

made and chew his cud and never have to bother about his sins. I wish I lived in Emporia, for then I would read the editorials of the Emporia Gazette, and insurge and insurge after the peculiar Kansas way, until the old order that changeth was altogether changed, and the last Cannon was spiked, and a man with William Allen White's vision was in the White House.

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Yes, I followed Cannon by a few days at the Emporia Chautauqua. This is the sensational truth about his meeting there. The pitiable old man did not get one approving hand, not one voice of approval, labor for it though he did; but if he but mentioned the name of Victor Murdock, or Bristow or White, up went the roof. The editor of the Emporia Gazette suggested that after his Kansas trip the Speaker of the House was now prepared to write a book on his Arctic experiences.

This is what has happened: The Speaker of the House, boasting himself to be a "died" in the wool Republican, finds in Republican Kansas, the enemy's country, while on his heels comes Victor Murdock—Jerry Simpson all over again and setting Kansas aflame with the new Republicanism which was Jerry's old democracy.

The short ballot, a non-partisan primary and the recall are the issues on which Governor Stubbs is making his campaign for the Republican nomination. It is understood that his message to the Legislature will include a demand for the Initiative and Referendum. His victory is certain. Kansas is going to rival Oregon as an experiment station in democracy.

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Oregon and Kansas are the most democratic States in the Union, also indisputably Republican. There's a reason. There is more democracy in the Republican than in the Democratic party.

Compare Missouri and Kansas. How Missouri ever got the Initiative and Referendum is a mystery. Dr. William Preston Hill forced it on her. That's about it. Kansas has not got the Initiative and Referendum but knows she wants it. Missouri has got it but she does not know it. If Missouri wakes up and does anything with direct legislation we'll apologize.

But watch Kansas. The soul of Jerry Simpson is marching on. Great is Kansas, and Bristow is her Senator, and Murdock is her Simpson, but William Allen White is her prophet.

Old Cannon says these are Democrats. Of course they are democrats. And so was Lincoln, and so are the masses of the Republican party. Insurgency is an insurrection of the democratic masses in the party of Lincoln, against the bourbon money changers in her temple.

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I hoped also to meet at Emporia Walt Mason. But if he was not in my audience I found his reason that day in the Emporia Gazette, stated as follows: "I'm tired of moving-pictures, and other glaring shows; I'm tired of hearing lectures delivered through the nose; I'm tired of stately shriekers who for an office yell, and weary of the speakers who'd bind me with a spell." HERBERT S. BIGELOW.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE ON THE ROAD.

Chicago, July 18.

There is nothing original in the automobile idea that is being carried into effect by the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association. This has been a favorite method in England and in the East. But the idea, of covering a whole State of 102 counties, originated with Catherine Waugh McCulloch, legislative superintendent of the Association.

The newspapers waste much ink over the question of our militancy. If militant means warlike, fighting, then we are not militant, for we have made war on nobody except the forces of graft and corruption.

We are everywhere urging men to break the power of the Senate ring and the House ring, this year. We are doing this for two reasons: First: If we must live in a fifty percent republic, we would still like some economy exercised in the expenditure of our taxes, and some respect retained for the country whose name we bear. Second: We believe that a reform legislature in Illinois would be willing to enfranchise the other half of the adult citizens.

It was a revelation to me to notice how uniformly the men who favor decent legislation, are in favor of woman suffrage. And yet how could it be otherwise? The man who is not pursuing public business for private ends is very apt, even in the year 1910, to believe that all men and women, whether created equal or not, are endowed with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and he is apt to see the impossibility of pursuing happiness, even within the four walls of home, without the ballot.

To illustrate: Happiness in the home means healthy children; healthy children mean pure water and pure milk; dirty politics is apt to mean impure water and impure milk. So the woman gets to politics before she has pursued her happiness beyond the breakfast table. Almost any open minded man can see that.

In our two automobile tours just finished, we found the men and women, on the whole, most willing to be convinced. They welcomed us everywhere. There has been no disrespect, or derision, or opposition, but everywhere welcome and openhearted hospitality. Towns have been decorated in our honor, automobiles have met us and directed us, and even churches and Fourth of July celebrations have made way for the itinerant suffragist. Naturally we have become encouraged to believe that equal suffrage may speedily follow the coming of a reform legislature.

We think we have stood for suffrage long enough, and that it is time to move for suffrage, even if we take the pace of that modern invention, the automobile, or eventually the aeroplane. There is but one objection to equal suffrage in the mind of the average man; and that is that it is an innovation. We can overcome this objection only by trial of equal suffrage, or the study of nations that are trying it.

We must acknowledge that women have not always wanted to vote; but neither have men always wanted to fly in the air.

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