



## Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association Records.

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# REPLY

TO

## The Minneapolis Association Opposed to the Further Extension of Suffrage to Women

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[1919?]

*"The great advance of Women in the last century—moral, intellectual and economic—has been made without the vote. Therefore, we believe the vote is not needed for their further advancement."*

Men made great advance without the vote. They believed and have proved that the vote was needed for their further advancement. Women should have the same opportunity for advancement.

*"In the large sense, women now stand outside of politics and are therefore free to appeal to any party in matters of Municipal and State Welfare, including Charity and Reform, in a non-partisan spirit. However, women have the privilege of voting for the School Board and the Library Board. Last year, these two Boards received from taxes and bond issues the sum of \$2,993,962.27, or about one-third of the city appropriation. As only about 6 per cent of the women voted on the administration of these funds, why give them further representation?"*

Where a single issue is involved the vote of men is always light. At some special school elections the men's vote has been less than 2 per cent. "Matters of Municipal and State Welfare, including Charity and Reform," are now for the most part non-partisan measures. The women's vote in suffrage states is for the most part non-partisan. If it were true that those outside of politics had more freedom of appeal to parties, then groups of men, such as railroad men or laboring men, would seek disfranchisement in order to gain this added influence.

*"The basis of Government is Force, its stability rests upon its physical power to enforce its laws. Therefore it is inexpedient to grant the vote to women who cannot so enforce the laws they may enact."*

The basis of Government is not force but the consent of the governed. Its stability rests upon public opinion. Physical disability does not disfranchise men.

*"Voting is only a small part of Government. The need of America is not an increased quantity but an improved quality of the vote. We consider the interests of the Community to be more important than those of the Individual."*

Voting is the source of all governmental authority. The need of America is a broader basis of Government. Less than one-fifth of the population has the right to vote. The class which comprises all of the mothers and most of the teachers cannot fail to improve the quality of the vote.

*"The vote is not a natural right, nor is it a right bestowed upon tax payers. It is not a question of right, but of expediency for the public welfare."*

There is no such thing as a nature given right. Rights are granted by the state. The vote is a right which is no more natural nor artificial than any other right. Woman suffrage is expedient. Its adoption by neighboring states is the best evidence of its expediency.

*"Woman's suffrage is the demand of a minority of women. The majority of women are not asking for it. According to the last U. S. Census report obtainable, there are 24,555,754 women of voting age in the United States and the Suffrage Party claim three to four million of this number. Should the minority rule the majority?"*

Four million women are already entitled to vote in the suffrage states. If these women did not wish the vote they could at any time elect to disfranchise themselves. They have not done so. Those who believe in it and are asking for it in other states have not been counted. The women who are organized to further the cause of equal suffrage outnumber more than fifty to one those who are organized against it. In addition to the suffrage organizations, which number more than one thousand, approximately six hundred organizations have endorsed woman suffrage. Among these are:

International Council of Women  
World's W. C. T. U.  
National W. C. T. U.  
Society of Friends  
American Federation of Labor  
~~National Consumers' League~~

National Educational Association  
National Federation of Women's Clubs  
National Women's Trades Union League  
National Grange  
~~National Child Labor Committee~~  
~~National Conference of Charities and Correction~~

*Wm. Boyd*  
"Woman's vote is not a factor in the Prohibition movement, because out of their eleven suffrage states, Kansas is the only one which has Prohibition and that state had Prohibition many years before women had the vote. Eight Non-Suffrage States are Prohibition States."

Local or County Option, and not Prohibition, is the form temperance legislation has taken in suffrage states. This is their record:

Idaho and Wyoming, 90 per cent dry.

Colorado with 50 out of 62 counties dry.

Utah with 110 dry towns, 2 wet.

Washington with 115 dry towns, 18 wet.

California with 682 dry towns, where she had but 200 before women voted.

Illinois with 1,000 saloons closed as the result of the first election in which women had a voice.

The liquor interests everywhere acknowledge woman suffrage as their enemy, and support liberally with their money movements against it.

*"Wages depend upon the markets, upon labor competition, upon skill and permanency, upon quality of output; wages are determined by supply and demand, not by the ballot."*

Wages can be and are modified by legislation. The minimum wage law is an example.

The late Carroll D. Wright, National Commissioner of Labor, said, "The lack of direct political influence constitutes a powerful reason why women's wages have been kept at a minimum."

*"Suffrage states do not show better laws governing Prostitution than non-suffrage states. The enforcement of these laws shows no improvement in suffrage states. Public Opinion is the real remedial agent. Women banded together, as disinterested and non-partisan workers for the public good, can mould public opinion better than voting women divided by party politics: just as men have organized non-partisan Clubs and Commissions for purposes of improvement and reform."*

It is easier both to obtain and enforce laws against prostitution and similar evils in states where women vote. Five out of ten suffrage states have passed the Injunction and Abatement law, acknowledged the most effective weapon against commercialized vice. Only five of the thirty-eight non-suffrage states have such laws. Just as men have organized non-partisan clubs and commissions for purposes of improvement and reform, so voting women may and do. The majority of leaders among women engaged in civic work have agreed that Public Opinion backed by the power of the vote is much more effective than public opinion without that power. Among these women are:

Jane Addams

Clara Barton

Julia Lathrop, head of Children's Bureau

Frances Willard

Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Commission on Industrial Relations

Katherine Bement Davis, Commissioner of Corrections of New York City

Caroline Bartlett Crane

Florence Kelley

Mary McDowell

Ella Flagg Young

The laws of suffrage states are among the most progressive in America. The Inter-Parliamentary Union pronounces Colorado's laws relating to the child to be "the sanest, most humane, most progressive and most scientific in the world."

*"Please take the trouble to look up the laws of Minnesota governing Child Labor, Hours and Protection for Woman's Labor, High Saloon License, Restricted Saloon Districts, Factory Laws, Health Laws, Mothers' Pensions, Juvenile Court, Equal Guardianship Laws, Property Right and Inheritance Laws. You will find them in most instances superior to those in Suffrage States and in no instances discriminating against women."*

Minnesota laws are not superior to those of suffrage states, and do, in some instances, discriminate against women. Many of Minnesota's good laws are laws which Minnesota's women have worked hard for years to obtain. Other equally good laws, for which they have worked equally hard, they have not been able to obtain.

*"We do therefore, respectfully, protest against the granting of Votes for Women in our State. We believe that Political Equality will deprive women of special privileges hitherto accorded to her by law, and would be a menace to American Womanhood and to American Government."*

Experience proves that Political Equality has not deprived women of special privileges and we do not believe that American Womanhood can be a menace to itself, nor the influence of daughters, wives and mothers be a menace to government.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION OF MINNEAPOLIS

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[1919]

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**STATE OFFICERS**  
AND  
**SENATORS**  
AND  
**REPRESENTATIVES IN THE LEGISLATURE**  
FOR THE  
**1919 SESSION**

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**STATE OFFICERS ELECTED IN 1918**

(All Republican)

Senator in Congress—KNUTE NELSON.....Alexandria  
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Lieutenant Governor—THOS. FRANKSON.....St. Paul  
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State Treasurer—HENRY RINES.....Mora  
Attorney General—CLIFFORD L. HILTON.....Fergus Falls  
Clerk of Supreme Court—HERMAN MUELLER.....St. Cloud  
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First District—SYDNEY ANDERSON (R).....Lanesboro  
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Third District—CHARLES R. DAVIS (R).....St. Peter  
Fourth District—CARL C. VAN DYKE (D).....St. Paul  
Fifth District—WALTER H. NEWTON (R).....Minneapolis  
Sixth District—HAROLD KNUTSON (R).....St. Cloud  
Seventh District—ANDREW J. VOLSTEAD (R).....Granite Falls  
Eighth District—W. L. CARSS (Ind).....Duluth  
Ninth District—HALVOR STEENERSON (R).....Crookston  
Tenth District—THOMAS D. SCHALL (R).....Minneapolis

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(Elected in 1918)

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C. C. HAUPT.....St. Paul  
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W. C. LEARY.....Minneapolis  
C. S. JELLEY.....Minneapolis  
W. W. BARDWELL.....Minneapolis  
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Eleventh District:  
HERBERT A. DANCER.....Duluth  
EDWARD FREEMAN.....Virginia  
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Sixteenth District—S. A. FLAHERTY.....Morris  
Nineteenth District—JASPER N. SEARLES.....Stillwater



## SENATORS

Dist.	Name.	County.	Postoffice.
1	John W. Hopp	Fillmore	Preston.
2	H. W. Kingsbury	Winona	Winona, 377 Main.
3	Jas. A. Carley	Wabasha	Plainview.
4	A. C. Gooding	Olmsted	Rochester.
5	W. A. Nolan	Mower	Grand Meadow.
6	B. N. Anderson	Freeborn	Manchester.
7	Frank E. Putnam	Faribault	Blue Earth.
8	Gustaf Widell	Blue Earth	Mankato.
9	Albert L. Ward	Martin	Fairmont.
10	Charles W. Gillam	Cottonwood	Windom.
11	J. A. Cashel	Nobles	Worthington.
12	Floyd E. Lindsley	Murray	Garvin.
13	James H. Hall	Lyon	Marshall.
14	Frank F. Romberg	Brown	Sleepy Eye.
15	Henry N. Benson	Nicollet	St. Peter.
16	Sam. A. Rask	Steele	Bloomington.
17	Harry E. Weis	Le Sueur	Le Sueur.
18	Geo. D. Reed	Rice	Faribault.
19	A. J. Rockne	Goodhue	Zumbrota.
20	James M. Millet	Dakota	Hastings.
21	W. J. Kuntz	Carver	Waconia.
22	H. H. Bonniwell	McLeod	Hutchinson.
23	Herman Schmechel	Renville	Fairfax.
24	Oluf Gjerset	Chippewa	Montevideo.
25	P. A. Gandrud	Kandiyohi	Sunberg, via Kerkhoven.
26	Magnus Johnson	Meeker	Kimball—R. 2.
27	J. E. Madigan	Wright	Maple Lake.
28	J. G. Callahan	Hennepin	636 Van Buren St. N. E.
29	Frank L. Palmer	Hennepin	2502 N. E. Lincoln.
30	Charles R. Fowler	Hennepin	1312 Douglas Av.
31	W. F. Brooks	Hennepin	1928 Stevens Av. S.
32	A. O. Devold	Hennepin	2301 S. 7th.
33	Paul W. Guilford	Hennepin	4751 Fremont Av. S.
34	Carl L. Wallace	Hennepin	2003 Queen Av.
35	James Dwyer	Hennepin	2828 N. 4th.
36	Geo. A. Turnham	Hennepin	Long Lake.
37	Joseph A. Jackson	Ramsey	1159 Jesse.
38	James Handlan	Ramsey	69 Winnipeg.
39	Peter Van Hoven	Ramsey	649 Jefferson.
40	James D. Denegre	Ramsey	549 Grand.
41	Martin J. Conroy	Ramsey	515 Forest.
42	Charles N. Orr	Ramsey	737 Asbury.
43	W. W. Wilcox	Washington	Withrow.
44	Theo. C. Blomgren	Isanti	Cambridge.
45	John D. Sullivan	Stearns	St. Cloud.
46	Bernard J. Loonam	Stearns	Freeport.
47	Iver J. Lee	Pope	Glenwood.
48	F. L. Cliff	Big Stone	Ortonville.
49	F. H. Peterson	Clay	Moorhead.
50	Ole O. Sageng	Otter Tail	Dalton.
51	John B. Stepan	Todd	Browerville.
52	Patrick H. McGarry	Cass	Walker.
53	Hilding A. Swanson	Crow Wing	Brainerd.
54	F. D. Vibert	Carlton	Cloquet.
55	Richard Hamer	Mille Lacs	Milaca.
56	Adolph S. Larson	Pine	Sandstone.
57	Charles E. Adams	St. Louis	Duluth, 412 Oxford.
58	Edward R. Ribenack	St. Louis	Duluth, 601 W. Superior St.
59	Emil M. Erickson	St. Louis	Duluth, 611 22d Ave. W.
60	Fred Bessette	St. Louis	Orr.
61	Michael Boylan	St. Louis	Virginia.
62	Leonard H. Nord	Koochiching	International Falls.
63	John H. Baldwin	Becker	Frazee.
64	John E. Wald	Norman	Twin Valley.
65	Oscar A. Naplin	Pennington	Thief River Falls.
66	James Cumming	Polk	East Grand Forks.
67	Nels S. Hegnes	Marshall	Argyle.

## REPRESENTATIVES

Dist.	Counties in	Name.	Postoffice.
1	At Large	Ralph J. Parker	Spring Valley.
	Houston	John J. Sliter	Spring Grove.
	Fillmore	C. W. Hale	Stewartville.
2	Winona, 1st Dist.	W. Galewski	Winona, 657 E. 6th St.
	Winona, 2d Dist.	John Frisch	St. Charles.
3	Wabasha	Hugh Leonard	Millville.
4	Olmsted	O. E. Hammer	Stewartville.
5	Dodge	Geo. Wicker	Kasson.
	Mower	Harry C. Trowbridge	Austin.
6	Freeborn	H. H. Emmons	Emmons.
7	Faribault	E. O. Oren	Wells.
8	Blue Earth, 1st Dist.	H. M. Green	Lake Crystal.
	Blue Earth, 2d Dist.	Henry Hodapp	Mankato.
9	Martin	B. H. Curtis	Fairmont.
	Watsonwan	Wm. Schaleben	Madelia.
10	Cottonwood	George W. Grant	Singham Lake.
	Jackson	L. O. Teigen	Jackson.
11	Nobles	W. N. Shanks	Worthington.
	Rock	J. N. Jacobson	Hills.
12	Lincoln	C. M. Gislason	Arco.
	Murray	J. E. Baxter	Walnut Grove.
	Pipestone	W. C. Briggs	Pipestone.
13	Lyon	John B. Gislason	Minnetonka.
	Yellow Medicine	Lars Olson	Canby.
14	At Large	A. J. Praxel	Lamberton.
	Brown	Louis Spelbrink	New Ulm.
	Redwood	C. M. Bendixen	Morgan.
15	Nicollet	Oscar A. Swenson	Nicollet, R. 2.
	Sibley	F. V. Burdorf	Gibbon.
16	Steele	Andrew Christensen	Owatonna.
	Waseca	George H. Goodspeed	Waseca.
17	Le Sueur	Fred Manske	Kasota.
18	Rice	Walter H. McLaughlin	Faribault.
19	Goodhue, 1st Dist.	Oliver J. Lee	Zumbrota.
	Goodhue, 2d Dist.	F. A. Scherf	Red Wing.
20	Dakota	T. H. Prince	South St. Paul.
21	Carver	H. A. Stahlke	Waconia.
	Scott	Henry Arens	Jordan.
22	McLeod	A. C. Welch	Glencoe.
23	Renville	Theo. E. Thorkelson	Maynard.
24	Chippewa	J. O. Haugland	Montevideo.
	Lac qui Parle	Theo. Christianson	Dawson.
25	Kandiyohi	John Wicklund	Atwater, R. 3.
	Swift	Christen Arneson	Murdock, R. 3.
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27	Wright	John Kelly	Waverly.
		S. J. Swanson	Cokato.
28	Hennepin	Leo J. Gleason	(Mpls. unless otherwise stated)
		A. L. Lennon	221 N. E. 2d.
29	Hennepin	Burt L. Kingsley	328 11th Av. S. E.
		W. I. Norton	717 S. E. 5th.
30	Hennepin	Frank E. Nimocks	70 S. 12th St.
		Frank C. Smith	2204 Western Av.
31	Hennepin	John G. Lennon	1509 Portland Av.
		Thomas E. West	817 E. 22d.
32	Hennepin	Frank E. Miner	2408 25th Av. S.
		John Swanson	2400 E. 25th St.
33	Hennepin	W. I. Nolan	2914 W. 40th St.
		Ludwig O. Solem	3729 Clinton Av.
34	Hennepin	L. E. Brophy	3206 Lyndale Av. S.
		Asher Howard	3145 Calhoun Blvd.
35	Hennepin	Fred Lang	609 Plymouth Av.
		Erling Swenson	3244 6th St. N.
36	Hennepin, So. Half.	Chas. E. Hulbert	Eden Prairie.
	Hennepin, No. Half.	Thomas H. Girling	Robbinsdale.
			(St. Paul, unless otherwise stated):
37	Ramsey, North	Charles A. Oberg	1110 Payne Av.
	Ramsey, South	T. J. Greene	617 Warren St.
38	Ramsey, North	George Nordlin	454 Edmund St.
	Ramsey, South	P. J. Ryan	779 Edmund St.
39	Ramsey, 5th Ward	P. H. Waters	475 Superior St.
	Ramsey, 6th Ward	Tom. J. McGrath	661 Delaware.

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Dist.	Counties in	Name.	Postoffice.
40	Ramsey, 4th Ward..	Guy E. Dilley.....	310 N. Exchange.
	Ramsey, 7th Ward..	Leavitt Corning.....	Angus Hotel.
41	Ramsey .....	George W. Rodenberg.....	721 E. 6th St.
		Geo. L. Sigel.....	1036 Reaney.
42	Ramsey, South.....	John I. Levin.....	1829 Ashland Av.
	Ramsey, North.....	Geo. C. Sudheimer.....	1270 Seminary Av.
43	Washington .....	H. H. Harrison.....	Stillwater.
		R. A. Wilkinson.....	Lake Elmo.
44	Anoka and Isanti....	Ole Lagersen .....	Anoka, R. 2.
45	Benton, 1st Dist....	Oliver Chirhart .....	Sauk Rapids.
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	Stearns, 2d Dist....	John N. N. N.....	Richmond.
47	Douglas .....	John A. Urness.....	Brandon, R. 2.
	Pope .....	Carl N. Nelson.....	Starbuck.
48	Big Stone.....	J. D. Ross.....	Clinton.
	Grant .....	Carl M. Iverson.....	Ashby.
	Stevens .....	L. C. Dorweller.....	Chokio.
	Traverse .....	O. C. Neuman.....	Wheaton.
49	Clay .....	S. P. Anderson.....	Rollag.
	Wilkin .....	H. L. Shirley.....	Breckenridge.
50	Otter Tail.....	Elmer E. Adams.....	Fergus Falls.
		John B. Hompe.....	Deer Creek.
		Nels T. Moen.....	Fergus Falls.
		H. A. Putnam.....	Battle Lake.
51	Todd .....	Frank C. McGivern.....	Staples.
	Wadena .....	W. H. Johnson.....	Seleka.
52	Cass .....	Daniel DeLury .....	Walker.
	Itasca .....	George H. Herried.....	Deer River.
53	At Large.....	Chas. W. Bouck.....	Royalton.
	Crow Wing.....	P. J. Long.....	Ironton.
	Morrison .....	Tim Perry.....	Little Falls.
54	Aitkin .....	C. H. Warner.....	Aitkin.
	Carlton .....	W. J. Darby.....	Wrenshall.
55	Mille Lacs, Kanabec,	Wm. S. Enger.....	Big Lake, R. F. D. 1.
	Sherburne .....	Charles F. Serline.....	Mora.
56	Pine, Chisago.....	Elias Nordgren .....	Sunrise.
		L. C. Pedersen.....	Askov.
57	St. Louis.....	Marcus B. Cullum.....	Duluth, 916 E. 1st St.
	Lake and Cook.....	Ernest G. Strand.....	Two Harbors.
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59	St. Louis.....	William L. Bernard.....	Duluth, 2962 Exeter.
		David J. Erickson.....	Duluth, 2312 W. 3d St.
60	St. Louis.....	B. J. Burrows.....	Hibbing, 419 Lincoln St.
		R. W. Hitchcock.....	Hibbing.
61	St. Louis.....	Charles T. Murphy.....	Virginia.
			Aurora.
62	Beltrami .....	A. E. Rako.....	Bemidji.
	Koochiching .....	F. J. McPartlin.....	International Falls.
63	Becker .....	E. P. Skolem.....	Audubon.
	Hubbard .....	E. R. Hinds.....	Hubbard.
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65	Pennington, Red		
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		Martin O. Sortedahl.....	Red Lake Falls.
66	Polk .....	John H. Boyd.....	Crookston.
		C. O. Carlson.....	Erskine.
	Kittson .....	Victor Holmquist.....	Hallock.
67	Marshall .....	H. O. Berve.....	Germantown.
	Roseau .....	Louis Enstrom.....	Malung.

Letter from M B Cullum Duluth - Write specially to Mrs Cullum  
H O Berve - Talk with him, get special letter to him

Voters

Non Voters

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 NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSN.
 

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League of Women Voters (Individuals & Organizations from 29 Suffrage States)  
 (Chairman Mrs. C.H. Brooks)

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Dear Senator:-

Anti-Suffragists are warning against serious confusion in our next Presidential election should the pending Presidential Bill be enacted. Anti-Suffragists predicted that the vote of Illinois in the late Presidential election would be thrown out because of the women; but no attempt to throw it out has even been made.

Anti-Suffragists are trying to confuse Senators' minds by sighting opinions and decisions made in respect to mixed suffrage bills as though they had been made in respect to a pure PRESIDENTIAL BILL such as is under consideration in Minnesota.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Ueland the first statement here comes from one of the documents sent you by the National and the latter one you may verify by re-reading Judge Gilfillan's opinion. Don't you want to sign this and put it on the desks along with the digest or perhaps on another day. I thought it best not to incorporate it in the digest since it was new matter and you had not passed upon it.

M.W.

the State Amendment. She is  
 very ill. so she told her hus-  
 band to see me before he  
 wrote, so that plan is frustrated.  
 Mr Fritz said I will write  
 Mrs Savage she is barking  
 up the wrong tree. I am  
 so thankful she telephoned  
 me before answering  
 I will do all I can for you.  
 in this. Of course Dr's name  
 must in the letter also.

Hastily Jennie Anderson.

My Dear Mrs Meland.

I am  
 sure you did not receive  
 my letter written over a  
 week ago. I had something  
 in both papers, wrote and  
 saw Mr Widdell. wrote  
 Mr Green, and Mr  
 Hodapp. Mr Green and  
 Mr Widdell said they  
 would vote against it



Since then Mrs Herrin  
was here, and we had  
a little meeting I got  
a good many prominent  
men to write to Mr  
Sagging; and if they  
did so. He will receive  
a lot of mail this morning  
we are hoping to have  
you down here the

coming week, I will  
write you plans as  
soon as they are com-  
pleted.

I think I will send  
another letter to Mr  
Waddell today.

Mr Fitch in the Free Press  
is helping us. One of the  
women wrote to Mrs Fitch  
asking her to help support

Box

Frank C. McGovern (House) Had a long heart to heart talk with him in which he was so much interested, it was hard to get away - He thinks the women of the United States want the vote and he is going to vote to give it to them whenever the opportunity is presented - He was aggrieved that the suffragists advertised him, prior to election, as non-committal - He thought to say the least it was not intended to help him get elected - I think I left him feeling pleased with himself -

Mr. C. E. Young -  
Supt. Dchs.

Said his wife and family had not come up here with him - One daughter in Uni - the other taking training at St Lukes Hospital -  
Mrs. Young at - 215 Walnut St. S.E.

This town made a record on all war work - The women's work has been most efficient and highly appreciated -  
Railroad town - Proud of its loyalty and patriotism -

Senate: J. P. Stepan, Brownville - (A.P.L.) strongly

House: Frank C. McGovern, (machine man) says  
in favor -

" W. H. Johnson, Sebeka - (A.P.L.) For " " " he will vote for Ratification

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For:  
Mrs. Ueland—

Very good meeting at home of  
Mrs. C. M. Paltek sister of Mrs.  
Cohen—

Their pledge will be sent in  
shortly—

—Reminder—

Mrs. Cobb would like to come  
to Conference— you were to  
consider a ticket for her.

[June, 1919]

Mrs. J.W. Murdock,  
Wabasha,  
Minnesota.

My dear Mrs. Murdock:-

We are planning a Suffrage meeting in Lake City for next Friday evening. Mrs. Forrestal is arranging the affair with Mrs. O'Laughlin and Mrs. Irwin. I think they have not yet decided just what form the meeting will take, but we do want as many of the Wabasha women to come over as possible.

If the roads are not too bad we are planning to make this a part of an automobile trip, leaving Minneapolis Friday morning, speaking in Hastings at 10:30, and a luncheon in Red Wing at 1 o'clock, arriving at Lake City in the evening, where we expect to stay over night. Then we go to Winona the next day.

We are going to have the meetings anyway, as we can reach these towns by train and we may be able to go by automobiles as that means a much more interesting affair from the point of view of publicity.

Will you please do what you can to interest some of the Wabasha women. I will send letters to some of the Suffrage Committee in Wabasha. Mrs. O'Laughlin would like to know how many Wabasha women will be in attendance. Just as soon as the plans are completed we will let you know the details of the meeting.

Very cordially yours,

(Mrs. Andrew Heland)

State President.

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Fergus Falls, Minn.

[Jan. 1919]  
THE EFFORTS OF THE STATE AND OF  
THE UNITED STATES TO CORRELATE  
AND UNIFY THE WORK OF WOMEN

Mrs. A. Ueland,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

The first day of December was the limit of time set for the sending-in of the filled in petitions for the amendment ratification. I have realized the fact fully from the first that it was so, but it has been simply impossible, while the ban was on all gatherings on account of influenza, to make any headway to do the work.

I am quite ashamed of the attitude of Fergus Falls in the matter of equal suffrage, and yet it is so much more advanced than it was some ten or fifteen years ago, when it was a subject taboo in polite society that I suppose I should look on the bright side now.

The young women who have come home rather enthusiastic from their universities and colleges, have been so sat upon at home by their less progressive parents that their ardor has become noticeably cool. They all declare they wouldn't do any more soliciting for names to the petition for anything in the world. They seem apologetic because they are in favor of equal suffrage to a curious extent. One cannot talk about it freely, and especially since the senate failure.

I wish to warn you that E.E. Adams, just elected a member of the legislature, is not in favor of equal suffrage, when he is at home, at any rate, and I trust you will see to it that he commits himself one way or another when the question comes up at the capitol. Both he and Mrs. Adams have stated to me that they are not sure whether they favor it or not, and that is the extent of their sentiment here at home. The Fergus Journal printed one or two scathing editorials on the subject just after the senate vote. I was ill at the time, and I cannot find a copy, which I have intended to send you in corroboration of what I say. It was early in October and Mr. Adams wrote both of the articles to which I refer. They were meaner than dirt and I was so indignant I cried and the nurse took the papers away and wouldn't let have them again.

You will be glad to know we have 785 women signers, 35 over the quota and I began yesterday to get voters to sign. We have 350 and that is just half of the required number. Shall I send what I have now or wait a few days longer? Kindly let me know when the matter comes up in the legislature. The outside towns are still struggling with influenza--in fact we are having new cases every day.

Mrs. H.M. Wheelock,

Yours truly

Josephine Wheelock

P.S. I am sending you to-day  
petitions containing signatures of  
785 women and 350 voters. Will send  
more of the latter in a few days.



January 1, 1919

Mrs. A. O. Stark,  
Harris,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Stark:-

The additional petitions you forwarded with your letter of the 2d were indeed very acceptable - every new name obtained is a help. If most of the residents of your precinct live in the country we realize this adds much to the difficulty of seeing them.

In the point of law I presume a signature to a petition would not be held as valid unless it were actually in the handwriting of the signer. However, since you can vouch for the genuineness of the sentiments of those whose names you send, I think we can consistently accept them.

Because of the unprecedented conditions that have prevailed during the past five months many districts like your own have been unable to get their full quotas, but through the inaction of the United States Senate in passing the Federal Suffrage Amendment our time for work is extended. Reports from all over the state too are coming in indicative that the influenza epidemic is abating. We trust your community is likewise fortunate.

Wherever quotas have not been completed women are gladly taking advantage of the extension of time to reach the desired goal if possible.

Won't you too continue your efforts with even greater zeal, and report what you have been able to accomplish by the 20th of this month?

Under separate cover I am sending you a small additional supply of petition blanks and literature.

Thanking you for your past efficient co-operation and hoping that your further efforts may be crowned with gratifying success,

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer

Quota for Harris is.....80 each, men & women

Signatures.....44 women { to date  
32 men

Happy  
New Year

Jan. 1st 1919

Henriette Minn.

Clara M. Heckrick

Minneapolis Minn.

My Dear Clara M. Heckrick

I am sending you the  
petitions with the names  
of 42 ladies and 55 men  
only 2 ladies and 4 men have  
refused to sign.

Mrs. Baldwin has 8 names  
on her petition but on account  
of bad weather it has been  
impossible to get around in  
the country.

but if necessary we will get  
more as soon as we can get  
out.

Yours very truly

Mrs. C. A. Peterson

ST. PETER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

EMILY BROWN, Supr.

St. Peter, Minnesota.

January 2, 1919

Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association,  
403 Essex Building,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Attention of Mrs. Andreas Ueland.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

I should like very much to know whom you have appointed chairman of the suffrage committee here in St. Peter. I wrote you some time ago, declining to act as chairman and have received several letters from you since in regard to suffrage matters. I should be very glad to talk to Mr. Benson as you suggest, but it seems to me that if there is a committee to act, the local chairman should appoint this committee.

Very truly yours,

*Emily Brown*



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Sincerely yours,

*Clara Ueland*

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(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)



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Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1919.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland, pres.  
Minn. Woman Suffrage Association,

Dear Madam:

Enclosed find petitions which I have  
tried to get filled. The 'flu' is raging here for the second  
time so was not able to see as many as I wished to.  
There has been soliciting almost every day here lately, so  
that but not to collect <sup>money</sup> would make it harder to get  
signers. If you need it absolutely let me know.  
Will do my best to interview Sen. Wold. Wishing you the  
best of success I am. Yours Sincerely,  
Mrs B. A. Warner.

Splendid. under distressing the conditions -  
Time extended but you thank you

We are always in need of money - you know cause  
they live by voluntary subscriptions but if you could get  
us the signatures of 35 more men - the funds could wait  
until a more propitious time for soliciting -

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Clara Ueland.  
State President.

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

*I shall be happy to vote for this if I win my contest so that I can seated Henry W. Lauderdale*



Jan. 3, 1919

Miss Cecelia Miller,  
Randolph,  
Minnesota

My dear Miss Miller:

Thank you for your letter of the 28th explaining the situation in Randolph. Our entire petition work has been somewhat hindered by the influenza epidemic, so that just as soon as we are able, all of us will have to work harder than ever in order to make these petitions effective.

The inaction of the United States Senate with regard to the passage of the Federal Suffrage Amendment automatically extends our time and immeasurably increases the necessity of building up a petition of convincing proportions.

We are therefore returning the petition (with the four signatures) to you, as you express a willingness to do what you can at some future time, with the hope that you will succeed in getting signatures of 40 men and 40 women just as soon as the flu situation in your town will allow you to do so.

Thanking you for your aid in this work,

Sincerely yours,

Business Secretary



Jan. 3, 1919

Mr. Frank E. Putnam,  
Blue Earth,  
Minnesota

My dear Mr. Putnam:-

The telegram you sent me in regard to our resolution was not given to me until yesterday after I had telephoned you. I want to thank you again for helping us out with this measure.

Another matter I want to speak to you about is the question of seating Mr. Sullivan in place of Mr. Wilcox. The women, as you probably know, are very much opposed to Senator Sullivan, not only on account of his thorough going opposition to every kind of a suffrage measure, but also they consider him the enemy of all progressive measures, particularly those which effect the welfare of women and children. We very much hope he will not be allowed to sit in the Senate.

Please consider this matter confidential. We are not taking any action about it and have not talked about it except among a few of our Board Members.

Hoping you see this matter as we do,  
I am,

Gratefully yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

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Essex Bldg.,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

It would indeed be a great help to have the  
selected list from the Hennepin County Association  
and I shall take it as very kind of you if you will  
let me have it.

Cordially yours,

RY/D

Rose Young

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Wishing you and yours a  
most happy and prosperous  
New Year, and with kind  
regards.  
Most sincerely.

Mrs J-W) Jennie Andrews.

Jan 31 1919.

Mark at press

P. S. Had I better keep it  
before the public. Advise  
me if you wish me to do so.

Jan. 3, 1919

My Dear Mr Meland.

I think I  
have done every thing I can  
do at present. I saw Mr Widell  
and he has promised to help us.  
Had a nice letter from Mr  
Green. He will do all he  
can. Have not heard from  
Mr Hodapp. If I do not will  
write again in a few days.  
Had a write up in tocht  
paper. It is not quite right

or as I had it, but unless you  
 have a proof to read. It very  
 seldom is. However, I think  
 it covers most of the ground.  
 A few men like Sam Wilson  
 are ardent suffragists have also  
 promised to help. and if it  
 comes up in the legislature  
 at a time when I can go  
 up will surely do so. Of  
 course Dr will help all he  
 can. If there is any thing  
 more we can do down here

let me know.

I am better, but not very  
 strong. Florence came down  
 with the "Flu" a few days ago  
 so I have Cornelia to look after.  
 Florence is not very sick.  
 I have had company all du-  
 ring the holiday, so have  
 been busy.

What thankful hearts we  
 should have the bringing of  
 1919. I am proud of our  
 president, and the impression  
 he is making in Europe.



FRANK L. CLIFF  
JOHN J. PURCELL  
EARL V. CLIFF

CLIFF & PURCELL  
LAWYERS  
ORTONVILLE, MINN.

January 3, 1919.

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

Dear Mrs. Ueland:-

Yours of January 2nd received, containing copy of proposed resolution to be introduced in the Senate at the coming Session. I am pleased to inform you that I shall be glad to render any assistance necessary in the passage of this resolution.

Yours truly,

F. L. CLIFF

FLC-M

**FRANK C. MCGIVERN**

LAWYER

STAPLES, MINNESOTA

Jan. 3rd, 1919.

Mrs. Grace Hastings,

Verndale, Minnesota.

Dear Madam;- Yours of the 2nd inst. concerning Woman's Suffrage received and contents noted. In reply I will state that I have been receiving several communications from women around the district during the past week and they all request that I vote for and support the ratification of the national amendment rather than a proposed state amendment.

My position is this; I am in favor of granting the rights of suffrage to our women and will support measures toward that end. I will support the national amendment and if, after investigations, it appears that the state amendment will injure the chances of the national amendment I will oppose the state amendment. I trust that this position meets with your approval.

In conclusion I will say that I am very glad you wrote me about this matter and I want you to feel free to call on me or write me at any time while this matter is pending and I will be very glad to give your communications consideration.

FCM/MN

I am yours very truly,



January 4, 1919

Mrs. C. A. Peterson,  
Henriette  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Peterson:--

We are perfectly delighted with the petitions you sent in. In proportion to the size of your town, I think your percentage is among the highest we have received. I thank you for your very efficient co-operation.

We will be glad to receive Mrs. Baldwin's petition whenever it is finished. We are trying, though, to get our petitions finished up before the end of January. The inaction of the United States Senate in passing our Federal Suffrage Amendment has automatically extended the time in which to finish this petition work, and at the same time makes it necessary to have the entire petition of a very convincing size.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

January 4, 1919

Mrs. B. A. Warner,  
Twin Valley  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Warner:-

Considering the distressing flue conditions under which you had to work, I think you got splendid results.

The failure of the United States Senate yet to pass our Federal Suffrage Amendment extends the time in which we may work for petitions, and since you have not your quota of men, I am going to ask won't you take advantage of this extension of time and make every effort to get the names of at least 38 more men in your town.

We are always in need of money. You know causes that live by coluntary subscription are, but if you could get us the necessary signatures of men by the 15th of the month, we feel that the funds might wait until you felt the time was more propitious for soliciting.

Thanking you for your very efficient co-operation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)



January 4, 1919

Mrs. C. M. Hastings,  
Verndale,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Hastings:-

With reference to our letter of Dec. 23d, written by Mrs. Ueland, I found in checking up these petition blanks, that one page of yours had not been included in the count, and that we should not have asked you to secure 23 more signatures in order to meet your quota, as you had 46 signatures of men.

I am sorry this mistake occurred, but do hope you will send us signatures of four more men so that Verndale's record will be 100%. We try to get a majority of voters.

Thanking you, and hoping to receive the balance of the names within a few days,

Sincerely yours,

Business Secretary

January 4, 1919

Mrs. L. D. Thayer,  
Clarissa  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Thayer:-

We are perfectly delighted with the petitions you sent in. In proportion to the size of your town, I think your percentage is among the highest we have received. We thank you for your very efficient cooperation,

It was all right to have signers outside of the village, so long as they vote in the village.

Later in the month, after the legislature convenes, if it seems necessary, we may ask you to get some resolutions passed in your town.

Very sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

January 4, 1917

Mrs. Owen M. Lamb,  
Dilworth  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Lamb:-

Replying to your letter of December 9th to Mrs. Ueland, I have to say that it is not surprising, perhaps, that you did not get a clear impression of what I was asking you to do, the morning of my brief visit to your office, because I explained so much and talked so fast and stayed so short a time. I had really meant to make it clear to you that we wanted you to act as the chairman, particularly after you told me you were a friend of Miss Monahan's and had been a long time interested in the movement.

However, since you cannot act in person, we are glad that you got the consent of Mrs. J.E. Dowd to take the chairmanship in your stead. We are going to count upon you to give Mrs. Dowd your support and co-operation in every way.

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer

January 4, 1919

Mrs. William Geske, Chairman  
Essig,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Geske:-

We are delighted with the petition you sent in from Essig. Considering the size of Essig, you have done very well indeed, and we thank you for your efficient co-operation.

These petitions coming in from all sections of the state certainly are proof that the women do want the ballot; and it shows too that the men are interested as well, although this is not true of all districts.

I thank you also for the resolution passed by your Red Cross auxiliary.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)



January 4, 1919

Mrs. C. H. Graves,  
Crookston,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Graves:-

In continuation of Mrs. Ueland's letter of December 31, 1918, I am writing to say in regard to the petitions that the inaction of the United States Senate in passing the Federal Suffrage Amendment automatically extends our time and vastly increases the necessity of our securing a petition of impressive proportions.

Having worked since the middle of September myself in flue restricted regions, I certainly can appreciate the difficulties you have had to contend with.

We are greatly pleased with the proportion of men's names on the petitions you sent in because the circumstances are quite reversed as a general rule, the women's signatures greatly outnumbering the men's.

Now that time yet remains to us, won't you take up the proposition with the women again and see what you can accomplish by January 15th in the way of securing names? The whole force of our argument is that where the petitions are circulated more than a majority of the men and women sign. You see unless we get this majority in Crookston we cannot make this assertion.

I know how deeply you are interested in this and I am just depending on you to make one more heroic effort to get the Crookston quota.

Mrs. C. M. Graves

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Remember me to Mrs. Hodgson and Mrs. Roemer, and these two very capable women ought by this time to be able to help you in this January drive for the petitions.

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer

P.S. I am sending you more of the petitions and literature, not knowing whether you have any on hand; and you will note that certain of these petition blanks are for women and others for veterans. The lists of men and of women should, of course, be kept separate on the blanks provided for each.

January 4, 1919

Mrs. G. H. Hansel,  
Bagley  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Hansel:-

When I remember the work you had before you the day I called at your home, and then look at the splendid petition you have sent in, I am more than ever impressed with your capacity for doing things, and more appreciative of your co-operation than it is easy to express.

The fact that the United States Senate still defers the passage of our Federal Suffrage Amendment of course extends the time for securing petitions and increases proportionately the necessity of the petition being of an impressive size.

Since you lack only sixteen of having the required number of men's names, I am just greedy enough to ask won't it be possible to secure that same number more, thus making Bagley's record 100% plus, since you were successful in getting more than the required number of women's signatures. Perhaps by this time enough of those men who were away, and whom you know to favor woman suffrage, have returned.

With all good wishes for yourself and hoping some of the good women will come to your aid and get these remaining names,

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer

LAW OFFICES OF  
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Plainview, Minnesota.

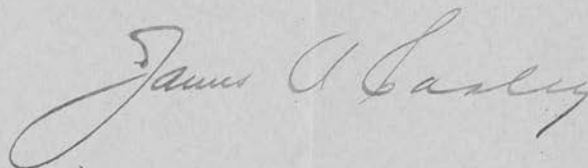
January 4, 1919

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

Dear Mrs. Ueland:

You may count on my support of the resolution of  
which you write me.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James A. Carley". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large, sweeping initial "J".

JAC/B



Dear Mrs Ireland -

I have written the  
men urging their assistance  
for the Federal Aid <sup>Act</sup>.

Wrote it as strong as I knew  
how -

Yr very truly  
Erasmus E Vance

Albert Lea  
Jan 4 - 19

3841 Second Ave So.  
Minneapolis, Minn.  
Jan. 4, 1919.

Women's Suffrage Headquarters  
Dear Madam:

Mrs. Victor Sederstrom,  
Buffalo Lake, Minn., Route  
4. would like some

Women's Suffrage literature, such as would  
be suitable for a debate.  
Would you please forward this to her at  
once? Sincerely yours.  
Susan Griffith.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Andreas Ueland  
403 Essex Bldg. Minneapolis  
Minn

Taylor's Falls Minn

Jan - 5 - 1919

Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association

403 Essex Building

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Friends:

We had our meeting  
and the canvassers were  
appointed and then the  
Influenza came along and  
nothing could be done the  
ban will be raised this  
week do you still wish  
us to have the petitions  
signed

Yours truly  
(Mrs Geo) Elizabeth Reynolds



WOMAN'S CLUB  
LAKE CITY, MINN.

1/5/19

Mrs Andreas Ueland  
Minneapolis  
Minn

My Dear Mrs Ueland.-

Your kind  
letter of Dec 31<sup>st</sup> rec'd and will  
say the special letter you spoke  
of I am sure I can have published  
but as we have the form nearly  
caressed it would not effect  
the petition very much, but  
would change the minds of  
those who think we represent  
The Woman's Party that is acting

so badly in Washington. It  
has caused us to get very few signers  
among the men which of course  
changes the complexion of our petition.  
We have 70 Club members about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of them  
refuse to sign however we will ~~try~~  
and get between 2 + 3 hundred.

I had a very nice reply from Senator  
Carley he will do the right thing and  
I think will also line up Mr Leonard  
he has not made a reply as yet.

Now I have not been able to get him  
over the phone. From your letter  
I understood we have until the  
last of this week to finish our  
petition. In many cases we have  
been asked to take off names from  
our petition. Influenza still exists  
Three funerals last week. At any rate  
we are doing our very best with it

Sincerely yours  
Margaret C. Laughlin  
Ch.

(Mrs M J)

January 6, 1919

Governor J. A. A. Burnquist,  
State Capitol,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Governor Burnquist:-

The women of our Association want to urge you to say something in favor of woman suffrage in your speech to the Legislature Wednesday.

The situation, as you undoubtedly know, is as follows. The Federal Suffrage Amendment has been passed by the House of Representatives and is pending in the Senate where it may be brought up for a vote at any time. If it passes, as our National Board believes it will, it will then be before the Minnesota Legislature for ratification. As there is considerable suffrage sentiment in both houses of our legislature, we believe they will ratify it but if you will express yourself in favor of woman suffrage, we feel that some of those who are non-committal or wavering may make up their minds to join our side.

If the United States Senate does not vote upon the measure within a few days, we are going to ask our legislature to pass a resolution as soon as possible calling upon the United States Senate to pass the amendment. Senator Putnam has consented to introduce this measure in the Senate and Mr. Theodore Christianson in the House. We believe a resolution of this kind coming from various states will influence the Senate to prompt action.

As you know, our association is opposed to a state amendment because of the difficulty in amending the Minnesota constitution. The fate of

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the prohibition amendment confirms us in our belief that a suffrage amendment in Minnesota is not feasible or practical.

I understand very well that there are very many things crowded upon your attention these days but I know also that you believe woman suffrage is one of the most important subjects of the day so I presume to ask this favor of you.

With appreciation of your friendly attitude towards our cause and our Association, I am,

Sincerely yours,

State President

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January 6, 1919

Mrs. T. A. Thompson,  
Constance,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Thompson:-

I am sorry indeed to learn of the persistent illness in your household and hope that among many other good things, the New Year is bringing to you all renewed health.

Sickness has been a sorry handicap to our work all over the state but the fact that the United States Senate has not yet passed our amendment extends our time for work, and in districts where complete quotas have not yet been attained the women are continuing with the work.

You are so very near the goal, don't you think it would be possible to secure the signatures of three more men and six women? This would give you a 100% record and would greatly increase the force of the petition.

Thanking you for your past efficient efforts and for continued cooperation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland) State President

January 6, 1914

Mrs. W. W. Smith,  
Sleepy Eye  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Smith:-

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of December 21st to Mrs. Ueland, enclosing petition, I wish to say that we appreciate very keenly the great difficulties women have had to overcome in doing this work. Conditions everywhere have been much the same but we note with relief that the epidemic of influenza is almost everywhere reported to be subsiding and we trust this is true also at Sleepy Eye.

The inactivity of the United States Senate in passing the Federal Suffrage amendment automatically extends the time for securing names and greatly increases the necessity of presenting a petition of decisive proportions. This is especially true of the 14th district where there is still opposition among the representatives.

Since we have this extension of time will not you and your committee renew your efforts with the petitions. When Miss Randall and Miss Heckrich visited your town they thought the committee appointed an exceptionally interested and capable one. One of the quickest and pleasantest ways we know of doing this work is to get a party of women together at an appointed hour and after apportioning the town, just go out and make a house to house canvass, taking in the business streets so as not to miss the men. Sometimes our good men friends take petitions and work among the men for us. All over the state where full quotas have not been completed the work is still going on. Won't you too renew your efforts and report to us what you have been able to accomplish by the 20th of the month?



Under separate cover we are sending more petitions and supplies.

For clearness and convenience, the men's names should all appear on the petitions beginning "We the undersigned VOTERS, etc." and the women's on those for women.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter to Mr. Hodges of the Herald Dispatch which was written, as you will see, by our press chairman, and is self explanatory. Perhaps you can make the situation with regard to the small group of picketers clear to Mr. Hodges and when he does realize that the great body of suffragists of the United States regret the picketing as much as he possibly can, he will be anxious to set the matter right before the public through the columns of his paper.

Thanking you for your interest and co-operation, and for results already accomplished, and confidently hoping that many of your town women may be interested to take part in this final drive,

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer



January 6, 1919

Mrs. W. George Hammett,  
Hawley  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Hammett:--

We received the petitions you forwarded on the 31st of December and very much appreciate your having secured even so many names under the circumstances you describe and that we so well understand. All over the state the same distressing conditions have prevailed. However, we note with relief that the "flu" epidemic seems everywhere to be declining and we hope this is true also of Hawley.

The inaction of the United States Senate in passing the Federal Suffrage Amendment extends our time to work on petitions as it also greatly increases the necessity of these petitions being of imposing proportions. Throughout the districts where full quotas of names have not been obtained, women are going on with the drive. If the ban has been lifted, or when it is lifted in your town, will you not undertake the required signatures for Hawley?-- 100 each of men and women? We are asking as many as can to report results by the 20th of the month, but if that is too soon for you, report at as early a date thereafter as possible.

With very genuine appreciation, of your efficient co-operation,

Sincerely yours,

State Organizer

January 6, 1919

Mrs. C. S. Lowell,  
Hastings,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Lowell:-

Knowing the difficulties that confront the suffrage worker in Hastings under the most favorable circumstances and realizing the unparalleled conditions that have prevailed everywhere for the past five months, we regard the petitions you sent in as a high testimonial of your devotion and perseverance. You are very near the goal as far as women's names are concerned.

The present general situation is this. Owing to the distressing situation brought about by the influenza epidemic, a good many districts like your own have found it impossible to carry the petition work to completion. However, the inaction of the United States Senate in passing the Federal Suffrage Amendment extends our time for this work and everywhere that the quota of names has not been attained, work is continuing. In most instances we have asked for a report of results by the 20th of this month. Will you not, too, take up the work again? Among the 410 women of Hastings who signed the petitions, are there not a dozen or more who will devote one day to a canvass? One of the easiest and most interesting ways to secure the quota of men since it is so difficult to find them at home is to get up a party of women, apportion the business districts and go in pairs to every business house and office. In this way you can probably get among the business women the remaining 30 names needed to complete the feminine quota.

Mrs. C. S. Lowell

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We are sending you a few more petition blanks and supplies and are counting on you and some of those enterprising women to get the necessary signatures of men as you have done with the women.

With the deepest appreciation of your efficient co-operation,

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer



January 6, 1919

Miss Ellinora L. Helgesen,  
Jordan,  
Minnesota

My dear Miss Helgesen:-

We are very sorry indeed that you feel you cannot continue the work for suffrage in your town. When one considers all the handicaps against which you have had to contend the results are highly commendable.

What you say of the progressive spirit of the women of your town and the lack of co-operation they get from the Council in financing so desirable a thing as the Public Library is a very strong local argument for woman suffrage. When women have a voice in electing or defeating councilmen those councilmen become very courteously interested in what women want.

What really is needed is something to give the women themselves a livelier interest in the issue. Before you definitely decide to give up the leadership in Jordan, will you not call together at your Town Library or at some home a group of the women who are interested in public welfare for an afternoon-tea and let one of our splendidly informed and entertaining organizers come and present the suffrage situation as it exists today throughout the world. They will much better understand the necessity for action on their part at the present time.

The inaction of the United States Senate in passing the Federal Suffrage Amendment extends the time for our work. Other districts whose quotas have not been completed are continuing their efforts and in most cases we have asked for a report as to results by the 20th of the month.



Won't you reconsider your decision to resign and advise us at an early date regarding the possibility of one of our organizers meeting a group of your townswomen?

With very genuine appreciation of your past co-operation, and the sincere hope that you will continue as chairman at least until our amendment is passed,

Cordially yours,

Business Sec'y.

Gibbon Mine  
Jan 6 - 1919

Mrs Andrew Ireland  
Minneapolis Minn

My Dear Mrs Ireland  
In reply to your  
letter of Dec 26 inst  
I have given it  
my attention as  
far as it is possible  
to do so. I held  
a telephone conversation  
with Hon F. V. Burdoy  
& explained to him  
what the Association

were working for  
 & he promised to  
 give it his attention  
 & would study the  
 matter up. Which  
 I believe is a  
 Greek to him,  
 as would be to the  
 people of Gibbon  
 as the woman here  
 will not listen  
 let alone give the  
 cause any time  
 I will write to Hon  
 Henry & Benson  
 & as I am acquainted  
 with both of these  
 gentlemen, they  
 may be of some

help. But Minnesota  
 women as a whole  
 are not schooled  
 up to State-affairs  
 & am very sorry  
 I can not be of  
 better service to  
 you.

Very Respect

Mrs W J + Town.

Town Chairman  
 of Gibber Maine



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*Faribault Minn.*

*January 6, 1919.*

*My dear Mrs. Ueland:*

*Your form letter asking me to interview our legislators with regard to a state suffrage amendment did not reach me until Saturday afternoon, too late for me to see Mr. Reed before he left for St. Paul. Mr. McLaughlin had gone some days before, but I could not have seen him personally anyway because he lives too far from Faribault. It is safe to say that neither would vote for a state suffrage amendment unless he realized that it would bring confusion upon our orderly course. As to the federal amendment, Mr. Bratton, editor of the Faribault Daily News, told me this morning that*

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in a recent interview with Mr. Reed, the latter said that he personally was opposed to woman suffrage but that he would vote for ~~it~~ ratification if the majority of the county (voters, of course) were in favor. How much even that counts for in a typical politician I do not know.

The petition work is moving slowly again, because of some illness among workers, the coming of severe weather, and a return of influenza. The emergency hospital was reopened last week, which decided me that the public address by Miss Monahan would fail of an audience, aside from the fact that I had hoped the petition work would be completed by last Saturday, which was the first date she could give us.

It would seem best to me now for us to set no further date for the completion of our petitions but to go on with the work the best we can as long as there is time for it. I'm very sorry it could not have been completed by January first, but it proved utterly impossible. Incredible as it seems, I have serious doubts of getting our quota even of women, — this from a rough estimate from districts already covered by petition workers. However, the game is not

up yet. Have you any record in the office, in form to send me without inconvenience, of how the petitions are coming on in other parts of the state?

I was so sorry not to be at the board meeting last Saturday. I might not have been able to leave home anyway, but by some strange mischance, the notification was not delivered at my house till Friday noon, too late for me to make any arrangement. I had decided that the meeting must have been postponed.

How disappointing the Senate has been! But at least it's been a case of "no great loss without some small gain" — the holiday flurry over the Amendment — since it furnished me leverage for starting the petition work here.

Yours very sincerely, and with  
best wishes for the New Year,

Marceline D. Stockton  
(Mrs. Chas. Stockton)





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McIntosh, Minn.



"Stalwart"  
Tread      "Cord"  
Tire

McIntosh, Minn., Jan. 6, 1919.

Dear Madam Chairman,-

You wrote me to the effect the convention had been postponed indefinitely, so I did not hurry with my petitions. Enclosed is the petition from here. On account of the prevailing epidemic, it was a little hard to get people interested, and also to get workers. I think if conditions had been different we could have done better, altho the greater number are in favor of it.

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs. Marie Holton,  
McIntosh,  
Minn.



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ST. PAUL, MINN.

Jan. 7- 1919

Mrs. J. W. Murdoch  
Wabasha, Minn.

Dear Mrs Murdoch, —

Have your letter in  
regard to Woman's Suffrage and  
shall be pleased to comply  
with the directions of your  
clubs in Wabasha Co.

Very truly yours  
Hugh Leonard

Fountain Minn.

Jan 8 - 1919 -

Chairman Suffrage Club

This is the best  
I could do in our location  
any late in sending as the  
Flu has been so terribly  
bad in our locality.

I don't think the women  
will get very far by their  
actions in Washington.  
I have been a voter myself  
and do not approve of their  
actions - and it was a  
draw back to getting names.

Respectfully  
Mrs. Springmyer

State of Minnesota  
Executive Department  
St. Paul

J. A. A. BURNQUIST, GOVERNOR

January 8, 1919.

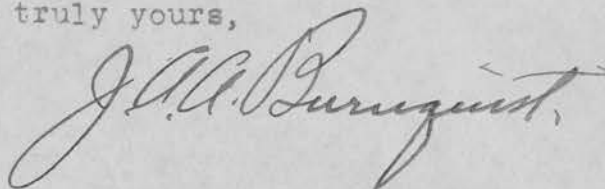
Mrs. Andreas Ueland,  
403 Essex Building,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:-

Your letter of January 6th  
relative to the federal suffrage amendment is  
received.

I am enclosing a copy of the message which  
I delivered to the Legislature today, and I trust  
the reference to the suffrage question will meet  
with your approval.

Very truly yours,



B/VS

than I can manage at  
present.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. C. S.) Dora M. Gould.

P.S. Miss Norwich called on  
Mr. Millett, but he said he'd  
about made up his mind  
to vote in favor of the State  
Amendment.

Hastings, Minn.,  
Jan. 8 - 1919.

Mr. Andrew Nelson,  
Minneapolis.

My dear Mr. Nelson:-

I have just received Mr.  
Stevens' letter, urging further  
circulating of the Federal peti-  
tion. The work was not at all  
well done in some districts  
especially the business district.  
Of course I had expected to  
put the whole thing thru  
in a couple of weeks in



You are acquainted with Mrs. Brown and Miss Morrell, but they are both pretty busy. Mrs.

Adolphe Schaller, visited very hard with her doctor, circulating the petition. Mrs. Harwood here is apparently quite interested. I shall be glad to pass on the material, you send me, but you will understand that I cannot do anything more.

My own family is almost pure.

the fall - you recall that I was in a hurry to get the material - but circumstances made it impossible. I was frequent and so my haste. When it came to the finals, when I should have tapered the field, when the others failed, it was impossible for me to do it. And so I'll not be able to do a thing more for the good cause. I am very sorry to disappoint you in this way.

January 9, 1919

Mrs. J.E. Spencer,  
Wayzata  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Spencer:-

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of your additional list of names to the suffrage petition. This now makes a total of 125 men's signatures and 143 women's - quite a jump over your quota of 100 each. There are comparatively few committees who are as successful as this. Thank you so much.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

January 9, 1919

Miss Hazel Brockway  
Merrifield,  
Minnesota

My dear Miss Brockway:-

We are in receipt of the petitions you have sent in and thank you very much.

You probably sent in your lists before securing the full quota in the belief that the time for the work had expired. However, the inaction of the United States Senate in passing the Federal Suffrage Amendment automatically extends our time, and all over the state, in districts that have met with similar difficulties to your own, the women are seizing upon this extension of time to see if they cannot accomplish the results that have been impossible to attain before. Since you have so nearly reached your quota of women, do you not believe that four or five of those who have already signed would take petitions and get the names of two or three men and women each? This would bring you in the required number with very small effort on the part of any one individual. We are asking for reports by the 20th of this month.

We are very appreciative of the work you have put into this and are hoping that you will make a great effort to complete it.

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer



Jan. 9, 1919

Mrs. W. A. Bingham,  
New Ulm,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Bingham:-

How is the flu situation in New Ulm? If things are better, don't you think you could now undertake the canvass? Our work all over the state has been somewhat hampered by the epidemic, and while we have a very large number of petitions, we are anxious to make a more brilliant showing; so that we are particularly anxious to get returns from those towns which our organizers have been able to reach.

Furthermore, at least two, and maybe three, of the representatives from the 14th district have not yet been waked from their Rip Van Winkle sleep in spite of the guns of Democracy booming everywhere. It seems positively ridiculous to us that any of them still have the nerve to say they are "opposed," (and if you could hear their reasons, you would have something to laugh about.) With a good many of these men it is a personal question, and others are so afraid of their constituency not being in favor they are in fear of losing their heads. To this latter class we must appeal with petitions. They have got to learn that woman suffrage is mighty popular everywhere, and so we need your petition along with the others. When old Germany, with her militarism and autocracy, and the general opinion of "Kinder, Kueche and Kirche" can swing around and recognize women politically, I guess it is about time our American men do likewise. Don't you? And yet it is the German communities in this state which are most difficult. You not being German, decent and my being so, I can say all I want, can't I? However, I must say, that the women are falling in line, even if the men do not.

Mrs. Stevens is writing a letter to all the chairmen, and so I thought I would ask you at the same time about the flu situation and the possibilities of your canvass. We do need a petition from Brown County as badly as from any part of the state.



With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

January 9, 1919

Mrs. Roy M. Jones,  
Ellsworth  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Jones:-

I trust we have not made ourselves troublesome by addressing you so many times with reference to suffrage work. We have not heard from you directly, except that Miss Randall, at the time she called on you in Ellsworth, specified in her report to us that you would serve on this committee. Mrs. Stanton, who was out of town, was asked to be chairman, but when she returned home she wrote us that she could not but that you would act as chairman.

Your quota is not very large - only 55 signatures of women and an equal number of men - so that possibly if you and Mrs. McRobert and Miss Katherine O'Hern and one or two others who are interested would all get together one afternoon you could get your entire quota.

The enclosed letter is written you by our state organizer, and I am only adding this explanation as to our many letters to you, and to give you your quota. If you find you have no literature, we will be glad to send you that and also the petition blanks. Please let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Business Sec'y.

January 9, 1919

Mrs. Anna Lewis,  
Bertha,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Lewis:--

We are very glad indeed to receive the names from Bertha.

If I remember rightly, I told you the day I called at your home that the drive for signers would conclude with the year. However, the inaction of the United States Senate in passing the Federal Suffrage Amendment automatically extends our time for work and increases the importance of our securing petitions of convincing proportions.

In districts that had, owing to unprecedented conditions during the past five months, been unable to complete their quotas, the women are seizing upon this extension of time to reach the desired goal, if possible. In most instances we are asking them to report results by the 20th of this month. Will you not too resume circulation of the petitions and make every effort to get the required quota of 70 men and women each. You have just half enough women's and seventeen men's names. Don't you think that some of those women who have already signed would help you in getting other signers?

Thanking you so much for the effort you have put into this work and for your continued cooperation,

Sincerely yours,

State Organizer

January 9, 1919

Mrs. W. S. Parslow,  
Rogers,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Parslow:-

We are sorry indeed to hear that you are a victim of the influenza and trust that you by this time have entirely recovered.

No doubt you sent in the petitions in the belief that the time for securing names had expired; but owing to the inaction of the United States Senate in passing the Federal Suffrage Amendment, our time has been extended. A good many districts, like you own, have been greatly handicapped in the petition work by the distressing conditions brought about by sickness. In such districts the women are seizing upon the extension of time to see if they cannot reach the desired quota of names before the petitions must be presented. In most cases we are asking them to report by the 20th of this month. Can you not, too, take advantage of this extension of time to secure added signatures to the petitions?

Your quota, probably you remember, is 70 and you have sent us the names of 32 women and 13 men. Lest you may have run out of materials we are sending you a small package of additional supplies. See if you cannot interest some of the 32 women who have already signed to get signatures of others.

Thanking you so much for your interest and efficient cooperation,

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer



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January 9, 1919.

Miss Gladys Hopkins,  
Fairfax,  
Minnesota.

My dear Miss Hopkins:-

We have not yet received from your town the full quota of signatures to our suffrage petition. Possibly you have suspended the work of securing them in the belief that the time for this effort has expired.

The truth is the inaction of the United States Senate with regard to the passage of the Federal Suffrage Amendment automatically extends our time and immeasurably increases the necessity of our building up a petition of convincing proportions. Therefore, we beg you will resume with redoubled energy the work of arousing interest in your community and particularly of securing signatures of those already with us in sentiment until, at least, you have a majority of the adult men and women.

We find an effective and enjoyable way of doing this work is to get together a group of women at a specified hour, and to go out and make a house to house canvass of the town, taking in the business streets so as not to miss the men.

Some of the great writers of the day are saying that in the last analysis it was the spiritual force of the women of the Allied Nations which brought victory to the Allied Arms. That it was the quenchless, resisting, conquer-

ing spirit which woman embodies that will not be diverted or appeased until the ends of justice, truth and mercy are vindicated. Surely women who have contributed so powerfully to the defeat of Teuton autocracy abroad will not falter in the unfinished struggle against prejudice, conservatism and reaction at home.

The whole world waits to be remade in the image of Democracy!

The free and authoritative participation of women is both a means and an end in achieving Democracy.

The immediate imperative next step in the United States is the ballot for the women of the United States. This is the meaning of the petitions. Circulate them intensively and let us know results, by the 20th of January. "A long pull and a strong pull and a pull all together" NOW may bring this 70-year long struggle to a triumphant issue before the passing of the winter.

Yours for unceasing effort until victory is won!

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) *Rene E. H. Stevens*  
State Organizer.

Miss Gladys Hopkins has been working for the government in Washington D. C. for about four months and we do not know when she may return. I know nothing of this work sent her. Would sign the petition however.

Sincerely yours,

*Fraed Hopkins*

Miss Gladys Hopkins,    Fairfax

Your quota is 100 names of men and    100    of women

You had 198 voters at your election two years ago, so that the quota assigned is a bare majority of those who voted. The women's quota is based upon the assumption that there are an equal number of men and women in the community.

C O P Y

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

41st session

St. Paul, Jan. 9, 1919

Mrs. John R. Serrin,  
Glenwood,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Serrin:--

I received your kind letter this morning.

I wish to assure you that I will support the Federal Suffrage Amendment granting women the right of suffrage most heartily.

I fully realize the expense and trouble that would entail upon the suffrage organizations of the State to endeavor to pass a Suffrage Amendment to the State Constitution, and in my judgment the better plan is to adopt the National Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

I would like to hear any arguments from your organization which I know would greatly assist me in presenting the case to the Legislature.

Thanking you for writing me, I am

Sincerely yours,

Carl N. Nelson





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January 9, 1919

Dear Madam:

In the enclosed circular we tell as accurately as we can just what is the value to you of THE WOMAN CITIZEN, by Mary Sumner Boyd, Chairman of the Research Department of the Leslie Woman Suffrage Commission and Associate Editor of the Woman Citizen.

Besides thoroughly covering the ground of civics, the book contains material invaluable to those who have not attained the vote, since in discussing the actual effects of Woman Suffrage, it gives authoritatively the final answer to many of the favorite anti-suffrage arguments.

We recommend the book unreservedly for what it is described to be and hope that after reading the circular you will order the book from your bookseller or, if more convenient, direct from us at \$1.50.

Very truly yours

FREDERICK A. STOKES COMPANY

P.S. In order to maintain the accuracy of the information contained in THE WOMAN CITIZEN, we plan to issue late in 1919 a pamphlet which will contain any changes through 1919. We will supply this pamphlet when published, gratis to any purchaser who makes application.

EPS-ER

January 10th. 1919

My Dear Miss Young :-

As our Minnesota Legislature has just convened-- Jan. 7th--you will perhaps be interested in the Governor's message which more or less concerns our affairs. Governor Burnquist in that section of his speech dealing with National Amendments said ,

"I recommend the immediate adoption of a resolution memorializing Congress to submit the Woman Suffrage Amendment to the States, and its ratification by this Legislature when so submitted."

We are at present polling both Houses for the Resolution which will probably come up very early. Almost the first bill submitted was a State Amendment bill presented by C.H. Warner of Aitkin County, Chairman (Alas) of the Elections Committee of the House, but this we hope to have indefinitely postponed by the Senate even if it passes the House as it probably will do. The poor dear men are in quite a confused state of mind because three distinct and separate groups of women are besieging them in the interests of suffrage-- Mrs. Bertha Moller for the National Party working for a Resolution, Mrs. Angie Kingsley the female arch-fiend who persists in bringing up the State Amendment and always gets some fool men to stand behind her, and our group working for the National Association's policy-- I do not wonder that the poor old dears look confused and bored when all or sundry of us appear.

We should like to have you take notice of Gov. Burnquist's speech in the very next Citizen so we can show him our appreciation.

Cordially Yours

JANUARY TENTH  
1919

Honorable L. E. Brophy,  
House of Representatives,  
The Capitol,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Brophy:

*and* I am writing you at your request to give you an outline of our suffrage program for this session. Briefly it is to secure ratification of the Federal Suffrage amendment, when it has passed the United States Senate and come to the Minnesota Legislature for ratification. It is our desire also that the Legislature, if it sees fit, shall follow the Governor's recommendation and memorialize the United States' Senate requesting them to pass the amendment and to pass it to our legislature for ratification.

It may perhaps be helpful to you to set down here just who "we" are. I am writing for the Hennepin County Suffrage Association, whose officers you may see on this letter head and which is an organization with more than 5000 members in its files. We are a branch of the Minnesota Women's Suffrage Association, a sample of whose letter paper, I am enclosing under separate cover, marked enclosure number 1, from which you may see who their officers are. This state organization has a membership of over 30,000, and working committees in more than 450 towns and cities. It is itself a branch of the National American Woman Suffrage Organization, organized since 1869, with a membership of over two million women.

Our program here is carefully made with the advice of the National Organization and it is our feeling that all sincere friends of suffrage will wish to be guided by our judgment in regard to suffrage legislation.

After



After years of careful consideration, it has become the policy of the National Organization to discourage the submission of the state constitutional amendment in those states where special obstruction exists to constitutional amendment. Minnesota is one of those states. The recent failure of the dry amendment to pass in Minnesota in spite of the big organization and large campaign funds spent in its behalf, are proof we think, to those who needed proof, that a suffrage amendment could not pass in this state.

Meantime enfranchisement by federal action is always *always* within our grasp, and it needs only a little more concerted action on the part of the suffragists to realize for as you know the House at Washington has passed the federal amendment and it lacks only one vote of passing by a two thirds majority in the Senate.

Under these circumstances we ought to have no difficulty in persuading our friends to concentrate our efforts towards ratification and we ld not have any difficulty except for the fact that four women and two former Senators, both of whom *on legislators* were defeated for reelection this term, have organized themselves into a league to ask for a state amendment. Three of the four women referred to are officers of ~~an~~ organization, called by them *the* the Minnesota Equal Suffrage Constitutional Amendment League. They give us no reason for preferring this method of securing suffrage and so far as we are able to learn they have no members of this league, outside of themselves. We have made many inquiries concerning such possible members and finally we have gone to the president of the league to ask her. She claims a certain membership composed of people who at the state fair have signed slips handed out by themselves, but when asked to name one single member any where in the state, including St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Duluth, she confessed herself unable to do so. When further asked where and how they would secure funds to make a campaign in case there was a referendum to the people, she confessed that since they had never asked for money, she did not know that they could raise any. These facts will, I think make it clear to you that the request for a state amendment has no backing, worth consideration in the state and that it does not meet with the approval of the working suffragists of the state, who have agreed that it would be a mistaken policy.

For further information concerning the officers of this league and especially ~~Mrs. Kingsley~~, who is its real head, I will refer you to Senator Wallace or Senator Turnham, or Senator Palmer, who probably know more of them than we do, or in the House to Mr. Norton or Mr. Nolan or perhaps Mr. Christensen



Members of the House, with whom I have talked about the situation or who have written to us about it, showing that they understand it, are Messrs. Frank C. Smith, Lauderdale, (if he is seated) Lee, Wicker, John Swanson. Mr. Berve understands the situation and sympathizes with our policy, but is a little afraid that his constituency would not understand his voting against any suffrage measure.

To meet this objection we have taken great pains to make our policy plain not only to legislators but to members of their constituencies. One letter that we sent out I am enclosing under separate cover for your information, marked enclosure number 2. In one District our association has taken a canvas among both men and women to ascertain sentiment and when I tell you that we have a petition in our possession not yet made public, numbering 11,000 signatures, you will realize that your constituency understand thoroughly and thoroughly approves concentrating effort on the ratification of the federal amendment.

I am sending also, under separate cover, three little booklets on the subject of state versus federal action, marked enclosure number 3, containing many points, which I think will interest you. See especially pages 8 and 9 in the one called Federal Action and State Right. I am sending also under separate cover, marked enclosure number 4, a copy of a letter, which came to us through the mail and which acquainted us with the organization and the policy of the state constitutional amendment league, about which I have told you.

If I have failed to cover any of the points upon which you wished information, please let me know, as I shall be glad to write you further or to call upon you at the legislature. Meantime any suggestions from you as to how we may proceed in order to do the best possible thing for our measure will be welcomed. We were very sorry to learn that the state constitutional amendment bill was introduced in the House and we do not know what action we may be able to persuade the committee to take or to fail to take upon the subject. Upon this subject we must ask the advice of our friends in the Legislature, yours included.

Very sincerely yours,

MMW-EMS

Chairman Ratification Committee

from this one Legis. District

by mail

you

January 10, 1919

Mrs. George Reynolds,  
Taylors Falls  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Reynolds:-

We are just in receipt of your letter of January 5th stating how the influenza came along to spoil your plans just when you had them nicely made. This happened in a good many places, but the fact that the United States Senate has not yet passed the Federal Suffrage Amendment fortunately extends the time for our work, and so quite the thing for you to do is to get your committee together again, agree upon a definite date, apportion your town, and go out and make as intensive a house to house canvass as you can, including, of course, the business streets so that the men shall not be overlooked.

All over the state where the quotas have not been completed the women are taking advantage of this extension of time to accomplish what has not been possible during the epidemic.

We are asking for reports by the 20th of this month. I presume you have petition and supplies on hand but if not let us know at once and we will send them.

Thanking you again for your interest and trusting that your efforts will be crowned with gratifying success,

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer

January 10, 1918

Mrs. H. W. Froelich,  
Thief River Falls  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Froelich:-

We are just in receipt of the petitions you forwarded and are very glad indeed to receive them.

You no doubt have sent these in although you had not attained your required number of signatures because you believed the time for doing the work had expired. If I remember rightly, I told you the evening of our little meeting that we should want the reports all in by the 1st of the year.

However, the inaction of the United States Senate in passing the Federal Suffrage Amendment automatically extends our time for the work as it also greatly increases the importance of presenting petitions of convincing proportions.

Owing to the very unusual conditions which have prevailed during the past five months, as a result of the influenza epidemic, many districts like your own have found it impossible to complete their quotas. In general, the women in these districts are seizing upon this extension of time to accomplish now what it has been impossible to do before.

From your Club membership and the 203 women who have already signed, will it not be possible to get together at some specified hour, a group of women, a dozen or eighteen, who could give the one afternoon to an intensive campaign.



apportion the town and just make a house to house visit! You should include the business district so as not to miss the men. You know the principal force of our argument is that where the petition is circulated, the majority of the men and women have gladly signed. Thief River Falls being such an important center makes it doubly essential that it should ~~delate~~ its majority of men's and women in favor of suffrage.

We deeply appreciate the effort you have put into this enterprise and are counting confidently upon you to do whatever it is possible to do in your town while the opportunity is still open.

We were tremendously pleased at the prompt response from Thief River Falls on the financial drive, and have passed Mrs. Hardesty's plan on to many other places.

Thanking you for your efficient cooperation,

Sincerely yours,

State Organizer



January 10, 1919

Governor J.A.A. Burnquist,  
State Capitol,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Governor Burnquist:-

We want to thank you for your recommendation in regard to the Federal Suffrage Amendment in your address on Wednesday.

I had the pleasure of hearing your speech and want to assure you that I was greatly interested in your presentation of the various subjects before the state today, and feel that you have stated the situation very ably and convincingly.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

January 10, 1919

Mrs. C. M. Hastings,  
Verndale  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Hastings:-

We are this morning in receipt of the four additional names necessary to make your record 100% perfect. Thank you very much indeed.

We are also in receipt of the letter from Frank C Mc Given to you. We appreciate your writing to him and are very glad indeed to have in writing a statement of his attitude upon the whole suffrage question.

If we had just one woman like yourself in every town, the petition work for the state of Minnesota would have gone over the top some-time ago.

With deep appreciation of your efficient co-operation,

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer



SENATE CHAMBER

FORTY FIRST SESSION

Plainview, Minnesota.

January 10, 1919

Mrs. J. W. Murdoch,

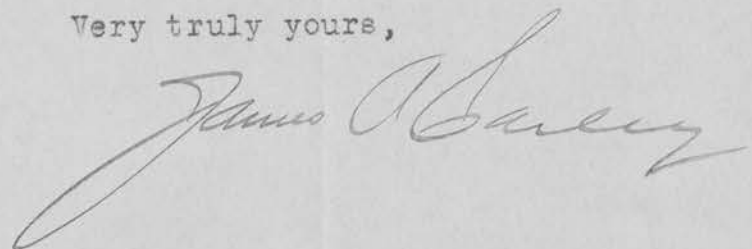
Wabasha, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Murdoch:

I have your favor of January 3rd. I am going to favor the National or Federal Amendment. I have so expressed myself to a large number of people. I hope it will pass.

Very truly yours,

JAC/B



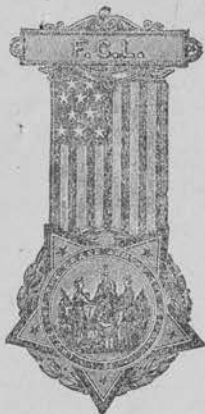
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State Suffrage Headquarters

Inclosed find signers  
for petition from Whited  
Township. Sorry to be  
so late in getting this  
in, on account of sick-  
ness. I could not tend  
to it as I would like  
to.

Yours Very Truly  
Mrs Lydia Stolle  
Quayba  
Minn





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NORTH BRANCH, MINN., *Jan 10* 191*9*.

*Mrs Clara Wheat*  
*President Minn. W. D. A.*

*My dear Mrs Wheat:-*

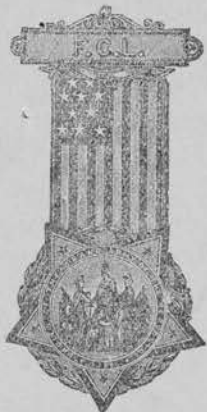
*The enclosed letter is a copy of the letters sent out to our Representatives and State Senator Larson. I also took the liberty of sending one to George Herried of Deer River as he is a personal friend and former neighbor of ours.*

*I'm sorry we lacked a few signatures on the list of voters and if you will send me another list please I will try to secure the desired number of names.*

*Very Truly,*

*Lavinie E. Holmberg,*

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Hon. Adolph S. Larson,  
State Senator,

Dear Mr. Larson:-

There is an attempt on the part of a few overzealous women of the Minnesota Womans Suffrage Association to urge the passage of a State Suffrage amendment this winter, but realizing the difficulty of amending our State constitution and knowing the amount of money and effort necessary to launch a thorough campaign, we ask your influence against such venture, and insted use every honorable means to secure the ratification of the Federal Mmendment.

The sentiment in this part of the State is unanimous for Womans Suffrage save for one or two very elderly people.

The Minnesota Womans Suffrage Association is a branch of the National Womans Suffrage Association which has a membership of two million womwn, and has been organized since 1869 it is no way allied with the National Womans party who are picketing and resorting to unseemly methods in Washington D.C. to bring about recognition from the United States Legislature.

I also desire to call your attention to another matter of importance, and will enclose a pamphlet which will give you an adequate idea of what the Ladies of the Grand Army of Minnesota are doing for the aged relatives of the veterans of the Cival War.

The veterans and their wives may be admitted to our cottage and do light house-keeping if they so desire. Could you go down to Anoka and see first hand what a blessed work is being done there.

You would need no urging to lend your support to the allowance of an appropriation which will be requested at this session of the Legislature. We shall ask for \$9,000.00 for a period of two years; insted of \$7,000.00 which has been our allotment. living expenses have increased to such an extent, that we are *greatly* in need of an increase, and some of the inmates are getting very feeble and need much more care than formerly.

As Department President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of Minnesota I can vouch for their loyalty and support of all needy causes demanding our attention these days, and sincerely solicit your influence in this matter presented, Thanking you.

Yours very truly,

Department President Ladies of the  
Grand Army of Minnesota.

January 11, 1919

Mrs. A. J. Wall,  
Wabasha  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Wall:--

A letter from Mrs. John W. Murdock to Mrs. Ueland some weeks ago, informed us that for the second time Wabasha was closed up tight with the flu, which made the work of circulating the petitions quite impossible, though the following efficient committee had been appointed:

Mrs. A. J. Wall, Chairman  
Miss Belle Anderson  
Mrs. Margaret Cassidy  
Mrs. J. E. Fasse  
Mrs. A. R. Spencer  
Mrs. L. A. Chamberlain  
Mrs. G. J. Stauff

Many districts have suffered from the same distressing conditions but reports now indicate that the influenza epidemic is abating in general throughout the state. I sincerely hope that your community constitutes no exception to this rule.

The inaction of the United States Senate in passing the Federal Suffrage Amendment extends our time for this work. Everywhere that the quota has not been completed, women are seizing upon this extension of time to reach the desired goal if possible.

If the ban has been lifted, or when it is lifted in your town, will not you and your committee make an intensive drive and secure the desired number of signatures? We find one of the easiest and most interesting ways of doing this work is to get a group of women together, at an appointed hour, apportioning the town, and make a house to house visit, including the business houses and offices so as not to miss the men.



Under separate cover, we are sending you petition blanks and supplies.

We are asking for reports on results from most districts by the 20th of the month. If this seems too early for you, let us know at the earliest date possible thereafter.

We very genuine appreciation of your co-operation, in bring<sup>ing</sup> our long struggle for enfranchisement to a successful finish.

Sincerely yours,

State Organizer

P.S. The quota for Wabasha is signatures of 305 men and 305 women. You had, at the election two years ago, 601 voters, so that the quota is a bare majority of the voters, with an equal number of women.



January 14, 1919

Miss Charlotte Clarke,  
St. Cloud  
Minnesota

My dear Miss Clarke:-

In regard to your letter of January 1st, asking if we could accept a petition signed by 100 leading men in St. Cloud.

We have given this matter quite careful attention. We know the difficulties under which you labor in St. Cloud, and we know how faithful you and your committee have been working on this petition so that our inclinations are altogether on the side of accepting this, but we really think it cannot, because it would not be entirely honest. That former petition was addressed to the Congressmen asking them to vote for the Federal suffrage amendment. The present petition that we are circulating is a petition to our legislature asking them to ratify the Federal amendment. While the two things are the same idea, they really are two separate petitions.

When we go to the legislature, we want to be able to say that these are all, to our best knowledge, bona fide petitions, signed by each individual asking for ratification. I certainly hate to ask you women to canvass these men again but really I don't see any way out of it.

I am reluctant to add anything to make your work any harder but I believe you will agree with me that this is the right decision.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

January 11, 1919

Miss Frances Lapham,  
Caledonia  
Minnesota

My dear Miss Lapham:-

We had hoped that all of our petition work would be finished by the first of the year, but with the influenza epidemic raging throughout the state, the work has been delayed, and now with the inaction of the United States Senate in regard to the Federal Suffrage Amendment, we find that we have additional time in which to finish.

From Mrs. Guise' report, we believe you intended finding a chairman in Brownsville and Reno, and that you would yourself circulate a petition among the farmers in your neighborhood.

May we hear from you with reference to these things?

Thanking you for your help,

Sincerely yours,

Business Sec'y.

State of Minnesota

SENATE CHAMBER

FRANK L. PALMER  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.  
SENATOR 29TH. DISTRICT

Jan. 11th, 1919.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland, Pres.,  
Minnesota Woman Suffrage Ass'n.,  
403 Essex Building,  
City.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

Replying to your favor of January 2nd, would say that I have no reason to change my mind on the suffrage proposition from the opinion I have always had, and certainly will be very glad indeed to support Senator Putnam in the resolution which you enclosed.

Wishing you success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FLP:E

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "F. Palmer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Frank L. Palmer".

Shakopee. Minn.

Jan. 11, 1919.

Mrs. Andrew Nelson,  
Minneapolis.  
Dear Madam:-

I find it  
impossible to longer  
continue to act as the  
chairman of the Leaf-  
frog committee here  
in Shakopee. There-  
fore you will please  
accept my resignation



as such. However, I will  
continue to act as a  
member of our local  
committee, and any  
work I can conveniently  
do to help in that way  
I am glad to do for the  
cause.

Very Respectfully

Cora Mary.

Shokopee.

Box 87.

(Mrs. H. P. Moody.)

Miss

Petitions in  
with names  
of 204 women  
100 men

HERMAN LINDE, M. D.  
CYRUS, MINN.

June 11, 1919.

Miss Woman Suffrage Ass.

Mpls Minn.

Dear Madam:

Just a line to inform you that  
Mrs. Linde died the 12 of Nov. She had that  
petition already signed, but it got mislaid  
during the last illness. For future convenience  
I would suggest you write Mrs. O. E. Bjergsund  
Cyrus, Minn.

Yours truly

H. Linde.

[Jan 12, 1919]

67th

My Dear Mrs. Stevens

In reply to your letter of Jan'y. 10<sup>th</sup> would say that I have not received the petitions, or any literature or instructions, and for that reason, and because of conditions here with regard to the "flu" epidemic, was able to do no work with regard to the Woman Suffrage Amendment before the holidays.

Expect now to be away for a month or six weeks, and am unable to find anyone here

to undertake the work.

Mrs. Robertson is very seriously ill, and Mrs. Blethen declines, as her time is fully occupied with the Red Cross.

Regretting that I have been of so little service, I remain

Sincerely yours

(Mrs) Cath G. Booley

Halloct, Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 1919



Waseca Jan 12 - 1919 -

My Dear Mrs Ueland.

We are in the midst of an intensive campaign to secure signatures to the petitions. I have kept it before the people all the time we have been delayed on account of Influenza and every thing has been done that could be - and the ladies are now out with the petitions. I have had to act as chairman of County as well as Waseca and do the personal work of soliciting press notices etc. Should the amendment not be up in the Legislature till after next week it would favor us. as we have a Dairy Convention beginning the 20<sup>th</sup>. Gov. Burnquist is to be here & our ladies would have a chance to see the farmers and perhaps have a word said for it from the platform.

I interviewed Rep. Goodspeed regarding the matter you wrote me about & he seemed favorable to the plan of ratification of the Amendment & said it would be much easier to get it that way. He

also said he saw no reason <sup>[2]</sup> why  
it should not pass. he seemed  
friendly to the idea of my  
talking it over with him & on  
leaving he said - "When you  
come up to the cities to work  
and come over to the Capitol  
I think he is favorable. I  
am wondering if Steel county  
is working for it and trying  
to show Sen. Rask how they stand.  
I wish I might know how much  
time we have before I must  
call all lists in - Should you  
need them suddenly, I could send  
you between 200 and 300 names from  
rural as well as city districts.  
But we will have many more  
for we just started these last  
few days - I have written to  
Miss Hackrich to send me  
more petitions for women and  
to write to a list of rural workers.  
All together I think we will have  
a strong argument from Waseca  
for it & I hope other counties are  
doing as well - and so glad our  
Governor has come out so strongly  
for it - I read every word you  
say that appears in the paper  
& that too is very helpful - With  
kindest wishes for your well being in  
this strenuous campaign -  
very truly Wm W Davidson

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THE EFFORTS OF THE STATE AND OF  
THE UNITED STATES TO CORRELATE  
AND UNIFY THE WORK OF WOMEN

*Deborah Munn*  
*January 13<sup>th</sup> - 19*

*Mrs Andreas Veland -*  
*Minneapolis Minn.*

*My dear Mrs Veland -*  
*I am enclosing the letter I had from*  
*Mr Nelson and thought you could send him*  
*some material on the Suffrage question as you*  
*wanted it presented in the Legislature.*

*I have no answer from Iver J. Lee and may*  
*not have as he is a strong Non Prohibitionist and*  
*Mr Serrin as County Star Director and myself*  
*fought him hard the last year.*

*Will you return this letter of Mr Nelson's*  
*as I would like to keep it on file with my other*  
*papers*  
*Most sincerely*  
*Mrs John T. Serrin over*

I intended to tell you that Mr William Royster  
Chairman of Legislation Committee looking after the  
interests of the Rail Road Men has agreed to  
assist when possible.

It might be well if yourself or one of  
your colleagues would call on Mr Royster or  
make yourself known to him as he has attended  
several sessions of the Legislature in this  
capacity - His wife has helped with the petition  
and is going out again this week and they both  
have been a help to me.

Mrs Sermon



Hamel.  
Maine.  
Jan 13. 1919.

Mrs. Rene Stevens.  
Woman Suffrage  
Association.

Dear Mrs. Stevens.

Even though I am in  
the store much of my time it  
seems I can not get any of  
the people interested in  
Woman's Suffrage. I would  
be glad to if I could but I  
have not been able to get a  
single signature. I would  
like to have you try some-one  
else in my town.

Mrs. Nicholas Russell  
Hamel, Maine.

Ormsby Minn. Jan. 13, '99.

Mrs Rene E. H. Stevens,  
403 Essex Building,  
Minneapolis Minn.

My dear Mrs. Stevens,

Your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> rec'd and  
note you are looking for a petition from  
our village.

Now as far as I know I have  
rec'd no petition blanks nor instructions  
for going ahead with a petition. I  
did receive enrollment blanks in  
Aug. and during my absence from  
this little village and upon my  
return thought it too late to go ahead  
with them. Since I've rec'd letter asking  
to have petition in for stated time etc.  
I should have written and notified  
you before of course. With all the  
illness about us since early in  
Oct. has made every public effort  
discouraging.

If you still consider it  
worth while to go ahead with a  
petition please send petition blank  
with instructions and I'll see  
what can be done.

Sleepy Eye, Minn.

Mrs. Andrew Heland  
Minneapolis, Minn.

January 13-1919

My dear Mrs. Heland-

I find that circumstances are such that I cannot devote the time required to promulgate this suffrage question to its advantage - so please appoint another chairman -

Very sincerely yours

Mrs. W. W. Smith.



THE IRONTON NEWS  
HIMROD & HIMROD

January 13, 1919.

Mrs. Rene E.H. Stevens,  
403 Essex Building,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear madam,

I am very sorry that the suffrage petition has not been signed by Ironton residents in proportion to its quota. I have been physically unable to do any work myself, and all of the women capable of doing the work have refused to be bothered. There is a strong sentiment here against woman suffrage, and even a thorough canvass would fail to reach the mark you have set.

Yours truly,

(Miss) Anna Himrod.

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January 14, 1919

Mrs. Charles P. Noyes,  
St. Paul,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Noyes:-

I shall be glad to attend the Conference  
Thursday evening.

I enclose with this a copy of a letter and  
statement of finance which Mrs. Catt has sent us re-  
cently.

The luncheon or dinner that she suggests is  
of course just the plan we have followed heretofore at  
our conventions. It may be that we will have to have  
something of that kind in each one of the Twin Cities  
in order to get a good number of pledges.

We are very busy these days in the legisla-  
ture, but if I can help you in any way in solving your  
financial problem in St. Paul, you know I will be very  
glad.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Enc.

January 14, 1919

Mrs. Arthur Winter  
Granite Falls  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Winter:-

We are in receipt of the splendid petitions you sent in and are very glad indeed to have them.

The women must be almost solidly in favor of suffrage in your town. In going over the figures sent you previously, it seemed to us that the quota was a little too high, and so it has been reduced to 160, which is barely a majority of the number who voted two years ago. This leaves you lacking only 12 men's names of having the full quota. Can't some of those 264 suffragists women get their husbands to sign so that your record will be 100% for the men?

I hope you can get these additional twelve men and send them in by the date specified in the letter sent you a day or two ago, (i.e. Jan. 20th)

Thanking you for your very efficient co-operation,

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland) State President

January 14, 1919

Mrs. W. V. Flower  
Gibbon  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Flower:--

Thank you so much for your effort in reaching the members of your legislature from your district. Mr. Burdorf has said he would vote in favor of the ratification of the Federal Amendment. We were very much pleased with this and we are sure also that Senator Benson will do likewise.

Anything you can do to prevent them doing anything for the State suffrage amendment will help the cause in Minnesota. I am sure you agree with us that the women of the state do not want the burden of trying to pass a state amendment. It would mean, as you know, that we would have to give and raise more money than we have ever done before and that we would have to work unremittingly for the next two years, all the time, and feel practically certain that the state amendment would be defeated.

So do impress upon your legislators, (and if you can, get others to do so,) that the women of Minnesota do not want to have this burden put upon them.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)



January 14, 1919

Mrs. Fred Van Houten,  
Breckenridge  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Van Houten:-

We are in receipt of the petitions you sent in a few days ago and note that you say the homes of your town have not been canvassed.

You no doubt sent this in without completing the canvass in the belief that the time for the work had expired, but the inaction of the United States Senate in passing the Federal Suffrage Amendment automatically extends the time, and in other districts where for one reason or another, women have been unable to complete their quotas they are now gladly taking advantage of this extension of time to attain the desired goal.

Your club has been doing excellent work in Breckenridge for quite a while and you must have created a great deal of favorable sentiment. We find in other places, and believe that it must be true also in your town that getting the signatures is almost purely a matter of presenting the petitions and asking for them.

Won't you and the club resume your petition work and continue for at least two weeks, letting us know what results you have achieved by that time. We find an easy and interesting way to do this work is to get a group of women together at a specified time, apportioning the town, and then just make a house to house canvass including the business districts so that the men may not be overlooked.

With appreciation of what you have done in the past and bespeaking your continued co-operation,

Very sincerely yours,

STATE ORGANIZER



January 14, 1919

Mrs. R. F. Springmeyer,  
Fountain,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Springmeyer:-

We are in receipt of your letter and the enclosed petitions which we are very glad indeed to have.

I note that you say this work has been very greatly interfered with because of the influenza. This has been true of a great many districts but since the United States Senate has not yet passed the Federal Suffrage Amendment, we can go on working upon the petitions, and as the influenza epidemic subsiding, the women in districts where the quota has not been attained are gladly taking advantage of this extension of time to bring the work to completion.

It is always more difficult in a foreign language section to get enthusiasm in this matter but it is really wholly a matter of education. We hope you will go on scattering the leaflets and enlarging the outlook as far as it is possible for you to do.

It is too bad about the pickets in Washington. Of course, you understand that the Woman's Party, who is doing that picketing, is not part of the National American Woman Suffrage Assn., of which the Minnesota Association is a branch. We regret exceedingly that the Woman's Party think it good propaganda to do that sort of thing. It keeps us explaining all the time. Probably if you say to your neighbors who are antagonized by the actions of the pickets that those women do not belong to our organization, and that we disapprove thoroughly of their tactics, it may help some in overcoming antagonism.

Don't you think you could get a group of the 33 women who have already signed to help you in going

over the field again? If you could get a group of  
the 33 women who have already signed

over the field again? If you could get some one who is influential among the foreigners on your side, that would help more perhaps than anything else.

We are very appreciative of the efforts you have put into this and hope you will continue for another week, and report what you have been able to do in that time.

Thanking you for your co-operation,

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer

January 14, 1919

Mrs. O. E. Bjorgaard,  
Cyrus,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Bjorgaard:--

Dr. Linde has informed us that his wife has recently died. Mrs. Linde was the chairman of our suffrage ratification committee in Cyrus. Dr. Linde tells us that she had secured signatures to our petition but that during her last illness the petition became lost. He suggests that we ask you if you could take charge of the work in your town. We very much hope that you will be able to do this. It is unfortunate that the petitions were lost.

I am wondering if you would be willing to circulate them in your town again. It seems a pity to have to do this work over again but under the circumstances we do not see any other way. We would like to have a petition from Cyrus, and I hope that you and some of the other suffragists of your town will be able to get this for us.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

P.S. The quota for Cyrus is 40 men and 40 women - a bare majority of the voters and an equal number of the women.



January 14, 1919

Miss Hattie Bordewich,  
Olivia  
Minnesota

My dear Miss Bordewich:-

We are in receipt of the resolutions  
you sent a few days ago and the additional  
25 men's signatures completing your quota.

We think this is splendid work and  
thank you so much for it.

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer

January 14, 1919

Mrs. John Murdock,  
Wabasha  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Murdock:-

You certainly did a good job with Mr. Leonard. He is an out and out suffragist now - at least he makes no bones of saying to everybody that the women in his district have converted him to suffrage and then he talks about their war work, so we feel quite at rest about him.

I am glad you are going on with your petition work. I am sure you will do the very best you can. We had rather a discouraging situation for a while on account of the influenza, forest fires, and then the Holidays.

Mrs. Catt writes us that the situation in the Senate is critical but that they are hopeful of getting the amendment through the Senate before very long. A letter today from her states that they think that the Senate may vote on the amendment within a week. If they do not do so or if they fail to get enough votes to pass it, then we will have a longer time (unfortunately) in which to work on our petitions, so get all you possibly can this week, on the chance that we may want to use them very soon after that.

Thanking you for your co-operation,

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

State President

January 14, 1919

Mrs. E. G. Minder,  
Slayton,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Minder:-

I want to apologize first of all for the delay in answering your letter of December 11th.

I am sure it is not too late for me to express appreciation of your very efficient work. We are very thankful indeed that you have been successful in bringing Mr. Baxter around to suffrage. We are all pleased to put him on the other side of the column.

We are very grateful for your good petition also.

We have had a rather discouraging time for a few weeks what with forest fires, influenza and the Holidays, but these last days the petitions have been coming in very well. I am sure you will be glad to know that we have a comfortable majority for ratification of the Federal Suffrage Amendment whenever the United States Senate gets around to pass it. Just when that will be apparently no one knows but Mrs. Catt hopes that it will be ready before very long.

I think a little later we are going to ask you to help head off a state suffrage amendment. I am sure you understand.

Sincerely yours,

STATE PRESIDENT

January 14, 1919

Mrs. Medill Mc Cormick,  
Washington,  
D. C.

My dear Mrs. Mc Cormick:-

I am afraid I have delayed answering your letter until perhaps it is too late. I have waited hoping that I might get more light on the subject.

As you know, women in Minnesota do not belong to any political party, not being enfranchised, but I can give you the names of a few of our prominent Republicans in the state whose wives, I believe, would work for that party. I might be able to get you the names of the State Committees, and it is likely that you might find their wives sympathetic. Not having so far gotten hold of this state committee, I send you only a few names:

Gov. J. A. A. Burnquist, St. Paul  
Mrs. C. A. Severance, " "  
Mrs. E. E. Zenne, 910 Mt. Curve Ave. Mpls.  
Mr. David Simpson, Hotel Maryland, "  
Mr. Anson B. Jackson, 2507 Blaisdell Ave., "  
Mr. Joseph Allen,  
Mr. C. B. Holmes,  
Mr. Edgar L. Noyes, 4704 Lyndale Ave. S.  
Mr. H. J. Murphy  
Mr. W. L. Dickey  
Mr. H. F. Schultz  
Mr. R. E. Braden  
Mr. O. M. Peabody, 538 Mc Knight Bldg., Mpls.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)



P.S. I do not happen to know any prominent  
Republicans in Duluth. I can give you the name  
of the president of our association up there,  
Mrs. C. C. Colton, 1802 E. 4th St., Duluth,  
who could undoubtedly give you further informa-  
tion.

January 14, 1919

Mrs. W. H. Gemmell,  
Brainerd  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Gemmell:--

Replying to your letter of January 10th. to Miss Heckrich, we want to say that we appreciate very much the petitions you sent in, as we do also the difficult and complicated conditions under which you had to work in getting these names. The influenza epidemic played havoc with our work in a good many districts, and in our own personal experience we have met just the sort of things you describe in your letter.

The fact that the United States Senate has not yet passed the Federal Suffrage Amendment extends our time for this work, and all over the state in the districts where women have been unable down to this time to complete their quotas they are gladly seizing upon this extension of time to attain the desired goal, if possible. Now that the various departments of war work are practically finished and the epidemic is abating, probably you could get a number of those 462 women who have signed to help you in getting other signers.

Brainerd has so much suffrage sentiment, and the whole force of our argument is that where the petitions are circulated a majority of the men and women gladly sign the petition, it would strengthen our argument tremendously to have a majority of the women's and men's names in Brainerd. However, you know the situation far better than we do and we are going to use your judgment entirely in this. If you can within the next two weeks get more signers, we will be deeply appreciative.

Thanking you for all that you have done and counting upon your continued co-operation,

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer

January 14, 1919

Mrs. J. G. Holton,  
Mc Intosh,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Holton:--

We are in receipt of your letter with the enclosed petitions which we are very glad indeed to have.

The postponement of the convention indefinitely extended the time and the fact that the United States Senate has not yet passed the Federal Suffrage Amendment extends still further our opportunity for work.

We are very pleased to note that you say the greater number of people in your community are in favor of suffrage. We believe absolutely that that is true, but it is the thing we have to prove to our legislature, and our only way of doing this satisfactorily is by getting the names of those in favor upon the petitions. In many districts of the state, owing to the distressing conditions brought about by the influenza epidemic, the women were unable to complete their quotas as they had expected. Now they are gladly taking advantage of this extension of time in going on with the work. Won't you do this too, reporting results by the end of two weeks? Get as many of those 46 women who have already signed as you can to take petitions and make house to house visits in their own neighborhoods. We have found by experience that the easiest and most interesting way to do this work is to apportion the town and all go out at the same time, taking certain streets, including the business sections, so as not to overlook the men, and covering the whole field in an afternoon or two.

Thanking you for what you have already done and hoping for your continued co-operation,

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer



January 14, 1919

Mrs. Lavinia Holmberg,  
North Branch,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Holmberg:--

Thank you so much for sending letters to your Senators and Representatives. I think your letter is an excellent one and I am sure it helps a great deal for the members to hear from their own districts. Such letters are of much more influence if sent by their own constituents than by ourselves.

It happens that a handful of women and two members of 1917 legislature, who were not re-elected, have formed themselves into what they call the Equal Suffrage Constitutional Amendment League. We only know of these seven members of their organization. We conferred with the president, Miss Cunningham of St. Paul, and she was unable to mention the name of any other members of her League so you see they have no backing at all.

It would really be a misfortune if we had to have a campaign for a state amendment.

Thanking you so much for your co-operation,

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)



January 14, 1919

Mrs. F. Meier,  
Eden Valley  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Meier:--

We are in receipt of your letter with the enclosed resolutions and your 100% plus quota of names. We know the earnest and conscientious effort these represent and deeply appreciate your very efficient co-operation.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

John W. Murdoch  
Attorney at Law  
Wabasha, Minnesota

My dear Mrs Ueland,-

Jan 14, 1919.

I'm sending you Mr. Carley's letter  
I think our county is showing up quite well.  
I'm getting Mrs Wall started on the petition, It  
is new work for her but I think she will do!

Yours very sincerely,  
Lydia B. Murdoch

A. ALTERMATT, PRESIDENT  
W. G. FRANK, VICE PRES.

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WILLIAM DUNCAN, JR., CASHIER  
BENJAMIN R. SCHMID, ASST. CASH.

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MILROY, MINN.

January 14 1919.

Mrs. Rene E. H. Stevens,

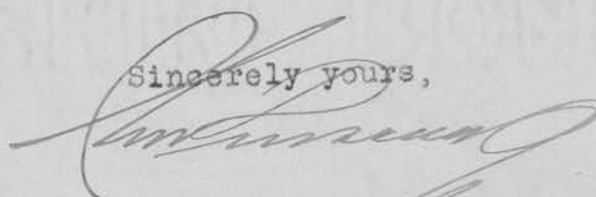
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam:-

I have your letter of the 9th written to Mrs. Duncan relative to the petitions sent her in connection with the Federal Suffrage Amendment.

Mrs. Duncan died of pneumonia in October, which is the cause of the delay in sending in the petition. I remembered that she had attended to this matter, but did not know that the petitions had not been sent in. I presume she had them completed about the time she took ill. I found them among her papers to-day. Wishing you success in the work in which my wife was so much interested, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



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OFFICE OF  
County Superintendent of Schools  
Morrison County, Minnesota  
Little Falls, Minn.

—  
ELIZA A. BATZER, Superintendent  
MARY F. STREET, Assistant

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January 14, 1919.

Mrs Andreas Ueland,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs Ueland;

*During  
Royaltion*

I have assumed my new duties as County Supt. of Schools and have been too busy to go on with the work of getting the full quota of signatures to the Suffrage Petition.

Saturday I was in Royaltion and took up the matter with the other members of the committee. They are willing to go on with the work as soon the influenza epidemic subsides.

The influenza is much worse now and I think they will be unable to get the petition in by January 20th.

Very truly,

*Eliza A. Batzer*



a suffrage victory, I am,<sup>[14]</sup>  
Most sincerely yours,

Franklin S. Melroe,  
Mrs. J. G. Melroe

Jan. 14-1919.

Rochester, Minn.

Jan. 14, 1919. [1]



My dear Mrs. Melroe: - I in answer to a request of some time ago about how Mr. A. C. Wooding stands on suffrage I would like to explain that he has been most seriously ill since before election and I hoped to have a talk with him on this subject before writing to you, but

no doubt that he will <sup>[3]</sup>  
vote right on all suffrage  
measures. This may be  
some re-assurance to you  
and just as soon as I  
can talk with him about  
it I will let you know  
the result.

Mrs. L. B. Wilson gave  
us a splendid report on  
suffrage progress yesterday  
at the monthly meeting  
of the Civic League.

Trusting you are well  
and with best wishes for

as he has two tubes in his back <sup>[2]</sup>  
for draining his lungs and  
the doctors don't say when  
he will have these removed I  
haven't felt that it was  
wise to bother him about  
it, however he has been  
a good suffragist of long  
standing, has signed all  
the petitions that went to  
Washington and in private  
conversation of two or three  
years back I have known  
him to stand strongly  
for suffrage so I have

The Latwacress Hospital

H. J. Leigh, M. D., in Charge

LAKEFIELD MINN.

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Jan. 14/19

My dear Mrs Stevens

Please send me by return  
mail Suff. petition blanks - up.  
To date I have not received blanks

Yours in haste

Mrs H. J. Leigh

January 15th, '19.

Hon. Carl H. Nelson,  
c/o House of Representatives,  
State Capitol,  
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Nelson:-

Mrs. John E. Serrin of Glenwood, Minn. asks us to send you material for arguments in favor of the Federal Suffrage Amendment rather than the State Suffrage Amendment. We are very glad indeed to comply with your request and enclose some material. Any further questions you would like to ask in regard to this matter you may feel free to ask.

You may be puzzled to know why it is that another club of women is supporting the State Amendment. We are very sorry that this is true. We think it is a very serious mistake to do this and we want to explain to you that there are five women who have banded themselves together into an organization called by themselves the State Constitutional Amendment League, and these women are asking the legislature to pass this State Amendment.

So far as we have been able to learn, this League has no membership at all, outside of these five women, (three of them officers) and two former members of the Minnesota Legislature, who this year failed of reelection. The names of these women are Mrs. Angie V. Kingsley, Miss Mary A. Cunningham, Mrs. Sarah E. Lyons, Mrs. Agnes Savage, and Mrs. Nellie Nelson. Mrs. Kingsley is the real head. Recently we called upon the president, Miss Cunningham to learn the motive for the policy of her organization. She could give no reason for her organization's policy and confessed to us that she could not mention the name of a single working member of her League anywhere in the State, not even in her own city, St. Paul.

I am telling you this, so that you may know



Hon. C.M. Nelson--Contd. #2.

that there is no public sentiment behind these women  
for it is an important point, which you ought to im-  
press upon your representatives in the Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

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January 15, 1919

Mrs. E. C. Borley,  
Hallowell,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Borley:-

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 12th and am sorry you did not let us know earlier that you had not received the material, which we promptly sent following my call at your home in November.

Even though you have not been able to find anyone to take your place in your absence, we are sending you some more of the leaflets in the hope that some one will be sufficiently interested to spread them about and get some suffrage understanding in the community.

As was explained in my letter of the 10th, the Senate not having acted upon our amendment gives us the opportunity to go on and if the petitions could be circulated in your town, even if they did not come in until the first of February, I think they would still be very useful to us. I am going to ask you (you seemed so much interested the day I was there) to make one more effort before going away to get some one to at least distribute the leaflets.

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer

January 15, 1919

Miss Anna Himrod,  
Ironton  
Minnesota

My dear Miss Himrod:-

I am very sorry indeed to hear that you have not been well and that the interest in the suffrage movement is at such low ebb in the community. It often is very discouraging in a foreign language community but I understand that very many of the women in your neighborhood are Finns, and the fact that the Finnish women have suffrage in their native country should stimulate the interest of the women and men here of that Nationality.

We feel sure that petitions coming in even as late as the 1st of February must be useful to us, and if you could arouse some of the able women to activity it would be very much appreciated as it would be influential with your representative.

Trusting that the urgency of the situation will move the women in your town who are interested in the success of this issue to do whatever it is possible to do.

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer

to a crisis before the passing of the  
winter.

Yours for unceasing effort until victory  
is won!

Sincerely,

(Mrs) Rene E. H. Stevens

State Organizer.

Lisbon Minn Jan 15-1919

Dear Mrs Stevens. I have done my  
part in this, but I am not able to do any more  
this winter so please get some one to take  
my place here.

Mrs J Van Rossum.



Marshall Minn

Write

Jan 15-1919

Mrs Stevens

Cook

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Mpls Minn.

My dear Mrs Stevens - As  
I have been ill, confined  
to my room since early in  
November, my husband for-  
warded all communications  
to Mrs H. H. Cook one of the  
members of the committee.

Your letter of Jan 9-1919. I  
am also sending to her, as I

am not able to do the work - and  
wish to be relieved of all responsibility.  
It will be impossible for me to  
act as chairman. The other members  
of the committee are Mrs J. G. Schatz  
and Mrs M. E. Matthews. You can  
send any further communications  
to them.

I am sorry not to have been able  
to keep up the work. But a long  
rest - free from worry and excitement  
is imperative

Sincerely

Mrs Geo G Lowe

Marshall Minn