

Two Japanese women, millionaire residents of Tokio, have gained the right to vote at municipal elections through their property qualifications.

A bill for \$14.55 for cigars used by a jury of men in Oroville, Cal., who were on duty 22 hours, has been held up, and referred back to the judge. The sheriff had O. K.'d the bill. Probably Oroville has paid such bills in past times. But imagine what would have been said if a jury of women had sent in a bill of \$14.55 for candy consumed in a day.

CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S WORK

Much has been said about the good legislation passed by the last California Legislature. A group of prominent California women have now collected some concrete instances of the useful local work that women have accomplished in their own towns and cities since they got a vote. Here are some of the interesting facts given in the recent "suffrage issue" of the Woman's Bulletin of Los Angeles—a few out of many:

Two Women on Health Board

In San Buenaventura, the President and Secretary of the Board of Health are women. The women voters have secured additional funds for parks, playgrounds and education, and have improved the street cleaning and garbage collection. No license was carried last September.

Start Municipal Market

In Pasadena, "the Shakespeare Club, membership 600, has a strong civics committee that has succeeded in establishing a municipal market." The city has no saloons, and only a hotel restaurant license, strictly enforced. A proposed very drastic prohibition ordinance was voted down.

South Pasadena has voted \$90,000 for school bonds. "The interest in the bonds was slight until the women's organizations showed the necessity of the additional funds for the schools. The passage of the bonds is credited entirely to the women's campaign."

Secure New Prison

In Santa Monica, a group of women were asked to serve as an advisory board to the Mayor. They called the attention of the citizens and the Grand Jury to the highly unsanitary state of the city jail, and got it condemned and a modern building erected.

San Gabriel last September defeated an ordinance proposing to grant hotel and restaurant licenses (some of them close to the Mission Play House). "Nearly every woman elector cast her ballot."

Santa Barbara carried overwhelmingly a bond issue for a water works tunnel, abolished retail saloons and restaurant licenses, but permitted hotels to serve liquor with meals.

In Bakersfield the women helped to vote \$2,500,000 for good roads. They are co-operating to an unusual degree with the juvenile court. "A partial canvass of the vote showed the women proportionately outvoting the men, but that is probably not true of the entire city."

Polls Are Improved

In Los Angeles, "before suffrage was granted to women, election booths were located in barber shops, the lobbies of cheap hotels, barns, livery stables and other undesirable places. In the election of June 3, 1913, polling places included 64 school houses, 3 church buildings, 2 club houses, 2 libraries, 2 high-class hotels and 122 tents."

The women's organizations have helped to carry bonds for harbor improvements and a trunk line for the aqueduct, and they conduct a widespread educational work.

Best Women Vote

In San Francisco, Judge Weller has been retired, the "Barbary Coast" cleaned up, and \$5,000,000 of Civic Centre bonds voted. "Women worked for these bonds and are generally credited with carrying them." Municipal Railway bonds, for which several women's organizations campaigned vigorously, were carried also. "The vote was very heavy in the residence districts and light along the waterfront and through the undesirable district."