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209 1/2 W. Main St.
Oklahoma City, Okla.
Jan. 30th 1910

Dear Miss Shaw: -

It has taken me what may seem to you, a long time to write to you of conditions in Oklahoma, but I wanted to be sure of the situation so as to intelligently report affairs.

Petition: It is the universal expression of every one of the workers who canvassed for signatures, that many times the 38,000 names could have been secured if needed. The refusals to sign were surprisingly few and far less objection was made than the women anticipated. It was chiefly a question of providing funds for the workers, and many of our women did the work gratuitously and some paid their own expenses. All of Oklahoma City was canvassed without cost. Secretary of State, Mr. Cross, made the statement not alone to the suffragists, but to the newspaper men, that our petition was presented to him in neater better shape than any that had been filed. When the receipt was being written, it was discovered that it could not be made out to women. Our good friend Mr. Langston, State Secy Federation of Labor stepped into the breach and the receipt was filled out to him. (This is a good place to moralize but I am pressed for time!) Senator Roddie probed the petition on the plea of insufficiency, fraud and equality, - all technicalities unless "fraud" charge be

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excepted. His affidavit was based on hearsay and belief merely. No definite charge in substantiation of his statements. We had three attorneys; Judge Robertson Democratic candidate for governor, Judge J. L. Brown Republican; and Hon. P. J. Nagel, Socialist. Every one of these is irreproachable in personal life and eminent in law. Judge Robertson argued the justice of submission; Judge Brown the legal construction of our petition and Judge Nagel delivered a broadside when he demanded recognition of the 38,000 MEN who had signed that petition in full faith that the people should pass judgment, and no future explanation would suffice to placate or say why 38000 sovereign voters were disregarded. At twelve o'clock, Mr. Cross said we would recess until 2 P.M. when he would render a decision. You know just what those two long, long, pregnant hours meant to us. Not a woman was tardy in re-assembling. The room was crowded and the silence was equally full. None of us knew, from indications, just what to expect. Secretary Cross read deliberately and firmly; "-- Said petition is in conformity to the requirements of law and that the remonstrant is not ready to prove the allegations in said remonstrance contained, although this is the date heretofore regularly set for the hearing, and all and singular being fully satisfied as to the legality and sufficiency of the said petition, I do hereby decide that the said petition is in due form of law and amply sufficient in all things and that the question thereby proposed should be

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certified to the Governor to the end that the same may be submitted to the electors of the State as is provided by law.

I therefore decide that the petition is sufficient; and that the remonstrance is insufficient in law to entitle it to any further consideration, inasmuch as no proof has been submitted and the continuance has been denied.

Let the remonstrance therefore be dismissed and let the petition stand as sufficient and let the proposed amendment be certified to the Governor as is provided by law. "

Do you know what a joy-wave is? It comes but a few times in life and one was due at 2:12 P.M. Tuesday, Jan. 25th, 1910. First you feel a queer tingling sensation, your breath stops, a little thrilling rippling flood of warmth begins in your head and flows genially down the spine until it reaches your feet (which have been cold—oh so cold), the solar plexus gives a leap and a somersault, something grips your Adam's apple and there is a moment of dazed oblivion. Then comes buoyancy, radiation and a desire to forgive your enemies.

That's a joy-wave. Thanks Mr. Cross.

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Roddie served notice that he would appeal to the Supreme Court. The terms of the law are vague. Some lawyers interpret it that but five days are allowed in which to appeal; others dispute this limitation. This leaves us in a period of uncertainty. Senators and representatives from both Democratic and Republican ranks doubt very much that Roddie will appeal.

While at Guthrie Mrs. Biggers and I were much pleased with our sudden popularity. And referring wholly to the legislators who paid tribute to us. Few of them thought we could secure 38,543 voters who desired to submit a woman suffrage amendment. This was political surprise No. 1. Then our women worked so quietly that many politicians were unaware of the success of the campaign until the petition was actually filed. This was shock No. 2. Now they are interested in the effort to learn what support we count on from the respective parties. The most influential of all the Senators (Democratic) told Mrs. Biggers we would receive 50% of the Democratic vote. This probably to offset any bids by Republicans which favor might give the latter ascendancy. The Socialist vote is credibly estimated at 40,000 to 60,000 at the coming election. (Regular general election) This, taking mean estimate (50,000), would equal 20% of the probable votes that will be cast. The Democrats and Republicans will be pretty evenly balanced. So if we can count on 50% of each (I think it will be less from the Democrats and more from the Republicans) we will have 70% of the entire vote cast. This is too rosy to be true. And satisfied

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... by subtracting $14\frac{1}{2}$ and hoping again for the $51\frac{1}{2}$ of entire election.

We open Headquarters in the Lee-Huckins Hotel, N. Y. This will be on fourth floor. The Democratic Headquarters are on parlor floor. The rental is very high. \$45.00 per month - but I will be able to keep the room as much as there is no expense for furniture, heat & light, and we have benefit of parlors for interview, and committee rooms are at our service for meetings. This is the cheapest and best we could do. Office rooms are at a premium, rents have advanced and the majority of cases 2 and 3 year leases are stipulated.

The primaries will be held in August. There is being made to defer special election, because some of the proposed Amendments imperil the popularity of others. The situation is very complex and conflicting. The most heated fight will occur on the Amendment proposed by the Railway Corporations. This is a capitalistic amendment and will be opposed by Federation of Labor-Socialist and Democratic (partially) parties. Our friends who are interested in the success of the Corporation Amendment think our chances vastly better at a general election, than if we came at a Special. This is not my personal view.

Sometimes I am suspicious that the effort to "appeal" on the Suffrage Amendment is fostered by the Railway Corporation. We have aroused so much sentiment that we may bring out a large vote, and this would be difficult to manage by corporation manipulators. The less interest in an amendment, the more easily the electors

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can be handled.

The black woman's vote has been the obstacle among the Democrats, but this plea has not been so pronounced lately, — perhaps because there is a rumor that the present Legislature which is in Special Session purposes ~~and~~ a Grandfather Clause.

Our Suffrage Campaign Committees are in process of formation. Because of the wide area and many counties (75) we have planned to put one woman in each of the 5 Congressional districts.

These women will have to be paid, and we expect to give them one dollar per day and expenses. They will help the County chairmen organize and advise, prepare routes. It means an average of 15 counties for each Congressional woman, and she will be hard-worked.

The 3rd, 4th & 5th Cong. districts comprising the old Indian Nations and are Southern in manner, viewpoint and methods.

Miss Gordon has written that she cannot come to our aid and we are disappointed. We hope for more favorable reply from Miss Clay. We especially need some one to work among the Club women. This is of utmost importance. Cannot Mrs. Potter take this phase of the work? We need a "big" woman of force and renown.

The fiction has arrived and will be part of our Headquarters reference library. We are in immediate need of literature. May we hope for a donation of some from the National?

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Our local literature will not be very varied in
range because of the cost of printing many
different topics.

Am worried considerably over the prospect
of finances. The petition work practically drained
our funds of what money was to be obtained,
and when the last bill is paid there will not
be anything in the Treasury. We cannot place
our workers in the field until we have the funds
for their expenses, and printers bills loom
before us like a nightmare. I do not dread
the taping and hard work, but the finances
take all the inspiration and courage from
this effort. If things and opportunities would
wait until we had the money wherewith to compass
them, it would be easy. But our opportunity is
now, and our opposition is little.

I wish I could tell you of the heroic work
our women have done. Mr. Gray bore the entire
burden of correspondence, and what was practically
State Headquarters work without one cent of recompense,
and in addition to his generous contribution.

Mrs. Stephens went out in the field and tramped
from street to street and door to door gathering
signatures. All the discomforts of heat, red wind,
and dust were borne uncomplainingly and without
pay. Miss Burt spent a season in field
work and bore her own expenses. Mrs. Brown

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gave a percent of all she earned in her millinery work, Mrs Kirkpatrick, Mrs Dunham, and a host of others gave time and strength. Mrs Redfield was indefatigable and showed a surprising tact and knowledge. Some of our women were paid salaries, or for names but they all rendered more value than received.

Mrs Biggers is a born general. Her club-affiliations and her long residence in Indian Territory have built up respectful consideration. Most Oklahomans know her personally or know of her. Besides she is a farmer. This latter captures the genuine sons of the soil. (N.B. She works this as ammunition.)

Mrs Belmont's buttons were proudly worn at our hearings. Not one was left for distribution. There were many inquiries for them long after the supply was exhausted. Do you think you could prevail on Mrs Belmont to send us 300,000 for voters and club women? I think I could place some in the Democratic Headquarters, if we had enough to spare.

Please offer some suggestions for our campaigns.

"Yours for Victory"

Sam Porter - Boyer

Copy of letter from Dr. Gay.
Jan. 12th 1910

Jan 16, 1910

Dear Mrs Boyer:-

Senator Roddie of Ada protested on our Bill last night. Claims 5000 illegal signers. Judge Robertson of Chandler defends us. Say we do not need to worry, things will be all right. The hearing not set yet, but expect it will be about Saturday or Monday next. Believe we can put up a pretty good fight. Hardly know where you are, on your way here, or home, but send this there, then if you get here all right. We all filed 900 names ~~and~~ extra. Judge Robertson had charge of the legal phase. Langston went along. Braustetter was busy and could not go. When we got ready for our receipt, found out we were not petitioners so had Langston file it, or rather made out to him the receipt. Mrs Laskey and Mrs Feunway hardly knew what to say. If Robertson needs any legal help, told him he could have all he wanted. Believe he is the best man we could have had, but of course may be mistaken. Sec. of State folk were very nice but do not think they did it for effect, especially the Assistant. Mrs Haskell called while we were there. Kate Barnard sent her regrets over the phone in not being able to be present. (but was so busy) Do not know whether there is anything else I ought to tell you. or not.

With love

Ruth a Gay

Wed. a.m.

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Explanatory to Dr. Gay's letter.

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and very popular.

Judge Robertson a prominent Democrat.

Boanotetter, is Sec. Socialist Party of Okla.
and assumes us his party will cast
40,000 votes next election. He is no
steadfast loyal friend.

214 N. Logan Sq
Philadelphia, Pa
Jan 16 " 1910.

Dear Miss Clay:-

Enclosed letter from Dr. Gay is self explanatory. The Mr. J. Luther Langston referred to, is State Secy of Federation of Labor and very popular.

Senator Roddie was the man who termed the suffragists "he-nomen" and "denatured women" at our debate in the Senate. At that time he was under indictment for Embezzling funds from an Insurance Co. Was exempt from trial during the session of the Legislature, and I never learned result of the case.

I think he is merely the tool of the machine politicians.

His high-handed arbitrary actions may be a boomerang. It will give no publicity and cause our friends to rally as perhaps no other thing could do. It is ridiculous to think that 5000 men would willfully disregard the warning which is printed on every petition sheet, and which states that it is a felony to "knowingly sign an initiative or referendum petition, if not a legal voter." Roddie is reflecting on the honesty and the intelligence of 20% of the men who signed

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our petition. We can make things warm for Roddie by a letter to these signers. Then too we went in the broad principle of appealing to the people to decide our measure and Roddie assumes their constitutional prerogative. It makes fine campaign thunder. That is if we are inspired so as to hold over after the Special and for the General Election. The gist of his action (he is no doubt merely a tool for the ring manipulators) is that the Democrat gangsters are afraid to submit our question. They have acknowledged that it would carry if submitted. The decent Democrats are with us however, Democrats like Judge Kane, Bryan, Dunn, Hoffman, Durant, Russell, and Owen.

I shall probably start for Oklahoma Wednesday night, so as to relieve the fright and anxiety of the women who have toiled so unmercifully with this petition. It may mean a legal fight through the State and Federal Courts. How strange it would be if Oklahoma should be the medium of national agitation.

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of our suffrage question.

Am hurrying this aorawl as
Mrs Blaukenburg and I mean
to take the 3.15 train for Washington
to discuss Okla with Mrs Avery.

There is much I have to tell you
but it is train time and doubtless
Miss Shaw has told you of our
interview with Mrs Belmont
and her promised aid.

Affectumately Yours

Lou Porter - Boyer

Lexington, Ky. Feb. 24, 1900.

My dear Mrs. Boyer,

Your two letters of February the 18th are duly received. I am exceedingly sorry to hear what you say of Mrs. Biggers' illness. I hope by this time she has recovered. Be sure to give my warm regards to her when you write.

I am very much interested in all that you write me of the situation in Oklahoma. Sometime ago, I wrote to Mrs. Stephens that I could not write a part of your argument to be filed with the petition; but I understand that Miss Gordon will do so, and I feel that that is all that would be even useful from any one outside the State.

You asked me if I think it is possible for me to come to Oklahoma. I am so interested in that campaign that I would really enjoy being there, if I could feel myself useful and the Oklahoma women are kind enough to seem to think that I might be, and yet I do not see my way clear to going. I could not leave our own legislative work until the end of the Legislature, which is about the middle of March. Then I must do some weeks work on the National books of which I am auditor. Miss Blackwell's health, I am sorry to say, is so much impaired that I could not possibly put off this

on to her. In fact I expect to have to do the whole of it myself with such assistance as she can give me after we reach the Convention in Washington. I feel that the Convention in Washington is going to be very interesting and in some respects a difficult

one, and I do not think that any of the Officers ought to be absent as the counsels of all will probably be necessary to settle some troublesome situations that may come up. At that time at least I think I can be more useful to Oklahoma at the Convention than I could be in the campaign for, as you know, the financial question is pressing hard on the Suffragists just now, and I believe that I am decidedly the most zealous on behalf of Oklahoma of any of our present Board. If I am in Washington, I believe, that I could keep the claims of Oklahoma for financial aid to the front; but if I or someone equally zealous is not there, I believe, that the claims of other states will crowd our Oklahoma. Early in May the General Federation of Woman's Clubs meets in Cincinnati, and I would very much like to attend that Convention since it is so near to me. Though I would not make attendance on it a reason for not coming to Oklahoma, the previous reasons I have given would be preventative. I hardly think that I could stand any summer hotter than we have in Kentucky. I find my strength much depleted in the hot weather and I really doubt whether I would be able to be of much service then. All these things being as they are and the contest of the petition not yet decided, I consider it best to say that at present I cannot accept the invitation to come to Oklahoma. If at the Convention in Washington, however, the circumstances are favorable and the Oklahoma women are still desirous of having me come, I certainly would consider the invitation favorably.

What is going to be the attitude of your campaign towards the temperance people and the liquor interests? By that I mean do you intend to point out to the temperance people that the liquor traffic is a firm opponent to Woman Suffrage. Have you seen the statement of W. J. Bryan of February the 12th, in which he says that it is time for political parties to declare themselves independent of the liquor

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interests? I wish I had this clipping to send to you, but I have only one copy which I have placed in my scrapbook. However, as it was very widely copied in the press perhaps you can secure it. If not, if you will write to me, I will take the pains to get you a copy. I am asking your attitude on this point particularly at the present time, because the Federation of Women's Clubs in Kentucky has been making a strong effort to obtain School Suffrage for Women. At this present moment there is every prospect of its defeat on account of the attitude of the liquor interest towards it. The fact is so evident that the editors of the leading papers in Lexington, both the Republican and the Democratic, have pointed it out to their readers that the opposition comes from this line. I enclose an editorial on this subject from "The Herald" which is the leading Democratic paper in Central Kentucky. I believe that the antagonism which the liquor power will rouse by this opposition is going to be of great benefit to the Suffrage cause in Kentucky, and in my judgment a judicious exposition of the opposition of the liquor traffic will be advantageous to us everywhere. I do not believe that we should state the Woman Suffrage cause as being in any wise identical with the temperance movement but surely it must help us to point out that whereas the Suffragists are endorsed by the Federation of Labor, the Granges, the W. C. T. U. and the twenty or more Associations for honorable purposes, but two organizations have publicly declared against Suffrage for women, that is the small society called Anties and the liquor power. I have decided to send you a typewritten copy of Mr. Bryan's statement, which you will find enclosed with the printed slips.

Please remember me to all my Suffrage friends, and believe me

Very cordially yours,

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Miss Laura Clay

189 N. Mill Street

Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

This is just a biref note inspired by Mrs. Biggers, who asks me to write you in acknowledgment of the very, very generous check you have sent. Mrs. Biggers is quite ill with erysipelas, and the Major and I do all the correspondence since she is unable to write. I really feel much alarmed about Mrs. Biggers. She seems to have so little resistance or vitality. Each time she comes to Guthrie or Oklahoma City, she catches cold, or something happens, to send her home a wreck.

Our Petition case is in the Supreme Court, and has been moved to the head of the docket as the law permits. We are not at all disconcerted, or ~~is~~ apprehensive relative to the decision of the judges. The whole transaction is a display of dilatory tactics by Senator Roddie, who is pulling chestnuts out of the fire for badly scared machine politicians. I think he is more than sorry that he ever interfered with our Petition, for many of the Democrats have censured him because of the course he has taken, and candidly acknowledge that he has unnecessarily invited

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odium for the party.

Our Oklahoma women are quite desirous that you and Miss Kate Gordon write the argument to be filed with the petition. We have written Miss Gordon, and presume she is at work upon her part of it now. If there is any information or assistance I can render in furnishing data or facts, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Ira Porter Boyer

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You do not state in your letter when your legislature will end its session, and I am hoping that you will find it possible to come and help us in Oklahoma. I do not want to shirk, but I do feel the need of consultation and conference in much of the work that is to be done here in Headquarters. I believe we have ^{good} a chance to win, and so I do not wish to merely kill time and play at trying to get this amendment through.

We have divided the State into five Congressional Districts, and expect to put some good, level headed woman in each of the Districts. ^{Each} She will have an average of fifteen counties to look after, to organize and to set to work. Now this is a big territory for each woman to look after. Mrs. Stephens has developed into a very capable, sensible worker. She is remarkably tactful and pleasant, and not at all thorny or aggressive. She can handle an Anti so that he leaves her with a feeling of friendship. Mrs. Branstetter will go into another District. She has the same capable energy and intelligence in her work that Mrs. Stephens displays.

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I do hope that you can take the Southern District, the old Indian Territory, and straighten out your Southern friends from "Old Kaintuck, Arkansas and sich like benighted regions". I am willing to look after the office work, and relieve you as much as possible, but it is too comprehensive and big a task for one woman to carry, especially when much-needed plans will be difficult to compass from a financial lack; besides that, I think a National Officer should be here on the ground.

Mrs. Biggers appreciates all I am writing to you, and understands the importance of having you or Miss Gordon, or both here during the campaign. If you knew the political situation, I think you would feel that I am right in thinking that we have never had in any State such favorable combinations in politics. Will it not be possible for you to come here and look over the situation and make your decision, and then whatever recommendations you may make to the National, I shall try to execute. I have hesitated to ask this much of you, because I do not know how well you would stand our Oklahoma summers. To me they have not been so formidable, and I have never been ill for a day. Do think it over, and I shall hopefully await your reply.

We have partly planned how to spend that \$400.00.

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We have about \$100.00 worth of literature ready for the printers now. Another \$100.00 is to be divided between Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. Branstetter in field work for their Congressional districts. \$100.00 will go to stock our Headquarters, and then we have \$100.00 left for the workers we decide upon for two of the other Congressional Districts. This you see gives a breathing spell for the coming month, at least. We are doing a lively correspondence all over the State, and I think are the best patrons at the postage stamp window up in our New Post Office.

Sincerely yours,

Ida Porter - Boyer

Lexington, Ky. Feb. 2, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Boyer,

I have just received a copy of your lucid and delightful account of the Oklahoma situation, and I cannot refrain from writing a few lines to tell you how much interested I am in all that is going on. I think that the campaign in Oklahoma in many respects is the most important one now on hand. I hope that you will woo the Democrats to the extent of your ability. It is my opinion that the Democratic attitude is the prize in this campaign. I don't know how you think about it, you loyal little Republican, but I don't care for either Republicans or Democrats, I am only a Woman Suffragist.

I thank you for your invitation to come to Oklahoma. Miss Shaw has already written to me about it. My situation is this: our Legislature is in session, and the Federation of Woman's Clubs is making a strong effort for School Suffrage for women, which, of course, the E. R. A. is sustaining, though unobtrusively; and we have one or two exclusively E. R. A. bills, and there is other local E. R. A. work which has the right to my first consideration. Nothing but a real urgency for my going, or for additional help would justify me in thinking of such a thing during the legislative session. ^{and after} ~~the session~~ that I have work to do in anticipation of our Convention in Washington in the middle of April.

I have just had a delightful letter from Miss Gregg in

which she says the prospects are very satisfactory in Arizona. She has a thousand members on the enrollment cards, and the political parties, especially the Democrats are considering supporting the Suffrage cause. She writes in good spirits and evidently is enjoying the novel experiences in Arizona.

I wish only to write a word of congratulation to you Oklahoma women, and to say how glad I am that you are once more in the field, where I know you are both useful and intensely interested.

Give my love to all our good Suffragists and with much to yourself, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

Dict.

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Okla City Okla

CITY HALL BUILDING Shawnee, Okla.,

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My Dear Mrs Boyer
Yours of 26 inst just to hand. I found
it awaiting me at home when I reached
here from a 12 day trip in the S. W.
part of the State. Yes I am with you
in your fight for equal rights and I
believe that more than 90 per cent of the members
of our organization are for removing the
shackles from the Political and Economic
lives of our women. I think the Constitution-
al Amendment will carry by a large
majority in Okla. The broad and liberal
minded men of all parties are for it.
The Farmers Union is almost unan-
imous for it. The Federation of labor people
are very strong for it. And the Socialist
party is almost unanimous for it
And to save my life I can not see how
we can fail to take this advanced step

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And I want to say I will have the day
in gladness when our wives sisters and
daughters can stand by our side in a
demand for a better personal in our
lawmakers. I am forced to say that
I fear the people of Okla can hope for
but little as long as 50 per cent as more of
our legislators board and sleep at a
Brothel called a Hotel with a Blind
Tiger (and not so blind either) in the
basement and a worse Hell up
stairs. And I do hope and believe
that when the women have the ballot placed
in their hands that they will not ask
only does he ~~belong~~ she belong to my party
but are they men or women of good ^{manly} ~~manly~~
character. Yes I think you will win
but I want to say it will avail you
but little in this fight to get the vote.

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unless you can have them counted.
And in order that you may be sure
that the votes cast for your cause is counted
you should take no chances but see
that in every precinct that you had
a friend on the board that does the
counting. You can do this I think
without much trouble. You should
have a committee in every county to go
before the Election Commissioners and get
their pledge to give you at least one friend
on the board. More especially is this
important in the larger towns where
the Whiskey power is active. As a
general thing you will be fairly safe in
the rural districts as there they will be
quite likely to get some of our Union
people on and I think in so he is a friend
but your danger lays in the cities. You

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Can no doubt have a Committee in every
County who can look after this and they
should be advised of the names of some
friend or friends in every precinct.
If you get a correct count you are cer-
tain to win. You ask me to call at
headquarters. Well, I maybe able to do
that but I am very busy now and fear
I shall be during all of the month of April
and I generally have to pass through
Okla City without stopping when on my
way either East or West. Yet I maybe able
to stop and see you. But if I do I want to
warn you before hand not to expect to see
anyone who looks like a ladies man
as I am only a rough old farmer and
with but little education. Yet I am your
friend in your fight and will help
you all I can. Wishing you complete
success I am very respectfully yours
W J Crawford

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HEADQUARTERS, ROOM 423, LEE-HUCKINS

OKLAHOMA CITY,

Mar. 16

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My Dear Miss Clay:-

The suspense here would be almost unbearable if it were not that we are overwhelmed with work. Club meetings, (Federated) Labor meetings, Patrons meetings, Parlor meetings all whizzing at the rate of several by day and one for nearly every night. It is fine to be so busy. Makes one feel alive.

The legislature may adjourn in a few days, and then we will have some definite developments politically. The anti-prohibs are already arranging for mass meetings.

I sent the clipping from the Lexington paper, relative to your Legislative Hearing, to Mrs Biggers. It was fine. The clipping I mean, and a tragic recital of how little women mean in the councils of State, save as reproducers and consumers. That clipping made my dutch blood boil and surge.

The newspapers are actually catering to us.

I have had columns of space offered in the big dailies. Reporters call at Headquarters with a frequency that nearly distracts me. Have been very successful in getting the organs of the Socialist Party, the W.C.T.U. and the Labor people to give us plenty of space. Am mailing you several copies that you may see how generous they are. This space could be filled every issue, if we had the time and force to do it.

We depend on you to make the same brave stand for us in the National Convention at Washington, that you have made in Buffalo and in Seattle.

I wish you could be here in the campaign, but I hesitate to urge this because of the heat, — particularly if the campaign is to be prolonged through the summer. If there is a special election in, say August, I shall hope for you to come in May, June and July. The intense heat does not come before August and September.

Affectionately Yours

Ida Porter - Boyer

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HEADQUARTERS, ROOM 423, LEE-HUCKINS

OKLAHOMA CITY, *Mar. 14* 191*0*

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My Dear Miss Shaw:-

Am grateful indeed for the news in your letter that the Business Committee has voted \$25 worth of literature for Oklahoma. Am enclosing list of leaflets that we think would be especially serviceable just now.

Now here's another prayer. How about an Oklahoma edition of Progress? We would furnish all the copy and the mailing-list if you think there is any hope of such edition. A newspaper, received through the mails, is usually read by one or more members of a family. The Press in Oklahoma has come out finely. Have had a suffrage edition of the Industrial Democrat and practically the same thing with the Oklahoma City News. Our biggest daily is the Oklahoman. This has printed everything furnished so far. Of course its material has been "news", but it will run two or three items in an issue. (Am touching wood as I write this, lest the liquor people buy up this most influential paper.) I cannot fill the demands for special articles. Anything local is eagerly taken.

Senator Roddie has asked for an extension of time in his new appeal. The forty days allowed

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him for filing brief, expired on Friday (11th inst.)
Mrs. Stephens and I went down to Guthrie and
served notice on Roddie. At first he refused
to accept service, but later re-considered this,
but immediately entered an appeal for an
extension of time — another forty days. It is
wholly within the province of the Supreme Court
to refuse or acquiesce. It leaves us up in the
air, but it confirms the situation, that the
Democrats are afraid to submit the Amendment.
It does not seem possible or probable that the
Court will add another forty days delay, since
the express intent of the law relative to the
Initiative is expedition.

Meanwhile we are not losing a single opportunity.
Are holding one and two
meetings a day. Yesterday was a most profitable
one. (Sunday). I was given a full hour in
the Parish House, under the auspices of the
Business Women's Club, in the afternoon; in
the evening I had 45 minutes before the
Laundry Workers. Packed hall and lots of
enthusiasm.

The Sons of Washington (anti prohibition) have filed
their petition, but its constitutionality has not been
determined. Like ours, it is in the hands of the
Court. If this petition is sustained, it is difficult
to guess how it will affect our Amendment. In
one respect it will hurt us, since unquestionably
the liquor people will use plenty of money
to carry their Amendment; but on the other

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hand, it aroused our prohibition and W. C. T. U. friends. It is significant that our "prohis" are warming up more than they ever did in previous campaigns.

The Anti-suffragists have not yet appeared. You seem to have coralled the whole bunch in New York - even the Chicago variety is withering. Philadelphia has sprouted some, but here the species is not well-known. Some few articles have appeared in print, but they were rather harmless, - more wishy-washy than usual. I hope for a run of them; gives us material to burst into print in reply.

It is comforting to know that Mrs. Dewey is interested in the Bibliography. Read a very nice letter from her. She refers to the recommendations to be made concerning the "bit".

Miss Clay sent Mrs. Biggers \$400, and Miss Blackwell has sent \$100. This money is to be used for local workers, and will enable us to send them into the field immediately. We can get local women for \$30 per month and expenses. The latter will probably be \$50 - even though we secure entertainment. The five hundred dollars will mean about one month's work in each Congressional District (We have 5), and this will not be sufficient work to get out the vote in the

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75 counties. But it will start things, and we feel an unspeakable gratitude to Miss Clay and Miss Blackwell, for we know the necessity for immediate work.

Mrs. Biggers is recovering from her severe attack of Erysipelas. She has had her beautiful, long hair cut and her head shaven. This means wearing a cap I suppose. She is really a remarkable woman and I do not see how we can pull through the campaign without her.

The legislature may adjourn this week or next. It has failed to accomplish that for which it was assembled chiefly — enacting a "grandfather" qualification, but it may achieve the result in an elective laws bill. This state is viler in politics than sodden Pennsylvania. Indeed after the Keamsburg Capitol proceedings and the fate that was meted to the grafters of that Charming Sengaloo, I have hope that Pennsylvania may yet reform — but Oklahoma — well, not until Lucifer and Haskell lock hands (or horns.)

Sincerely Yours

Ida Porter-Bayer

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HEADQUARTERS, ROOM 423, LEE-HUCKINS

OKLAHOMA CITY, *Apr. 24* 191*0*
Centralia, Pa

My Dear Miss Clay:-

Mr. Boyer asks me to mail
 you the enclosed clippings. He is particu-
 larly happy over Dr. Kelley's attitude.

Am at a loss to interpret Dr. Gay's
 letter, — the information relative to our
 petition is so scrappy. I start in
 the morning for Oklahoma, and will
 write to you as soon as I get definite
 information about our petition.

Oklahoma will be so grateful for
 your heroic efforts in her behalf.

Yours lovingly

Ida Porter-Boyer

Copy

April 4 1910

MY Dear Miss Shaw:-

Enclosed find copy of Brief filed by Roddie. Our lawyers have 30 days to prepare argument, and then Court will hear case. Between campaigns, law-suits, bankruptcy and politics I'm getting my full, good dose of suffrage.

A Special election has been called for June 11, on two propositions only. The removal of Capitol from Guthrie, and the Corporation Amendment. (A railway scheme). We shall probably hold over until regular election in November, UNLESS some of the amendments now pending are brought before the electors at the time of the primaries, August 15.

From several valuable sources the opinion has been that we have a better chance at the regular election in November. Mr. Crawford, President of Farmers' Union called to-day. He made this same statement. When I asked on what he based it, he replied, "The Farmers are with you solidly. I travel constantly from Union to Union all over the state. The farmers will not come out to vote at special elections; they cannot leave their fields, but they do go to the regular elections. There is almost a certainty that you will get the votes to win, but the

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danger lies in the count in the cities. Mr. Crawford made several important promises.

We are to have place on the program at the Farmers' State Convention.

We are to have place on the program of ALL THE FARMERS' PICNICS THIS SUMMER.

In the rural districts he will help to get friends on the Election Boards to watch the count.

These are better opportunities than we have had in our previous work.

The Labor and Farmer Unions are lining up splendidly. On Thursday I am to speak before a combined Mass meeting of these Unions at Chickasha. They are making preparations for an unusually large meeting.

Mrs. Stephens is sending in fine reports. Had an address before the faculty and students of the Oklahoma Christian University, and pledged about thirty young preachers who fill country appointments, to preach woman suffrage sermons. She has organized a new clud in Enid that is doing excellent work.

Best wishes for a rousing, Convention in Washington.

Sincerely Yours,

Ida Porter - Boyer

[Daily Oklahoman Mar. 24, 1910]

The suffragettes of England set about in a very crazy way to accomplish a very sane result—recognition by the government. That they succeeded is evidenced by an editorial in the leading liberal organ to the effect that they will hereafter be received by the ministers and their prayers given proper consideration.

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CITIZENSHIP TO BE DETERMINED

INDIAN COMPETENCY BOARDS NEW SCHEME INAUGURATED BY COM- MISSIONER VALENTINE.

Washington, March 25.—The qualifica-
tion of Indians to assume rights of citi-
zenship will be determined in the future
by boards appointed by the commisisoner
of Indian affairs, to be known as "com-
petency boards." This is the result of
a sucessful experiment initiated last
summer by Commissioner Valentine,
when he appointed such a competency
board for the Omaha Indians in Ne-
braska.

These boards will appear for each res-
ervation as the necessity arises and their
tenure of duty will expire as their tasks
are finished. Each will be composed of
the local superintendent of the reserva-
tion concerned, an inspector of the In-
dian service and a representative of the
state in which the reservation is lo-
cated.

The state representation will give the
commonwealth most interested a voice
in deciding which of the red men are
capable of facing the world as self-sup-
porting citizens.

Isn't this a good "ad" ?
Our newspapers do fine work.
D. P. B.

Friday, March 25, 1910.

All Women Should Vote

that the Traders is the place to save on every purchase, as it is an established fact that the Traders has it FOR LESS. Our buyer has returned from the East, where one of the strongest and most up-to-date lines of merchandise that ever was brought to Oklahoma City was purchased. These goods are arriving daily. No department was neglected. Each one receiving its share. We think it can be truthfully said that no season in the past has shown anything to compare with the styles of 1910. And contrary to expectations, THE PRICE IS NO HIGHER THAN FORMER YEARS—in many instances the price is less than ever before known.

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HEADQUARTERS, ROOM 423, LEE-HUCKINS

OKLAHOMA CITY, June 15 1910

My Dear Miss Clay:-

Your letter was a great comfort. I hesitated about asking you to endure the summer weather, but I really have found it just as endurable as summers in other States, and I insist that in past campaigns in Oklahoma, we have been most unwise in neglecting the work during summer months. The opportunities for reaching the masses far exceed any that are offered during the cold season.

Under the terms of our Initiative law, the Governor must call an election, forty days in advance. That is, the minimum time he must allow to make a campaign is forty days. So, if we are to be voted on August 2nd, (time of the primaries) he cannot proclaim an election on our Amendment later than June 22". If he fixes Aug. 2", I will telegraph you, that you may immediately come to our aid.

I am hoping we will not be voted on until

November. I may be mistaken, but I have carefully counted our chances, and because of recent developments, I am inclined to think our chances are better in November.

The special election (Aug. 2) has one advantage; namely the smaller majority or rather smaller vote to be overcome. But this is offset by other drawbacks and hoped-for possibilities.

I am desperately trying for the Democratic endorsement. I don't think I can get it, but that makes me try all the harder. I think our only hope of securing it is by first getting the Republican endorsement. There is no use in deluding ourselves that we can bring any argument directly to bear on the Dems.

Our tried to show them what woman suffrage might mean to the Democratic party. Strange to say, the argument makes no more impression now, than it did upon the members of the Constitutional Convention. We must get the Dems indirectly.

The National Committeeman (Kate Brady) Dem. Party came to our Headquarters yesterday. I urged party endorsement. He promised to consider lending his influence. That is as far as he could, or would go.

The State Rep. Convention meets at Guthrie to-morrow. I shall try to get a hearing. The supposition is, that the Convention will be merely perfunctory, and adjourn without doing anything, until a later convening after the primaries. So this is why I fear to have

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our Amendment voted on Aug 2. — it prevents us from getting party endorsement, since both Rep and Dem. State Conventions will not be held until after primaries.

Of course, if we must put up a short campaign we shall need more workers, and more funds. I would not fear a short campaign if we had the necessary money.

Mrs Biggers has promised to come to Headquarters later in the Summer, and that will enable me to go into the field. Her hair, she says, is like a child's, — short and just visible.

Am glad "Wizzie" succeeds to the Vice-presidency. She is so able, fearless and resourceful. I do not know Miss Ashley, but have faith in the wisdom of the selection by our National Board.

Lovingly Yours

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HEADQUARTERS, ROOM 423, LEE-HUCKINS

OKLAHOMA CITY, June 27, 1910. 191

Miss Laura Clay,
 Richmond, Kentucky.

My Dear Miss Clay:

I know you will rejoice over the news contained in the enclosed clipping relative to the very aggressive fight the Federation of Labor mean to put up in behalf of woman suffrage. Mr. Langston, in conjunction with a number of other influential labor leaders, has promised to stump portions of the state in behalf of our amendment. I look upon their action in behalf of our amendment as the most important ally we have secured. Their circular letter is going out broadcast to every candidate, big and little, and there are thousands of these him for or against our movement. By the time the Federation of Labor give this little jolt to our candidates there will be some fun.

I spent Saturday down in Pontotoc County, at a democratic picnic. There were about thirty candidates there for various state and county offices. I was a novelty there because very few women have spoken at any of the picnics in that vicinity and they used me really as a drawingcard. The novelty was so successful that I have been swarmed with invitations - three or four for the Fourth of July and a great many others of various dates during that month. Mrs. Stephens had arranged for me to speak at that picnic and was busy all day on the grounds distributing literature and interviewing the farmers. I am elated for the opportunities afforded by these picnics. I cannot but wish that you were in the state but I am loath to urge you to come now, fearing you would be exhausted before our real hard, clinching work comes in October.

I speak at the chautauqua in Oklahoma City July 3rd, at Wewoka July 4th, Seminole on the 7th, Marlow on the 13th. These are all picnics. Scattered in between these dates are a number of schoolhouse meetings, and I have about concluded to turn the parlor meetings over to local women in the various towns.

Mrs. Stephens will go on to Coalgate tomorrow. She is working in the very hardest district now. The socialists have absorbed all suffragists and scared the democrats and republicans so that

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 this
 Roddie's district

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Mrs. Stephens is having a hard, hard row to hoe. It will sort of even up the trip she took to the Northwest where everything came her way.

Cordially yours,

Ida Carter - Bayes

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OKLAHOMA CITY, June 21 1910 191

My Dear Miss Clay:-

Preceding the State Republican Convention, we sent letters to many of the delegates, and to the State Chairman, asking that the Republican Party endorse our Initiative Amendment asking that the women of Oklahoma be given the ballot.

Dr. Ruth A. Gay and I attended the Convention. We were given prominent seats on the platform, with the candidates and speakers, but when we pressed the influential men to give some recognition or plank in the party policy, we were told it was not feasible, etc. The Resolutions were all cut and dried days in advance, but we insisted on being accorded a Hearing before the Committee on Resolutions. This was finally done, but although we made as forceful a plea as we knew how, the result was barren of any good for us.

However, the Republican Party leaders are eager to line up our Organization. They were too fearful to come right out with any endorsement, but Mrs. Biggers is being urged to allow her name to be placed on the Republican Ballot as candidate for the office of Commissioner of Charities. The Republicans are doing this from two motives: first because Mrs. Biggers is a very strong candidate, and will line up the Womans Clubs, and is very well known all over the State for her personal attainments. Secondly, she is the standard-bearer of the Suffrage organization. These are two good strokes for the party.

Our present effort is to get the endorsement of the Democratic Party. The date of this Convention is not yet fixed, but we will be on hand. I have had several interviews with the National Committeeman, Mr. Tate Brady, and he is a suffragist. The Federation of Labor will put five or six men into the field to campaign for woman suffrage as a demand of the working class of this State. Mr. Langston will be one of the campaigners. Last evening, Senator Strain (democratic candidate for Corporation Commissioner) went to Arapahoe, to bring pressure to bear on Lee Cruce (democratic candidate for Governor) to have him declare for woman suffrage. Sen. Strain goes on this errand at the instigation of the legislative or executive committee of the Federation of Labor, and although the greatest secrecy has been maintained, and we were not consulted, I think the powers that be in the democratic machine, sanction Strain's errand. This information was given me privately by Langston. He feels sanguine of democratic endorsement. I am inclined to believe the democrats will not relish their opponents lining-up all the suffrage influence, and will try to counteract the effect of Mrs.

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Biggers' position by drawing off fire with a part endorsement. This may be easier to accomplish when the "Grandfather Clause" is no longer an obstacle. Many democrats are quite favorable to white woman suffrage. The grandfather business is to be voted on August 2, at time of the primaries. I am glad our measure does not come to a vote at the same time. There is much feeling on both sides over the question. While a special election means a smaller vote, the rural districts do not take any interest in special elections and our strength is in these districts. The Farmers Unions are with us. With a two-party endorsement, - socialist and say democrat, wont we have a walk-away at the polls?

Senator Roddie is a candidate for re-election. I am going to send him an open letter, challenging him to a series of debates in his own districts. Got to have some fun out of this campaign. My fear is that he will not accept.

I was told yesterday that Haskell and his cabinet have had several caucuses on our question, and are much disturbed. Fact is, there is a feeling of apprehension regarding the coming election. It looks as if the socialists have so invaded the democratic fold, that the republicans have the best chance to win. There is a significant neutrality between the socialists and the republicans, that causes dismay to the democrats.

Unless Haskell proclaims an election on the woman suffrage amendment to-morrow, 22nd, we will probably hold over until next November. The 22nd, is the last limit before the primaries.

Here's hoping.

Cordially Yours,

Ida Porter - Boyer

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HEADQUARTERS, ROOM 423, LEE-HUCKINS

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 13, 1910.

Miss Laura Clay,

Richmond, Kentucky.

My Dear Miss Clay:-

I have just returned from a hurried trip to the east consequent on the death of my dear mother. Mrs. Biggers wrote you relative to coming to Oklahoma, but we have had no reply. Will it be possible for you to reach us by October 1st? The Governor has issued a proclamation for a vote on the Woman Suffrage Amendment and the Anti-Prohibition Amendment at the time of the general election, November Eighth. We expect Miss Gordon about October 1st and I am arranging her route. We also hope for Miss Penfield and if you can arrange to come, surely Oklahoma will have a good big dose of southern women. If you will advise me just when you can reach us, I will immediately prepare your route and arrange dates. We received from Miss Ashley a check for \$117; \$60 from Mrs. Sarah Clay Bennett and \$57 from yourself. It is needless to say that we are deeply grateful. In fact, at the time the check came, we did not where to turn to get money for our expenses and Mrs. Biggers expressed it when she said "Well, isn't it strange how Miss Clay always comes to the rescue just at a time when we need money most." I agreed with her, but since then I have a vague suspicion

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that we are always "needing money most." The National had not sent us any money for some months and I had been supplying from my private resources the necessary funds until they reached the sum of over \$900. I did not know where to get another dollar and was fretting because I had personal notes coming due for which purpose the \$900 had been set aside. But I am very much relieved since the check has come from Miss Ashley, which liquidates the amount I have advanced. I am again in the peculiar position of having to supply the funds for the next few weeks, so I have written Miss Ashley asking that the balance of the amount, which the National so generously promised for Oklahoma, be sent here immediately that we have it to draw upon for the expenses of the next six weeks. We shall be obliged to have some extra printing done for the climax of the campaign; also to send out our local workers and other expenses must be furnished before they start into the field. They must have money for railway fares, for hotel bills, etc. I am very much afraid the National may think that I have the \$900 of my personal account upon which to draw, when as a matter of fact, my notes, which are maturing in the next two months, will be largely in excess of the \$900, and I am now paying eight per cent for money due on property for which I have not yet paid. I am sorry to take up your time with so much of my personal affairs, but I feel that this explanation is due. I do not hesitate to advance the funds for campaigning when I have them to draw on, for the National has always liquidated same. But I shall have worries of a private nature regarding my finances for the next few months, then I shall have a breathing spell. I do not have Mrs. Bennet's address, but will you kindly convey to her our sincere appreciation of her generosity and thanks for the \$60 contributed.

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Mr. Langston called last evening and has promised to give us several weeks of his time stirring up the labor vote. We shall be obliged to meet his expenses, but he donates his services. I think we can arrange to have a joint meeting for yourself and Mr. Langston at some of the Trades Assembly.

Cordially Yours,

Ida Porter-Bayer

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HEADQUARTERS, ROOM 423, LEE-HUCKINS

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 11, 1910.

Miss Laura Clay,

Richmond, Ky.

My Dear Miss Clay:

Miss Gordon arrived last week and we put her into the harness within half an hour after her arrival. She and the Mr. Luther Langston held forth at a mass meeting in Enid last evening to a splendid and enthusiastic audience. We still hope that you can give us a little time in October, for I am refusing dates to people who are writing in that speakers be sent in their various districts. I have just canceled dates for Stillwater, Okeene and Lawton, because we do not have star speakers to send to these places. The meetings were all of an important character and we could not possibly send a local woman to these large special gatherings. Come on and help us celebrate our victory November 8th.

Cordially Yours,

Ida Porter-Boyer

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Copy sent to Laura Clay.
Please return to Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

Oct. 14,

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Miss Jessie Ashley,

505 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

My Dear Miss Ashley:-

I have your letter enclosing check for \$208.01 to apply on bills for ^{August & Sept.} \$579.75. In your letter of October 6th, you stated that this \$208.01 is the unpaid balance of the \$2000 voted April 19th to continue the campaign in Oklahoma until the November 8th election. At the time of the Washington Convention, about April 20th, there were unpaid bills for which I had advanced \$505.35 to May 1st. The check wiping out this indebtedness was received by me April 29th. I certainly did not think that the prior debts should be included in the amount appropriated for the continuance of the campaign, and I am very positive that they were not so included in the estimate made at the Board meeting in The Arlington. When the question was asked what amount would probably be necessary to continue the campaign, I estimated approximately the following:

Rent for Headquarters	\$50. 00 per month
Stenographer	50. 00 " "
Press Work & Postage	50. 00 " "

TOTAL

\$150. 00 " "

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From the 20th of May to November 8th would be a little less than seven months, and seven times One Hundred Fifty Dollars was to be covered by the One Thousand Dollars for Headquarters. My own personal expenses were to be covered by the Second Thousand Dollars. I believe the minutes of the secretary will bear this out. In confirmation I recall a remark made by Mrs. Upton, wherein she suggested that the money be sent to me for Headquarters in installments of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150) per month "that I might not be tempted to spend more than this money." I think that I should not have remembered this remark if it were not that there flashed through my mind the thought that one could not accurately measure the demands in a campaign, since advanced orders must be placed for printing, etc., and that the expenses of the months preceding the close would jump away over the average. But I let the remark go unchallenged, because I did not think it wise to take up the very valuable time of the Board in little details, and am merely quoting this remark because it may help to refresh the memory of the members of the Board. The installment payments have not been met and it has been necessary for me to furnish the funds personally; not one, but two and three months in advance. There have been times when I borrowed the money to do this. We are in the crisis of our campaign and must furnish money for the expenses of the speakers whose routes are already published and partly filled. I am doing this on borrowed money feeling sure that the National Board will send the Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000) promised for expenses since the close of April. Will you kindly go over the bills presented for May, June, July, August and September. Mrs. Upton's check of April 29th (which I deposited May 3rd) for

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\$500 was to pay the bills incurred before the Convention, and I certainly did not understand that any part of the Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000) was retroactive. I am enclosing you items which I trust you will compare with your treasury account and see whether I have failed to give you credit for any for which you hold my receipt. At the expiration of Mrs. Upton's term of office she sent me a check squaring up the accounts to May 1st. From May 1st until July 6th, I received no money from the National, at which time you sent me a check for \$236.96. On August 22nd I received a check from you for \$825.68, which squares Headquarters' accounts to August 1st and my personal ^{salary} ~~accounts~~ to August 19th. The money received from Mrs. Upton was to liquidate bills from June 19th to May 1st, and I certainly had no thought at the time of the Board Meeting in Washington that overdue bills were to be counted in the Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000) appropriated for the Oklahoma campaign. Nor I can assure you I never should have attempted to continue a campaign. I have credited you as National Treasurer with ~~1270.65~~ ^{1270.65}. (1270.65) I am not counting any money received through you from Miss Clay, as these sums have been devoted to expenses other than returned in the bills sent you. They have been placed on the lists of contributions from private individuals. From your letters of August 9th and September 19th addressed to Mrs. Biggers I inferred that these sums were not to be included in the National appropriation. You spoke of an appropriation of \$300. I do not find this entry on my books. Does this refer to the \$500 check of April 29th?

With reference to the bill of \$25.50 from the Markwell Company: Was this bill sent direct to you and did you send check directly to Mr. Markwell? If so, I will take up the matter with Mr. Markwell, for I had given him my personal check in payment for the bill

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immediately on receipt. I enclose you the receipted bill,
which please return and I will take up the matter with Mr.
Markwell. I merely desire to know whether he has been paid
twice.

Cordially Yours,

Ida Portes-Rayo

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Miss Alice Stone Blackwell,

45 Boutwell Avenue,

Dorchester, Mass.

My Dear Massie:-

Your letter addressed to Miss Gordon or myself arrived yesterday,.The check of \$200 advanced was really a God send, for I did not know which way to turn, and my own personal resources were exhausted. The burden of this campaign has not been the planning, the lining up of politicians, the harmonizing of the many perplexing situations, but the awful depressing financing. I will never again undertake work of any nature unless the funds are supplied in advance, for I feel that I have wasted much energy in worrying that would have been far better applied if concentrated on the political work of the campaign. I made all my plans based on the Two Thousand Dollars promised at the time of the Washington Convention TO CONTINUE THE WORK IN OKLAHOMA. These calculations certainly were not intended to cover arrearages, nor did any one suggest that they dated back to include money then due, for if the money then due had been \$1500, no one would have expected the campaign to be continued until November on \$500.

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So from my view point, I do not see how there could be any misunderstanding.

Miss Gordon is now in the field and I think has done splendid work. We routed her in the hard part of the State, that is, the part of the State where work was most needed and where we had least hold in sentiment. This includes the "southern population" consisting chiefly of Arkansas imigrants, and I have about concluded that Arkansas is the limit in the United States; because this field was difficult and had been least worked I feel that Miss Gordon has done much more effective work than she realizes. By the time she comes in from this route, I think ALL her venom reserved for you in the past will be my inheritance. The Headquarters' work is booming. This week we are to have special editions of our most influential evening paper in the State, the Oklahoma City News. The Pioneer, the official organ of the Socialist party, The Unit, the State organ of the Labor Federation, and Sturms's Magazine, are all to have special Suffrage Editions. That is crowding things for one week. This does not include material furnished for Kansas City papers and the Dallas Texas papers, St Louis and several other papers which have a large circulation in this State. I tell you, Massie, if we had had the money we could have just "Humped" the press work. Nearly every day brings an opporunity for special news in our local papers and for interviews.

We have had a real sensation this week. Mrs. Minnie Bronson of the Massachusetts Anti-Association struck the town and is now quartered in the same hotel with us. She visited the Headquarters but I was absent. Mrs. Biggers received her, and Mrs. Bronson introduced herself as one very much interested in the suffrage movement

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and that she had just arrived from Los Angeles where she had been visiting. She made some very searching inquiries relative to our campaign, but when Mrs. Biggers asked her a question or two her answers were so hesitating that Mrs. Biggers grew suspicious. However, the lady promised to call again but she has not "showed up." She confided to a lady in the hotel that she was here to organize an Anti-Association and she thought she would get Mrs. Haskell and one or two other influential women as members. So her leaflet, which you enclosed in your letter, comes just in the nick of time and I shall try to anticipate some of her thunder. We have kept our plans and methods very quiet throughout the whole campaign and, while we have had no organized opposition save our ancient and honored enemies, the liquor interests, it has kept them busy to find out where we were working and how we were going about it, and I do not believe they have been able to check-mate us along any one line. Do not think that I am bragging, however, because I know they are powerful and that on general lines they are big enough to literally smash us. If we could have some official endorsement from the Anti-Saloon League, we might come out in the open and fight the Liquor Interest, but as the Anti-Saloon League positively refuses to be tied up with us, we can not combine against a common enemy. The reports we get from the field are certainly very encouraging. I hope to be able to telegraph you to get out the dove.

Cordially Yours,

Ida Carter-Bayer ✓

Copy

Centralia, Pa. Dec 29, 1910

Miss Jessie Ashley
Treas. N.A.W.S.A.
305 Fifth Ave,
New York City

My Dear Miss Ashley:-

I am in receipt of a copy of a letter relative to my financial account with the N.A.W.S.A., and which you are sending to the members of the National Board.

I beg to call attention to the second statement of your Board letter. This is absolutely incorrect, in the amount specified. At the time of the National Convention the N.W.S.A. did not owe me \$ 1016.50. My accounts show that Jan 22, I received a check for \$ 100. and on March 21, a check for \$ 61.15.

The entire expenditures from Jan 19, to April 30, were \$ 1016.50. This amount covered the period mentioned and was paid by checks from Mrs. Upton, and FOR BILLS SPECIFIED AND RENDERED BEFORE MAY 1st, from which date the campaign fund from the National was to be limited to \$ 2,000 until the close of election.

The bills rendered the National Board from May 1st, to Nov. 12, amounted to \$ 2232.39,- an excess of \$ 232.39 and which I was not authorized to spend. In my interview with you in New York, you stated the fact that I would, in your opinion have been justified in cutting the campaign short as soon as the \$ 2000 was exhausted. That may be the business view, but as a suffragist I felt bound to finish the campaign and work through SOMEHOW. While in Oklahoma, before closing the Headquarters, I wrote you asking for a memoranda of the amounts charged to us on the Pledge. To this I received no information until Nov. 25, after the Headquarters had been closed. Then I learned that we were charged with \$ 148.50 for the MEMORIALS. No one in Oklahoma had been advised of this draft on the Pledge amount, and we therefore thought them a donation from Sen. Owen, and wrote him thanks accordingly. I am not questioning the right to pay for the MEMORIALS from the Pledge money. That was stipulated at the Board meeting, but I do think we should have been notified when money was spent from the \$ 2000. Another item was the printers bills of \$ 25.50 which I had paid and sent to you in receipted form as a voucher. My check to the printer is dated July 2. The receipted bill was filed with you July 31. When by accident, I discovered from the printer himself, that you had sent him a check also, he returned the money. I wrote you about it, and you sent me the receipted bill Nov. 25. with this comment:

"The only mistake it seems to me is the printer's bill, WHICH YOU SAY YOU PAID, You see I also paid it, so if you have not yet had the ~~money~~ amount you paid refunded, YOU SHOULD GET IT NOW".

I could not help but think that as I was then in Pennsylvania, and not much farther from the printer than you were, that as the error was yours, that I could hardly be recommended to take up the matter. However, I anticipated the necessity, and credited you with the amount, as you will notice on my statement of receipts.

On Page 2 of your letter to the Board Members you say:

"Now, my understanding of the situation was--

1. That at the Convention a statement was submitted showing that we owed Mrs. Boyer about \$ 300, and this amount was appropriated to cover all back bills, salary, etc., up to May 1st."

If you will refer to your copy of the Minutes you will find this:

"The situation in Oklahoma was discussed. It was moved and seconded

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that the Treasurer send \$ 300 to Oklahoma to cover all obligations of Mrs. Boyer's salary and expenses, and the balance to apply TOWARDS Headquarters expenses to May 1st. "

You will note it was not intended that this amount should cover the entire bills then due,- it merely closed my salary and expenses to May 1st. These minutes are from the meeting of April 13, at which I do not remember to have been present. The Pledge of \$ 2,000 was made at meeting April 21, eight days later.

I still fail to comprehend why you maintain that April bills must be included in the \$ 2,000 Pledge, since the Minutes clearly specify SIX AND ONE HALF MONTHS, which could mean only from May 1st, to Nov 12.

All the basis of calculation shows this intent, and my accounts make no other claims. I admit my lack of authority to exceed the Pledged amount, but I do claim that I received but \$ 1295.15. Of course to this may be added the cost of the MEMORIALS \$ 148.50.

I regret exceedingly the difficulty which has arisen. Under the circumstances I do not see what other course I could have pursued. The monthly payments of \$ 150 by the National were not made, and I did not press for them so long as I could possibly carry the financial load, trusting that in its own good time the National would liquidate the bills as it had always done in past campaigning.

Sincerely Yours,

Ida Porter Boyer

Copy

Centralia, Pa. Dec. 17, 1910

My Dear Mrs. Upton:-

The National Treasurer, Miss Ashley and myself are experiencing difficulty in settling the accounts for the Oklahoma campaign. As you know, the National has not always been able to send remittances promptly to liquidate bills at the expiration of each month, and I have always found some way to carry the expenses until the National treasury could reimburse.

If you will recall, at the Washington Convention, the Board appropriated \$ 2,000 to continue the campaign in Oklahoma. I was asked to roughly estimate the Headquarters expenses and did so as follows: Rent, \$ 50 per month; Stenographer, \$ 50 and Press wrok about \$ 50. A total of \$ 150 . From Convention time until the election in November, a period of six and one-half months it would take approximately \$ 1,000. (\$ 975 to be exact) My salary and expenses would take about \$ 150 per month, or another \$ 1,000. Whereon the Board agreed to furnish the \$ 2,000 and was very careful to instruct me that Oklahoma need not expect more. I understood conditions and was satisfied with this, for I hoped to raise some additional money to meet the printers and other urgent expenses. I think I am right in this statement, and the enclosed copy of the minutes, furnished me by Miss Ashley sustains my position. The six and one-half months to finish the campaign were, May June, July, August, September, October, and to about middle of November. The election was to be Novemver 8, and we counted a few days following as necessary to close Headquarters and obtain el election returns.

Now the difficulty is that at the time of the Convention there were bills for March and April that had not been paid, although *you* carried a cheque to Washington for me, but I failed to get it. Later you explained under date of April 30. I will quote from that letter: " I dictated a letter to you saying I was enclosing a check for \$ 100. Miss Andrews wrote the letter, but before the check was drawn she heard that you had arrived in Washington, so did not send it. She afterwards spoke to me about it, and I told her that I had told you it had gone, but that we would give it to you, and explain the matter. I did not see you again to do this , and since our return home we have been simply overwhelmed. I am now sending you a check for \$ 500 for the following items:

Bill of Headquarters expenses to March 1,	\$ 120,75	
" " " " " Apr. 2,	153,55	
Personal Bill to Apr. 2,	43,75	
To apply on Headquarters Expenses	181,95	"
	\$ 500,00	"

May 18 you sent me \$ 5,35 to close accounts to April 30th.

All subsequent bills I sent to the present treasurer, Miss Ashley.

While your check for \$ 500, was dated April 30, its transmission took several days, and it shows on my bank book as deposited in *May*, it was for accounts due preceding the Convention. Miss Ashley insists that these bills UNPAID before the Convention are to be deducted from the \$ 2,000. I certainly did not so understand it, as the estimates which the \$ 2,000 were to cover were based on the SIX AND ONE-HALF MONTHS from Convention to election. To revert to March and April indebtedness would be a period of eight and one-half months.

This is further illustrated by the first motion that the " treasurer send \$ 300 to Oklahoma to cover all obligations of Mrs. Boyers

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salary and expenses, and the balance to apply towards Headquarters expenses to MAY 1st."

Now this OVERDUE item of salary, Miss Ashley decides was not included, I confess I do not understand why she should decide that the Headquarters OVERDUE items are included.

I enclose statement of receipts and expenses from January, the opening of Headquarters to November 15, the close. In addition to the \$ 2,000 , and the money collected otherwise, I spent \$ 282.39. I was not authorized to do this, but it was impossible to finish the campaign without this amount. I make no demand on the National for this, and am glad to make it my contribution personally. I did not know that Mr. Owen had rendered a bill for the MEMORIALS. We, in Oklahoma thought he had made them as a donation. Consequently they do not appear on my list of expenses, as I had no knowledge of their cost. If this is to be paid from the \$2,000 it will , of course be deducted from the \$ 304.85 which I claim is due me.

In order to keep the campaign going, I was obliged to borrow money on my personal notes, and am paying 8%. So you can readily see that I am desirous of having the accounts adjusted as soon as possible. You will note that the accounts ran so long that at one time I had advanced \$ 325.68

Our accounts seem badly mixed. The printers bill was one that I had paid. It was sent to Headquarters O.K.-ed, and RECEIPTED by the printer. To my amazement he told me he had again been paid from New York office! This accounts for a local bill appearing in the statement.

Will you please check over my statement as I wish to have it verified from your books.

Also advise me if you think that the unpaid bills at time of Convention were to be paid from the \$ 2,000.

I regret to trouble at a time when I know the Ohio affairs are engrossing you, but I am seriously embarrassed financially.

Cordially Yours,

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