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A GREAT many times since I was elected Governor of Idaho and took charge of the office I have been asked, in my official capacity, to state to the people of other states the effect of woman suffrage on the politics of this state. I always declare myself unqualifiedly in favor of the privilege of women to vote, and I am glad, indeed, to express my views on this subject.

It is true that the law has been worked out with varying degree of success, according to the intelligence of the different classes of people who go to make up a great commonwealth like Idaho. My experience tells me, however, that, generally speaking, the effect of woman suffrage is good.

Our men and women, in the main, are broad-minded and take a large interest in state and local affairs. There is no doubt in my mind but that the mere fact that women are permitted to and do vote has had a tremendous effect for good in the selection of party candidates and in the passage of needed laws. Not only is the woman vote always cast on the right side in contests where moral issues are at stake, but the fact that they are permitted to vote enables them to bring influence to bear on men in other ways. It has been pointed out that women vote in national elections with their husbands and fathers, and that they are apt to be swayed by prejudice in local elections, but there has never been a time in my experience when I have found the women advocating any measures which would not bear the light of day.

In Idaho we have women in county and state offices. Our State Superintendent of Public Instruction for a number of years has been a woman. In almost every city some of the offices are held by women, and in nearly every county the County Superintendent or County Treasurer is a woman, and they are making excellent public servants.

And, after all the argument for and against the proposition of woman suffrage is heard, it seems to me that every fair-minded person ought to be willing to accord his wife, mother or sister, in whom he reposes great confidence in every other matter of mind or heart, the same privilege of approval or disapproval of men and laws. If the laws are good they prosper to the same extent as the men—if they are bad they suffer to the same extent. If every other question of right and wrong could be decided by the majority of the women of our country, there would be no question about the safety of our institutions. I am unqualifiedly in favor of the right of women to vote.

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