

POLITICAL POWER OF WOMEN SHOWN

Election of Judge Lindsey in Denver a Triumph for Independents.

LITTLE PROGRESS MADE.

SUFFRAGE IN COLORADO ON THE WHOLE HAS GAINED BUT LITTLE FOR THE FAIR SEX IN THE PAST TEN YEARS.

Denver, Col., Dec. 7.—The recent election furnished an excellent opportunity in this city to observe the work of "getting out the woman vote" in a state where women enjoy suffrage. This opportunity was taken advantage of by the Rev. Dr. Anna Shaw, a leader of the woman suffrage movement in the United States, and the Misses Ray Costello and Eleanor Randall, English women, who are active in the work of suffragettes in Great Britain.

While there were no demonstrations in Denver to equal the suffragettes disturbances in London, the English visitors saw the women of Colorado make their most determined campaign since the franchise was granted, some twelve years ago.

Of late years the "woman vote" has made little difference in the political affairs of Colorado, chiefly because there has been no issue directly affecting the women themselves. Lulled into a false sense of security by the quiet, the republican and democratic machines in Denver determined to "shove" Judge Ben B. Lindsey, who has revolutionized juvenile court methods. Judge Lindsey has been a thorn in the sides of both parties because of his habit of speaking his mind about the dishonest elements on either side. He desired re-election to the juvenile court, but the party leaders agreed to "shove" him, and his name was not considered in either convention.

Judge Lindsey announced that he would run as an independent candidate but the party leaders received his announcement with laughter. It was thought voters would be so intent on voting a "straight" presidential ticket that an independent candidate for so insignificant an office would receive no attention.

Women Get to Work.

But the women began to bestir themselves in behalf of Judge Lindsey. Indignation meetings were held and a plan of campaign was formulated. "Lindsey workers," who volunteered their services without cost, were distributed at the various polling places. They wore Lindsey badges and their cry was "Scratch for Lindsey." Not a voter approached a polling place without running the gauntlet of these enthusiasts who worked with unflinching zeal from morning till night.

The Lindsey women were assisted in their work by swarms of "Lindsey kids." The judge had endeared himself to the children of Denver, especially among the newsboys and bootblacks, in the business section of the city. Many a newsboy quit his paper selling in order to don a Lindsey badge and add his shrill treble to the "Scratch for Lindsey" chorus.

The boys did not have a monopoly of this labor of love, however, for the girls insisted on helping in the work.

Before the balloting had gone on an hour it was apparent that nothing could stem the Lindsey tide. Other candidates and all issues were lost sight of. The "bosses" were alarmed and their paid workers were instructed to do their best to offset the work of the Lindsey brigade. But when the votes were counted—a laborious process, owing to the tremendous amount of scratching—it was found that Judge Lindsey had received something like sixty per cent of the total vote.

One of these "Lindsey women" at a Capitol Hill polling place was a merrily looking woman, and was aided in her efforts by three enthusiastic boys who pounced upon the occupants of the automobiles that rolled up to the polling place.

Without Remuneration.

"I've been working since the polls opened, and I'm going to stay till they close," said this woman. "The woman of Denver have just got to elect Judge Lindsey today or on the right of the franchise should be taken away from them. The democratic and republican workers are getting from \$5 to \$15 a day, but nobody is getting a cent for doing this work for Judge Lindsey. Yet we could have five times as many assistants at the polls if we needed them."

While this conversation was being carried on another side to the picture developed. A high power touring car was driven up to the polling place and a lieutenant of one of the Denver political bosses leaped out of the machine and beckoned two young women who wore party badges and who had been stationed at the polls to work in behalf of the "interests."

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WOMAN TAKES PART IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS



DR. MARGARET LONG.

Dr. Margaret Long is a daughter of John D. Long, formerly Secretary of the Navy, and is taking a leading part in Denver politics.

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HAVE GOOD EMPLOYMENT.

Uncle Sam, if he depended upon Richmond and this vicinity to furnish the men behind the guns for his fighting ships would soon have to dry dock all of them and take up the sign, "this country has gone out of the naval business. No nations need try to pick a quarrel with us."

Today the United States ranks second to Great Britain as a naval power and your Uncle Samuel is always looking for men to man the ships of his constantly increasing fleet, so one of the numerous navy recruiting offices has been located at the Richmond post office—but, to the disgust of our local station is doing little or no business.

The station has been located here since last September, being open to enlist recruits every Friday, but up to the present time Yeoman Ferguson, in charge of the station, has only been able to secure two or three recruits.

Friday, as usual, Ferguson sat in his room at the post office, his face wearing an expectant smile as he lovingly fingered some attractive literature relating in glowing terms the joys of the life of a merry tar, but not a prospective "food for gunpowder" darkened his door.

Perhaps the reason the young men of this city and vicinity are not attracted to Uncle Sam's sea service is because they have plenty of work open for them in this prosperous community and the good wages they receive offsets their natural appetite for excitement and adventure—which is the magnet the government most depends upon to draw young men into the navy.

Regarding the exercise of the franchise the women have proved indifferent only in proportion to the importance of the elections. It cannot be said that they are more indifferent than the men or that there is a larger "stay at home" vote among them. As a rule it will be found that the enfranchised women of the West echo the sentiments of Miss Ellis Meredithe, leading suffragist of Colorado, who in a recent magazine article declared that the greatest satisfaction comes not from voting, but from the knowledge that the right to vote is hers.

As Practical Politicians.

Instances are known of women taking to the game of politics "like ducks to water." One young woman during the campaign just closed visited every town in Wyoming and organized fifty Bryan clubs, as she expressed it, "just for the joy of the work."

It is surprising to the visitor to a suffrage State to find women engaged in the practical work at the polling places. After the stranger has run the gamut of the "workers" outside the polling place he finds that fully half the clerks and watchers are women. These clerical workers are recruited from all ranks of life, and most of them welcome the opportunity of earning a little "pump money" at this kind of employment. They are lynx eyed when it comes to detection of fraud, and unlike men, they do not hesitate to "speak up" whenever a suspicious circumstance arises.

In Colorado, which may be said to be representative of the suffrage States of the West, conditions are summed up by a local suffrage leader as follows:

"It may be that women suffrage has not done much good as far as accomplishing sweeping reforms is concerned, but no one can get twelve reputable men in Colorado to sign a statement to the effect that equal suffrage has done any harm."

LIFE OF A PIMPLE.

Complexions Are Cleared and Pimples Disappear Overnight Without Trouble.

The dispensers of poslam, a new skin discovery, ask that notice be given that no one is urged to purchase it without first obtaining an experimental package. Those who have tried it will find that the fifty-cent box, on sale at W. H. Sudhoff's, and all drug stores, is sufficient to cure the worst cases of eczema, where the surface affected is not too large. The itching ceases on first application. It will also cure acne, tetter, blisters, scaly scalp, hives, barber's and every other form of itch, including itching feet. Being flesh-colored and containing no grease, the presence of poslam on exposed surfaces, such as the face and hands, is not perceptible. Water and soap cannot be used in connection with it, as these irritate and prolong skin troubles, sometimes even causing them.

As to the experimental package of poslam, it can be had free of charge by mail of the Emergency Laboratories, 32 West Twenty-fifth Street, New York. It alone is sufficient to clear the complexion overnight, and to rid the face of pimples in twenty-four hours.

Mis Whole Duty.

It is not often that one man is called upon to assume the duties of an army. Such a case is on record, however, and is cited in Benjamin Willey's "History of the White Mountains." At the first legal meeting of the citizens of the little town of Albany, N. H., every soldier in the place was summoned to assemble.

The officers were duly chosen, but it turned out there was only one private.

Looking wistfully at his superiors in array before him, the solitary representative of the ranks said:

"Gentlemen, I have one request to make—that is, as I am the only soldier, I hope you will not be too severe in drilling me, but will spare me a little, as I may be needed another time."

He also remarked that he could form a solid column, but that "it rocked him shockingly to deploy."

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Woman's Matrimonial Alliances Extends to Two Continents



MRS. "JACK" WIMERDING.

Mrs. Wimerding is the granddaughter of Commodore Vanderbilt, and recently had James Coates arrested on the charge of assault and battery. She is still the American wife of Wilmerding, who is suing her for divorce. It is also said that she is the English wife of Coates.

The Forest Reserves Are Ruined

President Decides to Bring Suit Against Owners of Anaconda Properties of Smelting Trust.

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Roosevelt has decided that the right of the Government to protect its own property gives him sufficient authority to proceed against the Anaconda properties of the Smelting Trust, and inasmuch as thousands of acres of forest reserves are alleged to be in danger of destruction from the poisonous fumes of the smelters, he has the proper officials actively at work on plans to end the nuisance.

The Attorney General had advised that a bill in equity be filed in the United States Courts in Montana to this end. The President after consultation with department officials, including Solicitor General Hoyt, agreed that the plan of a bill in equity was the best which had been presented, but he was anxious that there should be a certainty of results if the bill were filed, and the suits began. He therefore gave instructions that an agent of the Department of Justice should proceed to the mines and make a thorough report as to the actual damage done, and whether it was likely to increase.

This step of the President had the effect of increasing the alarm of the trust people who expected to dispose of the whole matter at the conference with the President, Saturday.

PREPARE FOR ROLL CALL.

The annual roll call of Whitewater Lodge of Odd Fellows will be held in January, and members of the lodge will in the meantime work diligently in order to get out all members to the meeting. Reports of the year's business will be made by Secretary Handley.

PLEA TO GOVERNOR FOR BILLIK'S LIFE

Prisoner Hopes to Be Saved From Gallows.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Francis E. Hinckley, attorney for Herman Billik, sentenced to die next Friday for the poisoning of Mary Vrzel, says he feels so sure Governor Deneen will grant a plea for commutation of punishment that he has practically given up his former plan to take the case to the supreme court.

"However, if Governor Deneen should refuse to intervene it would not be too late to resort to my previous intention," he said. Hinckley went to Springfield today to make the plea.

Billik is also hopeful of being saved from the gallows.

HAGERSTOWN IN GRIP OF MILK FAMINE

Eggs Are Also Scarce, Report Says.

Hagerstown, Ind., Dec. 7.—The milk famine is the worst in Hagerstown's history. Needler & Winner, who operated the only dairy, have sold out.

The high price of feed made the business unprofitable and the large herd of dairy cows was sold. Many are buying cows, while others are learning how to do without cream and butter.

Eggs are 35 cents a dozen. Some years ago they brought 60 cents a dozen. That was when eggnogg was fashionable and every egg was required to supply this demand. Saloons had a standing order at all grocers for all fresh eggs that came in, at 60 cents a dozen.

Her Chance.

"If we wait any longer we shall miss the train," she said impatiently. "We have been waiting a good many minutes for that mother of mine."

"Hours, I should say!" he replied, somewhat acrimoniously.

"Ours!" cried she rapturously. "Oh, George, this is so sudden!"

Then she fell upon his neck.—London Answers.

SPECIAL STAMP SALE THIS WEEK

20 Stamps with one 2-oz. bottle of A. & P. Extracts at 25c a bottle.

60

..STAMPS..

With one 18-oz.

10 STAMPS with one

can of A. & P.

Baking Powder

at 50 cts. a can.

10 STAMPS with one

box Shaker Salt at 10c

a box.

10 STAMPS with 3 lbs.