

Women of El Paso Willing and Anxious to Assume Burden of Fuller Citizenship

Scenes at Registration Booth in New Court House



BIG CROWDS THROUGH NEW COURTHOUSE TO GET ON REGISTER

Brave Heat in Order to Qualify to Cast Ballots for Favorites in Primaries.

Candidates Shower Favors and Attentions on New Voting Contingent of El Paso.

That the women of El Paso are not only willing but anxious to assume the fuller duties of citizenship conferred upon them by the recent special session of the legislature in being given the right to express their choice for candidates in the primaries, is indicated by the rush of femininity to the new court house to register preparatory to casting their ballots for their favorites in the coming Democratic primary. All day yesterday the corridors of the court house were thronged with women despite the almost unbearable heat, nearly double as many turning out to secure the necessary credentials to enable them to exercise their newly acquired franchise as came out to register the first day.

332 Register Yesterday. When the registration rolls were closed yesterday it was found that 332 names had been added to the voting population of El Paso during the day, against 289 the previous day. This number, it is believed, will be increased from day to day.

That the women are not finding their newly-acquired status unpleasant is indicated by the fact that candidates for county and precinct offices have cancelled all other engagements for the coming 15 days and are devoting their entire attention to feminine votes. The various candidates have established headquarters in the lobby of the second floor of the court house from which they are conducting an intensive campaign among the registrants.

Announcement was made yesterday by Del Richey that a soft drink emporium would be opened in the court house for the benefit of the women. The promoters of the scheme are said to be W. H. Fryer, W. D. Greet, Judge McClintock and Seth Orndorff, with Judge Leigh Clark as toastmaster. Mr. Richey did not state what his connection with the proposed plan was, but according to other members of the syndicate he is not overlooking anything. Efforts are also being made to induce Judge W. D. Howe to take advantage of the opportunity to demonstrate the efficiency of the University club "gas house" gang. Other novelties are also being planned by other candidates, it is said, in order to increase their popularity with the feminine contingent in preparation for the coming primaries.

Women Enjoy Situation. The women, while admitting that they are accustomed to having attentions showered upon them and to having a fuss made over them, are enjoying the situation and are bestowing their smiles in every direction. Many of them have demonstrated that they have already received the same froid of the veteran voter and are able to take care of themselves at the voting booths.

"We are taking the places of our boys who have gone to the front," said one registrant yesterday, "and we are going to do our duty as we see it. Our boys, if here, would work and vote for the best man, and that is what we are going to do. All of us may not vote for the same candidate this time for the same reason that we did not all want to marry the same man. You see, the man whom I might not like might be the ideal man for another woman. Anyway, we are going to do our best in elect clean, capable men—men who can do something for El Paso and our country."

Tells of Hudspeth Victory. An enthusiastic supporter of Senator Hudspeth told of a neighborhood lawn party she attended the other evening. "We were all neighbors and it was a kind of a family gathering. Somebody mentioned the congressional race and took a straw vote. Of the seven women and seven men present every one voted for Senator Hudspeth."

Already the lobby of the court house where the ladies assemble begins to look like home. Tables and chairs have been placed in the lobby and the ladies are decorating the tables with beautiful flowers.

Lou Garner Gassed. Lou Garner wandered in among the ladies Thursday and then tried to stampee himself, but they surrounded him and pretty soon Lou was making a brave talk for himself. Judge Hall is with the ladies all day and Thursday Mr. McSweeney got into the running with them.

One of the most active and effective workers among the women Thursday was a symphony in brown. She knew nearly everybody and everybody seemed to like

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her. She was pointed out to report as the little lady who resigned from presidency of the Equal Suffrage league because she believed she could not the office and vote as she pleased.
Mexican Women Not Registering. These figures show that the Mexican women, hundreds of whom live in precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 are not attempting to register and will not therefore participate in the primaries. It is claimed that 80 per cent of the Mexicans residing north of the tracks are aliens—returnees from Mexico. So far the American men have had the registration booths to themselves except when a colored woman drops in to register, and out of a number of them are registering.
The registration by precincts is as follows:

Pct. No.	Pct. No.	Pct. No.	Pct. No.
1-6	8-32	15-13	22
2-6	9-18	16-23	23
3-8	10-20	17-27	24
4-3	11-30	18-41	25
5-11	12-32	19-34	26
6-17	13-23	20-35	27
7-12	14-15	21-21	28

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Announcements
 Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pruett announce engagement of their daughter, Alice, to Lieutenant Paul Albert Heiser of the 10th cavalry, the wedding to take place on an early date.

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