

For Release Week Ending May 24th.

What Texas Legislators Think of Anti-suffrage Literature

One of the last acts of the first called session of the 36th Legislature was the passage of the following resolution and amendment:

"Whereas, The pure, patriotic women of Texas had a great part in the winning of the world war, in Red Cross, United War Work, and Liberty bond campaigns; and

Whereas, Along with the patriotic service rendered by these good mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts of the boys of the great State of Texas, they suffered untold mental anguish while the boys were at the front on the foreign field, many of them sacrificing their lives in order that the world might be made a safe place to live; and

Whereas, The literature placed upon the desks of the membership of this House today condemning woman suffrage is nothing short of a slap in the face of these good women and of the membership who passed, by a unanimous vote at the regular session of the 36th Legislature, the woman suffrage amendment: and

Whereas, We, the membership of the House of Representatives of the 36th Legislature of the State of Texas, are standing unequivocally for the adoption of the woman's suffrage amendment; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the membership of the House of the 36th Legislature of Texas in first called session, do here and now go upon record as condemning the circulation of this character of literature and opposed to the sentiments expressed therein, and here and now re-affirm our allegiance to the woman suffrage amendment, and express the hope that the majority for the amendment on May 24th will be increased by thousands as the result of the circulation of literature, the like of which was placed upon our desks today."

Amended by adding: Resolved, further, That we pledge ourselves that when we return to our homes we will do all in our power to secure the passage of the amendments on the 24th of May.

Adopted with only five dissenting votes.

Some of the rather weakminded attempts of the Liquor Traffic to discredit woman's suffrage without showing its hand may be seen in the so-called Susan B. Anthony literature that is going the rounds, to say nothing of the views of other famous Northern women upon certain phases of the race question.

All of it rot--every bit of it. What Susan B. Anthony, Mrs. Catt, or any other woman identified with public activities and movements, past or present, may think about the race question or any other question, has absolutely no relation whatever to the pending proposal to enfranchise the women of Texas.

Even if the most objectionable characters alive favored suffrage, that would constitute no condemnation of it. Miss Anthony believed in the Ten Commandments, also, but that would be no reason for any Southern man or woman to repudiate them. --  
Houston Post.

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But a man and his wife will not always vote the same way. We tried to vote our wife in the last primary on one candidate and she showed us where to head in. The old theory that a man can vote his wife, or that the wife hasn't an opinion of her own has long since been proven a fable. A woman has a mind of her own, and is just as capable of the exercise of her reasoning faculties as we men folk.

Lockney Beacon.

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Public meetings and whoop-la assemblies are all right, but what is essential above all else, especially in a contest like the present, is for every voter to be seen and catalogued, and gotten to the polls if he is favorable. ----- Houston Chronicle.

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The mothers of men, their sisters, and wives who are trusted with such vital things as the rearing of little children and the keeping of the home, the safeguarding of all moral questions might be equally well trusted with the casting of their ballot.---

Cleburne Enterprise.

There is a fine inspiration to literate, moral Americans in the soldiers' letters that are being put forward in behalf of the adoption of the equal suffrage amendment to the Texas Constitution on May 24th. Most of these letters are from Texas officers who have been, or who still are, in France; and some of the writers are wound-chevron men and some are wearers of service decorations, and some are the heroic possessors of both.-----San Antonio Express.

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Woman Suffrage and the Infant Death Rate.

The lowest infant death rate in the world is in New Zealand where women have voted for over 20 years. Of the cities in the United States those having the lowest infant death rate, those in equal suffrage cities have an average death rate of 66 while the male suffrage cities average 100.7. Kansas has reduced its infant death rate from 120 to 70 since it established the first Child Hygiene Bureau in the United States in 1913, the year after women were given the vote.

-----Smithville Times.

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The Suffrage Amendment Provides

- (1) For giving women the vote.
- (2) For depriving those not fully naturalized of the franchise.

It gives and Takes.

It Gives the loyal women of Texas a voice in the Government;

It Takes away from those whose citizenship is questionable a privilege they should never have been granted

Vote for the amendment which requires every voter to be a citizen, and gives every citizen a vote.

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A man who would vote against allowing a woman the privilege of the ballot would not necessarily push her out of the way in getting on a street car but there is a certain similarity in the acts nevertheless.-----El Paso Herald.