

NATION'S FATE DEPENDS UPON WOMEN VOTERS'

'Well-Nigh Holy Duty' of
Gentler Sex Told by
Beveridge.

DWELLS ON PRIMARY

Special to The Times.

LAGRANGE, Ind., May 6.—If women value in the least their new-won civil liberty it is their sacred duty as well as their high privilege to go to the primaries and help nominate party candidates, Albert J. Beveridge, former United States Senator from Indiana, declared in a speech this afternoon at the annual convention of the Federation of Women's Clubs of the Twelfth district here.

"Of course, if the primary should be abolished, women would be practically excluded from all voice in the naming of party candidates," he said. "That is one of the main reasons that professional party 'managers' are determined to overthrow the direct nominating primary; such men are resolved to do the nominating, leaving to the average party voter only the ministerial duty of confirming those nominations at the polls on election day. It is also a principal reason that upright and able men who were and are strenuously and sincerely opposed to woman suffrage are also against the primary. Such persons honestly believe that the people are not capable of choosing their public servants; indeed, persons do not believe in popular government. Both these classes are perfectly logical in wanting to brush women aside as 'an active influence in public affairs.'

ATTEND PRIMARY
PROMPTLY, REGULARLY.

"It, then, women really care for the ballot, they must preserve from threatened destruction, the direct nominating primary; and they must attend the primaries to the polls on election day. Then, the party candidate will be chosen by the majority of party voters at a free and fair primary, it is the party duty of party members to loyally support that candidate, provided, of course, that he is an honest man and clean of heart. Proved corruption and established evil character absolves the party voter, in any case, from voting for a candidate thus fundamental. Therefore, if, occasionally, a candidate succeeds at a primary whom many think unfit, who fails to do so, is it not largely the fault of those who constantly wall about had government, and yet will not even go to the polls to get good government? And shall we, because of such lethargy of 'good citizens'

turn our public affairs over to cliques of professional politicians and have government by and for organization? That would be democracy and only an ignorant and evil autocracy. Also, most candidates selected at primaries are excellent persons—only once in a while does the contrary result; and, as a matter of sheer statistics, more acceptable candidates are chosen at primaries than were produced by the old and essentially nonrepresentative convention system. Finally, I would rather have a poor man chosen by the people, than the same kind chosen by a ring. If we are to have popular representative government, let us honest about it.

FIGHT SHY OF
'MACHINE' CANDIDATE.

The second essential is the strictly observed by women party voters, is to refuse to support candidates named by party cliques, wherever such candidates are in evidence.

"But if women who are party members automatically vote for candidates of the opposite description solely because they are on the party ticket, then, of course, professional party 'managers' will not take women into account in making party nominations and will name such candidates as they please. In that event, the party will be left without a will, and not change for the better either party management or the quality of the public service. After a little while, things will go on in the same, old sordid way that has caused students and champions of free institutions to sometimes despair of the final success of democracy."

"Thus it is that American women will be left largely determining the direction of our party representative government. Their opportunity is great and noble—their duty vast and well-nigh holy. To doubt that they will make the most of that opportunity and fully discharge that duty, is to deny the sagacity, character and righteous instinct of American women. It is not extravagant to say that the destiny of the nation is in their hands."

K. of P. to Consider
Proposed New Branch

A. L. Frey, imperial secretary of the Knights of Pythias, will deliver an address at 7:30 o'clock tonight at the Pythian building to the Marion County Knights of Pythias. The purpose of the meeting will be to decide whether a Knight of Khorassan organization will be formed in this county.

WINS SUIT AGAINST
TRANSFER COMPANY

A verdict of \$125 damages was awarded J. K. Kenner, furniture and supply company of this city for alleged damage done to furniture which was first stored here with the defendants and later shipped to New York City. A jury in Superior Court, room 4, awarded the verdict.

MRS. GREENOUGH NEW DIRECTOR VOTERS' LEAGUE

Women's Organization Honors
Indianapolis Resident in
Annual Election.

TELLS VOTER'S DUTIES

Mrs. Walter Greenough of Indianapolis was elected as one of the board of directors of the Indiana League of Women Voters, as a representative of the seventh district. The business session held this morning at the Claypool hotel. Other directors named include: Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl of Munce, Mrs. Guy Osborne of Jasonville, Mrs. C. C. Armand of Ft. Wayne, Mrs. A. C. Bond of Elkhart and Mrs. C. A. Carlisle of Kendallville and Mrs. Fred Laupenstein of New Albany and Mrs. Lilla Kerfes of Evansville, one-year term. Mrs. Greenough will hold office in the Indiana League, publicity, organization and legislation.

REPORTS FAVORABLE BRANCHES OF WORK.

This afternoon the constitutional amendment and various resolutions were voted upon. The convention will close today.

"Party platform should state issues fairly and squarely without a lot of weasel-words sucking out the meaning,"

said William Allen White, author,

to the men and women who attended the annual state banquet last night in the Riley room in connection with the convention.

"This great crisis facing us now requires us in the midst of a great revolution. We must have its price, disengaged and disillusion for years afterward. I feel that this great reaction now, a rather mean and petty notion of isolation will soon leave us and we will find our dream is still there, nothing gone but our sleep. Ever there is the great resurrection—and it will come."

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"Go into your own party, either party and put the fear of God into the party. But it can only be accomplished by hard work. There is an awful lot of dirty linen in this country needing washing and you girls might as well get at it."

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Before debate comes on in Congress the issue should come before the people. (Continued on Page Sixteen.)

The Shepard-Towner bill, has never been made an issue it deserves to be. The platform should be built on definite lines one act in one party being opposed in the other. We must have intelligent government. Political issues should be used in ultimate form. And such questions as distribution of fuel, water, oil and other questions of paramount importance must be understood by the people by intelligent discussion. Now only those who belong to small groups get it.

Governor Warren McCrary spoke briefly, greeting the women and congratulating them on the organization work, expressing himself as ready to cooperate with the league in its work.

A number of other brief speeches were made. Mrs. Maude Wood Park spoke a few words expressing her pleasure at being present and Mrs. Richard Edwards talked informally of the work accomplished by the league in the past year. Mrs. A. H. Beardsley, State president, opened the program introducing the speakers.

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