, Minn. Fed. Womens Clubs, Saint Cloud, Minn.

Mrs. Catt, -2-

Mrs. E. H. Loyhed, past president, Minn. Fed. Womens Clubs,
Faribault, Minn.

Mrs. P. L. DeVost, Committeewoman, Minn. Fed. Women's Clubs,
10 - 12th Ave. So., Duluth, Minn.

Mrs. Peter Schwarg, past president, Minn. Fed. Women's Clubs,
Dodge Center, Minn.

Mrs. Luther Mendenhall, Duluth, Minn.

(Mrs. Charles P. Noyes, President Minnesota Y. W. C. A.
89 Virginia Ave., Saint Paul, Minn.

(Mrs. James Paige, Pres., Hennepin County branch Y. W. C. A.,
420 Oak Grove, Minneapolis.

(Mrs. C. A. Severance, St. Paul Park, Minn.

Mrs. S. R. Holden, President Drama League, Duluth, Minn.
(not just sure of initials--wife of physician)

Cordially yours,

CLARA UELAND,

By _____

Dictated and not read by
Mrs. Ueland.

Office Secy.

July 14, 1916.

Mrs. Rene Stevens,
Pipestone, Minn.
Hottest Place this Side of H-----.)
EDB

My dear Mrs. Stevens:-

In answer to your letter about printing of programs: want to tell you that as near as I can remember, all our printing in Albert Lea came to about \$20. I do not know just what you mean by the prices mentioned in your letter. (We think very likely the "more expensive is the nicer" as you say; will take your word for it.) I did not have separate banquet programs; if you will look at the copy you have you will see that everything connected with the banquet is given on the last page of program. I think this is rather valuable because in this way everyone gets a program of the banquet even though many do not go.

The tickets used in Albert Lea were some the women had had printed for another affair, and the date was simply changed.

No, we have not heard anything about the Saint Cloud women mentioned. Surely a close friend of Mrs. Atwood's ought to be a speaker and a woman whose husband is a lawyer means of course she would be all right.

As I told you the other day, we think the programs really should be ready by the 20th if possible; but that is ideal and you probably won't get them before the 25th. As for Duluth I think it possible that Mrs. Harold Crassweller, 2016 East 6th St., might come. She is the only person that I would want, almost, and if she would come I think it would be nice to ask her to be on the program as she is so attractive and clever. She had promised to come to the Markato conference but was ill. (By EDB--I wonder if Mrs. McMahon did not mean here the Miss. Valley Conf. Mrs. Crassweller was to have come to that but was sick at the time.)

Mrs. Stevens, -2-

We are going to send you as soon as possible, a list of district leaders and all chairmen. I am writing to the leaders--began day before yesterday--asking them to start the ball rolling for automobile trips from their counties to Pipestone. Mrs. Briggs has today sent in order for the featherweight cuts from your Sweet pictures, and we hope to have them in time for use in the country papers just before the conference.

We think the dodgers are corking; can you not send us about 100 to go out in all letters from here about the conference? We would like to be putting them into every letter we write from now on until the time.

I had a letter from Mr. Lovejoy saying we could have anything we wanted from his office for Minnesota work. Would you like to have us write for anything for you? If so, what particularly do you want? I am enclosing Mr. Wilson's letter according to promise.

We are sorry that it is hot and trying for you down there, but it least you don't have asphalt pavements to walk on so your feet are not blistered, and you haven't anything on us when it comes to hot weather--or tiresome people who haven't any vision. Before you put me on the program definitely, I think it would be wise to find out whether the powers that be intend that I should be present. I haven't heard anything about it up here.

We are working as hard as we can on the press stories and we want to heap you in anything we can. I know as perhaps no one else can, what you are going through, so don't hesitate to call upon me for anything that is in my power to do. I will write again not quite so much about business, as soon as there is a minute. I am hurrying now to go to a meeting.

How about programs; do you want to get them out yourself, or do you want us to mail them from here? If you do, please send us mailing list of people you want to reach and we will use our file of district enrollments.

We are sending out the enclosed story tomorrow. Enclose also list of papers to which these press stories are going. We are not sending anything to Pipestone as we presume you will want to take care of those papers yourself. Please let us know if you want those covered from here.

With much love and good wishes,

Cordially,

MARIA MCMAHON,

By _____

July 15, 1916.

Mrs. Rene E. Stevens,
Pipestone, Minn.

My dear:

In answer to this long letter I want to say first that we all like your subjects tremendously, and are doing our best to fit the speakers to them--I mean those that you have asked us to provide for. As soon as your letter came we wrote a special delivery to Sen. Lende at Carby asking him to make the address of the evening at the mass meeting and to give us a reply by telegram. If he does not accept we will ask Mr. Christensen of Dawson. In the meantime, we will hear from Mrs. Simpson definitely and perhaps others and will send you the news by telegraph that you may have it as soon as possible.

We have written all the leaders asking them to have their reports in and explaining that they are to elect one of their number to represent them on the State Exec. Board. Upon consideration we decided that Miss Youmans of Winona would be the best person to discuss "Raising the Stamps" as she has done a great deal of that sort of thing and is a clever and attractive young woman; she also has been written to. We have asked Sen. and Mrs. Haycraft to be on the program, feeling sure that there will be a place for them should they possibly accept and if they will take their machine and join the procession, we can use the Senator for speeches all along the route.

Others to whom we have written are:

✓ Mrs. Harold Crassweller of Duluth,
✓ Mrs. B. J. Burton of Granada,
✓ Mrs. Nora Munson, of Albert Lea,
✓ Mrs. J. H. Frazer, of Austin,
Miss Addie Keenan " " " "
Mrs. Will Curtis of Saint James,
Mrs. Skinner, of Austin,
Mrs. F. L. Parso, of Windom.

✓ Mrs. E. Young - Will -

Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Skinner we asked to speak on press work

Mrs. G. W. Lupton
Mauch
Will see in Mps

and Mrs. Parso on the "Present Outlook" The others we assigned no subjects as it seemed best to get their acceptance first and then confer with you; we simply asked them to be on the program and urged that they reply by return mail. In every case, we urged that the machines be used and that they join the Minneapolis delegation on the way. This sounds well, although of course as yet we have no Minneapolis delegation. I have very little hope that any of these will accept but I think it is a good thing to ask them anyway because that in itself gives publicity to our subject and advertises the conference. It all helps to create suffrage sentiment.

We will ask Mrs. Purdy to report for Hennepin County and Mrs. Holman of Saint Paul for Ramsey Co. Mrs. Thompson will not be able to attend. It is extremely difficult to get any response here; I never in my life experienced such heat; everyone is enervated, gone out of town if possible and if not, fully convinced that a "Woman's Place is at Home." Mrs. Ueland is absorbed in questionnaires from Mrs. Catt and a few that she has originated for herself in an effort to decide whether or not we are to work for the initiative and referendum this coming winter. Consequently, she has not been able to give much time to Pipestone. She was in this morning and we talked it over; she likes what you are doing and said that she would do anything that you suggest.

The other subjects which you have left to us we will do our best to fill. Mrs. Ueland says that it is just as well not to ask the Congressional Union to take any part in the conference; she is certain they could not as they have many activities of their own. We notice that you have scheduled Claude Southwick to talk on Our New Timber Claim; I suppose you wouldn't want to switch him would you, to The Deer, as he is just the type who would do that so cleverly, and a different type of man could handle the other subject, - Senator Hayercraft for instance, if he accepts the invitation to be present.

9:30 is as early I believe as you can get anybody to come to the meeting and then I would not put anything important in the morning session--Music by local talent and the invocation by local preacher will be all right I think!!!! If neither Mrs. Skinner nor Mrs. Curtis can go and take the press discussion, shall we leave it on the banquet list under the head of the Fourth Estate or some other title? This in order to keep me off the program twice in the one day. I would prefer it at one of the business sessions because I feel that it ought to be thoroly discussed as a lesson to the suffragists upon whom we may call to help us in the future, but if I am to talk about it perhaps it would be better on the banquet program.

I hope you can get the Slayton Judge as the town is in the same district. We have been told, too, that there are some fine women who are suffragists in Marshall: have you been referred to anyone there? We do not have the names or would give them.

I do not think it is necessary to confine yourself to ten topics at the banquet, if you have the speakers, because your toasts are all so fine-it is a pity to cut any of them out. You will notice we have already featured them in the press story. I think we have answered all your questions now; will let you know as fast as any acceptances come in. Mrs. Simpson is out of town and hard to get at. Think there is very little chance of getting Mrs. Kenyon or Mrs. Bacon but will do our best.

Mrs. Stevens, -3-

Hope you are more comfortably situated now and getting somewhat rested.

You may be glad to know that the first fruits of our press work are coming in; we have from Pollock's today clipping from the Duluth Herald which gives our first story in full, verbatim, even to the mis-spelling of Dr. Jones' name "EFFIR"

With best love and enclosing J. Stitt's letter--this time.

Cordially,

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P.S. Have written to Mr. Lovejoy for some of the Child Labor Pamphlets to go into the Traveling Libraries; he wrote offering them,

Popestane - July 13th [1916]

Dear People (all of you)

Let me first tell Mrs. Ueland I feel reproached for appealing to her when she has so many and greater demands upon her strength and time - when I should be a prop and not a leaner. Now - after that - not because I would burden her - but because her wise guiding vision, and fine general-ship, and wide understanding of the national and state situations make her the logical and psychological one for the place - may I put her on the program as follows:

Aug. 3^d - Response to welcome

" 4 Chairman Conference Sessions (General)

" 4 Toast -

I know I've asked the above before by piece-meal but now it is all together so its proportions may be justly estimated - Beyond this I am not going to ask anything more until I hear from my long list of "asks" written the 13th. That night I thought perhaps I should not be able to get out of bed in the morning. Now I know nothing can down me physically - If I had a brain to match my strength of constitution - Well I'd just respond to the toasts right down the line and ask no odds of nobody - The next morning (yesterday 14th) I got up at seven - bathed and had breakfast at 7:30. Wrote two letters and fixed up the stuff for the Star, issued that day - went to the office (Star) and learned there was a farmers picnic at Chandler, that I could get a train going there at 11:12 am. and return ~~some~~ sometime in evening. I grabbed a hand full of the Conference dodgers and all

the literature I had left - rushed up to a store where I learned a girl clerked who once lived in Chandler - got some names and hearish for the station - Upon arrival at Chandler found the town full of midway junk attractions and the crowd beginning to fill up the spaces -

It developed that the mayor was master of ceremonies - I asked if I might legitimately scatter my printed matter - He wanted to know if I did not speak "Sure" I says "on my own subject" - He replied they had wanted a speaker but had not been able to get one - whereupon I was engaged for the occasion. It was a wonderful day I hurried in the shade - not that there was any shade - I had hot dogs for lunch and hamburger for supper - I will admit supplemented by peaches and pink ice cream - Spoke about 7 p.m. - after the clown the acrobat, the sword eater, Charlie Chaplin and the balloon ascension - In front of the leading hotel having been precluded by the band and introduced by the mayor - Accompanied by the merry-go-round on my back, the "Strike the bell and test your strength three times for a dime" game and in competition with all the vendors of wares and sports along the line. Oh it was a grand moment in my life! I had watched that crowd all day - Not once had they given a performer the glad hand - I began with what I considered a very good and appropriate joke story. It was received with absolute solemnity. As I thought I'd give them the straight goods and accordingly repeated what I could remember of one of Stella's best, keeping it up as long as I could yell above the noise. When I got down they applauded. Of course it was because I got down - Any way I got a dozen or two signatures afterward and one of them was from Denver.

Then I had to wait for the 10:20 train - Just ate the above described supper then sat and watched the eclipse - Got back here just before midnight and as I strolled up from the depot came across a lone ^{man}

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With a telescope all set up² watching the eclipse scientifically - I stopped and looked through the scope too, and asked questions a bit and came on - I could not help but reflect that some how I possessed a good bit of the thing we are working for namely freedom - The mayor and his daughter signed and seemed to think rather favorably of coming over for the mass meeting.

Mrs. Jarquist spoke at a similar affair in ^{Yonkers} but I have not had a report on it yet - sent her the hand bills and a limited ~~amount~~ amount of flyers. I'm out of literature entirely - but may be my last order is on the way -

Am sending hundred or so of the hand bills under separate cover.

Mrs. Upton definitely accepted the toast - mistress job today - I am inclosing some letters that speak for themselves - better than I can speak for them - Pass them into my drawer when you've read - and leave them - I have answered - Did not release Mrs. Shell.

What I meant with regard to difference in prices for the programs was that the higher estimate was due to the fact that his cover paper was a little heavier better paper. The cheaper would not be bad - I'd give anything to have them out by the twentieth - This expense of not knowing is terribly wearing -

The P.E.O. Ladies will undoubtedly take charge of the preparation of the banquet - but the place cannot be officially designated until Monday evening. We have official permission to use the Court House grounds - band stand etc for Mass meeting.

Re the program once more - I knew the toasts were included in it but I thought you also had separate ones for the table - (This is just a little aside - After all you did not inclose Mr Wilson's letter)

I don't know the names of any of the child labor pamphlets but whatever would give the most vivid ^{and definite} information would be the thing for the traveling library. The Child L. Committee I should think would themselves be the best judges -

I wrote to

Mrs. B. J. Burton - Granada
 " Nora C. Munson - Albert Lea
 " J. H. Frazer - Austin
 " Will Curtis - St James
 " Skinner - Austin

in yours of 11th
 just as you suggested,
 but in the tone of voice
 that I thought you probably
 had written and I was adding
 such things as my appeal
 might have.

I will write to St. Cloud and Duluth tonight yet.

Don't have asphalt pavement? Go long. Course we do! and where it leaves off we have nice deep warm sand and dust - but I've got used to the heat. Here I sit dripping all over the table - three bottles spread to protect the paper (one sticks to my hand and slides back and fourth with it.) in a temperature of 98 at 8:35 p.m.

This is for the powers that be - Please may Mrs. McMahon come down after doing all the press work and sending out the programme and take two topics on the Conference programme - a toast at the banquet and perhaps something else when the time arrives?

This is for Mrs. M. Thank you more than words can say for your help and understanding sympathy. You have brains with the best of them but I do not know whether you are warranted to run 24 hrs. a day 8 days in the week 52 weeks in the year. If you will, in addition to all the rest, take a toast, do. Pick any one not given away and make one to suit yourself.

This is for E. D. B. - I wish I dared ask for you too - But it would be on a smaller scale, like taking God off his job - You're the dynamo that keeps the wheels going round. That nice Mr. Kelly knew me as Mrs. Coe and when he asked at the office he could not remember who I became in my second marriage. This is one of the confusions of matrimony. Love to you all - Stevens.

P.S: The press stuff is fine. ~~Send~~ it to me here instead of the papers because it will take on more and more local color from this time.

Thanks for the list of papers. If you are sending direct to the papers at Worthington instead of to Mrs Lamb you should send to the Progressives as well as the Globe. I think both papers would be more sure to run it if one of the local women took it to them. Do you have any way of knowing whether or not they do run the matter?

How many programs will it take to supply our enrollment at Hdqts? I think it would perhaps be more expeditious, tho I'm not trying to shirk, if they were sent from Hdqts, because you would have to copy the list and mail it here any way - I want to spend all my time scouting as soon as this awful program is drawn up - S.

And two other shorter items in papers
here but cannot now lay hands on them.

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July 15, 1916.

Dear Fellow Member:

Immediate action in response to this letter is vital. Will you please telegraph or write at once to Governor Charles E. Hughes at his headquarters, Hotel Astor, New York City, asking him to endorse publicly the national woman suffrage amendment, and to reaffirm this position in his speech of acceptance on July 31? Will you also ask influential Progressives and Republicans of your locality and state to telegraph, write or see Governor Hughes as soon as possible, urging him to take this action in support of the national suffrage amendment? In these letters and telegrams we suggest that you tell Governor Hughes favorable action now will strengthen him among the four million women voters of the twelve suffrage states, and that your support of him will be determined by his endorsement of national suffrage for women. Securing his support will be a spur to the Democrats in Congress to act, and even if the Democrats should not submit the amendment this session, Mr. Hughes' endorsement will make our own course much clearer in the coming campaign.

Counting on your prompt co-operation during these most important days before July 31,

Very sincerely yours,

ANNE MARTIN,

Legislative Chairman.

Also on this count for me - Mrs. E. G. H.

July 17, 1916.

Mrs. Rene Stevens,
Pipestone, Minn.

My dear Rene:-

Your letter received this morning. Part of it has already been answered. This morning we had an acceptance from Senator O. A. Lunde, as speaker of the evening for the mass meeting.

Now for the bad news! Mrs. Simpson thinks she cannot possibly go to the conference. Do you want us to find somebody in her place? We are having envelopes addressed for all the programs and will get them out as soon as you get them to us. Be sure and have the program made to fit into our regular envelope, the size used for this letter.

Our letters cross so often that in order to save duplication of work, we are going to suggest that after you ask to have a thing done here, you do not bother with it further. Already letters have gone to all the ~~chairmen~~ leaders from here, and from you also. There are two names we omitted from our list in Saturday's letter: Mrs. C. E. Young, of Wells and Mrs. G.H. Trafton, of Mankato. These are going from here too.

Everything that went to Mankato for their home-coming festival--the dolls, the posters, one map and one Kewpie poster--will go from Mankato to Pipestone.

We will send the press stories, as you suggest, to the South Dakota press chairman and to the other local press women you mention. We get clippings from Pollock's Bureau but they clip from very few country papers, so our returns are by no means complete.

We find that Mrs. Ueland thinks that Mr. Christensen of Dawson who is a legislator and a newspaper editor, speaks well and would be desirable from many points. Suppose you ask him to take the toast, "Our Leader,"

Will send you another edition tomorrow.

Love

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July 18th, 1918.

Mrs. R.E.H. Stevens,
Pipestone, Minn.

My Dear Mrs. Stevens:-

Your letter of the 16th was received, and I hardly know how to answer you this morning as to the possibility of having a South Dakota representative at your conference in Pipestone on the 3rd and 4th. We are putting so much energy in just now, preparing for our County Conferences, which are to begin July 24th. We will use Mrs. Benedict and Dr. Jones of Iowa in this special work, and have some of our best South Dakota workers with them to make this entire trip over the State. This leaves me in a confused State of mind as to anyone being with you at Pipestone. Could you not get your bills out, saying that representatives of South Dakota would be with you and take part on the program, and then I will find some of our very best workers who can go, but just on this short notice, I cannot promise anyone in particular.

I will write to our President in Brookings County, also in Moody County, and ask them to co-operate with you in every way possible. Mrs. G.A. Perley is the President of Moody County, at Flandreau, and Mrs. Conklin of Brookings is the President of Brookings County.

I am sorry that we cannot be more definite at this time, but please keep on touch with me so that I may be able to reach you by letter.

Sincerely,

Mr John L. Pyle

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Sincerely yours,

Chas Ueland

STATE PRESIDENT.

[post-July 18, 1916]

My dear Mrs. Deland -

Excuse this pencil, but want to
get this to you today, now I
am not well informed enough on the
question to trust to my judgement
so would like you to use my name as
you will vote or say & I will abide
by your judgement

(Wm. E. G.)

Wm. Hendricks

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The measure is not different in its nature, from woman suffrage. It seems the only means to the end.
My answer is Yes
S R Child

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July 18, 1916.

My dear Mr. Bright:

The suffragists in Minnesota are met by a situation in which they need advice. As our state Constitution requires a majority of votes cast in order to pass an amendment, an effort to secure the enfranchisement of the women by that means is practically certain to be defeated. The opinion is growing among the suffragists in this state and in the nation that it is not wise for a state so handicapped, to attempt to gain the reform by this method, both because of the effort and expense required and because the defeat is discouraging to the women of other states.

As you know our Initiative and Referendum Amendment is to be voted upon in Minnesota at the next election. If this Amendment should pass, a suffrage measure would have a more reasonable chance of success.

The question upon which we would like your opinion is, Should the suffragists of Minnesota work for the success of the Initiative and Referendum Amendment, - Are we justified in using our organization and our resources, for a measure different in its nature from woman suffrage, and upon the value of which our members may not be agreed, in order to make a woman suffrage measure possible in Minnesota?

Sincerely yours,

Chara Ueland
STATE PRESIDENT.

My impression is that there has been a decided reaction against this proposition. That the movement in its favor has declined when it was defeated and that it is now more lifeless waste of energy to try to force it to the point of success. I have suggested Mr. Briggs.

[ca July 19, 1916]

Cedarhurst

Post & Telephone Cottage Grove
Station & Telegraph St Paul Park
Minnesota

My dear Mr. Belmont -
I should be in
form of making for
the referendum &
more if it will
help our cause -
Very sincerely -
Harry F. Deveraux

[ca July 19, 1916]

2760 West River Road

My dear Mrs. Belmont.

In answer
to your letter of the
eighteenth; suffragists
have worked for men
running for the legis-
lature who have
pledged for suffrage.
would it not be just-

as logical to work for the
Initiative and Referendum Amend-
ment as a measure that would
mean, not one, but many votes.
We are badly handicapped at
present; by working for the
D. and R. we will not only
improve chances for success
but will keep work going on
within our own state and,

I imagine, would be apt to
meet with a new audience -
a good point in itself - don't
you think?

Sincerely yours,

Kate Talbot Finkle.

July 19, 1916.

Mrs. Rene Stevens,
Pipestone.

My dear Mrs. Rene:-

We have been trying to find somebody who would be adequate to take Mrs. Simpson's place on the evening program; such talent as we have has gone to the country--not in the direction of Pipestone. If Elsie Benedict is going to be present, she seems to me the logical and most desirable person for the job. n

Miss Youmans of Winona cannot be present, neither can Mrs. Curtis of St. James. Mrs. B.J. Burton, of Granada, will be there but would rather be excused from a place on the program as she feels uncertain, although I believe that if you put her on it will be a good job and she would be there.

Nobody else heard from yet. We have already asked Mrs. J.W. Andrews of Mankato to be on the program (wrote yesterday) and send copies of letters written today to those whom we have asked to take some part on program. Hope they will reply direct to you. I think it is best to ask a lot of people to be on program and let you fit the subjects to them if they accept. It is good suffrage advertising to ask them if they refuse, and if they accept it will be a fine thing for the conference.

We are sending out another press story tomorrow and will send you copy. In a big hurry to get to a ward meeting. Got a new leader this morning so am feeling quiteperked up.

As ever yours,

MARIA,

McM:B

Dictated and not read

(Will write first thing in)

(the morning to Miss Elise)

(Donaldson, Jackson, Jones, etc.)

SAMUEL G. IVERSON
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

July 19, 1916

Mrs. Andreas Meland, President
Woman Suffrage Association
Minneapolis Minn.

My dear Madam:-

Answering your
letter of inquiry dated yesterday:
Yes, I believe it advisable
for the friends of Equal suffrage
to support the proposed amend-
ment to our state constitution
for the Initiative and Referendum.
I also believe it would be, not
only justifiable, but proper and
wise, to use your organization
and its resources to assist in
obtaining the adaption of that
amendment. Even though, at
first thought, it appears to be
outside of the scope of your

association. In its adaption
you would obtain the instru-
mentality, (Initiative) by and
through which a vote upon
the Equal Suffrage question
could be speedily had.

Therefore, viewed as laying the
foundation, or taking prepar-
atory steps for future action,
I am of the opinion that
the Initiative and Referendum
amendment, is not unrelated
to the business for which your
association is organized and
to which its resources may
be applied.

Permit me to add that I shall
personally continue to support
this movement until it is successful.

Yours truly
Samuel G. Drury

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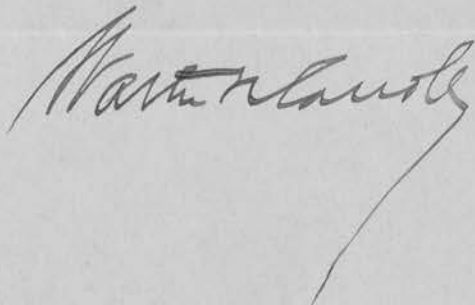
Mrs. Clara Ueland, State President
Minnesota Women's Suffrage Ass'n.
403 Essex Building
Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Mrs. Ueland:-

Replying to your favor of the 18th inst., I will say that unless there is a radical difference of opinion among the suffragists of Minnesota with regard to the initiative and referendum it seems to me that it would be desirable for your association to exert its influence in securing the adoption of the amendment.

Very truly yours,

WC-B

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Walter N. Carroll", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

State of Minnesota

SENATE CHAMBER

C. W. GILLAM
WINDOM, MINN.
SENATOR 10TH. DISTRICT

Windom July 19th. 1916.

My Dear Mrs Ueland,

Yours of the 18th. at hand and contents noted in reply will say that I see no reason why your organization should not work for every movement that will tend to bring about the great thing that you are working for that is to secure the franchise for the woman of this state and nation. If you can secure this result quicker by using the forces at hand to bring about the success of the Initiative and Referendum thereby overcoming one of the greatest obstacles against the securing of the franchise for woman I cannot see why your organization would not be perfectly justified in working for this ammendment.

Personally I hope this ammendment will pass.

Very truly yours

C. W. Gillam

LOUIS M. BENEPE. M.D.
218 LOWRY BUILDING
ST. PAUL, MINN.

Saint Paul, Minn.,

July 19th 1916.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:-

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst., I wish to say that in my opinion you are fully justified in using your (I might say our) organization to further any more merit which ultimately would bring about equal suffrage. The Initiative and Referendum surely is a step toward womans vote.

Very truly,

L. M. Benepe M. D.

S/J.



STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JULIUS A. SCHMAHL,
SECRETARY OF STATE

ST. PAUL. July 19, 1916.

Mrs. Clara Ueland,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

I have your letter of July 18, which was sent to me for consideration as a member of your advisory committee.

If I were you I would not push the Initiative and Referendum. This amendment, in my opinion, carries with it a whole lot that is bad and I feel certain that the carrying on of education such as your association is carrying on, will eventually bring forth the objects which you and your colleagues desire to have achieved.

Yours truly,

Julius A. Schmah
Secretary of State.

FREDERICK BROWN WELLS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

July 19th, 1916.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland, President,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:-

Your inquiry of July 18th places me in rather an unpleasant position. Personally, I am opposed to the Initiative and Referendum Amendment, as I believe that, under existing conditions, it would fail to benefit our State and might lead to great confusion. Although heartily in favor of "Woman's Suffrage", I fear that I shall vote against the Amendment in question, but I would not like to say whether your Association would be warranted in supporting the Amendment because of the opportunity which it's passage would present for the securing of equal suffrage. This is a matter upon which I think an outsider's opinion can be of but little value to you.

Yours sincerely,

FBW-MR

Frederick B. Wells

[1916]

2021 Third Avenue South. July 19

Dear Clara,

Do you think that
Clarkspur + Canterbury Bells are
evolutions of the wild forelove?
(which, strangely, is not listed in
your book). The purple flower
in North Minnesota is fringed
gentian.

There is an editorial in
this week's Nation favorable to
suffrage (the first time, I think,
that the Nation has taken
this attitude. It recommends
^{U.S. working for a U.S.}
a Constitutional Amendment.
I would send you this paper
were it not for the fact that

I have promised my copy each
week to a friend and I do not
like to send a mutilated copy.
However if you find difficulty
in getting this number July 13
telephone at once and I will
keep it for you.

As to working for the "Initiative"
I fear that such a course
would alienate many well-
wishers of Votes for Women. As for
me, I cannot believe that the
end justifies the means, nor
do I think it moral or
expedient for Women

to take the position that
it does. The antis would have
a just accusation against us
if we took to "log-rolling" (sent
that what you call endorsing
some political scheme simply
as a bargain to put your own
through. Affectionately as ever
Mina M.C.

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Mrs. Andreas Ueland,

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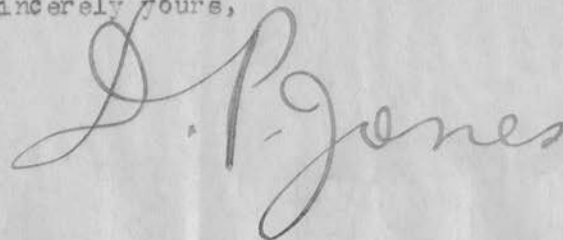
My dear Clara:-

I received your note a day or two ago and make haste to answer. I doubt the wisdom of the suffragists engaging extensively in the campaign for the Initiative and Referendum. I feel that the Initiative and Referendum is likely to be carried at the election next fall and I do not think it is worth while for the Association to make a great effort and spend considerable money in supporting that proposition. I think efforts should be always direct rather than indirect, so far as seems wise, in promoting the suffrage cause. Sticking pretty close to the text is generally a good way to influence the public.

I have not thot of the subject of course at length, but this is my first reaction after reading your letter, and I offer it for what it may be worth.

Very sincerely yours,

DPJ



July 20, 1916.

Mrs. Clara Ueland, State President,
Calhoun & Richfield Ave.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland,-

I have received yours of the 18th inst. relative to the question of the use of the organization and resources of the Minnesota Woman's Suffrage Association in aid of the campaign for the success of the Initiative and Referendum Amendment in this state.

Personally I am in favor of that amendment. More than thirty years ago when in Switzerland I became very much interested in the then wholly new plan of Democratic Government which some of the Cantons had just introduced, and I brought home with me the first copy, I think, of their legislation on the subject, which came to America. I could not then get anyone interested in the subject because the political "wheel-horses" scented danger for their interests in a measure designed to weaken in the least respect the iron bound fetters which the political bosses had on the rank and file of the voters. The bosses are still utterly hostile to the amendment.

As to whether it would be wise for your association to use its resources in aid of the amendment campaign,—that is a question which you will need to weigh very carefully. Between the bosses and the voters who follow their leadership there is a very large class of citizens who do more or less thinking for themselves but who have not quite emancipated themselves from the old idea of party dominance and control. For the most part these people have not thought sufficiently about the matter to be even in the "almost persuaded" class. I think these people are the ones who it will be most worth while for you women to try to reach, as they usually have wives and daughters for whose opinion and wishes they have a fair respect and whose requests to vote for the amendment would probably gain the vote, provided in connection with the request something were not done that might excite a little suspicion,—and it seems to me the boss by pointing out that the women were using money for one purpose which had been solicited and collected for another purpose, could so work on the not yet persuaded voter as to turn him against the amendment, *and against your cause.*

I think it would be unfortunate to have people get the idea that funds collected were not used strictly for the purpose for which they were ostensibly gathered, *But* it seems to me the women of your association could nevertheless work actively for the amendment, as they might work for many other good measures which are already before, or likely to come before, the voters.

My impression is that you can gain headway more rapidly by emphasizing the things which we who favor Woman Suffrage think that women

E. F. MEARKLE
800 FIRST NATIONAL-SOO LINE B'LD'G.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

No. 2.

July 20, 1916.

Mrs. Clara Ueland, State President,

will always stand for and which we approve. I might mention

The home and family,

The children and their education and training,

The public schools,

Public health and measures for its protection,

Public morals,

Hostility to the saloon and all the vices that go with it.

We also count on you to stand for every good measure that may come before the voters.

It seems to me it would be wise for your organization to avoid introducing into its campaign questions on which people are considerably divided in opinion. We men can grasp about one idea at a time and when we get it through our heads that it is only fair and just that the women who want to vote should have the privilege, we will then support your cause. I make these suggestions because the subject presents itself to me in that way, but I know that you who are active in the campaign see different phases of the question.

Very truly yours,

Dic. E.F.M.



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IN YOUR REPLY TO THIS LETTER
PLEASE REFER TO

July 20, 1916.

Mrs. Clara Ueland, State President,
Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association,
Minneapolis.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

Replying to your letter of the 18th:

Personally, I am opposed to the Initiative
and Referendum and believe it will be a mistake for your organiza-
tion to work for the success of such a measure.

Sincerely yours,



RMB/IMF

Minneapolis, Minn., July 20, 1916.

Mrs. Clara Ueland,
State Pres. Minnesota Woman Suffrage Ass'n,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

Referring to your very kind letter of July 18th. My personal opinion on the matter at issue is that it is perhaps hardly advisable for you to use our organization and resources for a matter different in its nature from Woman Suffrage if there is considerable objection among many of the members to the Initiative and Referendum Amendment. I do believe, however, that those of the organization who believe in the above amendment and its advantages should move for it.

I remain

Thanking you very kindly for asking my opinion

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. P. Thompson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "C. P. Thompson".

519 Tenth Ave. S. E.

Minneapolis, Minn.

July 20, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Keland:

Your letter of July 18th has been received and the questions you ask have been duly considered. It is of course entirely proper for every one who thinks Minnesota needs the Initiative and Referendum to work for the adoption of the Constitutional Amendment - providing for them. But I should not think it wise for the Woman's Suffrage Association as an organization to do so. Simplicity of purpose and unity among those devoted to that purpose are what you want; and both would be lost or endangered if the adoption of the Initiative and Referendum were made a Suffrage measure.

Very truly Yours,
Leyna Northrop.

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July 20, 1916.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

Without taking time to consider perhaps as much as I ought the question which you ask, I am inclined to think that it would not be wise to support an important measure like that of an Initiative and Referendum Amendment, unless this were done on its general merits, not for the sake of something so indirectly connected with it as that of woman suffrage.

Very truly,

FES-HC

F. E. Spaulding.

1590 Portland Av
Saint Paul
July 20/1916.

Mrs Andrew Ireland
Calhoun + Richfield Av.
Minneapolis.

My dear Mrs Ireland: -
With all my
heart I would answer
yes to your question
in regard to work for
the Initiative and
Referendum Amendment.
I believe that with
that in our State Constitution

we shall be able to secure
advantages impossible other-
-wise.

I think, effort for the
Initiation and Referendum
Amendment is the only
legislation work to be
undertaken this winter by
the State Federation of Women's
Clubs which will add greatly
to the working force.

May we succeed!
I hope that you are well.
Cordially Yours
Parrin Hall.

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Pipestone, Minn. 7/20-16.
My Dear Mrs. Briggs -
I have always forgotten to tell you the bill
you forwarded me for expressing was an error in
book-keeping at Philpotts. It had been paid and is
all adjusted -
Send me more envelopes - 50 - say, I am
to eat them -

Received regrets from Claude Southwick, Thos
Christiansen and Mrs. Will Curtis. Have written
to a lawyer Stauning of Tyler asking him to take
toast turned down by Southwick (The Deer). I
have no idea whom to ask to take "Our Leader".
No answer from Senator Nelson nor Judge
Nelson.

Mrs. Young (Wells) cannot come.

Mrs. Munson of Albert Lea. accepts.

I spent yesterday at Marshall. - Some fine
women there only. I saw all too few. Mrs

W. W. Cook, club woman and Dist. Chm. of Congregational
Missionary society will come and talk on Ways to help
him, was formerly a resident of Los Angeles.

They have promised a delegation - Mrs. Ada J. Pike will be active in getting it up -

An invitation has been sent to Mrs. Genia Smith Campbell of Dell Rapids S.D. to take part in the program. She was of the Food Peace Party and has musical accomplishments as well as being a good talker. No reply as yet.

Mrs. Jacquot is doing good publicity work in her County.

Local talent (~~shoh shoh~~) of a very provincial quality will furnish music for - all sessions among them being ~~John~~ Sanders and his Pipestone band -

Mr. Lad Bailey

Mrs. Nina Spark

Miss Caddie McCracken

The Misses Madeline & Marian Reader

Miss Ada Nash

Mrs. Nettie Mason which re-

minds me that the last named is Chairman on music, not Mrs. Mason as your press notices had it.

Mrs. D. Patten ^{of Pipestone} will give a dramatic reading.

Now the awful fear rests upon me that I shall have to prepare the banquet myself. It really is serious trying to get some one to take that feature; no one is willing to try to get out alive for less than 75¢ a plate. I'm afraid we cannot sell tickets at that - You know this long continued unabated heat makes every body very unwilling to turn an uncompelled finger - and I really wished this event onto the community - I'm driving with all the might of an individual - but seem to be spreading myself terribly thin - If it were not for you saviors at headquarters I should have strangled myself with a shoe string long ere this.

Ask Mrs. Mc if she can tell me now just what she has accepted to do on the program - I think I have Mrs. Heland straight and is there any one else yet materialized up there to talk on ^{the} ~~an~~ important topics as the present one. Look?

I asked a prominent lawyer here to day to toast. But he had met with an accident to two front teeth which embarrassed him in speaking.

yet I know that some where in the encircling good
are those who are fine and willing if only
some divine flash of light would reveal
them. The persons who can beg well
is of over whelming importance. Since we
so awfully need the money.

Am inclosing a letter from Mrs. Pyle
which will give Mrs. Ueland a hint of their efforts.
I wrote Mrs. Pyle Mrs. Perley was coming over.
Under the circumstances she may feel that
will have to do - I am praying however that
her conference will at this time lie along
our border and one of the stellar lights may
come - Were it hinted that by coming over
and begging they might get the aid of Miss
to the extent of her organizers I think one or two

other Elsie or Dr Jones would make a break to come. [4]
The Leader does not headline anything so what we get is
as good as the rest -

For sister Ri - Of course I visited both news papers at Mar-
shall yesterday. The Marshall Reporter had your stuff
but had not run it - Promised he would next week
with some local touches -

Send to the Marshall News Messenger too. It is a
better paper - They would gladly take plate stuff. It is
not always possible for them to set up press sheets sent out.
I did not see editor (not there) but a very bright young man
said it would be worth while sending the press matter
any way. They could run at least some of it.

Dear E.D. please find out if the powers that be would let
Mrs. Mc stay down over Sunday and take an engagement
for Sat. at Glandreau. She could get home early train
Mon. am. Must close - Hope things are booming with you.
My very best to you all. Stevens.

Dr. Andrews & Andrews
Mankato, Minnesota

July 21, 1916.

Mrs. Clara Ueland, President
M. W. S. A. , 403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of the 18th instant, will say that I have given it considerable thought.

The constitution provides that an amendment to the constitution must have a majority of all the votes cast at any election, e.g., if it be the presidential year an amendment must receive a majority of all the votes cast for president, and practically every one who casts a vote , votes for the president. The reason, as a rule, why all do not vote for an amendment is because that many do not know what the amendment means, and simply pass it over. It would not be so with Woman Suffrage, every member would understand what he was voting for, and I think almost every one would vote for, or against Woman's Suffrage.

Therefore, I would feel that the cause of suffrage would not suffer in this state by being presented as an amendment to the constitution.

Others would probably be better to advise you than I am. However, the above is my opinion in the case.

I am deeply interested in your cause, and will give it all the assistance I can.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. W. Andrews". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "J. W. Andrews".



FORTIETH DISTRICT
LEAVITT CORNING,
St. Paul, Minnesota.
Ramsey County.

July 21st, 1916.

Miss Clara Ueland,
403 Essex bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam:-

Answering your favor of the 18th inst. I am not able to see why it is more desirable to have the Suffrage Amendment come up under the Initiative and Referendum than at a regular election and my understanding has always been that all the Suffragists wanted was to have the Amendment submitted to a vote of the people of the state. I do not see why the defeat of a Suffrage Amendment is practically certain under such circumstances as your letter intimates.

I would not care to advise either for or against your participation in the agitation for the Initiative and Referendum Amendment without giving the matter more thought and will try to write you later in regard to the matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leavitt Corning". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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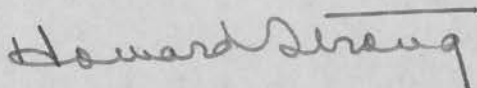
Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
Minneapolis.

My dear Mrs. Ueland: I am inclined to question the advisability of the Association's making a campaign for the Initiative and Referendum. Many people who believe in equal suffrage would be greatly opposed to the Initiative and Referendum, and I am inclined to think that the Association would lose more than it gains.

There is always danger in a program which seems to sacrifice to the matter in hand other considerations which many people may consider of greater importance than the immediate question involved.

Personally, I believe that what is lost through the inefficiency which is sometimes brought by the Initiative and Referendum is more than made up by its educational value, but many sound thinkers do not agree.

Very truly yours,



HS-H

Secretary

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MINNEAPOLIS - - MINN.

July 21, 1916.

Mrs. Andreas Uelland,
403 Essex Bldg., City.

Dear Mrs. Uelland:-

May I defer consideration of the subject matter
of your recent letter until the forepart of next week?
I am so busy with office work and "Minnetonka Pageant" no
time is left for other matters.

You may expect to hear from me the first of the
week.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Jamison

[July 22, 1916]

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July 18, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Jaegnot,

The suffragists in Minnesota are met by a situation in which they need advice. As our state Constitution requires a majority of votes cast in order to pass an amendment, an effort to secure the enfranchisement of the women by that means is practically certain to be defeated. The opinion is growing among the suffragists in this state and in the nation that it is not wise for a state so handicapped, to attempt to gain the reform by this method, both because of the effort and expense required and because the defeat is discouraging to the women of other states.

As you know our Initiative and Referendum Amendment is to be voted upon in Minnesota at the next election. If this Amendment should pass, a suffrage measure would have a more reasonable chance of success.

The question upon which we would like your opinion is, Should the suffragists of Minnesota work for the success of the Initiative and Referendum Amendment, - Are we justified in using our organization and our resources, for a measure different in its nature from woman suffrage, and upon the value of which our members may not be agreed, in order to make a woman suffrage measure possible in Minnesota?

Sincerely yours,

Chas. Ueland

STATE PRESIDENT.

My opinion is that we should work for it - Sincerely, Gertrude Jaegnot. July 22, 1916.

July 22, 1916

2412 RUSSELL AVENUE SOUTH

My dear Mrs. Ueland,

In discussing
your question over with Mr.
Fulton, we agreed that it
would seem futile and a great
expense for our Association
to work for the Initiative ^{and}
Referendum Amendment.
Has it not been up and

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defeated many times? but
there is no reason why as
individual members we
cannot work for it, in any
way you might think wise.

Sincerely yours

Mary A. Fulton.

July twenty second.

Hudson, Wis.,
July 22, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Meland:

Your
letter was forwarded
to me here.

I certainly believe
most strongly that
our ass'n should
work to aid, in
every way possible, the
passage of the initiative
& referendum.

||||| Sincerely yours,

||||| Essie G. Williams



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mrs. Clara Heland
403 Essex Bldg.
Minneapolis

Minn. Wom. Suff. Ass'n. Minn.

SUMNER T. MCKNIGHT
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

July 22, 1916.

Mrs. Clara Ueland,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

Your letter of July 18 regarding the question of the suffragists of Minnesota working for the Initiative & Referendum Amendment has been received.

I am not enthusiastic about the Initiative & Referendum Amendment, but aside from that I should think it would be a mistake for the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association to actively support or work for a measure of this kind. There may be many of your members who are against the amendment except as it might facilitate the Woman Suffrage Movement. There may be disadvantages which would more than offset this possible advantage and the policy of your organization working for a measure outside of your chief object might cause embarrassment to your organization and might tend to antagonize men who are "on the fence" regarding the woman suffrage question at present.

If you feel that getting the vote by the state route is remote I presume the best method is to work for the Anthony Federal bill.

Yours very truly,

Sumner T. McKnight

Dr. J. W. Bell

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Colfax Iowa July 22. 1916

Dear Mrs. Ueland:

I believe you are not alone justified, but it is the duty of your organization to use every means to secure the Initiator and Referendum.

Sincerely

John W. Bell

LOWRY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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MINNEAPOLIS

July 22, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:-

In answer to your letter of the 18th, regarding the attitude of the Suffrage organization to the proposed Initiative and Referendum Amendment, I believe great good could be accomplished by getting behind that amendment with all your power.

Even though some of your people might be indifferent to this particular proposition, it seems to me that you are much more likely to attain the chief result at which you are aiming by providing this bit of machinery first.

The attitude of all the national parties to the suffrage question indicates that the hope of an amendment to the national Constitution is remote, and it raises a number of questions which I doubt if we are prepared to answer convincingly. The state proposition I believe we could carry in Minnesota were it not for the conditions in our present laws which render a constitutional amendment an almost hopeless proposition.

Under these conditions, a change in the method of amending the state Constitution is a highly desirable bit of machinery whereby the larger end may be accomplished, and I believe you are entirely justified in utilizing your forces for this immediate end.

Cordially yours,

John W. Powell

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July 22nd, 1916.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
President Minnesota Womans Suffrage Ass'n,
403 Essex Building,
City.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

Replying to your letter of July 18th asking my judgment as to whether the suffragists of Minnesota should work for the success of the Initiative and Referendum amendment, I would heartily favor such action. I agree with you that under our present constitution it is almost a hopeless proposition to secure the adoption of the suffrage amendment by the people even though the legislature could be induced to submit such amendment. My belief is that the surest and quickest way to secure the adoption of the suffrage amendment is through the Initiative. At the last election notwithstanding the Initiative and Referendum amendment secured 160,000 votes and there were only 40,000 votes against it, it was nevertheless defeated. Had a little more effort and energy been expended I believe the adoption could have been secured. The Initiative and Referendum is a fundamental democratic principle as much as equal suffrage and should be favored by all those who believe in real democracy.

Very truly yours,

C. F. Keyes

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July 22, 1916.

Mrs. Clara Ueland,
402 Essex Building,

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

Your letter of the 18th inst., at hand. It seems to me that it will be unwise for the Suffragists of Minnesota to use the organization for a measure upon which the members are not fully agreed.

With kind personal regards, I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

Frank Nelson

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EXCELSIOR, MINN.,

July 22, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

In reply to your letter of July 18, for myself and husband.

Under the circumstances which you^u name I think it much the better way to work for the Initiative and Referendum Amendment. As you say, some members of the M.W.S.A. may not be in favor of the I. and R., altho it ~~would~~ would seem that all who are so democratic as to be suffragists would also favor a democratic measure like the I. and R. Nevertheless, if a majority of our members think it best to work for the I. and R. as an organization, in order to secure woman suffrage sooner than by working for suffrage direct this year, I cannot see that it would be unfair or unwise to do as the majority think best, even tho a minority may be opposed.

Mr. Olmstead says he does not know what would be best to do concerning the matter. However, he favors the Initiative and Referendum, so would have no personal objection to the Association working for that measure.

*Yours sincerely
Margaret T. Olmstead*

Stellwood
White-Bear
Mining.
July 23rd, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Ireland:

In reply to
Yours of July 18th in
regard to our policy
concerning the referen-
dum, I will tell
you my feeling.
Earnestly as I desire
the vote for women

I do not want it ⁽²⁾
till the mass of the
people have come to
the idea of it & are
Made to want it.

I feel we should
mix nothing with
our own request.

I therefore think
we would better, as
an association, keep
out of what will

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Certainly give our oppo-
nents a chance to hit
us.

It is a great chance that
people never fight on
the real issue, but so
it is. Many a cause
is lost by the side
issues involved.

I am personally of

the opinion that it is
not well to mix into
what is regarded by many
as socialistic & which might
make new enemies for
us.

I may be wrong in my
view but since you ask
for an opinion I give it.

Yours most sincerely
Mary L. Squires.

July 23, 1916

MANITOU ISLAND.
WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINN.

Dear Mrs Ireland,

I have been keeping
your note to see if I could
get light on the question
it contains, but it seems
a hard one to decide. With
the utmost diffidence, I
think I should answer both
questions 'No', but I do
not wish to influence
the State Board's decision,
as I am not entirely

clear in my own mind.

Sincerely yours

Emily H. Royce

July 23. 1916.

215 Groveland Avenue
Minneapolis
July 23-1916

Mrs. Andreas Heland - President
Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association
Minneapolis

My dear Mrs. Heland:

In response to the query of the Association in regard to supporting the Initiative and Referendum measure, would say that my vote would be against it - first, for the reason suggested in your letter: the differences of opinion as to the wisdom of the measure itself, among our members; second, because of the increasing

hopefulness of the outlook for federal
action and the need to sustain
every nerve in that direction.

Until we have the suffrage, my
individual opinion would be that
we would do best to stick to our
single issue as a body. This would
not preclude our using as much "indi-
rect influence" as we could muster,
for the support of any measure we
felt would further our cause.

Yours very truly -

J. Russell.

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July 24th, 1916.

Mrs. Rene E.H. Stevens,
Pipestone, Minn.

My Dear Mrs. Stevens:-

I notice by the Minneapolis Journal that in your publicity of the Pipestone Conference, you speak of a number of automobiles going to the conference. This gives me an inspiration, and I am writing to ask you whether it would be possible, since it is so few miles from Pipestone to Flandreau, for the Pipestone conference to adjourn long enough to go to Flandreau and hold a big suffrage rally.

Please think this over, and write me what you think the possibilities might be. I am sure that Mrs. Perley would be more than glad to co-operate and it would do wonders to shake the conservatism out of the people of Flandreau.

Dr. Jones and Mrs. Benedict start on their County Conference tour to-day, and will go down to the Southern part of the State and put in a week in the Southeastern corner, and then go directly out to the Black Hills where they will be until the 12th of August. This makes it impossible for Dr. Jones to be at your conference. I am sorry for I am sure that she would be a great help on the program.

Mrs. Emma Smith DeVoe will meet these ladies in the Black Hills immediately after the Cheyenne Council, and will work on this side of the State until the first of September.

I am sure that the continued heat does interfere with the enthusiasm of the workers.

Sincerely,

Mrs. John L. Pyle

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July 24, 1916.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
410 Essex Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

In my opinion (since you ask it) there are two things to be considered in regard to our organization, and the initiative and referendum amendment. The more important one is whether, aside from the possible help in the suffrage cause, such an amendment is going to be a real benefit to the state. I believe in the higher patriotism and should ^{not}/wish to see an amendment of doubtful utility passed, with our help, simply because it would bring the day of universal suffrage in Minnesota nearer. At this moment I am not prepared to say whether I think the proposed amendment will be a good thing or not--I don't know enough about it.

The second point is whether we as an organization have the right to divert our influence and our resources to a side issue which involves many principles and changes besides the possible one of suffrage. We have asked people to join us in our work for suffrage; many of our members, though deeply interested in that issue, may not believe in the initiative and referendum.

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There is a question of rectitude involved that I think must be seriously considered.

It may seem a very luke warm attitude to you, but I am not for suffrage at any cost, and I constantly wish the suffrage workers and organizations would emphasize their true devotion to national and state development, rather than the purely feminine issue.

Very sincerely yours,

Ira Ferber

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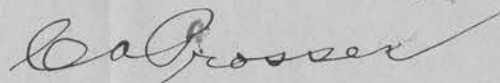
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Pres., Minn. Woman Suffrage Ass'n.,
403 Essex Building, M
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

It is impossible for me to give you any advice that is worth while, since I do not know the situation in Minnesota. I have an instinctive feeling, however, that the greatest results are obtained by not having too many entangling alliances.

The fight for woman suffrage is right. Your organization will be more successful in fighting for its own cause. Inasmuch as the women have no vote now, the Initiative and Referendum must be decided by the men. If it is decided favorably to your cause you will reap the reward; if it is not, your cause is not hurt. I should focus my attention on the fight for suffrage.

Sincerely yours,



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MINNEAPOLIS July 24 1916

Dear Mrs Ueland--

It seems to me that women who are working for equal suffrage should work for any plan which would make it easier for them to attain their ultimate object.

I cannot conceive any reasons why suffragists should oppose the initiative and referendum. There might be some reason why they should not favor using the resources of an equal suffrage organization to forward the initiative and referendum but so far as the influence of the organization goes there should be no question.

Your letter came in my absence from the city and would have been answered more promptly otherwise.

Yours Truly

W. A. Frisbie

Editor Daily News.

To Mrs Clara Ueland
403 Essex Bldg, City

The University of Minnesota
College of Education
Minneapolis

July 24, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

In response to your request for my opinion as to the advisability of the suffragists working for the I and R amendment I would suggest the following considerations:

The Saturday Lunch Club appointed a committee to consider the nature of the proposed amendment. We wished to know whether it is worth while for us to support. The committee was a good one and it reported that, while the amendment is not all that could be wished, it is too good not to be supported.

I do not believe a suffrage amendment could be passed in Minnesota at the present time. It is possible but not probable. A defeat would not help the campaign of education which must go on before victory is more certain.

A little more work two years ago would have secured the I and R in Minnesota. If we can get an amendment making it more feasible to amend the constitution we can get equal suffrage thru. I have no doubt but that we could do it, if a majority of those voting on the question meant victory, instead of a majority of those voting at the election. So it seems to me that it is best to get the I and R first, and also to provide an easier method of amending the constitution.

Therefore I think the women should turn in and help in these respects. It seems to me tho that the brunt of the fight should be borne by the men. The impression should not go out that it is a women's move. The women can help in a hundred ways, However.

Yours cordially,

Albert W. Rankin

July 24, 1916

North Woburn, Mass.

July 24, 1916

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

Have three main objections
to using our suffrage organization for the
support of the Initiative and Referendum
amendment. It is questionable wisdom
for any suffrage organization to pledge its
support to a purely political measure;
in the second place, there is bound to be
within the ranks of the suffrage workers

Such difference of opinion as to the
desirability of the amendment as to
produce disunion; and finally, the
effect upon the cause of suffrage
The passing of the measure is too
uncertain to warrant at present
the dispersion of energy necessary for
its support. We however, as objection
to individual members working as
individuals for the success of the
amendment.

Sincerely yours,
Mary Ann Swartz.

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Elizabeth A. Woodworth, M. D.

3201 CLINTON AVENUE

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

July 25, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Ueland;

I have been thinking over your letter of the 18th.

I do not see how the Initiative and Referendum if it did become a law would help the suffragists materially. The only thing for the women of this state to do is to help the suffragists of other states to get the ballot. When a majority of the states have given the ballot to their women the Federal Government will enfranchise the rest of us and then Minnesota women will come into their rights, and not until then.

No, I do not approve of spending money and time on the Initiative and Referendum *amendment.*

Most sincerely, *Elizabeth A Woodworth*

Pipstone - Minn. - 7/25-16-

Mrs. Andrew Ueland
Minneapolis -

My Dear Mrs. Ueland -

The program went to the printer - that is the corrected proof - this morning and it is promised that it will arrive, for remailing, in Minneapolis Thurs. morning - having left here on the 11 o'clock train Wed. evening - I am inclosing copy as it was run in today's paper - It looks as tho' it would keep us busy to get through with it all - No doubt there will be some "not Presents" when the roll is called -

Please don't feel that I want to work you and Mrs. McMahon to death because you are generous and eager for the success of the Conference - but there are just none of the spots you are on where I could think of leaving you off. There is one recourse left open to you if you just don't want to do some of the things - victimize some one of the party coming down -

I appreciate more than I can say the very generous help and encouragement I have had from you busy warm overworked group of faithful ones in the city - while grappling with heat and apathy down here - (Over)

I am inclosing another note from Mrs. Pyle. I have written about the planned mass-meeting at Flandreau and Mrs Mc's going over to make the principal spiel. I have also written the women at Flandreau to get out the town band and some of their leading citizens to participate in the program. I think they will, try.

Am looking forward with happiness to seeing you all at the Conference and praying for fair weather ^{even}. If it is hot. Your progress across the state should do wonders for both publicity and propaganda.

With sincere and affectionate regards -

Rene E. Stevens -

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margin peace, but of justice. It
should fight it ~~right~~ out on
that line if it took all sum-
mer" or many summers,

Sincerely,

Marion Shutter
July twenty-fifth.

July 25/1916 [1]

MARION DANIEL SHUTTER
MINNEAPOLIS

My Dear Mrs. Keland:

It seems the family has pre-
matured a more prompt reply to yours
of the 18th asking for advice. I do
not believe it best to tie up the
cause of equal suffrage with
any specific measure. When the
fight is won - however it may be
delayed - women will be just
as free as men to vote their con-
victions on any question; but
seemed not correct to move
much in advance. This is not
a question of temperance, child
labor, initiative ~~or~~ referendum,

Think that moment has
come.

Very Sincerely Yours -
Alice K. Bacon.

Lake Umbagog
July 25-1916.

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July 25, 1916

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My dear Mrs. Ueland.

Dr. Bacon and I each
received a letter from you
asking for an opinion as to the
value of any work that could
be done by our State Assn. for
the Initiative and Referendum
Amendment.

Dr. has turned his letter

over to me (he is most non-²committal on all political subjects) and I cannot give you any very satisfactory reply.

I believe in the I. and R. Amendment, and I believe in suffragists standing by their convictions in other matters as well as suffrage.

But whether we can give real assistance to the passage of the Amendment I do not know.

Then too I can not see that the passage of this amendment will put us appreciably nearer suffrage; for I believe we cannot get an affirmative referendum on suffrage in this state without much more education.

More and more do I believe in using at the earliest possible moment the political power of the voting women to secure a Federal Amendment.

I am inclined to

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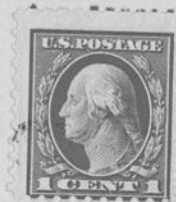
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in Minneapolis
with this notice,

Post Card



Mrs. E. D. Briggs

Minneapolis

403 Essex Bldg

Minn.





THE

CALUMET

Lee W. Lockwood, Prop.

Pipestone, Minn., 7-26 1916

Dear E.D.,

You know in the country things close up at night. The Post Office is hermetically sealed at 7 p.m. The Western Union retires from active life at 8 etc. Your order for 800 programs came to me just before closing. The Printshop had been shut two hours. By telephone I could ~~not~~ reach none of the print shop family (out on their screened in porches, couldn't hear the bell) so I went it around on foot until I found the press-man who could tell whether the type had been piced or not. Got the telegraph girl to wait so's to send the wire when I learned, and now, having returned from a miles walk to put the extra 150 on the train to night - and dripping with joy (that it is accomplished) and perspiration, I realize that I might have saved 41 cts on night letter as this communication will reach you about



THE CALUMET

Lee W. Lockwood, Prop.

Pipestone, Minn., _____ 191

as early. The 150 went by express and the agent told me it should be delivered about 9 tomorrow a.m., I hope it is.

Package came from National this eve. Have it had time to open it.

What do you all think of that program? I ~~was~~ ^{am} pleased with one thing about it and that is the sun flower - Looks sort of kindergartinish when you read the contents does it? The natives seem to be quite impressed w/ it - I hope enough to wake up and attend -

Your remaining 300 will go into mail tomorrow night and reach

you Fri. a.m.

What are you doing with um?

(Over) Yours ever
Rene

107 S. Hawatha St. must be ~~at~~
about the fire engine house. I'm
sure I can't imagine how I ever
happened to think that is where I live.
In truth my res. number is
208 S. Hawatha

Jackson, Miss.
July 26-1916

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,

State Pres. of Women's Clubs -

Dear Madam - Your letter of July 18th was duly received, and for several days have been considering the subject matter contained therein.

Am not at all sure I am in a position to advise wisely, but it seems to me now that it would be good politics to avail ourselves of every possible chance to carry a suffrage measure.

It is true that there is disagreement as to the value of Initiative & Referendum should the amendment carry, but if by any chance it may prove an interesting bridge for woman's suffrage, let us by all means work for it as a means to an end.

With all respect and admiration for the Woman Suffrage Association

of Minnesota I remain yours most
sincerely - Elie Fernaldson.

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July 26th, 1916.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

I personally have never been for the initiative and referendum amendment to the Constitution. I would, therefore, vote against the amendment. Whether it would be wise for your Association to work for the amendment as ^{an} the Association would of course depend upon the number of men who favor your cause and at the same time are opposed to the initiative and referendum amendment. Undoubtedly your Association would lose some support by actively supporting the initiative and referendum amendment. You would also take the chance of wasting your energy on a losing fight. I of course cannot estimate how much you favor the conservation of your energy. Perhaps you like to waste it. From your standpoint the question of the wisdom of supporting the initiative and referendum amendment is in my judgment simply a question of the possibility of its carrying. If it should carry, it should in the long run be helpful to you. Personally I do not think it will carry. It seems to me, therefore, that you would create some prejudice and gain nothing for your cause by ^{working} voting as an Association for the amendment.

Yours truly,

David F. Simpson

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July 26, 1916.

Mrs. Clara Ueland,
403 Essex Bldg.,
City,

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

I have your favor of the 18th inst. asking my advice as to whether the women interested in Suffrage in Minnesota should work for the Initiative and Referendum Amendment.

I do not think I am sufficiently posted to make a recommendation regarding this. Theoretically I believe in it, but I am not at all sure that the working out in some of our Western States has been satisfactory.

I regret very much that I am not able to make a positive recommendation.

My advice would be to go slowly on anything of this kind, and confine your efforts to the main issue.

Yours very truly,



W. A. E.-C.

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July 26, 1916

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
Minneapolis, Minn

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

If in 1912 anybody had advised (indeed many did so advise) that we put our time and money into helping the initiative and referendum instead of working for a suffrage amendment we Ohio suffragists would have rejected such a proposal most emphatically. We felt that the constitutional convention afforded us just the same opportunity that it did the direct legislation people and that we should be failing in our duty if we did not take advantage of this opportunity. For some years previous, however, we had been working to get the legislature to submit an I. and R. law. We interviewed several legislatures on this questions and did everything we could for it. We declared for the I. and R in our annual Conventions, etc, etc. The Initiative and Referendum carried at the 1912 election in which the suffrage amendment was defeated. For that reason we were able, 15 months afterwards, to have another election on our question and in that time we gained 86,000 affirmative votes gaining votes in every one of our 88 counties and this in an election when all the power and money of our enemies was involed against us.

2 Mrs. Ueland

We believe in the Initiative and Referendum so thoroughly that - having had the experience we have had here- I would advise the suffragists of any state whose constitution is almost impossible of amendment to work for the I. and R. Whether you should do so openly in Minnesota is a matter for you to decide. I should decide it solely with reference to whether open support would help or hurt the measure. If it would help more to work quietly, even secretly, I should do the work that way.

Obviously the thing to do in a state where it is next to impossible to change the constitution is to get the I. and R. This is important not only for the sake of suffrage but for all progressive legislation, and I am sure you will agree with me that suffragists must give their support to other things besides suffrage.

If you were facing a constitutional convention I should certainly urge you to ask for a suffrage amendment. But since you are going to your legislature I advise you wholeheartedly to work for the I. and R. If you succeed in having it submitted, help in the campaign to carry it. Once you get it you can initiate a suffrage amendment and nothing educates voters like circulating a petition among them. When a voter is asked to sign a woman suffrage petition this gives the opportunity to convert him.

As I said above I should decide whether the work were to be open and aggressive upon the grounds of expediency.

Also I hope you will be get the very best I. and R

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Mrs. Ueland

measure possible. Everything depends upon that. But there is no use in my entering into a discussion on this point.

You will probably find opposition among suffragists to working for anything but suffrage. This is merely short sight, for the I. and R. opens the doors that has hitherto been closed. Also you will find some men who are for suffrage who are against the I. and R. and that will cost you *a* little support perhaps. But in the long run, I am sure you will be more than justified in having given your support to so democratic a measure.

With the best of good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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MINNEAPOLIS - - MINN.

July 27, 1916.

Mrs. Clara Ueland,
President Minnesota Suffrage Association,
403 Essex Building, City.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:-

In your letter under date of the 18th inst., you request my opinion upon the question of whether under the conditions which confront those who favor woman's suffrage, work should be done in behalf of the proposed Initiative and Referendum constitutional amendment which is to be voted upon at the next election. Our Constitution as it now exists requires a majority of votes cast at a general election in order to amend it. Should the Initiative and Referendum be adopted, thereafter, a proposed amendment in order to become a part of our Constitution must have the approval of a majority of the electors voting at the election or "four-sevenths of the electors voting on the proposed amendment, provided not less than three-sevenths of the electors voting at the election voted for the proposed amendment."

The pending amendment, if adopted, would materially lessen the present requirements as to the vote, and enable the people to amend the Constitution by vote in spite of the legislature. The difficulty heretofore has been to induce the legislature to give the people a chance to express themselves upon the suffrage question. This would be overcome under the Initiative and Referendum. I therefore believe that if the amendment

should pass, a suffrage measure would have a far better chance of success than under existing conditions.

You also ask whether in my opinion the Minnesota Woman's Suffrage Association would be justified in using the organization and its resources in furthering the proposed amendment. To do so would be a legitimate means to an end; an end that is the very purpose of the organization. I, hence have no hesitation in saying that in my judgment a very effective way to reach the "goal" would be to work for the amendment through the use of your organization and its resources.

However, in writing the foregoing I do not wish to be understood as committing myself to the general principle of the Initiative and Referendum. People honestly differ as to the wisdom of such a measure.

Very truly yours,

Robert Jamison

[July 27, 1916]

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AND CHILDREN

My dear Mrs. Ueland.

Believing most emphatically in keeping up the work for both Suffrage and The Initiative & Referendum, I hardly know how to answer your letter of the 18th inst.

However, I am confident that the success of the amendment for the Initiative & Referendum, depends upon its not being pushed as a suffrage measure.

I would therefore suggest that we suffragists work for its passage thru other organizations, such as the Federation of Women's Clubs, Federation of Fraternal Women, Civic Clubs, Labor Unions etc.

But if the idea ever gets about, that it is a suffrage matter, the opposition will treble its efforts.

Let us therefore organize Initiative & Referendum Clubs if need be, using every argument possible, excepting

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that of suffrage. And then go on
in the usual way, carrying on
the educational suffrage campaign, only
centering our efforts on the passage
of the Susan B. Anthony amendment.

Wishing you a most successful
meeting on Monday, hoping I may be
able to come, I am, Sincerely,

Agnes L. Peterson

July 27/16

Huron, S. D. July 27th, 1916.

Mrs. Rene E.H. Stevens,
Pipestone, Minn.

My Dear Mrs. Stevens:-

I received your letter telling of the plans in regard to the meeting at Flandreau, and was much amused to think that about the same time you had undoubtedly received mine asking that the Minnesota women go over to Flandreau and hold a meeting. You can hardly realize how relieved I felt to know that this effort was to be made at Flandreau, and especially when I realize how much they need it. It will give Mrs. Perley a great deal of courage.

I want you to know that we appreciate very much what Minnesota has already done for us. Mrs. Ueland has written me in regard to the possibility of yourself and Mrs. McMahon assisting us in our work. I only hope that we will be financially able to take advantage of this splendid offer, if it finally comes to us.

Our real problem now is money, as it has been almost ever since the starting of our campaign. I feel very certain that with sufficient funds, we can win South Dakota, so you can imagine my distress of mind when it seems so hard to get the required amount. This is why we feel that we cannot spare Dr. Jones and Mrs. Benedict to go to Flandreau, since we have started them out on the money raising tour, and realize that they cannot do this kind of work without also arousing suffrage sentiment.

You spoke of Mrs. Jacquot of Ivanhoe, having been at Astoria, S. D. Please tell her to communicate with Mrs. Ada Clark, of Clear Lake, who is the President of that County, and seems anxious to do effective work. I am sure she will appreciate any assistance that Mrs. Jacquot can give her.

I hope you will be able to give the Flandreau women good ideas as to the publicity for the Flandreau meeting, and make them see how valuable

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it is to the whole State campaign to have this
publicity.

I want to again thank you for all that
you are doing, and will do for South Dakota.

Sincerely.

Mrs. Pyle -

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Dear Sir

Pipestone 7-28-16

That back slide of Senator Linder's is a salar plexis! Where is a man who will make a real speech for us? While I think of it I must write that our Mayor here who will extend the welcome will probably not speak for more than three or four minutes and will express no bias one way or the other on suffrage. He is reputed to be an anti- Also, there is no telling what will be the trend of the young priests' toast. When I discussed subjects with him he said "never mind the subject," "It is not necessary to name a subject" or words to that effect. I said "Of course the subject is usually some thing unrefereed to in the toast and it really does not matter what is said so long as it is for suffrage" He appreciated my liberality but

out and out he believed in woman suffrage.

While on the program Mrs. Helander's name is up up the list when it comes to the time it may be well to drop her beyond the reverend gentleman so that she in her very sweet and gracious way might treat his remarks, if necessary, in the "non-disparaea" part of hers -

The program is still set up - I have had 1000 printed at a cost of \$15.50 total expense for printing to date - even \$20.00

Oh for a man on that open air program! I feel after that brilliant success of yours last winter that this will be a painful descent - However, every one is very kind in their attitude toward it here and if only I knew our delegates were to be comfortably fed I would not be so nervous - We've been putting up penmanents and things this morning and I'm going up now alone to do the dolls - You know the women all do their own work - They can't help run the programs attend the sessions keep their house in order and cook for guests all at once -

I'm closing trunk key - Gown is in first dress tray I think. You will have to take out the first big double trap - peace meal or home help it is too heavy to lift alone - Love - Hester Reese

Ask Mrs Briggs to send along the
100 Vates for women napkins I have
ordered but I did not wire - That
there was time by mail - hence want
to be sure of napkins for at least part
of the guests - S -

July 29, 1916.

Mrs. Charles F. Moller,
Rush City, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Moller:-

Mrs. Ueland this morning, before leaving on an auto tour of Hennepin County, asked me to get a letter off to you today, in regard to our trip to Pipestone. She wants you, if possible, to join us here Tuesday morning and go with the party. We plan to leave before nine o'clock if possible.

Come direct to 403 Essex Building. I cannot say just now in ~~what~~ ^{what} car you will be scheduled to ride, but these details can be arranged later. The car of Mrs. Sumner T. McKnight will be the standard bearer and will carry Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Simpson and others.

Sincerely,

Office Secy.

July 29, 1916.

Mrs. Rene Stevens,
Pipestone, Minn.

Dear Lady:-

Is it still so warm with you today? It is terrific here, and the Hennepin County organization bunch is out in their autos, touring three or four of the smaller towns and holding street meetings. Mrs. McMahon has worked so hard on this tour for today, and then only ONE car rolled up before the Essex Bldg. this morning. Miss Monahan then went out onto the street and bought a jitney bus for the second load, with the bargain of \$10 for the day. I am wondering how they will all fare in the heat and dust and if it will lessen any of the order for next Tuesday's start for Pipestone. We have only seven cars promised for next week, some of those only going the first day's trip. And many of these women reserve the right to change their minds without notice!

Do you think it would hasten your Pipestone programs any if you mailed them direct? We have the envelopes all done and stamped and I think I shall mail them to you right away and let you fill them and post them there. It will save a couple days' time, I think, and you will want your local people to have the programs as soon as possible. As to the men on the toast program, I was not sure of their addresses; did not know whether they were all Pipestone men or not as some of the names have never been mentioned in your previous letters.

Wrote you last evening that we will need 150 to finish here. Our ideas have grown considerably since we began addressing-- from officers and prominent people to almost a thousand. Mrs. McMahon goes over the file of her towns (as you did your 45rd district names on some occasions past) and can find very few names who wants to cut out-- so there you are, upward of 900 programs. However, Mrs. Mc says they are good prop. for the country, and are not very expensive are they? Hope you got a good price on 1000 1200.

That senator from Canby we cannot be sure of until the day of the mass meeting I guess. We had best not look for him until we see him. A letter from him today reads:

"Your letter --- received. I have concluded that between the two of us I am going to be the one to suffer. You were kind enough to extend to me an invitation to address you, yet I had no business to accept it. I felt it at the time that I should not have done so but I did and as a penalty therefor, it is the judgment of this court that I, O.A.Lende, Esq. take the penalty which that obligation incurs."

Mrs. Mc laughed and said, "I wrote him so as to make him feel mean, and now he has made us feel mean instead." I have written him that we feel we cannot accept his sacrifice; yet we have had no luck in finding a "second choice" and have suggested that he send good substitute, otherwise we will accept his generosity, and prepare to welcome him at Pipestone. Hope he works it out for the best.

My dear, your decorations I am afraid I will have to hold until Tuesday after the trouists start so that I can pick out the best of what is left. Some posters received from the National I am mailing you today. Have you ordered the napkins? Have the maps come from the Womens Journal? Just the next day after sending off those two orders, I got samples from the National and one of them was the map, with prices etc. But your supply was taken care of by either one of the other, I am sure. The one I have is not on muslin back; hope yours are, tho they have not quoted muslin backed one.

Do you want another good supply of free lit. for the conference meetings? We are having some folded Monday for giving out on the trip but I doubt if there will be any left when they get to Pipestone. Also have two hundred fans to sell on the way--but I think I told you they were ordered. They took some with them today and we can tell something about how they will go.

I do not think of anything more right this minute, but suppose I will when this is gone. How soon may we expect the rest of the programs? Monday? No? Tuesday, then

Yours for cooler weather,

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Pipestone - 7/29-'16

My Dear Ed -

Yours of yesterday just received - I will put into the mail today the 150 proofs I have so they should reach you Monday a.m. They will make 250 for the same price they make 200 so that's the order now - These will come off the press Monday afternoon - The dolls have come - both sets and are installed in two different stores - Good windows and they look first rate No business house refuses to let us stick up any thing we ask so we have votes for women all over town - It seemed early to do this stunt and yet it seemed as though more people from surrounding country would get next if it were up for Saturday - The big country day is tomorrow - We told them as we were sticking things around that this was only the beginning - I do hope the picture

cards of the ladies & arrive for the final publicity -

Do you have a plate (cut) of Mrs. Kenyon so I could run her in the papers?

The six little N.A. Suff. maps come. They are just the size of "Madam who keep you there" and are listed in the last Journal.

24 each
84 per doz -
60¢ " 100

Special prices on larger lots - They are very educational and really cheaper than the large National rainbow flyers -

I have more of the felt banners and only 8 or so of the little Votes for Women pennants. Am I supposed to have that equipment for place of meetings or is it out some where? Tho' it is strenuous getting it stuck up - The more there is of it the more impression it seems to make - The ribbon sashes for my girls are imperative -

Every time I think of the loss of Mr. Lunde it gives me a collapsible ^(in it) sensation - I'm scraping my ribs for some one around here but can't locate even a name as yet -

I think I passed on the word yesterday that Mrs. Burton declined to talk on the "present outlook" - will just make her report - And this morning comes word from Mrs. Leisher - Luene - that she will not take "Study Club" because I didn't send her material for her paper (she calls it).

Really a very amusing world when you look on at the other fellow's struggle with it. But when it's my turn - how different!

I sent Mrs. Seicher the only study outline I had and asked her to please be good because the program would fail to circulate if she with drew or worse to that effect - It remains to be seen how much sense of responsibility she has. It was her club that got her to consent to come in the first place - I should not here that of asking her myself as I considered her hopelessly indifferent - all of which is not for publication and maybe she'll come thro all right - I know you poor dears up

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are working your heads of and wonder if it really is as hot in Minneapolis here. - Since the hot wave struck when I was in Suverne - the thermometer has just continued to show the mercury up - I don't believe it has receded once - It's got so I don't feel it so much but clothes are hopeless and I go about looking like an old grease spot.

This is for Ric my blue slippers are in the trunk too - I took ^{them} out of their proper place in this one I took with me, to make room for something else - I think they are in the same tray the dress is in if not I don't know where they are so don't bother about them -

I hope you are meeting with encouragement in your city organizing -

Love to everybody

Rene

Inclosing last letter from Mrs Pyle -

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My Dear EDB

Your of yesterday received this a.m. together with the poster. I've been getting them ready for use - that is dating them up -

They have been known for several days but have forgotten every time to pass it on. The Harvest festival at Woodstock has been postponed - but posters have gone there with the promise they would be put up. So while the tourists are not here the festival crowd they are expected to speak. Dayton also is to be taken care of as to posting -

I am praying their Hennepin tour gave them new enthusiasm and big encouragement -

The heat here yesterday was merciless - Today for a few hours there was a "little" cloud, arose out of the sea (or somewhere) like a man's hand and a cool breeze blew - but there has been a reconsideration

~~and there has been~~ no rain such as resulted from
a similar taken in Elijah's day -

Yes, send the envelopes down; it will give
them some thing more to talk about at the P.O.
They gash me to my face for keeping one man on the
job all the time with special delivery and parcel
posts (both going and arriving) and, I am told, speak of
me familiarly among themselves as "Rene" -

A.K. Stauning is of Tyler -
Judge S.L. Nelson.. Clayton - The rest of the
rest of the male toasters are of Pipestone

The programs now total up - 1250 printed at cost of \$19.00
I believe I have enough baby flyers for the mass
meeting - I have none of the rainbow (Nat'l) - It would be
well to have those also for the conference - The women
should be made acquainted with every thing possi-
ble - I have none of the Suffrage Blue Book -
History, Arguments - Results - We ought to have
those and try to induce women to buy
them - I could use (and ought too) more of the
Grange and Better Babies leaflets -

I wish dear Mr Lunde would find a good
substitute - I want him to get off if he needs
to but a man of consequence is very es-
sential -

Yes I ordered napkins - but also ad-
vised that you send on your 100 - so
we'll be sure of some

I'm anxious to hear how the fair went -
Well we've got a lot of work - correspondence a shills
out of this conference - had it we whether it makes a dent in
any one else's free matter or not Love - Rene

[July 31st 1916]

Telegram

Night Letter chg. Suff. Headquarters

Mrs. Rene Stevens--Pipestone, Minn

Send best photographs obtainable Mrs. Slaymaker, Upton, Jacquot, J
Jencks, Schultz, Sparks, Erie, etc. Must have Conference pictures for Sunday
layout not later Wednesday evening. Send personal matter on these women
and their local activities. Telephone nearby women and insist. Send
any material possible for Sunday story truth or fiction

Vivian Thorp

Said with letter

July 31, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Stevens:

Your letters of the 29th and 30th at hand this morning. Mrs. McMahon just got her letter this morning, too, as she was gone all day Saturday. She asks me to tell you that she will bring your dress and accessories.

Big conference on here this forenoon--called by Mrs. Ueland. I talked with Mrs. Kenyon and she denies she ever said she was going to Pipestone--may go and may not--but will go part way. Really it is most provoking; nobody seems to be sure of anything, everything is hazy in their minds, so much depends upon the weather and on how they feel, etc. etc. ad infinitum. But Mrs. McKnight's man has just called up to ask when we want to see him tomorrow. Told him 9 o'clock and hope and pray the others are here. O, Yes, Mrs. Schwartz also reported on the phone a bit ago so that will be two with colors flying. Others have been taken sick, or some body in family has developed appendicitis and must go to Rochester, car belongs only to husband and his sentiments are not for suffrage--and so it goes. This conference of yours seems to be fated and I have said "D---" a number of times.

I am making up a bunch of things to mail you tonight.

the one large No. Amer. map (sample)
Better Babies poster
Grange leaflets
Better Babies leaflets
what rainbow flyers we have--not much
the two country baby flyers
a few banners--you might as well have
these since I do not know how many
cars will show up tomorrow morning.
We are almost out of small pennants
you know. Think I must use what we
have on the cars.

4 P. M. programs just arrived; I bless you a thousand times. Will rush them right out. Am sorry to have troubled you, the printer and the post office clerks so much with them. The latter mentioned will no doubt remember "Rene" and suffrage for sometime after August 4th, night? But this is good for them.

Our volunteers do not seem to be showing up this afternoon and I think I shall have to get those programs out myself before I do another thing--and then fold literature for the trip down.

Those No. Amer. maps from the Womans Journal were certainly a good one on me! Wish there were time to order 500 to be given out with the flyers. Why couldn't they tell me what they were. I asked for muslin backed ones so they must have known it was large maps that were wanted.

The sashes will arrive with the party; Mrs. McMahon must have them for the girls on trip.

Mrs. Kenyon talked as though she would send you a cut of herself, if she locates one in possession of the St. Paul newspapers. Hope she does but I am not vouching for anything from anybody here. You know the sort. As Mrs. Simpson said of one who promised she would take her car and go with us, "You know Mrs. ---- feels at liberty to change her mind at any time."

You spoke of Saturday's trip having given enthusiasm and encouragement; I fear it was to the contrary. However our bit of north breeze yesterday and today has lightened the hearts of many.

Miss Hilda Humphner desires entertainment in Pipestone, - the only request we have from here. Wont you notify Mrs. Slaymaker, please.

You will be glad to know that our press lady is back on the job--as you will infer from the night letter you get from her tomorrow. Bye, Good luck.

Hastily,

Sent to all guarantors
of Mississippi Valley Conf.

Form

July 31, 1916.

Mrs. C. C. Bovey,
Ferndale,
Wayzata, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Bovey:-

You were so kind as to be
one of the guarantors for the Mississ-
ippi Valley Conference recently held
in Minneapolis.

It gives me pleasure to say
that owing to the collections, and sub-
scriptions from merchants and others,
our expenses were nearly met, so we shall
not have to call upon you. Thank you so
much for the backing.

Sincerely yours,

ISABEL M. TROENDLE, Treasurer.

By

Secretary.

Wyman, Partridge & Co.
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GEO. H. PARTRIDGE,
VICE PRESIDENT

July 31, 1916.

Mrs. Clara Ueland,
403 Essex Bldg.
City.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:-

Your letter of the 18th inst., I
find on my desk on returning from a trip East.

While I am not sufficiently well
posted to feel that my judgment is of any con-
sequence, my opinion is that considerable
criticism and little of permanent benefit
would be derived by the Woman's Suffrage
Association from the advocacy of the Initiative
and Referendum Amendment.

Yours very truly,

G. H. Partridge

AUGUSTUS L. SEARLE
MINNEAPOLIS

July 31, 1916.

Mrs. Clara Ueland, State Pres.,
Minn. Womans Suffrage Ass'n.,
403 Essex Bldg.,
C I T Y.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

Your letter of the 18th inst.
was delivered during my absence from the city,
and was mislaid, which accounts for delay of reply.

In answering the question as to whether,
in my opinion, you are justified in using your
organization and resources for the success of the
Initiative & Referendum Amendment should say that
you were not.

The question of the advisability of
an Initiative & Referendum Amendment is a very broad
one, and is one upon which many of your members may
disagree.

Why not use the efforts and funds of your
association to secure the passage of the Susan B.
Anthony National Amendment?

Yours truly,

A. L. Searle

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OLUF GJERSET
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MONTEVIDEO, MINN.

July 31, 1916.

Mrs. Clara Ueland, President,

403 Essex Bldg.,

Minneapolis.

Dear Mrs. Ueland:

I received your letter of June 18th relating to the attitude of the suffragists toward the Initiative and Referendum Amendment. I have been away a great share of the time and regret that I did not answer this communication more promptly. I am not entirely clear in my mind as to what my answer to your question should be. I presume in the first place that the reform which you suggest is to be ultimately by Constitutional Amendment. The proposed Initiative and Referendum Amendment to which your communication referred, if it should be adopted, would make it slightly easier to obtain an amendment to the State Constitution. An amendment may then be submitted regardless of the attitude of the Legislature on the question.

The difference however between the votes that it takes to adopt an amendment in that manner, and as it is understood by present provisions is not very great and it is doubtless true that a good many men who are now willing to vote for Women's Suffrage and support the work of your organization toward that end are opposed to the Initiative and Referendum.

OLUF GJERSET
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MONTEVIDEO, MINN.

Whether an organized effort of the suffragists in favor of the Initiative and Referendum would win for its cause any friends is difficult to tell. I suppose that it is one of the things which interests your organization. If it is reasonably certain that success cannot be achieved through the avenues now existing it might be worth while to take chances. But if there is a reasonable hope of success without combining those issues I should hesitate to take up a new disputed question.

I think personally that the new method for amending the Constitution is as unpopular with a number of men as is the suffrage question and doubtless if they line up to fight the question and in so lining up would be opposing the suffragists as an organization it may lose some workers to the suffragists. I take it that you desired an expression from me for the reason that I am a member of the Senate. So far as I am personally concerned I hardly know where I am on either question. It would make no difference with me personally what course the suffragists should take in the connection referred to. They are both Public questions in which any interest that we have in them touches us because of their Public Nature. We should treat each question as in one's best judgement that question merits whether it comes alone or in combination. If every man should happen to treat it thus it would not matter much what course the suffragists take. It is however reasonably certain that some of us at least are affected by the position which we take or are made to take. No one can do better than to speculate upon the extent to which a combination would affect men's judgement on each of the subjects treated together.

Very respectfully, *Oluf Gjerset*

Emanuel Cohen
John B. Mowater
Frank W. Shaw
Wilbur D. Shaw

Law offices of
Cohen, Mowater & Shaw
Minnesota Loan & Trust Building
313 Nicollet Avenue

Minneapolis, Minn. July 31/16

Mrs. Clara Ueland,

Woman's Suffrage Association,
403 Essex Bldg.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:-

I understand the question in your letter of the 25th inst. to be, - whether a Minnesota law permitting women to vote for nominees at the primaries would be unconstitutional. I think it would.

The right to vote includes the right to choose the person for whom the vote may be cast. If women were allowed to vote at the primaries, the constitutional electors ("every male person of the age of 21 years and over", &c.) would be forced to choose between candidates proposed by "male persons" and others. This would to that extent give the franchise to others than "male persons", and so would infringe the Constitution.

Sincerely yours,
Emanuel Cohen