

# NEBRASKA WOMEN WAITED LONG BUT HAVE COME INTO THEIR OWN

The Woman Vote Affects Result in Some Municipal Elections—Able Woman Is Appointed on the State Board of Control

After long years of weary waiting, the women of Nebraska had the privilege for the first time of voting for candidates for city offices at the elections recently held.

It would be too long a story to relate here a history of the persistent, and at last partially successful, fight that has been made in this state for equal suffrage. Readers of The Herald have learned thru these columns something of the efforts that have been made to give to the intel-

ligent womanhood of Nebraska political rights equal to those held by the male population.

For many years past, Nebraska women have had equal right with men to vote for members of school boards. The legislature two years ago passed a law giving them the right to vote for other officers, so far as such right could be extended by legislative enactment. By a referendum petition, which the courts decided was fraudulent, this law was held up so that women did not secure the privilege of voting under it at the election last fall, but they exercised the right this spring.

### Woman Vote Changes Results

It has been said often that women, if given the right to vote, would vote just as their husbands voted. It is no doubt true that their votes are influenced largely by their husbands' opinions, but it is evident that they are not always controlled by them; besides there are many women who have no husbands, enough of such women to hold the "balance of power" in some places.

I have watched men vote for many years, and will say that I have never seen them make the effort that the women made in Lincoln before the recent primary election to ascertain the qualifications of candidates before casting their votes. I never saw anything like it before. It seemed that the women just wouldn't vote until they had learned enough of the qualifications and characters of the candidates to satisfy themselves as to whom they should vote for.

At the Lincoln city primary, held April 8, ten candidates were nominated for city commissioners to be voted for at the city election to be held next month, five of whom will be elected. The present five city commissioners, one of whom is the mayor, were renominated with five other candidates out of the total of sixteen candidates for the nominations, the present officials being the highest five of the ten nominated.

The male voters place Mayor Miller in sixth place, but the female voters gave him second place, thus placing him in fifth place in the total of both male and female. Commissioner Dayton was given first place by both male and female. Candidate Lebsack was given tenth place by the female vote but was kept off the list of nominees by the male voters, putting him in twelfth place in their vote.

For members of the board of education there were four candidates nominated, two to be elected in May. The lone woman candidate for nomination received the highest vote of all by virtue of the votes of those of her own sex, the male voters putting her down to third place in the list.

### Municipal Elections

In some of the cities and villages where elections were held, nominations having been made previously by petitions, women candidates defeated their male opponents. The

### NEBRASKA'S HOUR FOR ROAD BUILDING

If Nebraska is ever to share in the benefits which are coming to other states as a result of better highway maintenance, the first step toward the development of main market roads must be taken sometime. Clearly that time is now.

Already Nebraska prairies have been parcelled into 129,478 farms, according to the latest data available, and to use a bit of poetical license, they are some farms. Only 129 are under three acres. More than 43,000 range between 100 to 175 up to 499 acres, 13,128 farms range from 500 to 999 acres, and nearly 4,000 farms have an acreage above 1,000. Every one of these farms are outdoor factories and every one will need dependable truckage into railway distributing centers.

That milk cow which Milton Sublette brought with him from St. Louis in 1830 to provide milk on the way across the Oregon Trail has been succeeded by 703,000 cows which are producing wealth for Nebraskans at the rate of \$55,186,000 a year. The value of other cattle ran to \$138,188,000 last year, hogs \$102,480,000 and the total value of all farm products went beyond \$450,000,000. While all this production was going on the hen was busy, too, cackling in with a record of 46,929,923 dozen eggs for the year.

Incidentally, if your breakfast egg costs too much don't blame the poultry dealer; blame the road.

An increased volume of tonnage is coming and better maintenance of our roads is imperative.

most notable of these is Falls City which will have its first experience with "petticoat government" the ensuing year. The women outvoted the men and by concentrating on candidates of their own sex elected a straight female ticket with the exception of mayor—and woe be to him if he ever vetoes an ordinance passed by the city council.

The women of Falls City had the good sense to not take party politics into the campaign but worked absolutely on a non-partisan basis. Their efforts in this direction, as well as in qualifying themselves to cast their ballots intelligently, are worthy of commendation and emulation by others—by male voters especially.

These results were largely the product of the effort of the Service club, which the women formed as soon as the right of suffrage was granted them. The club was organized for the study of parliamentary law, the laws of the state and city and community interests.

The club began by holding a mass meeting of women in February at which they adopted resolutions and recommended a city ticket. With the co-operation of some of the men they nominated a non-partisan ticket. Then they had a free luncheon and mock election with 400 women present at which the new electors were taught how to cast the ballot.

The entire non-partisan ticket backed by the women was elected, with one exception, the women at the polls far outnumbering the men. V. G. Lyford, who has been well-known over the state for several years as regent of the state university, was elected mayor.

The woman's part in the campaign was piloted by Mrs. P. T. McGerr, who has had training as a state worker in the campaigns for prohibition and also for suffrage. She has been active in civic movements for the improvement of Falls City and it was thru her efforts that those now elected allowed their names to be placed on the ticket.

### Woman Appointed on State Board

The Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, commonly spoken of as the Board of Control, is composed of three members appointed by the governor, the law requiring that not more than two members shall belong to the same political party. By the expiration of the term of one member and the resignation of the other two, it became necessary for Governor McKelvie to make three appointments, thus changing the entire personnel of the board.

The governor has had a hard time in securing the necessary democratic member such as he wanted who would accept a position on the board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Holcomb. This place has been filled, however, or is to be filled, by the appointment of

## April 1, 1919, Crop Report

Nebraska has a chance to make her record production of winter wheat according to the estimates just announced by the Bureau of Crop Estimates and the State Board of Agriculture. The large acreage and present high condition of 97 per cent of a normal crop indicates a possible production of 68,000,000 bushels. With the present excellent soil conditions and continued favorable weather the production may even exceed this quantity. The condition a year ago was 75 per cent and the approximate ten-year average 83 per cent. The present high condition of wheat is rather unusual when contrasted with the most unfavorable soil condition during seeding time. Not a few delayed seedings for this reason. There was some complaint during the latter part of March that wheat was being damaged by a sudden breaking or cracking of the soil, but this unfavorable condition was relieved by timely rains almost as soon as the complaints were made. Most of the unfavorable reports came from Adams, Clay, Hamilton, Merrick and Polk counties where there was considerable late sown wheat. However, the April 1 average condition of those five counties as reported by crop correspondents was 93 per cent so the damage must have been very slight. Very little abandonment of winter wheat is expected this year.

The condition of wheat for the U. S. is 99.8 per cent compared to 78.6

per cent last year and 83.6 per cent the approximate ten-year average. This is an abnormally high condition for a record acreage.

Rye is also very promising with an average condition of 98 per cent compared to 88 per cent last year. The average condition of rye for the U. S. is 90.6 per cent compared to 85.8 per cent last year.

The estimate on number of breeding sows is 90 per cent compared to a year ago. It will be remembered that Nebraska produced a very large crop of pigs last year and the indicated decrease does not necessarily mean less swine than usual. The number of breeding sows in the U. S. is 100.3 per cent of last year.

The farm labor supply is 85 per cent of normal compared to 70 per cent a year ago. The farm labor demand is 102 per cent of normal compared to 103 per cent a year ago. The farm labor supply in the U. S. is 84.4 per cent of normal compared to 72.9 per cent last year while the farm labor demand is 101.8 per cent of normal compared to 101.4 per cent a year ago.

Nebraska, Per.			
	1919	1918	1917
Wheat, condition	97	75	35
Rye, condition	98	88	73
Brood sows	90	118	100
United States, Per.			
	1919	1918	1917
Wheat, condition	99.8	78.6	63.4
Rye, condition	90.6	85.8	86.0
Brood sows	100.3	109.0	96.5

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Dr. B. F. Williams, who will assume the duties of the office July 1. Dr. Williams is probably the best qualified for the position of any democrat that the governor could secure to accept the position. He is a captain in the medical corps of the United States army and is now stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga.

In the appointment of Mrs. A. G. Peterson of Aurora to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of E. O. Mayfield, a woman has been given a place on the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions for the first time. She will serve the remaining four years of the Mayfield term, commencing July 1.

Mrs. Peterson came to this state in 1882, from Wisconsin, and settled at Aurora. She has been state president of the P. E. O. sisterhood and also supreme president of the same organization. She has held office of president of the Nebraska Woman's club and is also one of the directors of the Nebraska Federation of Women. Mrs. Peterson was chairman of the endowment fund of that organization.

Mrs. Peterson was state chairman of the last Liberty loan drive and will act in a similar capacity in the Victory loan. She was a member of the Woman's state council of defense and a member of the finance committee of the council.

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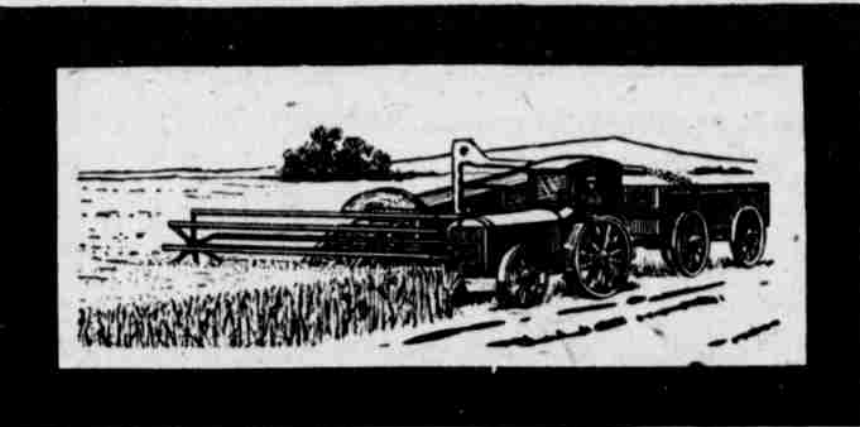
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