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With the drawing near of the time when the members of the House of Representatives will go upon record as to how they stand upon the proposition of giving the women of Texas the right of Suffrage, interest in the pending Amendment which seeks to accomplish this purpose is growing in intensity. That the Equal Suffrage movement is constantly gaining in strength in this State is evidenced by the earnest endorsement and support of the amendment now before the Legislature which is being received from representative men and women in all parts of Texas. Members of the Legislature who had heretofore given comparatively little thought to the question are becoming more and more convinced that the demand for extending to women the privilege of voting has its origin with the masses of the people and that it is not merely a vagary of a coterie of women.

It is significant that when a man once gives serious consideration to the Equal Suffrage question he is almost certain to become a convert to that cause. This is shown by the fact that nearly all of the old members of the House of Representatives of the present Legislature are strong supporters of the pending amendment that was introduced by Jess Baker. The opposition to the measure comes chiefly from new members who have not had occasion to investigate the momentous subject and some of whom are perhaps inclined to adhere to the prejudice that exists against women taking their rightful place in the political affairs of the state and nation, and who have for their chief purpose the public welfare of the people.

It is interesting to note also that the man of keen thought and intellectual ability, when he becomes a convert to Equal Suffrage, usually quickly takes a place as the most ardent supporter of this cause. This truism is exemplified in the case of Senator O. B. Lattimore of Fort Worth. Mr. Lattimore had always been strongly opposed to extending the right of suffrage to women until he saw the great light several months ago. The result of the National election, and particularly the fact that the Democratic victory was due chiefly to

the votes of the women in the Western States, led Mr. Lattimore to make an investigation of all phases of the Woman Suffrage question. He weighed the good with the bad, and he found that the benefits so far outdistanced any evil effects growing out of such privilege that it was worth of receiving the endorsement and support of all good citizens of Texas or elsewhere in the country.

Mr. Lattimore, in full keeping with his change of heart upon this question, this week introduced in the Senate a bill providing that women should have the right to vote in all primary elections in this state. That such a law would be constitutional is perfectly clear. The measure was originally reported favorably by unanimous vote of the committee to which it was referred, some of the Senators raising the objection that it should have been considered by the committee on privileges and elections; and, in order that it might take what some senators considered to be its proper course, it was recommended to the latter committee, where it received an unfavorable majority and a favorable minority report. It will be taken up upon the floor of the Senate in due course upon a minority report, and Mr. Lattimore believes that its prospects of being passed are very encouraging. Also that it will receive the necessary majority vote when it reaches the House.

Everything is now well arranged, so far as the supporters of the amendment in the House is concerned, for the consideration of that resolution when it comes up next Tuesday. Much enthusiasm was manifested at a caucus of representatives who favor the proposition, which was held here Friday night of this week. It is notable that some of the ablest men in the House are ardent advocates of Equal Suffrage and the program of speakers on behalf of the Amendment embraces men not only of great ability, but is an assurance that the cause will be well presented in the argument when the amendment is considered.

So far the active workers of the Equal Suffrage movement in Texas as is concerned, they feel highly gratified with the encouragement that their efforts are receiving at the hands of members of the Legislature and by the people of the State generally. It is becoming more evident day by day that popular sentiment in Texas on behalf of Equal Suffrage is sufficiently strong to practically insure the adoption of the Amendment should it be submitted to the people. The more the members of the House and Senate give thought to the momentous question, the brighter are the prospects for the success of the movement.