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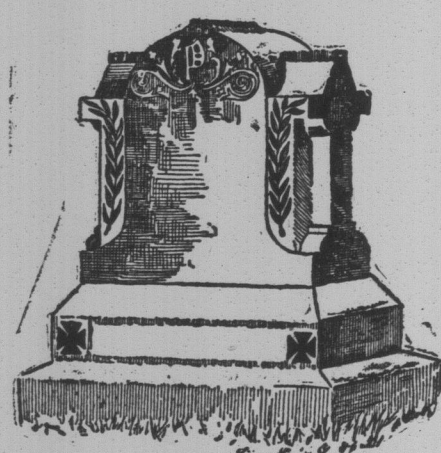
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33 Best Reasons Urged in the Demand for Ballots for Women

In all places where woman suffrage has been tried in any degree it has been retained and increased in scope.

The present opposition to woman suffrage is the last sullen struggle to keep woman exclusively as a domestic animal.

The tone of the voting booths has been raised by having women sit as judges and act as clerks in company with men.

America needs all the resources of her thoughtful women put into action to secure the greatest progress of the country.

American women feel themselves to be citizens, and as such suffrage for them is merely a matter of justice, not chivalry.

The increasing employment of women in factories and offices requires that women should have some voice in making the laws that control these occupations.

Suffrage causes a great awakening of dormant faculties and would lift millions of women out of a narrow run into a newer and bigger scale of life, thought and action.

Experience in Colorado has shown that most women vote the same ticket that their husbands do, but that where the wife votes differently it causes no friction in the home.

Woman's standpoint and interests differ vastly from man's and it is quite impossible for him to make or execute laws that affect her as well as members of her own sex could do.

The time has come when women will be heard, and it would be a great saving of time to them if they could vote and go about their regular business instead of having to devote so much time to agitation for their rights.

With increasing freedom from household drudgery of the modern woman, she needs the ballot and civic affairs to take up her attention, or she will deteriorate and run to foolish fads and social extravaganzas.

The non-partisan women's vote in Denver last Fall caused the election of the best Juvenile Magistrate the city has ever had, Judge Lindsay, on an independent ticket after he had been refused a nomination by both the regular party managers.

That women's presence at the polls is an elevating influence is shown by the fact that in Denver many of the polling places are in private residences and going to vote is much like making a social call. The entire family of adult age usually go together.

That the good classes of women vastly outvote the bad class was proven at the last election in Denver, when 55 per cent of the women of the select Capitol Hill district voted, 37 per cent of the women of other good residential parts, and only 10 per cent of the women from the disreputable district went to the polls.

While women might not go to the polls as regularly as men, they would be a reserve force for good that would come into effect with overwhelming power whenever a moral principle was at stake.

As women are natural housekeepers they should have a chance to direct or administer certain departments of a city's housekeeping, such as tenement inspection and street cleaning, as men do not recognize dirt when they see it.

That feminine votes and legislation can quickly raise the wages and industrial condition of women is shown by the fact that in Norway women postal clerks have been given the same wages as men, and the equal pay plan is being extended to other vocations since women have had the full franchise.

Women have been warriors, like the Shield Maidens of the Norse people, the famous Amazons of ancient times, while Joan of Arc in recent history has shown that woman has not lost her ability to fight in war, and there have been and are to-day many Queens and Councillors of State, thus answering all arguments against her ability to take part in every function and emergency of government.

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The amazing thing is that people should hunt for excuses for denying Woman's Suffrage, instead of being rejoiced that women are anxious to vote and help carry the burdens of government.

Woman's suffrage is gaining ground all over the world, being in full operation in four of the Western States, in partial use in twenty-five States, and South Dakota and Washington are preparing for equal suffrage, while most of Australasia grants women full voting rights and Norway and Finland have also given them universal suffrage, and in England women can now vote for nearly all candidates except for Members of Parliament.

Women's clubs, societies and trades unions have been educating and fitting women for intelligent voting and full citizenship.

Women can do more good with the ballot than with all their pink teas, charitable entertainments and stunt work combined.

Child bearing and child rearing are a greater service to the State than military service by men, and should have their reward in the ballot.

Since women are taxed, they should have a voice in selecting the assessors and appraisers. Men would refuse to be taxed under such conditions.

Women should be allowed to elect judges and officers to administer women's courts and look after the particular needs of their sex.

Women, if voting, would extend the custom of holding juvenile courts to check the increasing degeneracy of youth in the large cities.

Until women are able to reinforce their trades unions with votes they will never be able to get recognition in Legislatures and Parliaments.

Woman's influence has been the main-spring of the Prohibition movement and her vote would put the severest check on alcohol, both in making temperance and anti-gambling laws and in enforcing them.

A practical example of the wisdom of woman's suffrage is shown in Colorado, which has the best laws of any State in the Union for the care and safeguarding of children and for the treatment of unfortunate.

Women do not want to get all the offices and control the Legislatures, as has been charged, and drive men out of politics. They are perfectly satisfied with a few educational offices, which the men willingly give them.

Man has always placed figures of women as symbols of Truth, Justice, Liberty, upon public buildings, which is really a confession that in his inner consciousness man recognizes woman as his superior in all that good government stands for.

In the midst of such indifferent citizenship as prevails largely to-day, the sight of women working, praying and fighting for liberty and a noble use of the ballot is the best example that could be set before men, and should shame them not only into granting women's demands, but inspire men to make better use of their own franchise.

10 Best Reasons Against

Women without character readily become the tools of unscrupulous politicians and are guilty of the grossest election frauds.

Where woman suffrage has been tried in Western States it has not had any appreciable effect in purifying and uplifting politics.

Politics, like business, is something that the majority of women are not fitted for, the few exceptions to which only serve to prove the rule.

The ballot is not a natural right, but an expedient of government which man by universal consent in past ages has been found more fitted to exercise.

Politics is a nerve-racking struggle, which deadens woman's finer sensibilities and causes her to lose her greatest power her influence over and the respect of men.

Government is the strong protecting arm of society, which man by a natural instinct conducts, but as he universally stands as the protecting head of the family.

To give woman the ballot would only reveal her weakness, render her liable to fall into legal and political traps and bring ridicule and disgrace upon her and her family.

In the case of the fraudulent election of a Colorado Congressman it was proven that women played a conspicuous part in election frauds, even inclining men to fight at the polls.

Even if women should vote in sufficient numbers to make it worth while, the votes of the ignorant, the disreputable, the thoughtless would outweigh those of the thoughtful.

Men do not want to be compelled to argue with woman on the platform, or else meekly yield to her wishes in weak and undutiful gallantry, in ways that would be harmful to the community.

In addition to the great body of women who are totally indifferent to it, there is a numerous class of the most intelligent women in every community who are actively opposed to having their sex drawn into politics.

Woman would be a dangerous element in politics, especially in great emergencies, when her emotional nature might make her precipitate the nation into war or other serious trouble against the calmer judgement of men.

The argument that women who own property should vote is invalid, because there is no property qualification in this country, it is contrary to the spirit of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

Laws which tax women's property were made by men who are taxed likewise; if they are unjust, the men themselves will repeal them, and if just, then women taxpayers have no right to complain.

In Chicago, Cleveland and other American cities where women have been allowed to vote in municipal elections the number of women who registered and voted has grown less from year to year until it has amounted to nothing.

Drawing women into politics would be only another wedge forcing women into further competition with men, a condition which is unsexing the woman, unfitting her for motherhood to an alarming extent, wakening her children and endangering future generations.