New York State History Month, November 2017

Women’s Suffrage on L.I., in NYC, NYS, & on the National Stage

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- “Mr. L.F. Terry.” Long Island Traveler, February 27, 1873: p. 2. -- Angry, unsigned, letter to the editor, dated February 24, 1873, chastising an article by “Redmond” demeaning women.


- “Women on School Boards.” South Side Signal, September 16, 1893: p. 2. – First tackles and disproves the arguments of the editor of the Greenport Watchman, who had offered reasons to disqualify women’s eligibility to serve on school boards. And concludes, “In regard to the larger question of women suffrage in general, it can afford to wait developments, but there is no doubt of the trend of public opinion in this direction.”
• “A Woman’s Meeting: The Great Mass Meeting at Riverhead in the Interests of Woman’s Suffrage a Great Success; Large Attendance and Great Enthusiasm. Susan B. Anthony the Star Speaker.” Patchogue Advance, March 9, 1894: 1.


• “Harlemites Hoot the Suffragettes; Street Crowd Stops Their Speaking, and Mrs. Wells Shakes Her Fist in Anger.” New York Times, April 28, 1908: 2.


• “Mrs. Pankhurst Bids U.S. Farewell: Expresses Gratitude to Americans for the Sympathy and Support She Received. Crowds Pack Cooper Union. Prominent Women Occupy Stage


- “Mrs. Fish Gone Over to the Suffragists: Society Leader Who Last Year Inveighed Against the Cause, Converted by Mrs. Belmont. Fashion has Approved It. Colony Club Meeting Costumes Showed that Her Dread of Knickerbockers and Derbies was Unfounded.” New York Times, January 16, 1910: 7.


- “Women Thank Taft; Condemn His Views: Suffrage Convention Adopts Resolution Interpreted as Deprecating Hisse for President. Members Criticize Him, Object to His References to Hottentots and to Control of Women Voters by Undesirable Element.” New York Times, April 16, 1910: 5.

- “President Accepts Suffragist Apology: He Regrets Hissing Incident, He Says, Because It has been Used Unfairly. Would have it Forgotten. Pennsylvania Women Will Start Separate Political Party – Suffrage Principle to be Inculcated in Young.” New York Times, April 17, 1910: 3.

- “Suffragists Storm National Capitol: In 45 Autos They Bring Petition of 500,000 Names to Senators and Representatives. Dare to Laugh in Senate: Acting President Kean has to Threaten to Clear the Galleries, Quiet Delighted Delegates.” New York Times, April 19, 1910: 1.


- “Jacob Nill ‘Calls’ Us” (Contributors’ Column). South Side Signal, February 23, 1912: 7. – Taking a bit of umbrage that the 2/13 report of a Women’s Suffrage meeting belittled the American Socialist party, Jacob Nill corrects them, and that Party’s support of suffrage.

- “The Suffrage Study club meets this evening at 8:00 o’clock in the Sprague building. The constitution and by-laws will be read and passed upon. Papers will be read on the subject, ‘The Effect of Equal Suffrage on the Home.’” South Side Signal, March 29, 1912: p. 4.

- “Woman Suffrage Notes.” South Side Signal, April 26, 1912: p. 8. – “Everyone is invited to attend the big meeting of the Babylon Suffrage Study club on May 9, at the Alhambra.” Featured, high powered speakers include Ruth C. Litt (of Patchogue), Margaret Gerard (of Bellport), and Mary Garrett Hay (of the NYS Federation of Women’s Clubs. It mentions that “There will be a silver collection”, and concludes, “It is not whether you believe, or not, in women suffrage, it is whether you are broad enough to listen to all sides of the question.”


“On the evening of November 15, there will be a big meeting in Alhambra hall. The speakers will be Mrs. Raymond Brown, of Bellport; Anna Bross Weeks, of New York City; and Judge J.F. Crosby, of New York City. The girls who will act as ushers will wear suffrage colors. Everybody is invited and urged to attend.” South Side Signal, November 8, 1912: 4.

“Anti-Suffragist Talk. Mr. Frank Goodwin Speaks Against the Votes for Women Movement.” Long-Islander, November 22, 1912: p. 5. -- Bijou Theater, Huntington, NY, Mrs. Goodwin claims that where women have obtained the vote, they have either become hypocrites, done nothing significant, or worsened their lot.


“Woman Suffrage Progress in the State.” Long-Islander, January 17, 1913: p. 1. – Reports that it seems likely that a suffrage proposal will twice pass the New York State legislature and go to the people for a vote.


Wheeler, Everett P. “Why Women Should Not Vote” [full page diatribe]. Long-Islander, January 2, 1914: p. 2. – by the Chairman, Executive Committee, New York State Men’s Association Opposed to Political Suffrage for Women.

“Why Women Should Not Vote.” [full page advertisement, with one article after another urging people to vote down women’s suffrage]. The Long-Islander, January 3, 1914: 2.


• “Saturday is Suffrage Day: Speeches Throughout the City to Take Place of Annual Parade.” *New York Times*, April 29, 1914: 10.


• “Forty-Five Years of Woman Suffrage: Interesting Resume of the Growth of ‘Votes for Women’ During the Life of the Signal by Local Enthusiast; Miss Alma Smith Optimistic: Anticipates that Women Will be Free by the Time Another Anniversary Edition is Issued – How the Movement has Developed in Various States of the Union.” *South Side Signal*, May 29, 1914: 14.

• “Brief Personal Mention.” *County Review*, June 5, 1914: p. 1. – Edith Fullerton, of Peace and Plenty Farm, Medford, NY, key speaker at 1st annual convention of women suffrage workers of Suffolk County. Elizabeth Mott Smith and other local and state leaders were present

• “Mrs. F.H. Bonelli and Miss Myra Platt…” (Local Jottings). *Port Jefferson Echo*, June 5, 1914: p. 5. – relates previous day’s Suffolk Suffrage Convention, held in Patchogue Sorosis Club Rooms, where Carrie Chatman Catt, chair, of Empire State Committee, presided and spoke.


“Suffrage Legacy to Mrs. Catt: Mrs. Frank Leslie Leaves Residue of Fortune to Suffrage.” South Side Signal, October 2, 1914: 2.


“Shall New York Women Vote?: After 64 Years of Effort the Bill to Remove Woman’s Political Disability has Passed All the Necessary Legislative Steps: Voters Will Decide the Issue at the Polls November 2d.” Suffolk County News, May 7, 1915: p. 7.


“First Woman to Vote in America: Mrs. Catt Discovers Her in an Old Time New Yorker.” Suffolk County News, June 4, 1915: 7. – Lady Deborah Moody; Carrie Chapman Catt was then President of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance


“Suffrage as a Right” (Equal Suffrage Notes). South Side Signal, October 22, 1915: 2.

“Republicans Make Almost a Clean Sweep in Suffolk, Losing only the County Clerk: Selah B. Strong Elected Surrogate by a Plurality of Over 2,500, While James F. Richardson Wins
by a Margin of 1,139 – Assemblymen Henry A. Murphy in Second District and DeWitt C. Talmage in the First Returned by Good Majorities. ‘Votes for Women’ and Constitution Swamped in State.” South Side Signal, November 5, 1915: p. 1. – Note the bottom rung placement of women’s right to vote, denied.

- “New York State Official Endorse Suffrage.” South Side Signal, July 7, 1916: 7. – Mayors Conference of New York State, May 31, in Syracuse, took no action, but many of the mayors present signed a petition supporting it
- “Women Suffrage Issue to Go Before the People.” Long-Islander, March 16, 1917: p. 1. – Round 2 to take place in November
- “A Page for Men; Why He is for Woman Suffrage: President Wilson Say Woman Suffrage is a Question of Life Itself.” Long-Islander, March 16, 1917: 10.
- “All Five National Parties Now Endorse Woman Suffrage: With Woman Suffrage Endorsed this Year, for the First Time, by All Five National Political Parties, State Suffrage Leaders are Confidently Looking for Success at the Polls Next November.” Long-Islander, March 16, 1917: 10.
- “Mrs. Raymond Brown, State Organizer of the Women Suffrage Party, has called a conference of the Second Assembly District…. Long-Islander, May 25, 1917: p. 4. – plans to take State Military Census + Suffrage matters to be taken up (“on Greenlawn Road”)
- Bullet-Ballot Notion is All Shot to Pieces.” Suffolk County News, August 17, 1917: p. 7.
• “Prominent Men for Suffrage: Message from President Brings Suffrage Cheer. Victory is Predicted: Governor, Mayor, and Other Brilliant Men Speak for Full Enfranchisement.” Suffolk County News, September 14, 1917: 7.
• “Suffrage Notes.” South Side Signal, November 2, 1917: 6.
• “To the Voters.” South Side Signal, November 2, 1917: p. 7.
• “Don’t wait for the Tragedies of War to prove that Country belongs both to men and women. Vote ‘yes’ on the suffrage amendment next Tuesday.” Port Jefferson Echo, November 3, 1917: p. 5.
• “Two Constitutional Amendments.” New York Times, November 6, 1917: 12. – Calls for defeat of the Woman Suffrage Amendment to the state constitution.
• “Republicans Sweep Suffolk County: Suffrage also Carries Eight of Ten Towns in the County and Wins in the State.” The County Review, November 9, 1917: 1.
• “The Suffrage Victory.” Long-Islander, November 9, 1917: 1.
• “Island Editors Tell Why Women Won: All Agree that It was the Fair Sex’s Devotion to Doing Good for Others that Secured them the Right to Vote.” South Side Signal, November 16, 1917: 1.
“Woman’s Division in Republican Committee: Legislature Will Pass Laws So Women May Enroll and Vote in Primaries; All Parties Welcome Them: Women of Riverhead will have First Opportunity in Suffolk to Vote for Town Officers.” County Review, November 16, 1917: p. 1.

“Island Editors Tell Why Women Won: All Agree that It was the Fair Sex’s Devotion to Doing Good for Others that Secured Them Right to Vote.” South Side Signal, November 16, 1917: p. 1.

“Owing to the Women Voting Next Year, the Suffolk County Board of Elections Ask for $25,000 to Supply Election Material for 1918. The Past Year They have Spent $15,000.” Long-Islander, November 23, 1917: p. 4.

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