

that the resultant action would represent in some degree the combined judgment of a majority of its members. But the overthrow of the Treasury raiders was dependent upon neither the wisdom nor the conscience of the Senators, but upon the lungpower of a few objectors. That the most august deliberative body should thus institute endurance contests as a means of determining good and bad legislation whets one's eagerness for a popularly elected Senate, in the hope that some sense of fitness may follow. s. c.



Woman Suffrage and Possible Results.

A correspondent asks concerning woman suffrage: "If the women of a given community would decide upon some action disapproved of by the men would they be able to enforce it in any real degree?" Well, it is not impossible that they could devise a means to enforce it. But if they could not they would be no worse off than if they had never been given the suffrage. It is not fear lest the mandate of a woman majority should not be enforced that prompts the opposition to suffrage, but fear that it will be. The same correspondent asks, after quoting William J. Bryan's argument in favor of suffrage: "If Mr. Bryan can do some of the strenuous and serious work of life for his wife why should he wish to put everything upon her shoulders?" There was nothing in Mr. Bryan's statement to justify such a question. Woman suffrage will put no burden on any woman's shoulders that she does not wish to assume. But it will give to every woman an opportunity now denied to her—an opportunity to participate in deciding public questions that affect her as much as any male citizen. No woman will be obliged to take advantage of this opportunity who does not so desire.



The correspondent further says: "In spite of the woman's vote I notice that boss rule has just been re-established in Illinois." If this is intended as a reference to the result of the Senatorial primary, it is due to a misapprehension. Illinois women have not the right to vote for Senator. But even if they had and had used their votes foolishly it would have been irrelevant. For arguments as to whether women will make good or bad use of the vote have nothing to do with the case for suffrage. Until it can be shown that governments derive their just powers from some other source than the consent of the governed, the case for woman suffrage is incontestible. s. d.

Robert Moore's Nomination.

Though Miss Caroline Grote failed to secure the Democratic nomination in Illinois for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, her supporters have little cause to regret that the successful candidate is Robert C. Moore of Carlinville, who is also a genuine democrat, as well as an educator of many years' experience. It was fortunate that, although there were six candidates for this position, democratic votes were not so divided between Mr. Moore and Miss Grote as to prevent the nomination of either. Had there been a preferential vote, it is probable that there would have been more nominees of the caliber of Mr. Moore and a more creditable ticket would have been selected to make the contest in November. s. d.



Fundamental Reformers Should Support Robins.

There is but one Senatorial candidate in Illinois, with a reasonable chance of election, on whom progressives of all parties can consistently unite. That candidate is Raymond Robins. Democratic Democrats and democratic Republicans alike should come together and form a common organization to co-operate with Robins' Progressive party supporters. The reactionaries of all parties may be depended upon to secretly combine before November and push the candidacy of either Sullivan or Sherman as may seem best to them at the time. Progressives cannot afford to divide their strength under the circumstances. s. d.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CALL TO PRAYER.

President Wilson sets a day apart, requesting the American people to pray for the cessation of the European conflict.

For years Europe has been expending one billion dollars per year in preparation for this war and now when the murderous equipment which she has created is turned loose on its errand of Hell and destruction, we are going to ask God to stop it.

What an insult! How ungrateful! When we have been given life and the privilege of growth; free will and choice; a fertile earth responding to our every need; a giant landscape of surpassing beauty and we have chosen to build shambles where the blossoms ought to grow.

Now let us pray to Him to tear the shambles down? Hardly! If He did we would only rear