

VOTERS READ!

**DENIAL TO PROTEST OF
CORPORATE INTERESTS**

EQUAL SUFFRAGE



JUNE 4, 1906

**Oregon the First Free State
on the Pacific Coast**

DENIAL TO PROTEST.

The Oregon Equal Suffrage Association intended to appeal for your vote simply because it is right and just that women should vote. However, in a recent Protest the corporate interests, acting with a few multi-millionaire women, have arrayed themselves against the Equal Suffrage Amendment. **This is a direct blow to the wage-earners of Oregon.** The most powerful defense of the people is the Initiative and Referendum, and in the letter asking for signers to this protest, these ill-advised women attacked the Initiative and Referendum, for it is the increased vote of the laboring citizens that the millionaire classes fear.

This Protest was designed to frighten the average voter upon the ground that equal suffrage would hurt the business interests of Oregon, limit railroad-building, and scare timid investors.

In denial, we submit to the common sense of Oregon men the following facts, taken from the United States census, showing that in all the states where women vote, wages have advanced, population increased, agricultural and manufacturing interests grown rapidly. The percent of increase is as follows:

	<i>Population.</i> <i>Per Cent.</i>	<i>Mfg.</i> <i>Interests.</i> <i>Per Cent.</i>	<i>Agl.</i> <i>Interests.</i> <i>Per Cent.</i>
Colorado	30	142	151
Wyoming	49	81	431

Utah	32	137	237
Idaho	88	187	369
Oregon	30	11	100

From the above it will be seen that if the opponents to Equal Suffrage desire to hide their selfish greed and prejudice under the guise of an appeal for Oregon's prosperity, they have used a boomerang which will give to Equal Suffrage a large majority vote June 4th.

Business men, working men and farmers can study these conditions to advantage. In the four equal suffrage states the value of manufactures has risen per capita, while in Oregon, during the same period, it has fallen from \$132 to \$112, an average loss of \$20 to each person in the state.

Manufacturing Value Increased for Each Person.

Colorado	\$87.00
Wyoming	8.00
Utah	34.00
Idaho	8.00
Oregon	20.00 loss!

The average earnings are greater in Equal Suffrage States.

Average Annual Earnings.

Colorado	\$612.61
Idaho	583.68
Wyoming	618.54
Utah	512.23
Oregon	483.49 only!!

We do not claim that the prosperity of these states is due wholly to woman suffrage; what we do say is, that the charge made in the protest of the corporate interests is false, and founded upon prejudice of self-interested capitalists.

By referring to statistics of wage-earning women and children, we find, that while Colorado has a population of one hundred thousand more than Oregon, yet in Colorado there are only 73 more women working for a living than in Oregon with its smaller population. **A larger number of children work in the factories of Oregon and at a lower age, than in Colorado.** No state can afford child labor. This is **race suicide** in its worst form.

The above showing should be a rebuke to the capitalists who are trying to control for their selfish ends, the interests which should be of mutual benefit to all Oregonians.

Do **your** share in protecting the rights of the people through the Initiative and Referendum by putting "**X**" between 302 and "**Yes**" on your ballot.

Yours for justice,

OREGON EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASS'N.

Portland, May 21, 1906.