

**Suffrage Department**  
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 Update Woman Suffrage Press

"Broadly speaking," says the Minneapolis Tribune, "the woman's votes in Illinois followed those of their menfolk. There is no woman's party."

Obviously then we may consider it settled that woman suffrage does not cause discord in the home.

It is one thing for me to be willing to give women the right to vote and quite another thing to be willing to let them have a share in the salaries of the office.

In Manitoba where women were enfranchised early this year the women have the right to serve on a school board where no salaries are paid but not a city council where pay checks are in order.

The right to vote, so argues the New Republic, is important because it develops political responsibility in the voter rather than for the political power which it gives. It is a part of the citizen's political education and attaches him to the state.

Looked at in this light, votes for women is but a continuation of that enlightened public policy which admitted women to equal opportunities with men in school and college.

Suffragists should be grateful to the editor of the Brooklyn Etomological Bulletin who advanced the theory, in an address at the American Museum of Natural History last week, that Eve was not the original sinner in the Garden of Eden, as we have been given to suppose, but was Adam's second wife, his first having divorced him. If the learned gentlemen's contention is sound then the charge that divorce is one of the baleful by-products of woman suffrage is without foundation.

One of our most eminent constitutional lawyers has aroused much controversy in the press by his statement that the Federal Suffrage Amendment would "create a condition of intolerable tyranny," by depriving a state of its right to self government.

The retorts have been many but they simmer down to this: The South was forced by a majority of the states to forego slavery. In fact, every constitutional amendment has, by virtue of the majority of the states, deprived a minority of the states of the right to self government. How does a suffrage amendment do any more and why should a few ultra conservatives be allowed to block the progress of democracy? The independent press seems to be of the opinion that the question of suffrage is more a national than a local issue.

That the public is rapidly coming to a like opinion is shown by the numbers of organizations that have endorsed the Federal Amendment and by the fact that in Indiana a suffrage organization recently secured in one county in one day thirty feet of signatures to a petition to Congress to pass the Susan B. Anthony Federal Amendment.

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**INTERESTING NEW YORK STATE PARAGRAPHS**

For the first time in their history the East Buffalo stockyards were closed on Christmas day.

Mrs. Lydia R. Cooney Ward made a Christmas present of a large number of books to the Wyoming free library.

Thomas F. Horton of Watervort will succeed Henry B. Jackson as the Democratic election commissioner of Orleans county.

Because of a new schedule which reduced their pay, 450 girl operatives at the Merril Silk company's plant in Corning, struck.

General Edwin A. Merritt, former collector of the port of New York and United States consul general at London, died at Watertown, N. Y.

During 1916 there were 533 hunting licenses issued in Lockport, according to the annual report of City Clerk William G. Spalding just prepared.

According to the report of the board of supervisors, the net bonded debt of Tompkins county is now \$1,704,075. Of this, the city of Ithaca owes \$1,410,500.

The Morning Herald and Leader Republican (evening) of Gloversville have announced an advance of \$1 a year in subscription rates, to take effect Jan. 1.

Petition for another trunk highway across Niagara county will be made to the state highway department by the towns of Porter, Wilson, Newfane and Somerset.

Mrs. Margaret Browne, who for four years has made her home in Rome has received word from Ireland that she had fallen heir to \$40,000, left her by an uncle in Ireland.

Monsignor Paul D. Hoelscher, aged 65, for 30 years rector of Saint Louis church and one of the best-known priests in Western New York, died in Buffalo. He was a native of Germany.

The 16th annual convention of the New York State Fruit Growers' association will be held at Exposition park, Rochester, on Jan. 3, 4 and 5. Speakers of national reputation will be present.

The Rev. E. E. Parker, jr., pastor of the East Spencer M. E. church, has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League in Western New York, with headquarters in Rochester.

During the present year 14 factory buildings and 92 dwellings have been erected in the Tonawandas and 74 buildings have been remodeled. The total cost of the building operations being about \$450,000.

Military training in elementary and secondary schools was voted down by the executive committee of the American School Peace league at a meeting in New York. The league has branches in 44 states.

Frederick H. Johnson, aged 43, head of the large printing concern in Syracuse bearing his name, was killed at Boonton, N. Y., when the auto in which he was riding overturned and he was pinned beneath it.

The reports of 202 state banks to the state comptroller showed resources aggregating \$440,604,210 on Sept. 30, an increase of \$169,561,888. This compared with the previous year's increase of \$12,878,957.

Elections in Niagara county the past year cost the taxpayers \$5,348,727, an increase of \$419,523 over the 1915 expenses. The increase is partly accounted for by the fact that two primaries were held this year.

The Salvation Army of Oneida has issued its annual financial statement for the year ending Sept. 23, 1916, showing receipts of \$194,848, with a balance of \$14,778 over expenses. The balance of \$14,778 over expenses of \$44,855 was reported by the Oneida branch.

The First National bank of Hornell gave its employees a month's pay as a Christmas gift this year, regardless of the length of service of the employee. The Hornell Traction company gave its employees a present of \$4 each.

By a vote of 210 to 72, the Medical Society of the County of New York adopted a report of a special committee on "The Medical Aspects of Birth Control," opposing any change in section 1142 of the penal code of New York state.

The Observer, Dunkirk's one daily newspaper, raised its subscription price from 10 to 12 cents a week. The increase is made necessary by the high cost of paper and other material entering into the making of a newspaper.

A. H. Deer company of Hornell has granted a 10 per cent increase in salary to all its employees, numbering about 300, effective on Jan. 1. Incidentally every employee received a Christmas turkey. The concern has enjoyed a prosperous year.

The Hornell Evening Times, the only daily newspaper in Hornell, announces that on Jan. 1 it will increase its price from one to two cents a copy. The high price of material entering into the making of a newspaper is given as the cause.

About \$70,000 in bonuses was distributed by the various commercial, financial and manufacturing concerns of Watertown to their employees as Christmas gifts, it was estimated. More bonuses were declared than ever before in the history of the city.

Announcement is made of the resignations of Captain Edwin Moody and First Lieutenant Roy Wilber of Company H, First regiment, N. G. N. G. of Watertown. They were relieved from duty Jan. 1. The resignations are on account of pressure of private business.

Herbert E. Williams, section foreman on the Summit branch of the Erie, has been awarded the first prize of \$100 for the best stretch of track on the Hornell-Salamanca division. Robert Crawford, section foreman of the Cuba branch, receives the second prize of \$50.

Bernard F. Hawley, politician and society man of Lake George, indicted by a recent federal grand jury for stealing \$30,000 from a United States mail pouch, was released from Utica jail under \$25,000 bond, signed by prominent citizens of Lake George and vicinity.

Charles Wells of Lehigh in taking off a claspboard off his house found that a swarm of bees had made their headquarters for some time in the cornice and down the side of the house, and, upon making a thorough investigation, Mr. Wells got 150 pounds of honey.

Farmers near Mount Morris are suffering from a water shortage. They say that wells, cisterns and streams, which have never before gone dry, are now without water, and that it has been necessary to melt snow to obtain water for their stock and for domestic purposes.

Ellas Ford, who says he is a first cousin of Henry Ford of Detroit, is an upholsterer in a Niagara Falls furniture store. He was 10 months ago run down by an automobile and has just emerged from a Buffalo hospital. Ellas says that it was not one of his Cousin Henry's makes that hit him.

The timber wolf shot on Ganget Hill in South Bristol, has been donated to the state museum at Albany by Mr. Andrews who shot it. D. D. Leathers of Naples, one of the museum staff, shipped it to Ward's establish. The animal is in Rochester, where it will be mounted before going to Albany.

One of the heaviest sentences for non-residence in recent years was meted out to Frank Rose of York, who was sentenced to one year and one day in prison for failing to file his taxes last year. If the tax is not paid Rose will have to spend one day for each \$2 remaining unpaid.

Officials at the White Plains court house were surprised when they received word that County Judge Frank L. Young had married Miss Mary E. Cumming, his private secretary, at the parsonage of the Presbyterian church at Ossining. This was the judge's third matrimonial venture.

Alfred T. Bennett, a Geneva rural mail carrier, who disappeared, after leaving his auto, containing mail, in his garage, reappeared again at his home. He insists he does not know where he was during his three days' absence. He was very weak, evidently from lack of food, when he reached home.

The amount to be raised by taxation by Cortland is \$176,519.85. The tax rate will be \$20.68 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, compared with \$21.80 assessed valuation for 1916. The amount certified by the board of supervisors as Cortland's share of state and county taxes is more less than last year.

It has been definitely decided to try the experiment of the prison farm in Cattaraugus county. The special committee of the board of supervisors report that the idea is a feasible one and that they have secured the lease of 13 acres of land near the county jail at Little Valley, on which to start the project.

District Superintendent J. F. Burlock of Dundee has made plans where by the work in physical training in all the schools in this supervisory district will be in charge of two trainee-instructors in that subject. The plan will enable all schools to comply with the provisions of the law at a minimum expense.

The announcement at Albany by the state military training commission that definite work on the program of military training for boys from 16 to 18 years of age had been started, was taken to indicate that the state administration intended to do all in its power to carry out the provisions of the Welsh-Slater military training bills.

A co-operative organization of grape juice manufacturers known as the National Grape Juice company has been incorporated. The Randall Grape Juice company of Ripley, the Paul De Laney and Naboth companies of Brocton, the Dobbie Grape Juice company of Silver Greek and grape juice companies of Penn Yan and Fremont, O., are included.

Without a dissenting vote the Broome county board of supervisors adopted a resolution favoring a local option for counties or cities or any other defined divisions therein. The resolution recommended the enactment of a proposed bill to that effect to be introduced in the legislature by Assemblyman Wheeler of Ontario county and in the senate by Senator Hill of Broome county.

**Compulsory Military Training**

In order to get recruits for the army and navy the Departments of the Government have been compelled, literally to go out with the tom-tom to drum up enlistments. Secretary of War Baker, in his annual report submitted to Congress a few days ago, says that "the recruiting service, which is simply one of many employments, has been unable to secure the recruits needed." He contrasts the wages paid soldiers with those that are paid in private employment, and charges the failures of the Government to secure enlistments for the army to the low rate of pay for military service. Of the twenty thousand men authorized by Congress last March, and insistently wanted for the increase of the regular army, only 8,463 additional men were enrolled. It is conceded by the War Department that the National Guardman generally decline to enlist, and whose terms of "service" expire,

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ican Federation of Labor has recently gone on record as unambiguously opposed to compulsory military training.

The best thought of militarists and anti-militarists, appears to be agreed upon the need of a greater amount of physical training for the youth of the country. There is, however, opposition from every quarter, to the plans of the army and navy chiefs, under whose system, it is claimed, men become brainless followers in an automatically "obeying orders."

The imagination of the boy of the country has been captured by their own conscious need of physical training. Mrs. Lu Ames Mead, a distinguished woman, observes: "Military drill does not teach self-control, in obedience to conscience, only obedience through fear. Soldiers, when mustered out, are more chaste, temperate or otherwise than other men. Self-control is personal responsibility, the power to reason why must be taught as the republic's true defense." The warning goes forth that the National Security League has prepared bill to be sent to the different legislatures, which if adopted in whole or in substance, will turn public schools into army or navy training camps.

It is claimed in behalf of Boy Scout movement that it cures every physical advantage, the youth that is claimed in half of the military drills urged by the aristocracy that dominates the army and navy. At the same time, the Boy Scouts are taught all the finer qualities of citizenship, including the essential point of being helpful to others. Moreover, the development of the mind is considered equally important to that of strengthening the muscles of the body and legs. It is contended by thoughtful students of the subject that an attempt is being made to capture the idealism of the youth, and utilize it for the purposes of an idealism of destruction, adapted to the ideas of insistent military enthusiasts.

Mrs. Ella Flogg Young, a noted Chicago educator declares it to be the duty of America to teach its boys and girls not how to mete out death on the battlefield, but rather to point out and provide methods for their individual development—and through that strengthen our national stability. Immigrants come to our shores filled with the hope that this is the "great land where militarism does not exist." And the foreign-born to-day stand against compulsory military training, because their experience has taught them that it is unnecessary, and that it does not protect the nation, but rather perpetually threatens the peace of the country. In short, compulsory military training is the hobby of army and navy officers, and politicians who influence other people believe patriotism and security can be perpetuated in better ways.

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