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Colonel James M. Schoonmaker and family during the Civil War.

Founders Day remembers the Civil War and Colonel James M. Schoonmaker

On **Saturday, August 18, 2012 from 10 AM until 5 PM**, the Historical Society will commemorate Monessen's

Founders Day with a Day of Living History at **Monessen City Park**. In honor of Monessen Founder, Colonel James M. Schoonmaker and the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, re-enactors from the 11th P.V.I. Co. K, Inc. will set up an authentic Civil War camp to showcase how the troops lived during the war years. There will be food booths, vendors, local authors, displays, photo opportunities and fun for the whole family.

The schedule of events is as follows:

Ongoing throughout the day (10 AM- 5 PM):

- Civil War encampment and soldier life in camp. Learn about the equipment carried by soldiers, different kinds of tents, and uniforms.
- Children's toys
- Cooking demonstrations over an open fire
- Children's games
- Photo opportunity - try on civil war style clothing and take your own picture
- Display of civil war relics
- Home front - learn about civilian home life during the war

At set times:

- Soldier's drill 11AM, 1PM, 3PM, including: inspection of arms, loading in 9 times, firing by company, file, and rank
- Children's activities – (immediately following soldier's drill)

*Use modern round and spherical balls to demonstrate accuracy of civil war bullets

*Children's drill – drill with the soldiers using wooden guns

•12:15 PM Quartermaster talk on soldier's rations and cooking



September 22 Civil War Experience Dinner

Building on the success of this past spring's Titanic dinner, the Historical Society will host the "Civil War Experience" on Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 5 to 9 PM at the Monessen Fire Department No.1 Social Hall at Eastgate 15. Tickets are \$40. Two Fine Caterers will have an exquisite dinner filled with the favorite dishes of President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate President Jefferson Davis. Sample Mary Lincoln's cake or Jeff Davis's special punch served at his receptions in the Confederate White House. Northern and Southern specialties will be included. A live band, "The Acoustic Shadows of the Blue and Grey" will provide music for listening or dancing. There will be a special presentation by the Redstone Living Historians. Historic dress is optional. Tickets are available at the Heritage Museum or by calling 724-684-8460. **Tickets are limited! We**

sold out last time and had a long waiting list, so don't delay!



Westmoreland Day of Giving – Please help us out!

Can you help us this year? The annual Day of Giving will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 from 12 AM until 11:59 PM. All donations made online during that 24 hour period will receive a pro-rated match from the Community Foundation of Westmoreland County. Interested donors need to log onto the WestmorelandGives.org site and use either MasterCard or Visa to make a donation. The minimum donation is \$25, while the maximum amount is \$10,000. Please consider making an annual pledge to the Greater Monessen Historical Society on this day, so we can receive the matching amount. This will be the start of our annual Fund Appeal. Costs are rising. To preserve the ethnic and industrial heritage of the greater Monessen area is a task that can only be accomplished with your help! Do you want your children and grand children to know what life was like in Monessen when our ancestors arrived on these shores? Please join us and do your part. **Remember the date: October 3, 2012.**

Thanks to the Jewish Community

Special thanks to the Jewish community and everyone who assisted in the Mon Valley Jewish Exhibit. Jack Bergstein was the point person we depended upon to guide us and answer our many questions on Jewish culture. It was an enjoyable learning experience, as we reached out to our Jewish neighbors. We now have a collection of Jewish photographs and articles held in the Archives for future generations.

Have you looked inside the Museum Annex

Thanks to our loyal volunteers, the inside of the annex has been gutted on the first and second floors. In the short span of a year or so, we have made great progress. To continue on this pace, we are in need of additional

funds for the "500 Club". Have you donated? We need everything! Electrical, heating, cooling, plumbing, insulation, dry wall, flooring. Thanks to your generosity, we have come so far. The back wall needs some structural work. If you share the same dream of having a permanent Monessen exhibit and meeting place for events, dinners, community affairs, etc., please send your check today. Join the list of people who are proud to be part of the 500 Club. If you are unable to send \$500 or more, please send whatever you can. Each dollar counts and will get us closer to our goal of \$100,000.

Monessen Business Façade Grant

Thanks to an \$8281.48 matching Façade Grant, the Historical Society was able to do repairs and renovations to the two street-facing sides of the future museum annex building. With your help, we replaced the windows. Another grant painted the building. The Façade Grant bought new doors, show window replacements and improvements, wall repairs and the new electric sign.

We have a webpage:

www.monessenhistoricalsociety.org

We also are on **Facebook** under Greater Monessen Historical Society. Log in and look at many photos of our events and of old Monessen. Tell your friends and help spread the word about GMHS!

Don't throw away grandma's stuff!

When a family member passes away, the task of cleaning out a home where someone lived 50+ years falls to those left behind. In our grief and rush to complete the task, we hear stories of historic items of local history and family photographs being thrown away. Many times the photos show people we do not know and there is no writing on the back. Please do not throw them away. Items marked with business names or things that belong to a particular ethnic group can be used in our displays. Bring them to the Museum or call us.

Croatian photos and items needed

The Greater Monessen Historical Society will honor the Croatian heritage of the area in our Spring 2012 ethnic exhibit. Please look for photographs, handiwork, items, clothing, and music, that tell their story. Bring it to the Museum. Items can be either loaned or donated. We can scan any photographs and return the originals to you.

Admittance to the Heritage Museum is FREE!

Recent Donations to the Heritage Museum

Two Josephine Cash certificated for perfect attendance, 1932, 1934, Leonard Nevala certificate for perfect attendance, writing certificates for 1932, 1933 / Marie Burger

Sixty-one photo scans showcasing the life and family of Colonel James M. Schoonmaker / James M. Schoonmaker II and Pat Trimble.

Class of 1957 wine glass, Class of 1957 moccasins, senior banquet program, baccalaureate dinner program, baccalaureate service program, class night program, commencement program, junior class play program, newspaper articles on the Class of 1957, Joe Garofalo car crash article, song sheet, Monessen Starletts Bowling League article, photos, Junior Glee Club program, Xmas concert, St. Paul's 1953 Confirmation Class photo, Baptist Sunday School certificate / Janet McGee Garnhart

Valley Campaign story, Battle of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg / Lucille and Richard Senko

Monessen Hilltop and Pitts. Steel photo scans / Matt Geis

Harry Truman decanter, 1976 Farmer's Almanac, Mayor Parente death article, Pictures of Presidents from Washington to Johnson, Metalcasting Industry book, two antique prints of the Civil War / Rosalie Nicksich

Memorials

In memory of Lil Plavko donated by Dr. Martin and Mrs. Madeline Dudas.

One Hundred Years ago in the newspapers August - October, 1912

Before leaving for a five week vacation trip, Colonel James M. Schoonmaker signed an agreement with the Rostraver Twp. supervisors to improve the road between Monessen and Webster. The railroad will excavate a twenty-four foot right of way at a cost of \$60,000. (08-23-1912) Daily Independent

Elmer Lehto has built a new motion picture theater, the Hill-Top Theatorium, at the corner of Motheral and Sixth Street. It has an afternoon and evening show. (09-02-1912) Daily Independent (A later article on Oct. 10 and 23, 1912 called it the "Grand Theatre on the Hill")

T. E. Mackert, formerly of the Grand Theater of Donora, is the new piano player at Monessen's Luna Theater. (09-03-1912) Daily Independent

A. N. Shuster, the real estate man, is soliciting contributions to aid Mrs. Joseph Bender, a widow with five children, who was in danger of losing her two room home on the outskirts of town. She owes \$200, but Mr. Shuster has collected half the amount by asking \$5.00 from each man. (09-06-1912) Daily Independent

The Monessen Hotel interior has been completely renovated. (09-13-1912) Daily Independent

Teddy W. Kisor is erecting a dairy and will sell sterilized milk for two cents per quart. He will use electric machinery with glass tubes. (09-17-1912) Monessen News

Miss Anna Janavitz, a cousin of Max Janavitz, has assumed a position in the Janavitz store. She speaks seven languages and is an expert conversationalist. (09-19-1912) Daily Independent

William Henry Donner was elected President of the Cambria Steel Company at Johnstown. (10-11-1912) Monessen News

The Finnish Temperance Union on Motheral Avenue is protesting the organization of a "Finnish Protective Association" that would sell liquor to its members. (10-14-1912) Daily Independent

The Peoples Natural Gas Company is advertising a new residential arc light that is effective and economical. It costs one cent to light a room for ten hours. (10-26-1912) Daily Independent

The firm of E. G. Hays and Company was looking for a vacant storefront to conduct a sale in the future, but Monessen does not have one empty store to rent. (10-26-1912) Daily Independent



Late summer and early autumn weddings and engagements of 1912

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Joesph will celebrate their third wedding anniversary on August 2, 1912 at the Schenley Hotel, before moving to the state of California. (08-01-1912) Daily Independent

Andrew Jackson and Mattie Hayden, both of Monessen, received a marriage license in Greensburg this week. (08-02-1912) Monessen News

Alex Newman, of the Nayhouse Clothing Store, and Miss Gelfilta Fish, of Pittsburgh, will soon wed. (08-06-1912) Monessen News

Miss Emma Jane Morgan and Eli Hillis Wolf were married on August 6, 1912 in Youngstown, Ohio. The groom is a junior partner of the firm, Newcomer and Wolf. The bride was a former Monessen school teacher. (08-07-1912) Daily Independent

William C. Bouzer, a conductor of the Pittsburgh Street Railway Co. and resident of Pittsburgh, proposed to and married Miss Eva Paugh, a visitor from Columbus, Ohio, who was taking a trolley ride through Washington County, on August 7, 1912. After accepting his proposal, the couple tied the knot in Washington and returned to Pittsburgh. (08-08-1912) Daily Independent

Samuel Weiss, of Monessen, and Blanche Klein, of Woodlawn, obtained a marriage license in Pittsburgh. (08-09-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Carrie B. Forrest, of Monongahela, and John Garrison, formerly of Philadelphia, were married August 12, 1912 in Monongahela. The groom is employed at the Liggett Spring and Axle Company. (08-14-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Carrie Reed, a former Monessen school teacher married Alexander Booth, a former employee of the Pittsburgh Steel Company, on August 13, 1912 in Washington, PA. They will live in Denver, Colorado, where the groom has a position. (08-14-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Blanche Geho, of Monessen, and James Bingham Small, of Charleroi, were married on August 7, 1912 at Wilkinsburg. They will live in Charleroi. The groom is employed by the American Window Glass Company at Belle Vernon. (08-14-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Helen Patrick, of Monessen, eloped with William H. Albright, of Charleroi, to Cumberland, Maryland to be married. At the same time, Miss Mabel Eaglen, of Charleroi and formerly of Monessen, and William Wreath, of the P. H. Butler Grocery Co., also slipped away to Cumberland to be married. Upon meeting at the license bureau, they decided to have a double wedding on August 19, 1912. The Wreaths will live in Monessen, while the Albrights will reside in Charleroi. (08-20-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Goslyne celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on August 19, 1912 at their home on Wood Street, in Belle Vernon. (08-21-1912) Daily Independent

To celebrate his recent marriage to Miss Emma Morgan, Eli Wolfe was captured by his friends on August 27, 1912, dressed in a red coat with red and white striped pants, canvas shoes and an old hat with a rope tied around his waist on which a dozen tin cans were attached and forced to march behind twelve honking automobiles in a parade through the main streets of Monessen and Charleroi, while under the glare of fifty red lights. (08-29-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Hazel McIlvain, of Belle Vernon, is engaged to Lynton Steen, a hat manufacturer of Stillwater, Oklahoma. They will marry on September 11 and depart for Wichita, Kansas, where they will reside. (08-30-1912) Daily Independent

H. Rosenshine, a merchant of New Salem, was able to wed Miss Rae Wolkoff, of Masontown, by tricking her father into signing a paper consenting to the marriage by telling him it involved a business matter. The couple then disappeared and were married. The father has forgiven them. (08-30-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Hattie Johnson, of Gibsonton, is engaged to Oscar Carson, of Charleroi. (09-05-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Neva Brown, of Charleroi, and James Jones, of Belle Vernon were married September 3, 1912. (09-05-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Phylis Nicholas, who recently resigned from the Allenport School when the school board passed an edict prohibiting dancing, left home after telling her mother she was going to Pittsburgh, but instead went to Wheeling and wed Dr. Arthur K. Odbert, of Ohio, on September 5, 1912. (09-07-1912) Daily Independent

Arthur K. Odbert, formerly of Monessen, but now a physician of Ohio, and Miss Phyllis Nicholas, of Allenport, were married in Wheeling, West Virginia on September 4, 1912. (09-10-1912) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Zundel, of Rostraver Township, near Smithton, celebrated their fifteenth anniversary on September 14, 1912. (09-16-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Nellie Ruse, the former cashier at the Luna Theatre, will marry Milton Adams, of Monessen, on September 18, 1912. (09-17-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Cornelia Tepe, and Edward W. Cassidy, of Monessen will marry on September 17, 1912. (09-17-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Ella Zippay, of Charleroi and formerly of Monessen, married William Grey on September 11, 1912. (09-17-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Mary Priscilla Dick, of Connellsville, married Raymond Paomer, of Pittsburgh, on September 16, 1912 in Greensburg. (09-17-1912) Daily Independent

William E. Traux and Mary Traux, of Elrama, filed for divorce. Their marriage was the result of a newspaper ad. She accuses him of relations with other women, while he accuses her of deserting him to meet another man in Kansas. (09-18-1912) Daily Independent

William E. O'Neill, of Charleroi, and Miss Anna Govola, of Monessen, were quietly married on September 14, 1912. They will live on Third Street in Charleroi, where the groom works for the Armour Packing Company. (09-18-1912) Daily Independent

Charles Fritz and Mary Walker, of Bradenville, were granted a marriage license and signed a marriage contract in the Greensburg Register's office to save money on the ceremony. (09-18-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Nellie Ruse and Milton Adams, both of Monessen, were wed on September 18, 1912 at Pittsburgh. They will live on Knox Avenue. The groom is employed by the Pittsburgh Steel Company. (09-19-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Ella Sickles, of Lock Four, will wed Clifford Marchand, of Monongahela, on September 25, 1912. (09-20-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Ella Sickles, of Lock Four, and Lewis Clifford Marchand, of Monongahela, were married on September 25, 1912. The bride was formerly employed by the Daily Independent, while the groom works for the Bell Telephone Company. They will live in Monongahela. (09-26-1912) Daily Independent

Will H. Watson and Miss Beatrice McMahan were married in Pittsburgh secretly on September 27, 1912. The groom is the editor of the Donora American. (09-28-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Laura Viola, of Highland Avenue, is engaged to J. Knight Gibson, of Wilkinsburg. The marriage will take place in early fall. (09-30-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Pearl Behanna, of Axelton, wed Clarence Griffith, of Belle Vernon on September 30, 1912. They will live in Belle Vernon. (10-02-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Beatrice McMahan, of Monessen, and Will H. Watson, of Donora, were married on September 27, 1912, in Pittsburgh. They will live in Donora. (10-01-1912) Monessen News

Miss Merry Brightwell, former clerk in the A. R. Ney Store, will marry Bert Leonard, of Waynesburg. (10-02-1912) Daily Independent

J. E. Wells, formerly of Monessen and currently living in Youngstown, Ohio, married Miss Rose King, formerly of Monessen, last week. They will live in Youngstown. (10-05-1912) Daily Independent

Milt Adams and Nellie Ruse, both of Monessen, are married. (10-11-1912) Daily Independent

William McVicker, of the Page Woven Wire Fence Co., married Miss Mary McConnell, of Cleveland on October 3, 1912. (10-11-1912) Daily Independent

Rev. and Mrs. Perrin Baker, of the Belle Vernon Presbyterian Church, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on October 15, 1912. (10-17-1912) Daily Independent.

Charles Cunningham and Sarah Marks, both of Youngstown, were wed on October 15, 1912, at the home of Charles Daton, of Oneida Street. Mrs. Daton is the sister of the groom. They will live in Youngstown. (10-17-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. George Irons, of Belle Vernon, celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary with a lunch attended by twenty relatives. (10-18-1912) Daily Independent

Charles Carlson and Miss Nellie Patton were married on October 19, 1912. They will live in Monessen starting in January. (10-21-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Merry C. Brightwell married Bert Leonard at her home, 130 Oneida Street, on October 22, 1912. They will honeymoon in Buffalo, and then live in Waynesburg. (10-22-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. M. Shock, of Belle Vernon, celebrated their wedding anniversary on October 20, 1912. (10-22-1912) Daily Independent

Annie Zember, of Duquesne, is divorcing Andrew "Butch" Zember, formerly of Monessen. She alleges he never told her he was a prize fighter, was drunk all the time and abusive. (10-22-1912) Monessen News

J. Knight Gibson and Miss Laura Viola Newdorter were married October 23, 1912. The groom was formerly employed at the Pittsburgh Steel Company, but now lives in Wilkinsburg. The couple will live at 401 Ross Street, Wilkinsburg, PA. (10-24-1912) Daily Independent

Late Summer and early Autumn Births and Birthdays of 1912

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Henning, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, had a baby girl on August 5, 1912. The mother is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Waltner, of Monessen. (08-06-1912) Monessen News

Mrs. A. G. Henning, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, had a baby girl. (08-06-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Christopher, of New Castle, had a baby boy on August 6, 1912. (08-13-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard, of Knox Avenue, had a daughter on August 11, 1912. (08-14-1912) Daily Independent

Charles Powell, of West Monessen (Lock Four), celebrated his seventh birthday on August 12, 1912 with a party for twenty-five friends. (08-14-1912) Daily Independent

Mrs. James McShane, of McKee Avenue, had two baby girls on August 13, 1912. (08-14-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. John Wedell had a son on August 14, 1912. (08-14-1912) Daily Independent

Mrs. Flora Bogart, of Donner Avenue, had a surprise party for her birthday on August 16, 1912. (08-17-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ryan, of Tenth Street, had a son on August 18, 1912. (08-20-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hicks, of Donner Avenue, had a baby boy on August 19, 1912. (08-23-1912) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pittman, of First Street, had a baby girl on August 23, 1912. (08-23-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Marshall, of McKee Avenue and Eleventh Street, had an eleven pound baby boy on August 24, 1912. (08-24-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Boyer, of West Monessen (Lock Four), had a nine pound baby girl on August 26, 1912. (08-26-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crabb, of West Monessen (Lock Four), had a son on August 26, 1912. (08-27-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Urban Mullen had a baby daughter in Canton, Ohio. They formerly lived in Monessen. (08-29-1912) Daily Independent

Miss Mary Bindey celebrated her birthday on August 28, 1912. (08-30-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. Wall, had a baby daughter on August 30, 1912. (08-30-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. C. Rostel, of East Monessen, had a nine pound boy on Sunday, September 1, 1912. (09-03-1912) Monessen News

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Metz, of West Monessen, had a daughter. (09-03-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sharpneck, of West Monessen (Lock Four), had a son. (09-11-1912) Daily Independent

Mrs. Robert McLaughlin, of Knox Avenue, celebrated her birthday on September 16, 1912 with a party. (09-17-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Schoity, of West Monessen, had a son on September 18, 1912. (09-19-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Hiskey had a ten pound baby boy. (09-19-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Bill, Searls, of Knox Avenue, had a ten pound baby boy on September 17, 1912. (09-19-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. C. Marple had a ten pound baby girl. (09-20-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, of Donner Avenue, had a seven and a half pound baby girl on September 30, 1912. (10-02-1912) Daily Independent

Mrs. Charles Smock, of Dutchtown, celebrated her sixty-ninth birthday on October 10, 1912 with fifty friends. She was raised in Belle Vernon. (10-11-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ferguson had an eight and a half pound baby boy at midnight on October 11, 1912. (10-12-1912) Daily Independent

Margaret Gribben, of Reed Avenue, celebrated her twenty-first birthday on October 15, 1912. (10-16-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. E. Feldman, of Donner Avenue, had a ten pound baby boy at 11:30 AM on October 18, 1912. (10-18-1912) Daily Independent

Frank Lear, of First Street, was surprised on his twenty-first birthday, October 25, 1912, by fifty of his friends. (10-26-1912) Daily Independent

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gambler, of West Monessen (Lock Four), had a nine pound son on October 26, 1912. He was named Elmer Edward. (10-30-1912) Daily Independent

Museum docents needed. Can you spare some time?

Do you have a few spare hours during the week or perhaps on an occasional basis? The Heritage Museum needs to add a few people to their daily and rotating Saturday roster, as well as to the substitute list. The duties include opening and closing the Museum at the proper hours, supervising the work study positions, greeting visitors, handling the mail, and assisting with the daily duties of the Museum and Historical Society. Please call 724-684-8460, if interested. Remember, the

Historical Society exists and is able to fulfill its mission due to the volunteer hours freely given by your neighbors and friends. Will you join us?

Dan's Archives



Mrs. Annie Murphy.

Former Monessen school teacher campaigned against women's suffrage

As women's suffrage became one of the leading issues of the day, Mrs. Anna F. Murphy, a former Monessen school teacher, campaigned to defeat the proposal. Mrs. Murphy took the fight to Homestead on September 8, 1912 and delivered a speech to less than sixty people, who had gathered at Homestead Park.

She said: "The average woman is not open to conviction. After she makes up her mind, nothing in the world could make her change it. So, thus, she is not fitted to have anything to do with law making.

No electorate ever existed or can exist that couldn't execute its own laws and this an electorate, half of it being women, could not do.

It is against fundamental law that a voter can claim maintenance from another voter. This would be the case if women were allowed to vote, for their maintenance comes from their husband. It would be a privileged class.

If these suffragettes would only get after the bachelors, we would hear no more of this war cry from them.

Instead, the tuneful notes of a sweet lullaby would go up over the land.

Woman was created to be a helpmate and companion to man, and to be a wife and mother. That is what she would be and yet a few of them want to be political women. Politics is war. It requires the brains of a William Jennings Bryan, and the physique of a man to be a successful political leader. And yet they would be political leaders. And have the American men ever refused to grant the American women anything, and you may recall the sinking of the Titanic? Why, it is almost impossible to convict women of murder in this country. Nine women were acquitted of murder through the country last week, though strong cases had been proved against them.

The Suffragettes say that with the ballot they could equalize wages of men and women. Can the Legislature change the physical nature of women so that every day they will be as strong as men? Can the Legislature make them lose their maternal instincts so that they think so much of their work as men? Can the Legislature make women love the streets and factories as they love their homes? Can the Legislature make women give up that beautiful nature that make men give up everything for? And it is an established fact that with the greatest differences between the two sexes the highest type of the race is produced. The Indian squaws worked like men and remember what happened to their children when the white men came. It's a reform of nature these people want and that's the work of God, not a reform of laws. If women enter the political arena some will come out pure. Some will use all their blandishments and be most corrupting. When unable to reach men by pleading or other means, they can readily appeal to men's weakness, Remember Cleopatra as a ruler – and there are many Cleopatras today. Can we afford to have our women so besmirched? In politics the woman will say: I ask no favor and will consider protection an insult, and she will be taken at her word. When she considers herself a man, so will the men.

You can just imagine what a young working woman would say at election time: I will sell my vote and take a vacation. Look at Denver where women have voted for 20 years. It is the most wicked city in the country. Its women drink more whisky than the men. Why didn't the women exert good influence in politics there? Why, in Salt Lake, where women vote, they put a big wall about vicedom and give it police protection! Why even the political leaders say that women voting has raised the standard of male voters and that it is only women who will do the dirty little tricks men used to do.

That women are in industry today it is not an opportunity. Simply a misfortune. It is the young men who have gone into industry who cannot bear the strain of married life and when poverty comes in, love goes out. And yet some women hope to equalize wages so that a greater number of young women can go into industry. If women were not in industry, the men would get better wages and keep the women better. What man needs is good cooking. He is the bee in the social beehive.

Some laugh and call home the home of the scrubbing brush. It isn't a disgrace to use a scrubbing brush, but a disgrace not to know how to use it. Home is a great place.

Home is the sacred pillar on which stands the integrity of the state, and be it ever so humble there is never any place like home. Home will not be like is used to be were women ever to get the right of suffrage.

Then these suffragettes say they want to vote, because it is a natural right. Elihu Root has said that voting is not a natural right but a privilege. If it were a natural right, the persons living in the District of Columbia would be allowed to vote. Suppose these suffragettes were called upon to legislate. What would they know about making laws governing most things? Nothing. Suffrage for women would lead to anarchy.

If the suffragettes are not satisfied with this country, why don't they go to some country where they can vote. It is their right. They could go to Finland where the women have gone crazy over suffrage. Scarcely any ever stay at home any more. They drop their children or their dishes, anything they're at, and run when they feel like it. That would be nice in this country.

Suffragettes in New York took this pledge. I hereby promise I will give what I can and do my share of work to gain votes for women. I hereby promise that I will not give either money or services to church or charity or any cause until women have been enfranchised.

What we need is better men and women. Not better laws."

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