

WOMEN VOTING.—The Gold Hill (Cal.) *News* advocates the political rights of women as follows.

“It is said, it would degrade woman to introduce her into politics. On the contrary, it would purify politics. Because woman is not so strong as man, physically, it is said she was not intended to be a direct ruler in a Republican Government. What an argument. Yet it passes for argument, and is, indeed, the common reply to a suggestion in favor of female suffrage. The grand National rule, if the Constitution of the Union is to prescribe it, should be: Every white adult of the age of 21 shall have and enjoy the elective franchise. Some who are now strenuously insisting that all men in the South, of the African race, shall vote scout the idea of white female suffrage, and retail all the stale and trashy flings against the proposition. No less a man than John Stuart Mill declares his thorough belief in the propriety of female suffrage, and he announced this when recently canvassing Westminster District for a seat in Parliament; Henry Ward Beecher expresses his hope and confidence in the success of a movement with this object in view. It is evident to the careful and candid observer that woman's right to vote is approaching formal concession through the laws that extend her privileges for conducting business in her own name, and the general, though tacit, admission of her “proper sphere” in the discharge of duties which a dozen years

ago she was popularly declared unfit to undertake or unsuited to perform. Talk of women not being adapted to hold office! Why, they hold hundreds of Uncle Sam's post-offices, to-day; and their competency and faithfulness in handling and delivering the mails is a matter of official remark and compliment from the Washington head of the Post Office Department. In a very short time—we have high authority for prophesying—the vast majority of the post stations will be kept by ladies. Hasten the day when the woman shall have a precedence in applying for these Government places!"

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