



## Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association Records.

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Selma Ottiliana Louisa Lagerlof, born Nov. 20 1858. Marbacka Manor, Sunne, Varmeland, Sweden. Springing from Swedish gentlefolk of the landowner class (her father was a retired army officer, her mother descended from a long line of distinguished clergymen) Selma Lagerlof from earliest childhood seemed destined for the part of the onlooker and interpreter of life. She was one of the younger children of a large family, and as she was not very strong and robust she was deprived of ~~all~~ outdoor activity, she sat at home by the fireside reading, while the other children played about the open, however she let her imagination carry her about on adventures and excursions much more exciting and interesting than any undertaken in reality by her sisters and brothers. Thanks to her parents, who allowed her to indulge her taste for the popular literature of that day, Tegner, Ru Runeberg, Hans Christian Andersen etc. she also had opportunity to listen to the tales of adventure and tradition which were part of the entertainment and freedom of her hospitable home where an air of restfulness and peace always pervaded, ~~where~~ there was never any rush of duties or bickerings with servants, neither were hatred and dissension given house room, all was harmony and comfort. ~~One who~~ <sup>no one</sup> happened to be a guest in this home was ~~not~~ expected to take life too seriously, but was made to feel that his first duty was to be light-hearted and to know that for one and all who lived on this estate, our Lord managed everything for the best.

The door was always open to wayfarers, and many an old poverty stricken army officer or other friend would drive up to the house behind a rickety old horse in a rickety old carryall and stay for weeks at a time. In the evening when the toddy had put courage into them, they would talk of the time when they danced in stockingless shoes so that their feet would look small, or how they had curled their hair and dyed their mustaches. How they had done brave deeds

of one kind or another, or been through thrilling experiences such as were not encountered at the present time. The old house servants also contributed their share of traditional stories and experiences and so the little girl's life was full of excitement and thrills all jumbled together.

At the age of nine little Selma went to Stockholm to visit an uncle and his family, here she felt out of place, awkward, countryfied. but she learned much, one of the chief amusements that she ~~was allowed to indulge in~~ was an occasional visit to the theater, and then she found in her uncle's library a complete set of Walter Scott's romances, in which she was allowed to revel to her heart's content, the old sagas or myths were also devoured and gradually they seemed to want to be told, as she herself says, but try as she may, she could not, somehow, get her ideas ~~out of the old tales to adopt some new form~~ into proper form; probably because she tried to adopt the conventional form or accepted style of others, she wrote and wrote, but nothing came of it, finally she just about gave up all thought of becoming a writer and began to prepare herself for the teaching profession, she went back to Stockholm at the age twenty two to begin her training course, she attended lectures and studied faithfully, but the thought of all the material that she had been storing away in her mind she could not rid herself of.

Then reverses came to her family, the old homestead was sold, the place that was so dear to her, she journeyed back there once more to see her childhood's happy home before it went into the possession of strangers who had bought it. As she was leaving, perhaps never more to see the dear old place, she decided in all meekness and humility ~~that now she would write her story in her own way according to her own poor ability, It would not be the masterpiece that she had once hoped, but any way she would write for herself, to save for~~ <sup>now</sup> ~~to write her story in her own way according to her own poor ability, It would not be the masterpiece that she had once hoped, but any way she would write for herself, to save for~~

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herself what she could still save of the old home- the dear old stories, the sweet peace of the care-free days and happy childhood. She had hoped to write a book that people would want to read, <sup>now</sup> she gave up, <sup>that</sup> the ~~was~~ thing that she had wanted most in life, the thing that she had been most eager to achieve. It was the hardest sacrifice that she had ever made. And she began to write <sup>though</sup> she didn't seem to know just what she was going to write, nor how, but she began, <sup>she</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>now</sup> not ~~going to~~ be afraid of the style nor of the plot nor of the language, and she found that she could hardly control her pen, ~~her~~ she gave way to all her dreams and fancies, and still she had ~~not~~ not sufficient confidence in her story to risk its publication, and a few more years passed, <sup>Then</sup> the Idun, a popular magazine, offered a prize to any one contributing the best short story. Her sister suggested that she send in her manuscript, one way to find out if it really was any good or not, if it took the prize, much would be gained; if it didn't, she simply would stand where she stood before. She sat up all night to finish the last part and sent it in the mail. After a few weeks the paper announced that about twenty manuscripts had been received by them, but that one or two of them were so confusedly written that they could not be counted in.

She knew of course, which manuscript was so "confusedly written" <sup>again</sup> and she gave up all hope and tried to forget, then one day, months later, the announcement came that she had been awarded the prize. Idun also offered to publish the completed book if she would get it ready, and so she took hold with increasing confidence in herself and resigned from her school in order to devote all her time to her book. Friends furnished her money and invited her to their home where she could write from morning till night. It was the happiest time of her life. But when the story was finished at the close of summer, it looked strange. It was wild and disjointed- the connecting threads were so loosely drawn that they seemed to wander off, each in its own way,



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It was not, just what she had wanted ~~to~~ to be, nor what it had wanted to be, it had been too long "abornen". Never the less it brought her fame at once. Gosta Berling's Saga came just at the right time when people were worn out with the realistic, pessemistic ~~view~~ view of life that ~~that~~ had been so freely presented by all the writers of the day.

Selma Lagerlofs was the vision of the seer rather than the critic, and as one writer puts it, "so clear was her vision that she discovered <sup>others</sup> life and beauty, where ~~they had seen~~ only dead things and gray, her method <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ to throw into obscurity human frailties and vices, and turn ~~on~~ the light on what was strongest and biggest in human nature." Not by ignoring but by understanding, ~~the human~~ not by analyzing the ~~motives and emotions~~ psychology of the unusual but by developing the ~~emotions of~~ motives and emotions of the normal mind.

She has, as another writer puts it, "revived not only the courage but the ability to feel and dream and aspire that belonged to the old romanticists, and this recovery of something long held to be lost and outlived, she has achieved without the surrender of that intimate connection between ~~poetry~~ poetry and real life." She combines also the natural and the super natural ~~in~~ a most delicate way, creating an atmosphere above and beyond the ordinary. <sup>//</sup> She seems never to draw the line ~~between~~ definitely <sup>e</sup> between the living and the dead, as to the influence they exert. Animals and human beings also are constantly understanding ~~and~~ and co operating together in her stories, nature is the background, studded with traditions of the past. She has followed fearlessly, since she found she could, ~~the~~ a style all her own, regardless of all previously accepted ~~form~~ conventional form; and that is her ~~her~~ great charm. She is national and still universal in her comprehension

One reviewer describes her style as somewhat on the order of the oriental rug weaver, intricate and baffling. <sup>//</sup> To the uninitiate each element in the composition seems to have been introduced merely for the general artistic effect; he can easily see why a particular figure

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is precisely what is needed in the pattern, and supposes that this is why he finds it there. But he is in error; the oriental rug weaver never inserted figures for so trivial a reason as artistic effect, they appear in the carpet because they are part of the pattern of life that is to be represented." "The pattern in S.L. thought can be wholly understood only by those who have an intimate experience and knowledge of the life it represents. The life which represents S.L.'s weaving is part of the unbroken continuity of a culture extending into the remote antiquity beyond Christendom. In this life of rural Sweden the cruel old heathen gods are still able to reappear terrifyingly. Spirits of hill and stream and sea have not been banned and beasts and birds are admitted to a share in the councils of the community. The angels and devils of Christianity are even more active in their intervention in human affairs... S.L. moves easily without marked transition from the austere Swedish natural world to the perilous world of superstition." To those who do not sense this, it seems just fantasy."

Selma Lagerlof has been compared to Kipling, who in his jungle tales so wonderfully describes life in the desert, Mowgli and the wolf pack. Her art is deeply national and therefore universal as one writer expresses it, like a song by Grieg or a play by Tchekhov. In the light of her inner vision even inanimate objects are touched with the quickening influence so that we come to ~~think~~ feel the dark woods, the sleeping waters the gray northern stones and the tender green things of spring to be an eternal part of the woof of her dream or rug. To her there is no definite line of demarkation between the conscious and the unconscious, the animate and the in animate."

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She sprang into fame with her very first book, "Gosta Berling" which won for her a substantial prize and gave her confidence to go on in her own individual way, a style all her own and very different from the then prevailing method of portraying only the morbidly realistic. She saw, (as one reviewer remarks,) what other writers had seen - only in another light. Hers was the seer's vision rather than the critic's judgement, and so clear was her vision that she discovered life where they had seen but dead things and gray. "Her method was to throw into obscurity human frailties and vices and to turn the light on what is biggest and strongest in men as she sees them."

~~"It was for her optimism in literature," that she was awarded the Nobel prize".~~

It is by intuition that she works rather than by experience. She sees her characters with a woman's warm and delicate Sympathy and with the clear vision of childhood, she delights in developing not the psychology of the unusual but in analyzing the motives and emotions of the normal mind." She has revived not only the courage but the ability to feel and dream and aspire that belonged to the old romanticists of the early part of the nineteenth century And this recovery of something long held to be lost and outlived, she has achieved for us without surrender of that intimate connection between poetry and real life.

Dealing as *poet*  
Pantheist as *Gods himself*



The Swedish Academy, in recognizing Selma Lagerlof, did so, "For reason of the noble idealism, the wealth of imagination, the soulful quality of style, which characterize her works." In 1904 that august body elected her into their fellowship, she being the only woman among those eighteen immortals.

In 1909 she was awarded the Nobel prize, It was the optimism of of her literature that brought her this honor.

"På grund af den adla idealitet, den fantasiens rikedom ock den framställningens själfullhet, som präglade hennes diktning."

"Genom hennes diktning ga en stark hembygdsängslan ock en alvarlig plikängslan, det hvilar en djupt etisk karaktär öfver hennes diktning; krafvet på att människan skall kämpa sin kamp till slut för att bli sig själf vardig, betonas ofta, ock öfver det hela hvalfver sig en ljus ock varm religiös optimism, som innerst bottnar i en harmonisk personlighet".



Gesta Berling's Saga

Nils Holgerson's resa

Antikrists <sup>en</sup> ~~M~~akler Anti C

Jerusalem

Osynliga Lankar

KorKarlen

Kejsaren af Portugalien

Bannlyst

En Saga om en Saga

Troll ock Manniskor

Hem ock Stat

We, of Scandinavian origin have always felt gratified to know that it was our Mother group of countries that first enfranchised its women. <sup>Suffragists</sup> we have always pointed to Finland as the first in that respect, and Finland, as you know was once one of us, and as we hope, will again be considered one of the Scandinavian group of countries. Norway was a close second. Then came Denmark, and finally Sweden, which has now all but put the final ratification or action into effect. <sup>There</sup> ~~Suffrage is assured and accepted~~ and will be in actual force as soon as the next Riksdag convenes in the fall.

in January

When the papers reported that suffrage had been won in Sweden, our Association decided to have a grand rally and Mass meeting, we had the place selected and some of the speakers promised, when it occurred to us that we would better assure ourselves of the facts in the case, and we found a situation something like the present state of affairs in our own country. Our ~~correspondent explained this~~, that although both houses, the upper and lower, (*första och andra kammaren*) had included equal suffrage in their programs, and the Riksdag then in session had <sup>passed the measure</sup> ~~accepted it~~, the <sup>it</sup> ~~matter~~ would have to be passed by two consecutive Riksdagar with new elections in between. And now there has been a new election with suffrage on the program of the winning party, consequently, suffrage is ~~on the~~ <sup>in line</sup> ~~program~~ for ratification when the next session is called. Just yesterday I met two gentlemen from Sweden who are passing through this country, and they explained again the situation as I have outlined, and they said that the next Riksdag would probably convene in October or November, So while suffrage in Sweden is fully assured, it is not yet in force. And our real jubilee has not taken place. Let us hope that by late fall we may have occasion to celebrate both victories at once, our own assured and complete victory as well as Sweden's. Today we are only rejoicing over what has happened so far

Every one here ofcourse understands that although we have <sup>now</sup> ~~attain-~~ ed the main point in securing suffrage in our own country, we are not yet over the top. Minnesota women will have to wait with ~~all~~ the women of not as far over even as Sweden.

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all the other non suffrage states, until a sufficient number of state Legislatures have ratified the Federal Amendment. We veterans who have waited so long already, are naturally impatient to have the agitation over with. Our Governor has helped and will help, very materially to get 35 other states to ratify by calling special sessions of their Legislatures if possible in the very near future, he even took the initiative and as you may have noticed in the papers, sent out a personal telegram to every one of the other 48 governors of the United States, asking if they would call special sessions of ~~the Legislatures~~ in order to secure the necessary number, which is 36, or three fourths of all the states in the Union.

Replies are coming, some favorable, and some unfavorable, In just a few legislatures in session state there are at present and they have already, some of them ratified,

As Governor Burnquist told us the other day, Minnesota is ready, and if enough other states can be assured, he will gladly call an extra session to ratify our Amendment, So we Minnesota women are glad, but-- even in a state like Minnesota, we will have to wait, oh how long?

The Presidential vote that was given us by our last legislature is one step forward of course, but it is not enough and we dread the thought of having to wait for thirty six state ratifications, there may be a great fight at the last to keep <sup>us</sup> just one state short. But let us hope not. We women want to get at other work, and we need the vote as a tool just the same as do the men, who have found it more or less useful.

And now, let us just be glad.

Ellen Westcott

Katherine Helen

Des Huetten

Ellen Norman



# ATTENTION !

May 2nd being the day selected for a nation-wide Woman Suffrage demonstration, and a public parade having been decided upon as a fitting means of arousing public interest, you are earnestly urged to assist in making this undertaking a success.

This can best be done if each and every one who believes in Votes for Women will assume a personal responsibility in the matter, and without further delay make up his or her mind to join the marchers, and also urge others to do the same.

In order that the Scandinavian section of the parade may compare favorably with other participating groups, Mrs. James A. Peterson has generously presented to the Scandinavian Suffrage Association a very handsome banner, and you are especially invited to march in this section.

Should you, however, prefer to join any other marching section, you can make your selection as per enclosed bulletin.

The Committee is particularly anxious to secure young women in Scandinavian national costumes to march with the flags of these countries, and any one willing to assist in this manner or possessing national costumes will please advise the undersigned member of the committee, or confer with headquarters.

This group will assemble in Miss Francesca Bendeke's studio on the 3rd floor of the Handicraft Guild, No. 89 10th Str. South, at 3 o'clock P. M., Saturday May 2nd.

Mrs. Luth Jaeger,  
615 James Ave. N.

N. W. Telephone, Hyland 2786.

## Suffrage Parade Committee Bulletin No. 3

All who believe in Equal Suffrage, men and women, are urged to march in this parade

**LINE OF MARCH**—The Parade starts at 10th St. and 2d Ave. So. at 4 P. M., moves down 2d Ave. to 4th St. On 4th St. to Nicollet Ave., out Nicollet to the Auditorium.

Chief Marshal, Miss Josephine Schain.

### 1ST SECTION

Forming on 2d Ave., betw. 10th and 11th St.  
Mounted Police.  
Mounted Aides.  
Ushers.  
Board of the Woman Suffrage Association of Minnesota. President, Mrs. A. H. Bright.  
Suffrage States.  
1st Regiment Band.

### 2D SECTION

Forming on 10th St., betw. 2d and 3d Aves.  
Marshal, Mrs. Jessie Haw.

Group with Stars and Stripes.  
Political Equality Club of Minneapolis. President, Dr. Ethel Hurd.  
Scandinavian Suffrage Association. Leader, Miss Anna Bloomquist.  
Equal Suffrage Association. President, Mrs. Andreas Ueland.  
Socialist Suffrage Club. Banner bearers, Mrs. Guy Williams, Mrs. Thomas Van Lear.

### 3D SECTION

Forming on 10th St., betw. 1st and 2d Aves.  
Marshal, Miss Blanche McDonald.

Home Makers. Leader, Mrs. Carl Wallace.  
Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Leader, Mrs. Mary Girard Andrews.  
Prohibitionists. Leader, Mr. George F. Wells.

### 4TH SECTION

Forming on 9th St., betw. 2d and 3d Aves.  
Marshal, Miss Ruth Byers.

1st Regiment Band.  
Scandinavian Women in National Costume.  
**PROFESSIONS**  
Doctors, Miss Grace Harrison.  
Nurses, Miss Ethel Plympton.  
Lawyers, Mrs. Virginia Blythe.  
Social Workers, Miss Kate Finkle.  
Librarians, Miss Ruth Rosholt.  
Teachers, Miss Laurie Stahley.  
1915 Club. President, Miss Florence Hutsinpillar.  
Business Women and Wage Earners. Miss Lillian Ritchie, Miss Anna Fox.

### 5TH SECTION

Forming on 9th St., betw. 1st and 2d Aves.  
Marshal, Miss Ruth W. Hartzell.

Joan of Arc Group. Miss Julie Plant.  
College Graduates. Miss Aimee Fisher.  
University Students. Mrs. E. Dana Durand  
Agricultural College.  
High Schools. Miss Margaret Greer.  
Business Colleges. Miss Ethel Hamblin.

### 6TH SECTION

Forming on 8th St., betw. 2d and 3d Aves.  
Morgan G. A. R. Drum Corps.  
Men's Delegation. Dr. Raymond Phelan.

### 7TH SECTION

Forming on 8th St. betw. 1st and 2d Aves.  
Marshal, Miss Essie Williams.  
St. Paul Delegation.

### 8TH SECTION

Forming on 7th St. betw. 2d and 3d Aves.  
Marshal, Miss Victoria McAlmon.  
Pioneers. Leader, Mrs. S. A. Stockwell.  
Automobiles and Carriages.

**TIME.** Marchers are requested to assemble at 3 o'clock. The Parade starts at 4 o'clock sharp.

**WEATHER!** The Parade will assemble rain or shine!

Unless otherwise directed the lines will form themselves four abreast arms-length apart, and double arms-length between the lines. The tallest taking the front rank.

No special costume is required, but it is hoped that the women marchers, except those in special costumes, for the sake of uniformity, will wear the cap ordered for the occasion, and costing ten cents. It is also hoped that if the weather is suitable, that many may find it convenient to wear white. Yellow pennants saying "Votes for Women" may be obtained for 10 cents and almost everyone should carry one. It is desirable that there should be many flags, and of different countries.

*It will help the cause if all in sympathy will decorate their houses with flags or bunting.*

**PIONEERS** are requested to meet at the residence of Mrs. H. G. Harrison, 1112 Nicollet Ave., at 3 o'clock where automobiles will be in waiting.

**MEMBERS** of the Political Equality Club, and the Scandinavian Association may leave their wraps at Mrs. Olberg's Industrial Shop, 97 So. 10th St.

The Temporary Headquarters at 910 Nicollet Ave., and also at 403 Essex Building are offered for the convenience of all others in the Parade.

**CAPS, PENNANTS,** and other material may be obtained at Temporary Headquarters, 910 Nicollet Ave.

Those driving automobiles or carriages are requested to decorate them with pennants, flags or yellow bunting.

**CHILDREN** will be cared for at 403 Essex Building.

**OUT OF TOWN GUESTS** are requested to communicate with the Secretary, Miss Aimee Fisher, if they wish to be entertained. Those who wish to help in supporting this undertaking may send contributions to the Treasurer, Mrs. Russell M. Bennett, 1112 Nicollet Ave. The committee is grateful for all contributions.

### MARCHING ORDERS

Heads erect, eyes to the front, dignity and silence.



**SUFFRAGE PROCESSION**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 2nd, 1914**

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MINNESOTA  
WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

July 1st, 1915.

Copy.

Dear Sir:

The Suffragists of Minnesota wish to express to you their appreciation and approval of Americanization Day. It is fitting that so important an event as receiving full Citizenship should be accompanied by impressive and dignified Cermonial. We are glad to unite in welcoming to Minnesota so many new Citizens.

We wish, however, to call attention at this time to the fact that thousands of Minnesota Citizens who are law-abiding, and order loving, and who wish more fully to serve the State, are asking the men of Minnesota to confer upon them the same symbol of respect and confidence which is freely given to our foreign born Citizens.

We respectfully urge therefore that in your public address on Independence Day as well as in your private capacity, you will express your approval of Woman Suffrage and urge upon your hearers and associates the duty of forwarding this just cause, thus making Minnesota a democracy in fact as well as in name.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland, Pres.

Woman Suffrage Association of Minnesota.

Dr. Ethel Hurd, Pres.

Political Equality Club of Minneapolis.

Mrs. David F. Simpson, Pres.

Equal Suffrage Association of Minneapolis.

Mrs. Luth Jaeger, Pres. Scandinavian Woman Suffrage  
Association of Minneapolis.

Miss Abbie Gail Mabie, Pres.

Women Workers of Minneapolis.

Miss Lillian Ritchie, Pres.

1915 Club of Minneapolis.

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July 13, 1915.

Mrs. Luth Jaeger,  
President, Scandinavian Woman Suffrage  
Association of Minneapolis.

My dear Madam:

I wish to thank you for the letter I received concerning Americanization Day and its relation to Woman Suffrage. I wish to assure you of my sympathy with and interest in the work you are doing and only hope that the time will come soon when you will be able to do legally the many things you are now doing by proxy.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the 1914 Report of the Civil Service Commission. The women of every city have stood solidly back of the Merit System through Civil Service Reform Organizations and I know that the Merit System will be one of the improvements in our governmental affairs that will receive adequate consideration at the hands of the woman voter.

Sincerely yours,

*Forrest Wheeler*

Secretary.

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PRESIDENT  
MRS. LUTH JAEGER  
615 JAMES AVE. NO.  
MINNEAPOLIS

VICE-PRESIDENT  
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The Scandinavian  
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SECRETARY  
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MINNEAPOLIS

TREASURER  
MRS. T. RANUM

Till Minnesotas för rosträtt arbetande kvinnor:

Overallt där kvinnor vaknat till kamp för sin rätt m.  
manonska dem mod och talamod tills segern är vunnen, ty i den segern  
ligger mänsklighetens största framtidshopp just nu. Visserligen tror  
jag ej att världskriget uteblivit ifall kvinnorna redan nu haft rosträtt  
Men skall ett nytt, förfärligare världskrig kunna avvändas då måste  
kvinnorna i den nya som i den gamla världen snart, mycket snart få rö-  
rost rätt.

Eder med bästa önskningar,

Ellen Key

October 1915.

Minneapolis, Minnesota.  
February Twenty One,  
1917.

Dear Sir:

Assuming that you will enjoy an evening of Swedish and Norwegian comedy and song in the Old World vernaculars, the undersigned take pleasure in inviting you to an entertainment to be given Wednesday Evening, February 28, at the Auditorium of the Central High School, 4th Avenue South and 34th Street.

The program consists of a bright and jolly little comedy in Swedish, entitled "Statsministerns Dottrar", the cast being made up of well known local talent, such as Miss Emma Nilsson, Dr. Victor Nilsson, Mrs. C. E. Wallerstedt, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mrs. Carl Ilstrup, Mrs. O. P. Zethelius, Dr. K. P. Carson, Mr. J. T. Selin and Mr. P. A. Samuelson.

Next comes a dramatized version of the Norwegian folk story "Gudbrand i Lien" done by Miss Lillian Lien, who takes one of the parts, Miss Ivette Husby, Marjory Nordquist, Lerine Jacobson and Mr. Lawrence Aaker, being the other players. Spanish, Scotch and Swedish dances in costume will also be a feature of the evening.

Miss Ebba Norman and other artists will render musical selections, altogether giving assurance of a most delightful evening.

We are enclosing tickets, for which remittance may be made to either of the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. J. L. Sundean,  
2828 Girard Ave. S.

Mrs. Luth Jaeger,  
615 James Ave. N.

Committee.



Minneapolis, April 25th, 1917.

The Minnesota State Suffrage Association has, for many years, as you know, maintained headquarters at the State Fair, where literature has been distributed, speeches made and members enrolled. The work has been done in a more or less unsatisfactory sort of way, because we have always had to rent a tent and take what we could get in the way of location, and the expense has been out of proportion.

It occurred to some of those who were in charge last year that an attractive and dignified little building ought to be provided, a building that could be used as long as necessary, or until the women of Minnesota are enfranchised, which at best is not going to be for several years.

The opposition is so well organized that we must not sit quietly by and expect that the Legislature will even seriously consider granting us the vote. Not until we rise up in much larger numbers than we have, will this be done. We women of Scandinavian blood should do our part as well as our men, most of whom can always be counted on to vote right on all matters, as is shown in our State Legislature and in Congress.

Suffrage is still the big question before us, in spite of, or rather because of the present war situation. Now, more than ever, do we need the vote, and we must not lose sight of that fact. We will do our bit for our country as suffragists, whether we do it in Red Cross work or in food production and conservation, or in giving our sons to the country's service.

Our Scandinavian Suffrage Association is working hand in hand with the Hennepin County Association, and the State Association, and in such undertakings as Red Cross work, gardening, special sales or big lectures, we should all turn in and work together. However we also have our own special work to do, and just now that is to raise the remaining \$325.00 left on our pledge of \$500.00 toward a State Fair building.

At our last meeting, one of our members, who is enthusiastic over the possibilities of our work, offered a prize of ten dollars to the person who would secure the largest number of new members before September 1st, and a prize of five dollars to the person who would secure the next largest number. Our organization has made no serious effort to increase its membership before, but now we have a committee that realizes that in numbers there is strength, and that the time has come for us to engage in an active campaign for members. Let us all enter the contest and bring in just as many new names as possible. No membership dues are charged, and we should have an enrollment of a thousand persons before fall; we need the support, morally of just as many men and women of Scandinavian descent as possible, and financially, all that each one can contribute, be it little or much.

How will you help? Every single member, old or new, is needed now, please don't sit back and wait for some one to ask you to do this, that or the other thing. Make up your mind what you can best do, and do it.

Two of our members have promised cash contributions of five and ten dollars, one group is going to sell a new kind of cream whip which will net us eighteen dollars, another group will give a silver social, one of our faithful men members has offered to contribute some labor on the building, another will furnish the windows. One insurance broker will give all but 5 percent of his commission on all fire or automobile insurance that we can procure. One woman has promised to make and sell enough canned stuff, jellies and marmalade to clear \$10.00. What will you do.

Our next meeting will probably be held May 22nd. Watch the papers for the announcement, as we cannot send out postals, but do come and help in the good work.

Sincerely yours,



# Conservation and War Sacrifice Sale

La Salle Building, Seventh and Marquette,

December 12, 13, 14, 15.

Under the auspices of

Concordia Society, Fairview Hospital Auxiliary, and

The Scandinavian Woman Suffrage Association.

Each in its particular field the largest organization of women in the city. The three have joined forces in a big drive to raise money for Civic, Charity and Red Cross work.

To this end your help is urgently requested, no money is asked, but as a member of one or the other of the above mentioned organizations you are naturally interested in the matter of raising funds for your society, and the Red Cross work just being started. We must have some money for equipment and incidental expenses. By uniting and putting forth our combined strength we ought to make enough to carry on the work for some time, hence this plan, whereby we may greatly benefit those who need to secure warm clothing and other necessities at a reduced price, and also raise money for our special work.

You should begin at once to gather up and send to any one of the receiving stations whatever you or your family can spare. Every thing is acceptable, nothing is too small or too large (except live elephants). All will be turned into money, old clothes and new ones, slippers and shoes, your last year's hat and old fashioned gowns, any thing, every thing that some one else might use. Nothing is too old or too worn, it can be made over. Give dishes and bric-a-brac, jewelry and souvenirs, silverware that you never use, pictures that you have tired of, books that you never will read, some one else will buy; also jellies, canned goods and food. Go to your friends and enlist their co-operation, they will be glad that you are not asking them to buy tickets.

Make this really a sacrifice sale, and turn over to the management all that you can possibly spare, and do it promptly, without further solicitation.

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**THE MINNESOTA WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION**  
**INVITES YOU TO BE PRESENT AT THE**  
**DEDICATION CEREMONY**  
**OF THEIR STATE FAIR HEADQUARTERS**  
**THE WOMAN CITIZEN'S BUILDING**  
**OPPOSITE THE NEW ENGLAND BUILDING**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER THIRD, AT THREE O'CLOCK**  
**THIS BUILDING IS PRESENTED BY THE**  
**SCANDINAVIAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION**

On a separate sheet which is herewith enclosed, I have called your attention to the urgent need which exists for work in behalf of candidates for our State Legislature pledged to suffrage and prohibition. But both of these two great issues must be decided without our vote. There is one place, however, where by the gracious permission of man we can both work and vote for the candidates of our choice namely, the Board of Education. Three candidates are to be elected this fall in Minneapolis, of whom, David F. Swenson merits particular mention, because of the excellent record he already has made as a member of the Board. His practical sense and fairness on more than one occasion have given abundant evidence of his fitness for the position. His education, scholarship and temperament have supplied qualities which ordinarily are not found combined in any one School Director.

Unscrupulous attempts have been made to defeat him, and it seems, therefore, eminently proper that we should make it our particular business to see him elected. Personally, I urge every member of our Association to do all she possibly can for Professor Swenson's election, we need just such men as he on the School Board.

Considering that we are vitally interested in house-keeping and presumably know the ins and outs thereof better even than do the men, it may not be out of the way to call attention to still another matter, and that is the Public Market ordinance which, after having been adopted by the City Council, now comes before the voters for final action. A Public Market is needed, a fact which I think, we housekeepers in particular do realize.

Nanny M. Jaeger.

ing them to print suffrage articles, and which they have cheerfully done, to the daily papers every time and many times when we have had an entertainment or meeting, to the Woman Citizen when we wanted publicity and and recognition, on account of our building. As a representative of our association I have attended many luncheons and meetings that I would not otherwise have felt I could give the time or money to, the Woman's Com. of the Safety Com. for instance, Red Cross Meetings and Liberty Loan meetings. Also I have sent out not a few letters to individual members of our Asso., and others, and I am a little bit sorry to say that these letters to our own members, have many of them not in any way been acknowledged or responded to. Almost all the others have brought some acknowledgement, either evasive or appreciative.

Our Corresponding Secy. has been most helpful and gotten out in very proper form, some of the most important of these letters, but Miss Winther is a busy lady and has not her time at her own disposal always.

Our ever faithful Treasurer, Mrs. Erickson has had her hands full entering on the books our receipts and disbursements, and she certainly has never spared herself any effort. Her report as given here today, shows the cash transactions only. a full financial statement will be forthcoming at an early date. Mrs. Erickson is one who can always be counted on to do more than her share.

Our meetings have been fairly well attended, some of the more so than others, we have had a number of good speakers, good music and good refreshments always, I hope that we may continue to have larger and larger meetings. There has been no friction or unpleasantness among our workers, in fact it has been so harmonious that it has almost been monotonous, however that kind of monotony is very comfortable, and I thank you one and all.

Sincerely yours,

*Mary M. Jaeger*

President



Minneapolis, Minn.

May 9th, 1918.

Dear Sister Member:

At the April meeting of the Scandinavian Woman Suffrage Association a motion was made that the name of our organization be changed to Woman Citizen Association. The matter was discussed at some length and the more we talked, the more arguments there seemed to be on both sides of the question, finally a motion was made to defer action until the May meeting. If you are interested in this, one way or the other, I hope you will make an effort to come to the next meeting, which will also be the annual meeting, with election of officers for the new year, reports of work done during the past year, and plans for future work to be suggested.

The meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. L. Sundean, 2828 Girard Avenue South, on Wednesday, May 15th at two o'clock.

The matter of suffrage is fully as important now as it ever was, and in spite of the many added war burdens, we must not lose sight of the fact that the vote is after all the only effective tool of a democracy such as we are all striving for.

Sincerely yours,

Nanny M. Jaeger

President.

Dear Suffragist:

On account of the Influenza Epidemic the regular meeting of The Scandinavian Woman Suffrage Association will be omitted for the month of October, but we expect to meet again next month, time and place to be announced in the papers.

Before that time, however, we must raise some money, and I am asking your genuine cooperation in that matter. Our Association did itself proud in erecting the Woman Citizen Building on the State Fair grounds, but comparatively few of our members realize perhaps, that the building cost over two thousand dollars. Other expenses last year amounted to several hundred dollars, and in order to meet them all our Finance Committee had to loan the Association quite an amount, in fact we still owe the Committee something over four hundred dollars. Now this must be repaid without delay, and we rely on your generous and hearty help to make it possible. To this end I am asking for cash contributions.

No dues or fixed charges of any kind being required from our members, this call will, I trust, not be considered other than a good opportunity for each individual member to show her appreciation of the Suffrage cause in general and the good work we as an Association are doing, in particular.

A contribution of one dollar from every member would relieve the situation, but Thrift Stamps will also be gratefully accepted, and I know that there are those who will feel both able and glad to give one or more War Savings Stamps, or their equivalent in money. In fact, I believe that we can count upon a quick and a generous response to this appeal, which, by the way, is the first of its kind that we have ever sent out. I will only add that the sooner contributions come in the better. Mail your "bit" to Mrs. C. O. Swenson, 3115 Park Avenue, or to Mrs. Luth Jaeger, 615 James Avenue North.

Sincerely yours,

Nanny M. Jaeger,

President.

As you all know, the Suffrage Amendment failed to pass the United States Senate by two votes even though President Wilson strongly urged its passage as a "War Measure", in a remarkable address from which I here quote a few passages:

"We have made partners of the women in this war. Shall we admit them only to a partnership of suffering and sacrifice and toil and not to a partnership of privilege and right?" "I propose it as I would propose to admit soldiers to suffrage,---were they excluded." "I tell you plainly that this measure is vital to the winning of the war---and not to the winning of the war only. It is vital to the right solution of the great problems which we must settle, and settle immediately, when war is over. We shall need them in our vision of affairs, as we have never needed them before, the sympathy and insight and clear moral instinct of the women of the world." "We shall need their moral sense to preserve what is right and fine and worthy in our system of life as well as to discover just what it is that ought to be purified and reformed. Without their counselings we shall be only half wise."

"If we wish to lead the world to democracy, we can ask other peoples to accept in proof of our sincerity and our ability to lead them whither they wish to be led, nothing less persuasive and convincing than our actions." "Our professions will not suffice. Verification must be forthcoming when verification is asked for." "We shall not only be distrusted, but we shall deserve to be distrusted, if we do not enfranchise them with the fullest possible enfranchisement, as it is now certain that the other great free nations will enfranchise them."

And yet 33 senators voted against the Amendment and succeeded in defeating it. There is a possibility that it may again be put to a vote during the present session of Congress, and our effort in its behalf must therefore suffer no relaxation. If we fail then, the work will all have to be done over again both in the House of Representatives and in the Senate.

Such is the national suffrage situation at this moment. Here in our own state our plain duty is to exert our utmost for the election of members to the next Legislature who will promptly ratify the Federal Amendment should it pass, or submit an amendment to our State Constitution to be voted upon by the people in 1920.

Individually, of course, we have no voice in the matter; our only power consists in whatever "indirect influence" we are able to exert upon the men who are supposed to represent us. And let us not minimize the importance of bringing to bear all the pressure we can to have this matter of equal suffrage settled. No candidate for the Legislature should be elected who is not known to be in favor of and committed to Woman Suffrage.

There is another big question now before the voters of our state, a question which we women are specially anxious to have settled and settled right. I refer to the Amendment to the State Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors from and after July 1st, 1920. Had women already secured the vote, there would be no doubt about the passage of this amendment. But here again, though voteless we are not voiceless, and our voices must be raised against the manufacture and sale of the evil which has contributed more than anything else to the misery of the world, to the ruination of the children and weaklings whom we voteless women have been unable to protect. Let us raise our voices so loudly this time that we WILL be heard and heeded.

Prohibition and Suffrage go hand in hand, together they can and will work for the liberation of society from evils that have too long beset the world.



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On February 28th, at Central High School, under the auspices and for the benefit of our Association, will be presented a very clever little dramatic entertainment, in which some of our best local talent will appear.

We believe that with a little determined effort on the part of all who are interested in the cause, we can, not only raise enough money at this time to pay our state pledge of Five Hundred Dollars, but also arouse more general interest in our work. Last Sunday's Tribune has quite an account of "Statsministerens Dottrar", and also announces some of the people in the cast. For the benefit of those who have not heard of the arrangements, I can assure you that our committee has planned to give a most delightful program, one play in Swedish, a fairy story sketch in Norwegian, and several short musical selections.

What will you do to help fill the High School Auditorium, which seats nearly two thousand people? First, please advertise the entertainment all you possibly can, second, please sell all the enclosed tickets, and send for more. For each ten tickets you sell you will receive one complimentary ticket, provided the money is turned in to the Hennepin County Suffrage Office, 930 Nicollet Ave., or to Mrs. Oldberg's Industrial Shop, 916 Marquette Ave., before Feb. 27th.

Sincerely yours,



[1918]

A large committee of Twin City suffragists will preside at the Woman Citizen Building at the State Fair this year. Each day they will be assisted by additional groups of women who came from states or countries which have already enfranchised their women, ~~making~~ <sup>week</sup> in this way making ~~of~~ the ~~event~~ quite an international and cosmopolitan expression.

The building was erected last year by the Scandinavian Woman's Suffrage Association, whose president, Mrs. Luth Jaeger, is chairman of the central committee of arrangements, Mrs. Victor H. Trendell and Mrs. Theodore Johnson are the other two members.

All suffragists are cordially invited to call, rest and register. An opportunity will be given all who wish to sign a protest petition which is to be sent to the U.S. Senate, urging the immediate passage of the Suffrage Amendment.

Monday will be Norway Day, and the assisting hostesses will be Mesdames Henrik Nissen, F.E. Meedy, Kr. Egilsrud, J.M. Hansen, E. Paulsen

Tuesday, Denmark Day, assisting hostesses, Mrs. Thomas J. Skellett, Mrs. H.T. Sandergaard, Miss Ragai Sandergaard,

Wednesday, Canada Day, Hostesses, Mesdames, H.N. Chadbourne, S.W. Patten, John C. Brown, C. Swanberg, Geo. H. Bridgman, H.A. Willoughby,

Thursday *U.S.* Friday *Salvador* Saturday *Finnish*

Minneapolis, Minn., August 1st, 1913.

The Scandanavian Woman Suffrage Association will from now on hold its meetings regularly on the fourth Wednesday of each month, place to be announced in the daily papers a few days in advance each time. Personal notices will not be sent, except for special occasions, or for special reasons like the present, when we are asking every member who has a son, husband or brother in the U.S. military or naval service to send in the name of such person to our Committee Chairman, Mrs. Nellis H. Nelson, 3628 5th Ave. S., Col. 249, who has charge of the service flag which it was voted that we provide for our Association before Sept. 1st.

Please attend to this matter at once, as we probably will want to use the flag in connection with the activities at our Woman Citizen Building at the State Fair, the first week in September. We are anxious to have as complete a list as possible, and it takes some time to make the flag after we know just how many stars should be placed. Give the full name, age, rank and department of service of each member of your immediate family who has entered the service for the present war.

The U.S. Senate has not yet passed the Suffrage Amendment, and unless it does so before the next session our suffrage work will have to continue, and even if the Senate passes the Amendment we will have to induce our next State Legislature to ratify the Act of Congress. (Three-fourths of all the States in the Union must ratify any amendment before it becomes a law). For that reason we must not yet look upon our suffrage work as ended, much as we would like to have it over with in order that we may devote our energy to further constructive work for the world Democracy.

The August meeting of our Association will be held at the country home of Mrs. Oscar Burg, Skogsberg's Point, Lake Minnetonka, on Wednesday the 28th. Trains leave Great Northern Station at 9:30, 12:30, 2:00, 4:30, 5:05, returning at 5:20, 6:20 and 9:30. Tickets can be secured from Committee for ~~50¢~~ return trip if Committee get 25 reservations. We will have an attractive program and a good time generally. Men are specially invited, and bring the children. Coffee and ice cream will be sold for the benefit of our building fund, but bring your own box lunch, and be sure you notify some one of the Committee named below if you wish to avail yourself of the reduction in Railroad ticket. Skogsberg's Point can also be reached by automobile via. Spring Park.

Do make an effort to attend this meeting or picnic, as there are several matters that should be discussed, and notify Mrs. C. O. Swenson, 3115 Park Ave., or Mrs. A. Johnson, 3532 10th Ave. both of whom have the Tri State phone, or Mrs. Nellie H. Nelson on the Northwestern phone or by mail.

Hoping to see you on the 28th, I am sincerely yours,  
Nanny M. Jaeger, President.

Mrs. Luth Jaeger,  
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Mrs. C. O. Erickson  
Treas.