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THE WOMEN VOTE.

Results of Their First Use of the Ballot in Australia—Many Funny Incidents—Distinctions Made.

The recent elections in Australia were of special interest because the newly enfranchised women of the Commonwealth exercised the right of suffrage for the first time.

A careful analysis is to be made of the entire vote to determine just how many, of the nearly 700,000 women registered, went to the polls, and for whom they voted. Until this sitting takes place, the public can only judge of results generally.

It is said that the women's vote, so far as Melbourne was concerned, was cast largely for labor nominees. It is equally probable that the women of Sydney cast their votes largely against labor candidates.

Here in Melbourne, says The Argus, the women voters were divided by the politicians into "women" and "ladies." The "women" were said to have gone to the polls almost to a woman, while the "ladies" are accused of having shown less enthusiasm and less interest; and as a corollary there were fewer "lady" voters than there should have been.

The "lady" electors waited, so anti-labor committees say, for vehicles to carry them to the polls, and wherever these failed to put in an appearance, there was a corresponding falling off in the expected anti-labor vote. On the other hand, these same committees aver labor "women" supporters went to the polls on foot, and voted in big bunches in every electorate. But a very much more plausible explanation of the heavy labor vote is that the whole strength of the Victorian civil service and that of the many sympathizers was exerted against the Victorian Government in order to pay off an old grudge.

In Sydney women electors were told by spellbinders and the newspapers that the tariff was responsible for their increased grocery, meat, dress, hat, and shoe bills, and that they should bend every effort to break the power of the Ministerialist party. They tried hard to do so, as the big majorities of the free trade nominees indicate.

There were four women candidates, three Senatorial and one for the House of Representatives. Miss Vida Goldstein, who ran for the Senate in this State, polled some 50,000 votes out of about 900,000.

Many women declared when Miss Goldstein announced her candidacy that they would not vote for her because they were opposed to women running for Parliament; but it now appears that many of these exercised the feminine prerogative of changing their minds. The women nominees in New South Wales did not do even as well as Miss Goldstein. Miss Nellie A. Martin polled about 15,000 votes out of a total of about 900,000, and so did Mrs. Anna Moore-Bentley. Miss Selina Anderson, who ran for the House of Representatives in the Dalley district, which is made up of several suburbs of Sydney, polled 8,000 odd votes out of about 17,000 cast.

Under the Federal Election Law any nominee who fails to poll one-fifth as many votes as the leading nominee forfeits his or her required pre-election deposit of £25 to the Federal treasury. So the women assuredly did not profit peculiarly by their sounding of the temper of Australia electors toward possible women M.P.s.

Of course there were many funny incidents when the women went to the polls. Hundreds of mothers here and in Sydney brought their offspring to the polls, including, in many cases, offspring in arms. Policemen were asked by some of the mothers to hold their infants while they themselves discharged their duty as citizens.

Women marched up to returning officers in some booths and enquired: "I want to vote for Mr. Double Dash, how will I mark my paper to do that?" It is recorded of one woman that after she had marked her ballot she took it to the returning officer and holding it up before his astonished eyes asked:

"There, is that right, please?"

The official had to pause to read her a little lecture on the secrecy of the Australian ballot.

Though the daily papers had carefully explained by every means known to printing how ballots should be marked, hundreds of women either forgot the instructions of fathers, husbands, brothers and other male relations and those of the press, or else tried to do their own thing, and did the things which they should not have done, or left undone the things which they should have done.

But the testimony of the returning officers is that no more mistakes were made by women than by men, and that the women exhibited a sense of their responsibility and a knowledge of what they were about unlooked for and admirable.

One woman of more than ninety years in this State, and one of about the same age in New South Wales were among the voters. It is said that at some polling places, here and in Sydney, the women voters outnumbered the men voters by as much as two to one, but this is only conjectural. But there is no doubt that the women electors showed a most commendable zest in this important matter.

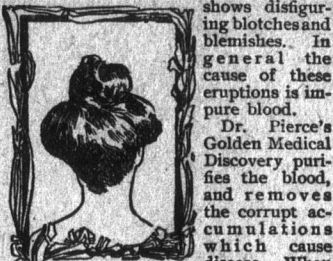
"My word!" a husband is reported as having said to a friend at a polling place, "my wife hustled me through breakfast in a brace of shakes and went off to vote at such a rate you could not see her heels for dust."

The polling places were so arranged that women voted upon one side of the room and men on the other. The Federal Election Law does not forbid persons from congregating about polling places, so it was a common sight to see party workers buttonholing voters right at the threshold.

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"And for the regulating of those who either by their former taking it have, to their apprehensions, made it necessary to them or upon due advice are persuaded to the use thereof, it is ordered that no man within this colony after the publication hereof shall take any tobacco publicly in the streets, highways or any barnyards or upon training days, in any open places, under the penalty of sixpence for each offense against this order in any of the particulars thereof, to be paid without gain saying, upon conviction by the testimony of one witness—that is, without just exception—before any one magistrate."

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LAST DUEL IN ONTARIO.

Death of the Widow of Late Hon. Justice Wilson Keenly Story.

The death in Toronto on February 12 of Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, widow of the late Hon. Mr. Justice John Wilson, of the Court of Common Pleas, who died June 3, 1869, revives an interesting story in a recent issue of The North Star.

Mrs. Wilson was a sister of His Honor Judge Hughes, of St. Thomas, who has just retired from the bench in his 84th year.

"What is known as the Wilson-Lyon duel was fought, on the 13th of June, 1833, known in Canadian history as 'The last duel fought in Ontario.' The quarrel between the two young men, principals in the tragic affair, was the outcome of rivalry for the affections of Miss Hughes, a young lady assistant in Miss Ackland's private school in Perth, and the result was the death of young Lyon by Wilson, both law students in the town at the time.

The duel was fought one bright June afternoon in a field on the banks of the Tay, beyond the Scotch line, on the farm now owned by Mr. Archibald McLaren, and the exact spot can yet be pointed out. Miss Hughes was a young English lady, daughter of a Unitarian minister, brought from England by the late Mr. Benjamin Workman, of Montreal. Her brother, Judge Hughes, recently retired, found his way to Perth, also, and in 1834 worked for a year or so in The Courier Office, then managed by the present ex-Sheriff Thompson. The young lady was a most attractive person, and some time after the duel was married to the survivor of the two combatants, Mr. John Wilson, who afterwards became quite an eminent lawyer in Toronto, then a Superior Court judge. He was a native of Scotland, and came with his parents when a child to Dalhousie, where there are still near relatives of the family. The Scotch line was the border line between the old districts of Bathurst and Johnstown, and when young Wilson was arrested for the death of Lyon he had to be taken to Brockville for trial, and underwent imprisonment of three months in jail there for his offence. It is said by some that at the first shots of the two duellists the pistols were loaded with powder alone, and there is no doubt that when the shots moved harmless both men wished to end the affair, but one of the seconds, De Lievre, insisted on a second trial, and this time the weapons were loaded with ball, and when the pistols were discharged young Lyon fell dying, shot through the heart. The headstone, with the inscription to the memory of Robert Lyon, who "fell in mortal combat," was erected at his grave, at the foot of the Radenhurst plot, by his friends, by the efforts of one of them, the late Mr. William Fraser, afterwards County Treasurer. This headstone is one of the historical features of the old Anglican burying-ground in Perth, and there are few people in town and vicinity but have seen and traced out the now dim outlines of the sad epitaph."



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One Case in Which Man Cannot Improve on Nature.

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"You know, shot is made by pouring a melted composition of lead and arsenic through a screen or from a big ladle with a serrated edge at the top of the tower and letting it fall into a tank of water. The drops of lead get perfectly round on their way down just like raindrops, and by the time they reach the water they are cold enough so they do not flatten out when they strike. Then the water finishes the cooling process."

"They have tried dropping the lead through a big tube, with a blast of cold air against the outside, and they have tried dropping it through glycerin, but none of these ways seems to work. Why can't they improve on it? Well, I suppose because the fellow who started making shot found the right way. It's just following the course that Nature takes in making ball, and I don't suppose they can beat her at her own game."

THE SAMOYEDS.

A Mongolian Race That Sometimes Resorts to Cannibalism.

Samoyeds, a race of Mongolians inhabiting the shores of the arctic ocean, maintain themselves by hunting and fishing. They make use of the same implements in bone and stone, besides cherishing the same superstitions, as were current in the stone age among the inhabitants of western Europe. They clothe themselves in reindeer skins. In fine weather they wear the hair outside, and when it is wet the tunic is reversed. This interesting race is gradually dying out owing partly to the scourge of smallpox which makes ravages among them and also to their fondness for raw spirits, which leads them to degradation and misery, as the Russian merchants take advantage of this to cheat them when bartering for valuable skins and walrus teeth. In fact, to such an extent do these traders dupe them that the Samoyeds sometimes are reduced to a state of famine and have recourse to cannibalism. This seems to account for the name Samoyed, which was given them by the Russians and which signifies in their language self eating. Every year in mid-June these queer looking people travel down in their reindeer sledges from Archangel to St. Petersburg and take up their abode temporarily on the frozen river Neva, where they build themselves circular huts composed of a framework of poles, over which are stretched reindeer skins. Here they traffic for the products of civilization.

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