

Mayors of Five States

RECOMMEND
MUNICIPAL
SUFFRAGE
FOR
WOMEN

INTRODUCTION.

Letters of inquiry as to the results of municipal woman suffrage were addressed to the mayors of cities in the five States where women enjoy municipal suffrage, viz., Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho and Kansas.

The women of Australia, Finland, New Zealand, Tasmania, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Natal, S. A., Canada and the British Isles also have this privilege, but the opinions of the officers of cities in these commonwealths was not asked, because of their distance.

One hundred and forty mayors replied.

Selections from these letters are arranged in alphabetical order under each State heading. Practically unanimous in favor of woman suffrage was the testimony.

If these replies had all told a different story, if they had stated that few women voted, that these few were corrupted and easily bribed, that polling places were unfit for refined persons to enter, that worse men were elected, that women had no interest in law and order and were not public spirited, that the bad women voters outnumbered the good, if such had been the universal consensus of opinion we might well hesitate about enfranchising women. But now we can continue urging enfranchisement, confident other women

will be as true as the women of the five favored States.

LETTER SENT TO MAYORS.

DEAR SIR:—We shall be under great obligations to you if you will tell us briefly of the results of municipal woman suffrage in your city.

1. Do women vote in considerable numbers?
2. Are they corrupted by their participation in elections?
3. Are the polling booths generally located in places fit for women to enter?
4. Is there more or is there less bribery and corruption in elections?
5. Are better or worse men elected to office?
6. Are women generally in favor of law and order?
7. Do they take an intelligent interest in municipal affairs?
8. Are they public spirited and ready to rally to the support of upright and honorable men of progressive views?
9. Are there enough "bad women" voters to be a menace?
10. Do you recommend woman suffrage in cities?

Thanking you in advance for your trouble in replying, I am,

Yours truly,

CATHARINE WAUGH McCULLOCH,

WYOMING LETTERS.

Women secured complete suffrage in 1869.

W. S. Collins, Mayor of Basin and President of Big Horn County Irrigation Company.—For the twenty-one years I have lived in Wyoming women have voted at all elections. Husband and wife, father and daughter, brother and sister go to the polls together, as to any other meeting. If any man should locate a polling place where a woman should not go, that man would have short shrift. Woe unto any man who would show anything but respect to a woman at the polls. The polls are as much protected as the fireside. Women vote for men they deem best, often splitting the ticket, so that now all parties endeavor to put up their best men. Women read of state affairs, know what their congressmen are doing, favor law and order, and ennoble the men voters. Bad women trouble good women no more at the polls than they do at the bargain counter or theater. I most heartily recommend woman suffrage everywhere.

Alvin Bennett, Mayor of Buffalo.—I have been a close observer for eighteen years of the effects of women suffrage in Wyoming and often think women display more intelligence, use better judgment and have more interest in exercising the right of franchise than have men. They

take a very decided and intelligent interest in all municipal elections. I recommend woman suffrage.

D. W. Gill, Mayor of Cheyenne.—As big a per cent of women voters turn out as of men. They are not corrupted by their participation in elections and there is less bribery and corruption. Polling booths are located in the best places in the precincts and are as orderly as a dry goods, grocery or clothing store. They are public spirited and ready to rally to the support of upright and honorable men of progressive views and on moral issues take a stand without fear or favor. There are not enough "bad women" voters to be a menace. These are my convictions after watching the workings of equal suffrage during the twenty-three years of my residence in this city.

C. S. Baker, Mayor of Evanston.—The female vote is nearly as large as the male vote in proportion to numbers. Women are not corrupted and I have not heard of a single case of bribery. Women use their judgment in casting their votes and are seldom coerced. I strongly recommend woman suffrage.

Hugo F. Gaensslen, Mayor of Green River.—On account of equal suffrage, elections in Wyoming are better conducted than many I witnessed in states where women do not vote. We have many women

taxpayers who attend primaries as well as elections. Great care is taken to place in nomination only such men and women as will command the support of the women voters. Women vote in considerable numbers and the percentage is nearly as great as that of the male voters. Better men are elected to office. Not enough bad women voters, if any, to change results for the worse. I heartily recommend equal rights and privileges to women.

Joseph B. McKee, Mayor of Laramie.—The women are alive to their opportunity in casting their ballots both in regard to municipal and national affairs. They are public spirited, favor law and order, and have a keen perception for honorable, upright and progressive candidates. Their lively interest in elections tends to lessen corruption and elevates the standard of elections in this state. Polling booths are always erected in clean and suitable places. I heartily endorse woman suffrage.

A. Kendall, Mayor of Rock Springs.—Woman suffrage is an unquestioned success in Wyoming, and it is a progressive move to try to have it incorporated in the new Chicago City Charter. The women take a proper interest in politics and candidates, and turn out at the polls proportionately with the men. Women are not as venal as men, and there is no attempt to corrupt them. The influence of woman suffrage is in the right direction—better

men for office and purer morals and elections. It may seem quite an innovation, but it is but a question of a short time, if you get the provision in your charter, when you will see the benefit derived by a general improvement in candidates and movements for the betterment of the city. You are making no mistake.

WYOMING.

Tabulated list of answers to 10 questions:

	Recom- mend.	10	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Bad Women Menace.	9	No	"	No	"	No	"	"
	Public Spirited.	8	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Intelligent Interest.	7	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Favor Law.	6	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Officials Elected.	5	Better	"	"	"	Better	"	"
	Bribery.	4	Less	"	"	"	Less	"	"
	Fit Polling Booths.	3	Yes	"	"	"	Yes	"	"
	Corruption	2	No	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Numbers.	1	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"
CITY.			Cheyenne.....		Laramie.....		Evanston.....		Basin.....
			Buffalo.....		Green River.....		Rock Springs...		

COLORADO LETTERS.

Women received school suffrage in 1876 and full suffrage in 1893.

Lou R. Johnston, Mayor of Boulder.— It gives me pleasure to bear testimony to the wholesome influence which woman's suffrage lends to our politics. In state, county, or city elections women are as keenly alive to the situation as men and even more so at times. Corruption is almost unknown and booths are located in unobjectionable places. Men and women cast their votes in the most decorous manner and depart about their business. To bribe a woman is a task. You will find them true to their ideas of right. Bad women are no menace to good government. I recommend woman suffrage. She is better qualified to vote than a man who has just arrived in the country or one who has no moral sense of the responsibilities of American citizenship.

W. H. Briggles, Mayor of Breckenridge. Women vote in considerable numbers, are not corrupted by their participation in elections and better men are elected to office. Women take an intelligent interest in municipal affairs and I find them always ready to rally to the support of upright and honorable men and women.

H. W. Williams, Mayor of Buena Vista.— The ladies vote quite fully and freely, are in favor of good government and not

quite as susceptible to purchase as the male sex. I would recommend that women be given all the opportunities of suffrage. They will use the privilege to greater advantage for the community than is done by the opposite sex. The great bulk of the foreign element who have the suffrage are almost totally unfit to vote in a republic and not educated to our needs as are our own native women.

Mr. Low of the Cambria Fuel Company, Cambria.—Women here vote in considerable numbers, and our pooling booths are located in places where women can enter without the least inconvenience.

T. B. Coulter, Mayor of Canon City.—I have lived in the State ever since the right of suffrage has been granted to women (1893), and it is a good thing. Women almost universally vote here. They are not corrupted by participating in elections. Better men are elected to office. Women are always in favor of law and order and take an intelligent interest in municipal affairs. Always you can count on the women for any good work.

John F. Murray, Mayor of Colorado City.—Women vote in Colorado at all elections and on all questions decided by elections. Women are not corrupted by participating in elections, but there seems as much corruption as before. I never saw a polling place that was not as orderly as

our post offices. I see no reason why women should not vote at all elections, as they are as well educated as the men, and hold property in their names, and should be given the privilege of voting to protect their interests in the country. The women's vote is generally polled as closely as the men's.

Geo P. Wilson, Mayor of Del Norte.—I have watched the result of woman suffrage since its adoption in 1893. Woman suffrage has aided in placing better men in office than under the old masculine rule. A man must now possess a good moral character to gain positions within the gift of the people. The women are for purity in politics and for good government. They give an atmosphere of decency and respectability to the voting places. Our women take as much interest in the elections as do the men, and exercise their right of citizenship with equal, if not better, intelligence than the men. As the pure mother purifies the home, so her influence purifies society.

Robert W. Speer, Mayor of Denver.—Woman suffrage has been an important factor for morality and better government in this state. Besides it does away with the injustice of taxation without representation.

Charles E. McConnell, Mayor of Durango.—Women vote in about the same numerical numbers as do the men and are

not corrupted by their participation in elections. Women are in favor of law and order and take considerable interest in municipal affairs. They show as much intelligence as the men. The "bad woman" vote cuts but little figure here. It goes with the saloon and gambling element vote.

J. B. Farnsworth, Mayor of Fort Morgan.—The presence of women at the polls is a godsend to the country and city wherein they cast their vote. Our women turn out fully better than the men and take more interest for better officials. In the elections they are treated with all due respect, and make election day one of pleasure instead of one of riot and drunkenness. Better men are elected to office.

C. W. Bomgardner, Mayor of La Junta.—I am in favor of equal suffrage rights to women. Their vote is more apt to be cast for reform and good government than for the hobo and gambler.

H. C. Rose, Mayor of Leadville.—I am in favor of woman's suffrage on all propositions, Municipal, County, State and Government. The women vote in considerable numbers and are not corrupted by participation in elections. There is no bribery and no corruption in women's voting at any election. Better men are elected. If woman suffrage should become a part of our political system you need have no fears of the results. As women

have always acted for the best interests of the young, why not for the betterment of man? The women's vote is always a patriotic vote. If with you there is seldom a majority vote of men except at presidential elections, then would it not be better to add the woman's patriotic vote to that of the men who are interested in good government?

C. A. Bradley, Mayor of Longmont.—Women do vote in large numbers and bribery is unknown. Better men are elected to office, and through the franchise given to women, all the towns in this part of the state, Berthand, Loveland, Fort Collins, Greeley and Longmont, are temperance towns and the law is well enforced. It is through the influence of the women that the politics of the state is fast gaining ground in the right direction and it will be but a few years until we have one of the cleanest states in the Union.

E. E. Nichols, Manitou.—Women vote in considerable numbers and have been the means of purifying our politics. Majority are in favor of law and order, and a large majority act and vote intelligently.

John Gray, Mayor of Montrose.—We believe in municipal suffrage for woman, because we believe that eventually she will be led to realize what she can do and will be more active than she now is. When women have acquired some practi-

cal ideas of business and politics they will use their influence at the caucuses and conventions as well as voting at the polls. I believe that woman's influence tends to good, and that after she has become familiar with public affairs she will be able to make her influence felt. She has not been in a position before calling upon her intellectual resources, and this is the first step in that direction. It is the necessary step. Bad women cut no important figure. They do not turn out at elections.

Frank P. Tanner, Mayor of Ouray.—A very large percentage of the women vote regularly at each election. The polling places are in every way fit and proper for women to enter and vote. They are very keenly in favor of law and order, and take an intelligent interest in all municipal affairs. They use good judgment in supporting the best candidates. I favor woman suffrage in all cities.

Robert M. Pollock, Mayor of Rocky Ford.—Woman's suffrage is very satisfactory in every way. Women almost universally vote, and politics are raised to a higher level. The elections are held with less bribery and corruption, and better men are elected. Bad women are no menace.

N. W. Meigs, Mayor of Salida.—Women vote in large numbers and are not corrupted. They take an interest in municipal

affairs and support good men for office.

COLORADO.

Tabulated list of answers to the ten questions:

CITY	Answers to 10 questions									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Numbers.	Corruption.	Fit Polling Booths.	Bribery.	Officials Elected.	Favor Law.	Intelligent Interest.	Public Spirited.	Bad Women Menace.	Recommend.
Boulder	Yes	No	Yes	Less	Better	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Breckenridge	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Buena Vista	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Cambria	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Canon City	"	Yes	"	Less	Better	Yes	Yes	"	No	Yes
Colorado City	"	"	"	Same	Same	"	"	"	"	"
Del Norte	"	"	"	Less	Better	"	"	"	"	"
Denver	"	"	"	Letter of general approval.	Letter of general approval.	"	"	"	"	"
Durango	Yes	No	Yes	Same	Same	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Fort Morgan	"	"	"	Yes	Yes	"	"	"	"	"
La Junta	"	"	"	Yes	"	"	"	"	No	"
Leadville	Yes	"	Yes	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"
Longmont	"	"	"	"	Better	"	"	"	"	No
Manitou	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Yes
Montrose	"	"	"	Same	"	"	"	"	"	"
Ouray	"	"	"	"	Same	"	Soon	"	"	"
Rocky Ford	"	"	"	Less	Better	"	Yes	"	"	"
Salida	"	"	"	Same	Same	"	"	"	"	"

IDAHO LETTERS.

Women secured full suffrage in 1896.

James A. Pinney, Mayor of Boise City.—Woman suffrage has proved an entire benefit not only to the community but to the women in giving them a clearer and more accurate understanding of municipal affairs in which they are or should be vitally interested. Women generally avail themselves of this privilege. At a recent municipal election forty-five per cent of the entire vote was cast by women. The polls are in comfortable rooms and entirely orderly. Women receive no more ill effects than from going to pay their taxes or visiting a public school room. A man of bad character would be certain of defeat by the woman's vote. Women take an active part in all branches of suffrage, attending caucuses, serving as election officers and going as delegates to conventions. The vote of "bad women" is small and generally found to be cast for a law and order candidate.

D. Raymond, Chairman of Village Board of Trustees, Blackfoot.—The women vote in proportion to the men. Fewer professional politicians and more good citizens are elected. Women are our best citizens and cannot be corrupted.

R. S. Madden, Mayor of Caldwell.—The vote of women means cleaner politics for Idaho. Thirty to forty per cent of the

votes cast are by women. The political atmosphere is noticeably purer. No campaign orator in a stump speech dares to tell a story or utter a sentiment that is lewd.

E. Hagen, Mayor of Emmett.—Women vote in considerable numbers, are public-spirited and rally to the support of upright men.

J. B. Scarborough, Mayor of Franklin.—There is no good reason why women should not have the right to vote. It has a tendency to purify politics. Woman suffrage in Idaho is all right.

T. Driscoll, Mayor of Genesee.—Women generally vote and are not injured in the least. Less money is used in campaigning where women vote. I favor woman suffrage.

Fen Batty, Mayor of Grangeville.—Women vote in considerable numbers, always favor law and order regardless of politics. On a bond election recently for the purpose of buying a water system, the city would have lost if the women had not come to the front. Not enough bad women to be a menace.

H. R. Pluzhoff, Chairman Board of Trustees Hailey. Woman suffrage is a complete success and I recommend it.

Wayne S. Bridgeman, Mayor of Harrison.—Ladies with few exceptions vote. Elections are usually held in the opera

house. Woman suffrage has greatly improved conditions here.

J. A. Fenton, Mayor of Meridian.—All the women able to get out turn out strong and vote. While the effect is somewhat disappointing yet they are as good or better than a great many men, and should have a voice in saying who shall represent them.

William M. Morgan, Mayor of Moscow.—The common argument against equal suffrage that the ballot will have a debasing influence, that only bad women vote and that ladies will be liable to indignities at the polls, is entirely without foundation in fact. No candidate dares cater to the "bad women" vote and they are not a menace. No party dares nominate a candidate of known bad morals.

Adam Aulbach, of Murray.—I have no reason to regret being one of the original supporters of the woman suffrage movement in Idaho. Women vote almost universally. In cities in this county, women take an intelligent interest in municipal affairs.

R. W. Purdum, Mayor of Nampa.—Women suffrage in Idaho has come to stay. All political parties are now compelled to nominate clean men. Caucusing now is to decide on a candidate whom the ladies can say nothing against. Our polling booths are in proper places and they are clean.

R. E. Haynes, Mayor of Payette.—Woman suffrage is the gateway to civic purity and I recommend it with all my heart. A large per cent of our women are regular voters. The individual dignity of women is strengthened thereby.

H. Elmore Frey, M. D., of Pierce.—Ninety per cent of the ladies vote in city and county. Women serve with credit in official capacity. Woman suffrage is preventing gambling, drunkenness and crime among the citizens of our mining camps, where we have the toughest element in the United States. I have seen them close dives and saloons that the sheriffs and United States marshals could not by simply posting notices on the doors.

W. H. Cleare, Mayor of Pocatello.—Women vote as generally as do the men, and take an interest in municipal affairs, when they touch their homes and children.

John L. Jacobs, Mayor of Rexburg.—Women have voted in good numbers. Women always vote for good morals and men to support them. Suffrage is the right of every woman citizen.

James G. Gwinn, Mayor of St. Anthony.—The most refined woman may cast her ballot without coming in contact with anything distasteful. I never knew a woman to yield or use bribery or corrup-

tion. Women of Idaho seem to be more in favor of law and order and social morality than men are.

W. M. Duthil, Mayor of Troy.—Two thirds of the women vote and are not corrupted. Polling places are two hundred per cent better than before women voted.

Sherman J. Rossi, Mayor of Wallace.—Women are not corrupted by voting. They are public spirited and intelligent in voting upon all questions of public interest. I am heartily in favor of equal suffrage.

IDAHO.

Tabulated list of answers to ten questions:

CITY	Numbers.	Corruption		Fit Polling Booths		Bribery		Men Elected		Favor Law		Intelligent Interest		Public Spirited		Bad women Menace		Recom mend	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Boise.....	Yes—45 per cent	No	Yes	Less	Better	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Blackfoot.....	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Caldwell.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Emmett.....	Yes—40 per cent	"	"	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Franklin.....	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Genesee.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Grangeville.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Hailey.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Harrison.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Harridian.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Meridian.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Moscow.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Murray.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Nampa.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Payette.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Pierce.....	Yes—90 per cent	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Pocatello.....	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Rexburg.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
St. Anthony.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Troy.....	Yes—two thirds	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Wallace.....	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

UTAH LETTERS.

Women secured full suffrage in 1896.

George T. Shelley, Recorder-American Fork City.—The officers elected are better and there is no bribery.

Frede T. Petersen, of Bear River City.—I am in sympathy with woman suffrage. About seventy-five per cent of the women here cast their vote. The elections are quiet and orderly. The presence of women has some effect upon the rougher element of men. Some women in our county hold such offices as the positions of Recorder and School Trustee, and they are very efficient.

Anton Christensen, Mayor of Bingham Canon.—The women vote is about as large as that of men. Little, if any, corruption. The tendency is to elect better men. I favor equal political and economic rights for women and men.

C. Holst, Mayor of Brigham City.—The women take as much interest in voting as do the men, but do not neglect their home duties by standing on the streets talking politics. If good city government is wanted, by all means let the women vote.

Daniel T. Leigh, Mayor of Cedar City.—Yes, women do vote, and better men are elected.

James B. Jardine, Mayor of Clarkston.—Women do vote, and for good, hon-

orable men. I am for woman suffrage first, last and all the time.

Alma Eldredge, Mayor of Coalville City.—Yes, the woman vote is in proportion to their numbers with men. Special care is taken to have polling booths pure and proper places for women to enter. Our city is free from bad women. There is no such thing as a bawdy house in the city. The City Treasurer is Ellen Copley.

L. M. Olson, Mayor of Ephraim.—Male and female voters about equal in number. Polling places are in school and city hall. Women show more discretion than Irishmen in New York. The City Treasurer is Hannah C. Williams.

M. O. Miner, Mayor of Fairview.—The purifying of the body politic will come through woman suffrage. As the mother has almost the entire training of the child, her thought, ways and ideas are engrafted on him. The statesman of today being the son of the mother of yesterday we well say here that the hand that rocks the cradle moves the world. Women possess more of the finer feelings, are more tender, hearted and spiritual minded. Women seek to put in office men who would be worthy examples for their sons to follow. The idea of women not being allowed to vote belongs to the dark ages. The City Treasurer is Ellen Peterson.

William McHale, Mayor of Frisco.—
Three-fourths of our women vote, and they have helped to cut out bad officials. Nearly all County Recorders of Utah are women. Some County Treasurers and Clerks are women. There are women postmasters and court stenographers. All give best results.

Samuel Weston of Garden City.—
Ninety-five per cent of the women of this place vote, and it is difficult for dishonorable men to get office. I never knew a woman influenced by bribery.

A. F. Puitins, Postmaster of Grouse Creek—Woman suffrage is a perfect success. About ninety-five per cent of the women vote. You cannot bribe a woman.

William Brewer, Postmaster of Henefer.—Politics in Utah is improved in every respect by woman suffrage.

R. W. Barnes, Mayor of Kaysville.—
About ninety per cent as many women vote as men. We elect women to office in this city and they attend to business better when elected.

George G. Weston, Mayor of Laketown.—Women vote in considerable numbers, and I heartily recommend woman suffrage.

E. W. Robinson, Mayor of Logan.—
Women purify politics rather than become corrupted. I never knew of a woman being even embarrassed at the polls or in any public meeting. We never had

a case of an attempt at bribing a female voter. Our City Recorder and Treasurer and our County Recorder are all ladies. Their work is efficient and, above all, honest. I know of no instance where men control the wives' votes except when they convince them their own views are right. Our years of experience testify that it is one of the greatest steps toward better civic and social conditions.

L. R. Anderson, Mayor of Manti City.—
Ninety per cent of the women vote and are not corrupted. They do not take an active part in conventions, but the nominating conventions are more particular about selecting candidates than before, when women did not vote.

W. I. Sarensen, Mayor of Mendon.—
All women vote who can leave home. Sometimes the wife votes as her husband does, other times differently. I sincerely hope you will obtain woman suffrage.

W. H. Pettigrew, Mayor of Nephi.—
Suffrage is a right which should be extended to all the ladies of our country. In our city we are not troubled with bad women.

John Styler, Bishop of Oasis.—Ladies of our city are as attentive to their privilege of voting as are the male population. Your women should be allowed to vote.

G. W. Piatt, Mayor of Ophir.—All the women vote. Never heard of bribery or

corruption among women. They tend to improve the class of officers elected.

A. C. Van Buren, President of Town of Orangeville.—The women voters see to it that no bribery or corruption is tolerated.

N. P. Fackrell, Justice of the Peace in Orderville.—No community should be without woman suffrage. Women of our county are as interested in voting as men.

William Hollyoak, Mayor of Parowan City.—Equal suffrage is only common justice and fairness. If woman is to be held to an equal responsibility with man under the law, she is entitled to a voice equal to his in its making. All our women vote and are not corrupted. I favor woman suffrage among all enlightened civilized people.

Arthur Manvell, Mayor of Peoa. — I am pleased to help in the fight for franchise in the nation, and wish you success.

J. H. Harris, of Pinto.—This is not incorporated, but women vote in considerable numbers.

James O. Bullock, Mayor of Pleasant Grove.—Woman suffrage has proven beneficial in every sense of the word. The polling booths are in respectable places. As a rule the woman don't seek to hold office, but in the few instances where they have been elected they filled their respective positions with dignity and honor. Our present City Treasurer is a woman.

J. H. Frisby, Mayor of Provo City.—Woman suffrage in cities is the right theory. There is no good reason why women

should not vote. Municipal politics would be in a great measure purified. The City Treasurer is Emma S. Simons.

J. A. Stone, Town Clerk of Salem.—We find woman suffrage a great benefit to the country. Our booths are in the City Hall. Women generally accompany their husbands.

Thomas B. Heelis, President Town Corporation, Santaquin—All women should have suffrage on an equality with men. Women here vote in considerable numbers.

Wm. J. Hatch, Mayor of Scipio.—The results of franchise for women are favorable, the women appreciate it and use it equally with men.

John Frishson, Mayor of Spring City.—Fifty per cent of our voters are women. It is harder to bribe a woman than a man. They vote with as good judgment as do men. If we think women good and safe enough to rear our children, of course we are not afraid to let them vote.

W. M. Farlome, Justice of the Peace of St. John.—Women vote in greater proportion than do men. Women vote as intelligently as do men.

Wm. R. Davis, Acting Mayor of Wales.—Nearly every woman votes and this is a great factor in keeping out bribery and corruption. I believe God destined women to have equal rights with men in this great nation.

Peter M. Maughan, Mayor of Wellsville.—I would recommend woman suffrage to purify the ballot.

UTAH.

Tabulated list of answers to ten questions:

CITY	Numbers.		Corrupted.		Polls.		Bribery.		Men Elected		Law.		Intelligent Interest		Public Spirited		Bad women		Recom mend.	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
American Fork.....	Yes	No	Yes	No	Better	Yes	No	No	Better	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bear River.....	Yes-75 per cent	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Bingham Canon.....	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Brigham City.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Cedar City.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Clarkston.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Coalville.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Ephtalm.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Fairview.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Frisco.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Garden City.....	Yes-95 per cent	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Grouse Creek.....	Yes-95 per cent	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Heber.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Henefer.....	Yes-90 per cent	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Kaysville.....	Yes-90 per cent	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Laketown.....	Yes-90 per cent	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Logan.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Manti City.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Mendon.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

UTAH---CONTINUED---

Tabulated list of answers to ten questions:

CITY	Numbers.		Corrupted.		Polls.		Bribery.		Men Elected		Law.		Intelligent Interest		Public Spirited		Bad women		Recom mend.	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Nephi.....	Yes-90 per cent	No	Yes	No	Better	Yes	No	No	Better	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oasis.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Ophir.....	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Orangeville.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Orderville.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Parowan City.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Peoa.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Pinto.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Pleasant Grove.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Provo City.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Salem.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Santaquin.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Scipio.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Spring City.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
St. John.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Wales.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Wellsville.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

KANSAS.

Women secured municipal suffrage in 1887, school suffrage in 1861, and bond suffrage in 1903—They do not have county suffrage or state or presidential suffrage.

H. L. Humphrey, Mayor of Abilene.—Woman's municipal suffrage is a decided advance in good government. Generally only one-third of the women take part in elections, but when some matter of special importance comes up they come out in large numbers. They hardly ever attend the evening caucuses, but the fact that women vote makes it necessary to put up decent men. There is no bribery and no bad women, or at least not enough to cut any figure in politics.

John D. Brown, Mayor of Anthony.—I recommend woman suffrage because where women vote it increases the interest in elections and results in more study and a better understanding of the issues involved and the duties of citizenship. The greatest menace to our government is ignorance and indifference on the part of the voter.

T. R. Mordy, Mayor of Belle Plaine.—Woman suffrage is the first step for the protection of our homes and loved ones. The elevating, civilizing influence drives rum and vice from our city. Ninety per cent of the women vote.

J. E. Caswell, Mayor of Belleville.—Women are not subject to corruption. Kansas people generally pride themselves on showing all due respect to women at the polls. I have failed to observe any benefits from woman rights at our elections.

Abe Perry, Mayor of Conway Springs. I am truly in favor of woman suffrage in cities.

Frank Stanley, Mayor of Delphos.—I am heartily in favor of giving women the right to vote in our municipal elections.

A. J. Holderman, Mayor of El Dorado.—I am an advocate of equal suffrage. It has much to do in purifying politics. The clerks on the election boards are most always women, which may cause the quietness at the polls. I wish my mother and sister had the same privilege to express their wishes at the polls in Illinois that my wife and daughter have here.

O. B. Hardcastle, Mayor of Emporia.—The morals of our town are in very much better condition since the women can vote.

J. E. Martin, Mayor of Eskridge.—About eighty per cent of the women vote nor are they corrupted thereby. Better men are elected where women vote. I offer myself as proof.

C. A. Hill, Mayor of Eudora.—This

town has been benefitted in having women take an interest in the conduct of affairs by voting. We believe it is a wise policy to extend suffrage to all women in the United States.

J. M. Smyth, Mayor of Eureka.—Municipal suffrage has been quite satisfactory here. The women vote in good numbers.

J. Q. McAfee, Mayor of Garnett.—A very small per cent of women vote in this little city. Polling booths are in places perfectly fit for women to enter.

Clay H. Burnett, Mayor of Girard.—Women vote in considerable numbers. Women are more in favor of law and order than men, and better men are elected. Bad women are not a menace.

J. S. Renzenberger, Mayor of Greeley.—Woman suffrage is all right. The ladies take a great interest in our elections. I heartily recommend woman's suffrage.

Rev. D. F. Honstedt, Mayor of Hiawatha.—Our women vote in considerable numbers. There is less bribery and corruption. Equal suffrage should prevail everywhere.

F. D. Turck, Mayor of Hill City.—Nearly all women vote on important questions. I am in favor of woman suffrage.

S. A. Vanasdall, Mayor of Howard.—Woman suffrage has much to do with the morals of the town. Voting places are a great deal more quiet on account of the ladies' presence.

F. L. Martin, former Mayor of Hutchinson.—Women vote in considerable numbers and for the best men. I recommend woman's suffrage and that cities be governed by a commission composed partly of women.

W. R. Pratt, Mayor of Independence.—The women vote whenever important issues are involved. Polling places are fit for women to enter. Better men are elected. I recommend woman's suffrage.

William W. Rose, Mayor of Kansas City.—General result has been to increase expense of elections without materially affecting results. The general tendency is, however, to an increase of the woman vote, and this probably indicates a greater degree of intelligence on matters political.

Simon Lint, Mayor of Kingman.—The women here vote. They are well protected at the polling places. The women are the saving element in our nation.

H. L. Baker, Mayor of LaCrosse.—The women take much interest in all school and city elections, and better men are elected.

J. A. Keeler, Mayor of Lawrence.—Women take as much interest in local politics as do men. Women are strongly against anything which would not be in harmony with decency and good government, especially in questions of temperance and morality. Coming generations

will look back in astonishment to the time when women were denied the right of suffrage.

W. D. Morgan, Mayor of Lincoln.—Polling booths are purer by the women's presence. Men smoking will stop when women appear at the polls. Women take an interest in the welfare of the city.

D. W. Jackson, Mayor of Longton.—Woman suffrage in our cities and schools has had good results. The moral influence was not felt at first, but our better class of women soon became educated in the facts and interested.

A. Fones, Mayor of Lyons.—Women register very freely and vote. They hold the balance of favor. The best element, educated women and those of the church membership, take a hand in our city elections. They stand for better principles, better government, higher education, and for all things that stand for better citizenship.

George T. Fielding, Mayor of Manhattan.—Interest is taken in municipal elections only occasionally by women. Law and order is the paramount issue with women. They favor the election of good men.

R. L. King, Mayor of Marion.—Women vote in considerable numbers here when moral issues are at stake. The suffrage granted here has worked all right.

A. J. Culp, Mayor of Miltonville.—Women here do their part nobly in helping to elect upright, temperate, clean men for office, 80 to 90 per cent of them voting

J. C. Gafford, Mayor of Minneapolis.—If we put up good, clean men women take very little interest in the election, but if we fail to put up good, clean men they take an active part and generally elect their candidate. Whether the tough element will be in control or not depends upon the ladies.

—— ——— —Mayor of Mound City.—The majority of women vote here and are not corrupted by participating in elections.

Gaston Boyd, Mayor of Newton.—Women vote in considerable numbers and better men are elected. I object to the ignorant voter of both sexes.

C. S. Kenney, Mayor of Nocatur.—About forty per cent of the women vote. We have no bribery, although we have some spirited elections. Our city treasurer is a woman.

C. H. Tilden, Mayor of Oberlin.—My observation for fifteen years has been that nine tenths of the women voters vote as their husbands vote. It has a tendency to make parties put up better men for office. Women should vote as well as men.

J. E. Scott, Mayor of Osawatomi.—

Women vote in considerable numbers. I routed eight saloons, the only saloons in the town, when I was elected, so women can go anywhere and receive proper treatment now.

A. B. Clark, Mayor of Oskaloosa.—Right of suffrage is exercised to a very small extent, owing to the complete failure of the women elected at first. This failure caused from lack of experience.

John Halloren, Mayor of Ottawa.—Woman suffrage has proved satisfactory here. I think woman suffrage would be of much greater advantage in large cities than in small.

J. S. Holmberg, Mayor of Peabody.—Better men are elected as women are generally in favor of law and order. When you get them aroused there is nothing that can stop them. Women can overbalance the class of voters who can be corrupted.

W. H. Rees, Mayor of Pleasanton.—Nearly all the women here vote. The best women take an active part in our city government, and better men are elected.

N. L. Crow, Mayor of Pratt.—Polling places are always located in the best places. Women are in favor of law and order.

H. E. Kiefer, Mayor of Rosedale.—Women generally vote. Better men are elected. I am in favor of woman suffrage. The city treasurer is a woman.

David H. Shields, Mayor of Salina.—Women will rally to a moral issue. Bad women are no menace here. Our menace is the irreligious society women who think drink and prostitution are men's inherent right.

R. M. Markham, Mayor of Scammon.—We could not keep our vicious element under control if it was not for women's votes. They give the polling places an air of refinement.

William Johnson, Mayor of Sedan.—Women turn out in quite a majority when husband, fathers and brothers request them to go. They favor law and order and are in favor of enforcing the law.

E. S. Barger, Mayor of Smith Centre.—We have been greatly helped by women being allowed to vote.

William Quigley, Mayor of Sterling.—Our experience with woman suffrage is most satisfactory. They vote in large numbers.

W. S. Bergindthal, former Mayor of Topeka.—Women do vote in considerable numbers and are not corrupted. I would recommend woman suffrage, not only in cities, but in country, State and nation.

W. M. Holeman, Mayor of Walnut.—We have had some closely contested elections in which women have been out in force. I cannot see why a woman should lose any of her self respect when she goes to the polls and casts a vote for the right.

I have observed a man and his wife may take different sides in elections.

L. Z. Stewart, Mayor of Wathind.—Am much in favor of women voting at municipal elections.

Andrew Sproul, Jr, Mayor of Washington.—Better men are elected to office by allowing the women to vote. They take an intelligent interest and are in favor of law and order.

J. C. Fear, Mayor of Waverly.—Women vote largely when vital questions are at issue. The good condition of our own city, morally and financially, is due in part to the refining and purifying influence of women. We have had no saloons or dives for twenty years. The city owns the light and water works plants, has good schools, free library, parks, clean streets and strict observance of law.

Finlay Ross, Mayor of Wichita.—This city has always elected men to office above average of those usually elected in municipalities. Women as a whole do not take an active interest in municipal affairs. So long as candidates are chosen in caucus women will not be liable to take the interest in candidates that have been prearranged without their consent. I believe that women should have the right to vote and, by so doing, it will in time mean the purification of the ballot box.

W. S. Finley, Mayor of Williamsburg.—Women all turned out to our election.

Equal suffrage is coming. The great majority of men favor it, but for the ridicule. Their convictions are not stable and they are easily frightened from them. But some day it will be popular and the poor fellows will dare maintain their principles. Right, everybody knows is right.

KANSAS.

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CITY.	Numbers.	Corruption.	Fit Polling Booths.	Bribery.	Men Elected.	Favor Law.	Intelligent Interest.	Public Spirited.	Bad Women Menace.	Recommend
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Ablene.....	No	No	Yes	None	Better	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Anthony.....	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Belle Plaine.....	No	"	"	"	Same	"	"	"	"	"
Belleville.....	Yes	"	"	"	Better	"	"	"	"	"
Conway Springs.....		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Delphos.....		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
El Dorado.....	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Emporia.....	Yes 80 per cent	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Eskridge.....	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Eudora.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Eureka.....	No	"	"	Less	"	"	"	"	"	"
Garnett.....	Yes	"	"	Less	"	"	"	"	"	"
Greeley.....	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Hiawatha.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Hill City.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Howard.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Hutchinson.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Independence.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

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Tabulated list of answers to ten questions.

Kansas City.....	No	No	Yes	None	Better	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Kingman.....	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
LaCrosse.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Lawrence.....	"	"	"	Same	Same	"	"	"	"	"
Lincoln.....	"	"	"	None	Better	"	"	"	"	"
Longton.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Lyons.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Manhattan.....	In moral issues	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Marion.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Miltonvale.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Minneapolis.....	Yes—80 per cent	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Mound City.....	Yes	"	"	Less	"	"	"	"	"	"
Newton.....	"	"	"	None	"	"	"	"	"	"
Norcaton.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Oberlin.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Osawatimie.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Oskaloosa.....	No	"	"	Same	"	"	"	"	"	"
Ottawa.....	"	"	"	Better	"	"	"	"	"	"
Peabody.....	On morals	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Pleasanton.....	Yes	No	Yes	Better	"	"	"	"	"	"
Pratt.....	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Rosedale.....	No	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Salina.....	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Scammon.....	No	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Sedan.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Smith Center.....	Yes	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Sterling.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

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Tabulated list of answers to ten questions.

Recom- mend.	10	"	"	"	"	"	"
Bad Women Menace.	9	"	"	"	"	"	"
Public Spirited.	8	"	"	"	"	"	"
Intelligent Interest.	7	"	"	"	"	"	"
Favor Law.	6	"	"	"	"	"	"
Men Elected.	5	"	"	"	"	"	"
Bribery.	4	No more	"	"	"	"	"
Fit Polling Booths.	3	"	"	"	"	"	"
Corruption.	2	"	"	"	"	"	"
Numbers.		Yes	"	"	"	"	"
CITY.		Topeka	Walnut	Wathina	Washington	Waverly	Wichita
		Williamsburg					

NOTE

The laws of a State are a sure index of its degree of civilization. Notice how ideally women and children are protected by law in Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Idaho, where women vote on the same terms as men.

Wife's earnings and personal property, not received from husband, in her sole control. Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho.

Spouse's interest equal in each other's real estate. Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho.

Professions and all public offices open to women. Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho.

Jury service open to women. Utah, Idaho. (No prohibition in Wyoming and Colorado and women there act as jurors.)

Equal pay for equal work in teaching profession regardless of sex. Wyoming, Utah. (The law fixes the salaries of other public officials and as women are eligible to any public office, the rule practically prevails in all four states.)

Equality in inheritance for both sexes, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho.

Divorce for same causes to husband and to wife, though wife can also secure separate maintenance or divorce for non support. Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho.

Wife and minor children entitled to homestead and to a certain allowance out of husband's estate, which has priority

over ordinary debts. Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho.

Women privileged to make a will at eighteen years of age. Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho.

Free schools from primary grade through State University open to women. Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho.

Free text books in public schools. Wyoming, Utah. (If district so vote, in Colorado and Idaho.)

Free kindergartens. Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho.

American flag on school houses. Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho.

Compulsory education for children under sixteen years of age, with instruction in physiology and hygiene, Wyoming, Utah. (Colorado, Idaho under 14.)

Alcoholic drinks forbidden to minors. Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho.

Tobacco forbidden to children under 18. Wyoming, Utah, (Idaho, 21; Colorado, 16).

No children under 14 to work in mines. Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho.

No woman to work in mines. Wyoming, Colorado, Utah. (Not customary in Idaho).

Eight hours work maximum labor day for women. Colorado, Idaho. (A Supreme Court decision held the Colorado statute defective so that it could not cover laundry work.)

No factory work for children under 14.

Colorado, Idaho. (Practically none in Utah and Wyoming.)

Dependent children in family homes. Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho.

Juvenile courts and probation officers for delinquent children. Colorado, Utah, Idaho.

Women physicians or matrons in certain institutions having women or children in custody. Wyoming, Colorado. (Customary in Utah and Idaho.)

Indecent exhibitions, pictures or exposures and the sale or gift of indecent literature forbidden. Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho.

Gambling and prostitution forbidden. Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho.

Age of consent 18 or 21 years. Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho.

Prostitutes and other lewd persons forbidden to register or vote. Idaho.

Father and mother share in guardianship of children. Survivor the sole guardian. Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho.

I challenge the discovery of four man-suffrage states or countries where women and children are equally protected.

CATHARINE WAUGH MCCULLOCH.
February, 1909.

October 18th 1864
Dear Mother
I received your kind letter
of the 14th and was glad
to hear from you and
to hear that you were
all well. I am well
at present and hope
these few lines will
find you all the same.
I have not much news
to write at present.
I am still in the
army and hope to
be home soon.
I must close for
this time. Write soon.
Your affectionate son,
John Smith

