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Illinois Suffrage Struggle Succeeds After 58 Years

Mrs. Catharine Waugh McCulloch Tells of Success After Years of Failure.

FAIRNESS TO PREVAIL

They Will Study Important Questions and Decide Them According to Their Own Viewpoint.

Catharine Waugh McCulloch.

By Catharine Waugh McCulloch.

The awful thirty years' war in Germany for religious liberty was a brief affair compared to the fifty-eight years of peaceful warfare in Illinois for woman's political liberty. In 1855, in Earlville, was organized the first suffrage association here of which we have any record.

Before that time and afterward many great eastern leaders like Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, William Dudley Foulke, Henry B. Blackwell, Lucy Stone and Anna Dickinson lectured throughout the state. It also is true that even before 1830 Abraham Lincoln declared himself for woman suffrage in these words: "I go for all sharing in the privileges of government who assist in bearing its burdens, by no means excluding women."

First in 1855.

Other great men and women personally believed in suffrage, so there were scattered organizations in various places in Illinois following the first one in 1855, until in 1869 these scattered organizations formed the Illinois Equal Suffrage association, with Mary A. Livermore, later of Boston, its first president. Through these years and up to 1891 a constant effort was made to obtain complete woman's suffrage through constitutional amendment without asking any fragment of suffrage by bill.

At that time Thomas C. MacMillan championed in the senate a school suffrage bill which many feared might be declared unconstitutional. He pushed this through the senate, and Dr. H. M. Moore, a member of the third party, secured its passage in the house. Several supreme court decisions relating to the various fragments of school suffrage finally established his proposition: That while the legislature has no power to extend suffrage rights to women for offices mentioned in the constitution, it did have power to extend suffrage to women for offices not mentioned in the constitution, whose positions had been created by the legislature.

Wanted Township Suffrage.

So on the succeeding session in 1893 in addition to our regular appeal for a constitutional amendment for full enfranchisement we presented a bill asking for township suffrage, about the smallest thing, and the next step forward. R. W. Coon of Waukegan passed it through the senate and we had hopes of carrying it through the lower house, but the dilatory tactics began then which followed for twenty years and we were unable to get a vote on that measure in the house.

From then we have had a variety of suffrage bills introduced, as well as the constitutional amendments. This large suffrage bill which has now passed was first introduced about 1895 or 1897.

At special sessions of the legislature we would have bills adapted to come in under the provisions of the governor's call. At one special session in 1898 concerning taxation, George H. Munroe of Joliet introduced a bill to exempt women's property from taxation until they had the right of suffrage. This made fine propaganda for the newspapers. At a recent special session concerning primary elections and commission form of government we asked that women might vote at all primary elections and at every election relating to commission form of government.

Some said this was absurd, to give us a vote at primaries, when we did not have a vote at the regular elections. We readily pointed out to them that this absurdity could easily be removed by full enfranchisement.

Other senators who presented measures and nearly brought them to success were D. A. Campbell, O. T. Berry, E. C. Curtis, John C. McKenzie, Charles Billings, James Gibson, William M. Brown and H. M. Dunlap. Senator Billings had twenty-five votes, lacking only one in 1909 for this bill which has now succeeded, and Senator Brown last session carried a similar bill through the senate, with, however, a referendum clause attached, which was not desired by the suffragists.

Lost by One.

The splendid struggle for municipal suffrage for women in the Chicago charter, when delegates from women's organizations aggregating a membership of 100,000 asked this measure of justice, was only defeated at first by one majority, and this charter, without woman suffrage, did not receive the assistance of women and so was defeated by the Chicago voters at the polls.

Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, Miss Jane Addams and Mrs. Ella Stewart were the suffrage leaders in this effort and in the one which followed in 1909, when the suffrage proposition received a majority in charter convention, but went to defeat in the legislature. The woman's suffrage part of the recommended charter provisions received more votes than any other portion. Our efforts in 1912 at the Chicago primaries and our canvass for petitions last summer brought us many friends, though not quite enough.

Illinois has been blessed with noble, talented and cultivated women for its state suffrage presidents. The one who was longest president was Mrs. Mary E. Holmes, who held office for five years beginning in 1884 and then for seven years, from 1890 to 1897. Other presidents were Mrs. Elizabeth Boynton Harbert, who was first elected in 1876 and altogether held office ten years; Julia Mills Dunne of Moline, who was president about three years; Elizabeth F. Long of Barry, Rev. Kate Hughes of Table Grove, Dr. Marion K. Bowles of Joliet, Mrs. C. W. McCulloch and Mrs. Elvira Downey of Clinton, who held office for one year each.

During Mrs. Holmes' presidency up to 1897, the state association was in a flourishing condition and had many auxiliaries. During the years of many succeeding presidencies the woman's club movement sprang up, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union took the time and the interest of many women, so that many suffrage associations languished and died.

Mrs. Stewart Elected.

Then in 1906 the youngest state president of all, Mrs. Ella S. Stewart, was elected. For six years, without salary and with a harmonious though not wealthy board, she brought the state work up from a discouraged, forlorn condition to one of importance and prominence. She raised the money for state headquarters. She obtained a $9-a-week stenographer; she and Dr. Anna E. Blount put in $100 worth of books and leaflets to start the literature work, which last year printed for Illinois readers over 1,000,000 leaflets.

It was Mrs. Stewart who encouraged the summer suffrage auto tours, beginning with the 1910. She loaned her family auto for a month of work. She probably prides herself most of all on having discovered Miss Harriet Grimm, a talented orator, at the University of Chicago, who has since been in constant demand in Illinois and campaign states as a suffrage organiser and orator. Miss Grimm was

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PLAY DIRECTOR IS CHOSEN FOR NORTH EVANSTON

Miss Lucy S. Bradford Will Supervise Playground Activities at Central Street Grounds This Summer.

ASSUMES DUTIES AT ONCE

Gymnastic Festival This Fall Probably Will Be Held to Show Training Secured in Vacation Athletic Work.

The playground committee of North Evanston at its monthly meeting authorized a sub-committee to engage the service of Miss Lucy Semple Bradford as the director of the playground activities which will be conducted this summer on the grounds at Central street school.

Miss Bradford is well qualified for the work. She attended school in Chicago, graduated from the high school at Springfield, Ill., attended the Hyde Park high school three years and graduated from the New York normal school. She was athletic instructor for girls at the New York high schools and conducted settlement work in that city for two years.

During the summer of 1911 she organized playground work at Springfield, Ill., and during the season of 1911 and 1912 was the physical director for girls and teacher of dancing for boys at the "Educational Alliance" in New York City. The last year Miss Bradford was the physical director and teacher of dancing at the Isabel Lowden School of Physical Education and Expression at Omaha, Nebraska.

Will Assume Duties Wednesday.

Miss Bradford will assume her duties in Evanston Wednesday and will continue in the work until the opening of the public schools in September.

The grounds at the Central street school will be resurfaced and put in first-class condition this week. Until that is accomplished play activities will be conducted in the small park near by.

Miss Bradford's work will be for girls of all ages and for the younger boys. The playground will be open from 9 o'clock in the morning until noon and in the afternoon from 2:30 until 5:30 or 6 o'clock. Two evenings of the week the grounds will probably remain open until 7 o'clock. The mothers are expected to visit the grounds and are invited to take their sewing.

Gymnastic Festival in Fall.

The work during the summer will be planned with a view to a gymnastic festival of some sort for the fall closing, which will be expected to exhibit the various kinds of work accomplished during the summer.

The playground committee expects to announce soon the name of the male instructor who will be engaged to train the boys above the age of those who will use the Central street grounds. A field will be provided for these boys and it is likely that the two endeavors will vie with each other in an effort to make the best showing for the festival in the fall.

The committee has mailed literature to many of the people of the district and has circulated leaflets through the school children and the newspapers and anybody who has not already sent in a subscription to defray the expenses of the summer is invited to do so now. John C. Harding, 2406 Pioneer road, is the treasurer.

AUTOMOBILE SMASHUP NEAR "DEATH TRAP"

A. G. Moller, 2444 Surrey street, Chicago, was the victim of an automobile smashup near the "death trap" viaduct, Ridge avenue and Emerson street, last night shortly before 8 o'clock, and as a result is hunting for the owner of Illinois state automobile

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Quits City Position to Accept Old Job

Robert H. McColl.

Mayor James Russell Smart has received the resignation of Robert H. McColl as city collector. Mr. McColl's reason for quitting the service of the city is that he has received a flattering offer to fill a permanent position with the Northwestern Gas, Light and Coke company, of which he was an employe previous to accepting the city appointment, for some twenty odd years.

The resignation will be accepted, and tomorrow evening at the council meeting, the mayor will name his successor. Though the letter of resignation from Mr. McColl was received by the mayor some ten days ago, the fact was not mentioned in The News, owing to a request from the mayor that the information be withheld for the time being.

Several men have been mentioned for the position to fill the shoes of Mr. McColl, though the mayor declines to state whom he will appoint. Rumor has it that A. F. Bull, who for many years has served as Evanston manager of the American Express company, will be the man named. "I have nothing to say," was the only information forthcoming from that individual when the question was put to him point blank this morning by a representative of The News.

The position carries with it a salary of $2,400. Mr. McColl has held the office less than two months, having been appointed by Mayor Smart to succeed Harold Pynchon, an appointee of ex-Mayor Joseph E. Paden.

EVANSTON ATTORNEY MAY GET APPOINTMENT

Announcement was made in dispatches from Washington, D. C., yesterday that United State Senator James Hamilton Lewis had recommended the appointment of Allen C. Carter, son of Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court Orrin N. Carter of Evanston, as assistant United States attorney in the Chicago office. The appointment will not be made until Senator Lewis makes up his mind concerning the recommendation for dismissal of the present Republican incumbents of the appointive positions.

Mr. Carter is a republican and according to the Washington dispatch is to be named one of the appointees with a democrat attorney of Chicago.

ONE MORE.

One more bicycle to be added to the long list stolen in Evanston within the last two weeks, was reported taken from A. Johnson, an employe of the United States Express company, Saturday afternoon. The wheel was taken from the rear of the express office, 1563 Sherman avenue.

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FIRE MARSHAL IS INSPECTING ALL BUILDINGS

At Request of Mayor Smart, the Head of the Fire Department Is Now Inspecting All Public Places.

TO GIVE COMPLETE REPORT

When This Is Received, Those Who Are Not Complying With the Law Will Be Asked to Remedy Conditions at Once.

Mayor Smart has ordered a thorough inspection of all schools, churches and public buildings in the city to be made by the fire marshal to see if they are complying with the fire ordinance.

In a letter to Fire Marshal Carl Harrison the mayor has asked him to make an inspection of all such buildings and to report to him on the conditions he finds.

The marshal now is following out the order of the chief executive, and a report is expected soon.

The Letter.

The following is the letter to the fire marshal:

"Carl Harrison, Esq.,

"Care Evanston Fire Department,

"Evanston, Ill.

"Dear Sir:—I wish you would make an inspection as soon as possible of all of the halls, churches, schools and places of amusement, or any places where public meetings are held, to see if the city ordinances are complied with so far as your department is concerned.

"We have had one or two new theaters recently opened in Evanston, and I understand they have complied with the ordinances. I think, however, it might be well at this time to inspect all of the various places, so that if there is any violation it can be discovered before a fire occurs, rather than afterwards.

"Kindly give this matter your early attention, and report the condition as soon as possible.

"Yours very truly,

"James R. Smart, Mayor."

Not Safe.

In commenting on his actions to a representative of The News, Mr. Smart said that a number of public buildings in Evanston are not properly equipped with fire escapes and that some of the buildings on the interior do not conform with the requirements of the city.

"I am getting at this matter right at the start of my administration," said the mayor today, "for the reason that I do not want to be held responsible for any catastrophe that might occur. If there are violations of the law I want to know it. If conditions are not right, I will see that the proper persons are notified and that the necessary improvements are made.

Wants Complete Report.

"In my inspection of the public schools last week I found many things that should not exist. I have asked the marshal for a complete report. When this is received, I will take immediate action on it and see that every building in the city is made safe. This is my duty. Should a fire start here in one of the public buildings and result in the loss of life I would feel morally responsible. For this reason I have ordered the inspection so that the blame, should there be any blame to place, shall rest on the person responsible."

Marshal Harrison said this morning that he thought his report would be ready within ten days. He refused to comment on the conditions he has found so far.

SEVEN SPEED OFFENDERS ARRESTED IN TWO DAYS

Seven offenders of the motor vehicle law were arrested Saturday afternoon and Sunday in Evanston. Heading the list was Harold Buck, 16 years old, son of Dr. J. P. Buck, 1151 La Salle avenue, Chicago, who was taken by Officer Arthur Johnston on a

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Suffrage Demonstration Was Greatest in Evanston's History

William C. Levere.

Thousands Gathered in Fountain Square Saturday Night to Take Part in Jubilee.

LEVERE AN ORGANIZER

Mrs. McCulloch's Wit and Clever Comment on Words of Speakers Kept Great Crowd Happy.

The largest public demonstration in the history of Evanston took place in Fountain square Saturday night, when the citizens turned out en masse to pay their tribute of respect to the victorious suffrage leaders and to rejoice with them over their great victory of last week, when the women of Illinois were granted limited suffrage by the state legislature.

Though the suffrage leaders did not arrive at the square until long after 8 o'clock, Davis street was packed by 7 o'clock with thousands of men, women and children anxious to get a close glimpse of Mrs. McCulloch and the other leaders who have done so much in the interest of the women of the state, and to hear the men slated to speak compliment them on their victory.

Late in Starting.

The parade, which started at Orrington avenue and Noyes street, in front of the McCulloch home, was late in getting under headway owing to the late arrival of Mrs. McCulloch in the city following her return from the state capital, where she had gone Friday to take part in the big demonstration at Springfield.

But when the parade did begin to move everyone knew it. A glare of red light shooting up into the sky was the signal of the start. This continued until the parade arrived at Fountain square, the sky during all the time of march being illuminated by fireworks set off by young men engaged for the occasion by William C. Levere, who rode in the first automobile and directed the discharge of sky rockets, sparklers and Roman candles.

With the arrival of the McCulloch machine in the square, a mighty shout went up that could be heard for blocks. This was intensified when the popular framer of the bill mounted the rear seat of the machine, which stood at the corner of Orrington avenue and Davis street, by the ringing of bells and the tooting of automobile horns.

Told of Success.

After the bedlam had subsided, she made a few remarks, telling of the success of the bill, and then introduced President A. W. Harris of Northwestern university, whose talk was highly complimentary to the women of the state and to Mrs. McCulloch in particular. Following Dr. Harris, Mayor James Russell Smart was called upon, and he was followed on the "stump" by the Rev. George Whiteside, Alderman Frank P. Dyche, Hon. William C. Levere, Judge Thomas C. Clark, Alderman Peter Hummelgaard, Alderman James Turnock, A. B. Dale, A. H. Bowman and James Duthie, president of the Evanston Commercial association.

As each speaker arose in the automobile, cheer after cheer was set up. Mrs. McCulloch acted as master of ceremonies and kept the large crowd, which remained until the last speaker had completed his remarks, in the best of humor by her witty remarks and clever comment on the words of the different speakers.

Passed Resolution.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, she asked for a vote upon a resolution asking the mayor to write to the members of the legislature who supported the bill, expressing the thanks of the city of Evanston for their action. Naturally, the resolution met with unanimous approval and was carried.

The parade and fireworks was made possible through the efforts of William C. Levere, who early Saturday morning started a petition in circulation for the purpose of obtaining funds for obtaining a band and the purchase of fireworks. The [illegible] were generous in responding to the call and a sum necessary for the success of the affair was quickly [illegible]. Owners of automobiles [illegible] tributed their cars to the procession at the request of Mr. Levere.

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Editor Evanston News:

May I, through The News, express my personal thanks and the thanks of the Evanston suffragists to Mayor James Russell Smart, to President A. W. Harris of our great university, to Saturday night's speakers, Alderman Frank B. Dyche, Rev. Geo. Whiteside, Hon. Wm. C. Levere, Appellate Court Judge Thomas C. Clark, Secretary A. B. Dale, Alderman P. T. Hummelgaard, Editor Albert H. Bowman and Alderman James Turnock, for our great suffrage jubilee; to Mrs. Dwight H. Perkins, Mrs. Charles M. Cartwright and Mrs. L. E. Raymond hearty thanks for bringing into Chicago early Saturday morning three automobiles full of Evanston women to greet the returning Springfield workers?

Thanks Citizens.

We thank the generous citizens, who, under Mr. Levere, arranged for the fireworks, the band and the procession. The Boy Scouts and the Camp Fire Girls were unique and pleasing features of this great suffrage demonstration and to them hearty thanks. Our police, accustomed, as they are, to handling our great and expected crowds at the musical festival, were not at all daunted by this unexpected, record-breaking crowd in the heart of the city. If it were not for losing them from Evanston, they should be sent to the city of Washington to teach that chief of police how to handle a suffrage crowd.

We suffragists also greatly appreciate the enthusiasm of the thousands of our citizens, who patiently stood for hours, some from 7 o'clock until 10, waiting for and listening to the speeches. The band serenading our homes, the tremendous crowds and the great enthusiasm was about the greatest surprise of my life.

Will Study

We women voters, in gratitude for our enfranchisement, will study faithfully about our new duties so that the men of Evanston will never regret that we are to be by their side at the ballot box, as we have been in the church and in the home.

Catharine Waugh McCulloch.

DRIVER INJURED WHEN TEAM MAKES DASH

William Derunich, 1607 Maple avenue, a driver employed by the Parmelee Transfer company, suffered severe injury to his right knee and other bruises about the body yesterday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock, when he was thrown from an express wagon in a runaway accident at the Main street subway. He was taken to his home in the police patrol.

A break in the wagon caused one wheel to leave the vehicle and in the crash Derunich was thrown heavily to the pavement. The horse took fright and ran away up Main street at a mad speed. Luckily Patrolman Bernard Siegele was at the street intersection at Chicago avenue and stopped the animal before any further damage was done.