

Ohio politics rang about the ears of the audience every noise was stilled. The great Tom Johnson bequeathed his mantle to Mayor Baker and it will never be trailed in the dust. Mayor Baker could not be tempted from his work by the offer of the Vice Presidency. When you meet a man with the force of Mayor Baker and study the fight he has waged, you forget some of those small potato politicians who sell their constituents out the first time they see a few thousand dollars in one pile.



Violence and Votes.

The Boston (Mass.) Herald (ind.), July 5.—The new outburst of suffragette excesses in England, including the smashing of windows at the postoffices in Manchester and other cities, and the outrageous assault upon Premier Asquith at the reception in London, are likely to alienate whatever sympathy was left for these fanatical women in the thoughtful public. A dispatch from London states that Ramsey Macdonald, the leader of the Labor members of Parliament, who, like all the members of his party is an ardent woman suffragist, has been moved by this last insane exhibition to a strong protest. These "militant" tactics, he says, threaten to kill the cause. . . . There was never a movement so foolish and, as it at last transpires, never one so disastrous to a great cause, which at the time of this unhappy departure was in a more hopeful condition in England than in almost any other country in the world. Our American conditions are such that a similar movement here was not likely; but it cannot be forgotten that the excesses in England have found many apologists in woman suffrage circles here, and that many of the mischievous and anarchic English arguments have been given wide American currency.



Another Superstition Exploded.

Collier's Weekly, July 20.—With each succeeding year of development more of the hasty generalizations concerning woman's unfitness for a life of affairs are relegated to the pleasant land of myths. One of the last is that of woman's inability to see with sane and unexaggerated feelings a public issue for which her enthusiasm is very much aroused. Many still expect a movement supported almost entirely by women to be conducted with hysteria. The Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association has just sent out a circular letter to its members and others whose financial assistance it wishes to enlist. The letter reads:

A country, a people, must progress if it is to continue strong. We believe that woman's suffrage is part of the progressive movement toward a more efficient and real democracy.

We believe that tax-paying women need the vote to protect their financial interests.

We believe that mothers and home makers need the vote to enable them to secure legislation concerning sanitary conditions, food supply, educational and moral conditions.

We believe that working women need the vote to give them power to effect legislation determining the conditions and hours of their work.

We believe that all women need the vote because it is the accepted method of individual self-expression in matters concerning all.

We believe that the State needs to utilize directly the knowledge and experience of women in those matters of social welfare in which they are especially interested, just as it needs to utilize directly the knowledge and experience of men in those matters in which they are especially interested.

We believe that a representative government should represent all classes of a community which cannot be definitely shown to be a menace to the community.

That is all, except a few simple details concerning the sending of remittances. How many man-managed organizations have surpassed this for sanity, clarity, restraint and completeness in the statement of a complex and difficult issue?



Speaker Clark and the Democratic Candidacy.

The (San Francisco) Star (dem. Dem.), July 13.—Before the Democratic national convention met, The Star sincerely hoped that Champ Clark would be the nominee for President. During his long career in Congress, he has ever been a warrior for the right—for unadulterated Jeffersonian principles. As Speaker of the House, he has advocated, fought for, and secured the adoption of measures which will redound to the benefit of all the people. In the war against privilege and plunder he has been a man among men and a leader of leaders. His private life is lovable and stainless, as his public life was free from all "entangling alliances" with any of the forces of evil, until William Randolph Hearst was thrust upon him by wily selfseekers in the disguise of friends. In his laudable ambition to be President, Clark weakened at the crucial moment, accepted the advice of these false friends, and lost the coveted honor when it was almost within his grasp. When Alton Brooks Parker was suggested for temporary chairman, Clark was given the same opportunity as Woodrow Wilson to disapprove a selection so notoriously unfit by a convention claiming to be progressive. Had Clark boldly embraced that opportunity, as Wilson did, we sincerely believe that he would today be Democracy's standard-bearer in the Presidential fight. But Hearst's advice or dictum prevailed. Clark wrote a non-committal letter, and most of his supporters in the convention voted for Parker against Bryan—the latter being a candidate only when other Progressives had declined to be. Nor was that all. The Hearst papers, with brutal but characteristic disregard for truth, published page after page of slanderous and gratuitous attacks upon Bryan, which were resented by the people and many of the very delegates who were for Clark. If ever a man had reason to exclaim, "Save me from my friends!" that man is Champ Clark; for it was they—misled, as some of them were, by schemers—who caused his defeat. That fact is as certain as is this other fact: It was William Jennings Bryan, who, by his courageous denunciation and manly defiance of Morgan, Ryan, Belmont, and all their scurvy crew, cleared the way for the nomination of Woodrow Wilson. We are led to these remarks by the continued attacks upon Bryan, for his course in the convention.