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Woes of a Massachusetts Woman in Wyoming.

The following amusing letter addressed to Mrs. Ruth Williams, of Lynn, has been printed and usedin Massachusetts and elsewhere as an argument against woman suffrage—

CHEYENNE CITY,
January 3, 1877.

My Dear Friend Ruth.

I received your most welcome letter in due season, and it received a most hearty welcome, I promise you. We are all quite well, except James, who has been suffering from a severe cold; he is better now, however. As for news I do not think of any that would interest you in particular. Husband is prospering in business affairs better than ever. He is now interested in a land affair in Wisconsin, and next week leaves home on an absence of three or four weeks. You ask me for my opinion on the workings, etc., of woman suffrage. Well, in short, my candid opinion is this, that it is the greatest curse that ever befel the sex since the Christian era, and I will try to give you some of my reasons—Ever since suffrage became a law I have had trouble with John. He declares that I shall vote for his ticket, and I declare I won't; for in politics I am democratic and he is republican, and, so as to make peace, I have never voted my ticket, (nor his either, as for that, ah!) I get along first rate with John, as he is easy to manage, and although he talks hard just before election, he is really a good, kind husband. But with the boys it is different. James has not spoken to me for more than a year, for no other reason than I won't vote the republican ticket. And as for my poor dear Edgar, the boy that I have loved, tended and made myself a slave to, because of his misfortune, he treats me very ill. Sometimes I feel to curse the day that I ever left Massachusetts, and a happy woman shall I be when we again set foot on Massachusetts soil. You know, my dear Ruth, a more united family never lived than ours when we lived in good New England, but now it is sadly changed. But I pray to the God who rules to deliver us and to bring back my dear boys to their mother. I suppose you would say vote as they want you to, for the sake of peace. Well, I would, but when I look upon the principle involved I cannot any more than I could become a Spiritualist for the sake of peace. You know I was born of a democratic family, and you also know how father would feel about it, and he is in his old age now and he is so set in his way that I don't know what would be the consequence for a child of his to vote the republican ticket. No one knows how much unhappiness the suffrage matter has made in our family. You put quite a severe task upon me in asking me so many questions. About women on the jury is your next question. Well, I will answer it the best I can. Now, remember as far as intelligence and competency go, I am sure we women are equal to men, but there is about as much sense in a man nursing a baby as a woman being drawn to serve on a case before the law. Anna Hapgood was drawn, and she came here to make me a visit afterward. She says she was never more disgusted in her life than with the absurdity of her position, and she declares rather than serve again she will commit suicide, and I don't know but what she would, for she is very nervous and easily excited. I truly think had the measure been submitted to a vote of the women of the Territory, and they made to express an opinion on it pro or con, that it would have been killed by 99 to 100. You know as well as I that a few women who have nothing to do at home or no families to take their attention, they can scare up quite a rumpus, and make the public think that all the women have gone mad. I truly think that Lucy Stone and her chums of Massachusetts, and Susan B. and hers have done as much injury to the women of the nineteenth century as the serpent when he tempted Eve. But you in Massachusetts are safe from woman's suffrage, for I think the men set too high a regard upon the home relations to see them upset, even to please a handful of ambitious women. Now, remember I have written this for your eyes only, and I don't want to gain any notoriety in having my views quoted, but I could write volumes expressive of my utter disgust of this hateful measure. One thing more and I must close this subject for this time. You remember Addie Adams. Well, she is on a farm about twenty miles from here. She and her husband have parted, and she hires a man to work on the place, and she is taking care of her three children. All in the world that caused their parting was on account of her voting opposite to him, and he got mad and left her. I know of one man and wife who both agree upon this question and vote in harmony; they are neighbors. I mention this as one redeeming case. Now, Ruth, do write soon, as your letters do me good and are a comfort to me in my troubles, which sometimes I feel to give up, but you know those comforting words, "He whom the Lord loveth," &c. 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Weber City, C. S. Peterson.
Enterprise, Jesse Haven.

W. G. SMITH, Presiding Bishop.

Milton, Jens Hansen.
Littleton, J. R. Giles.
Richville, Glaucia Waldron.
East Portervilla, Alma Porter.
West Porterville, Thomas Brown.
*South Morgan, Richard Ely.
North Morgan, Charles Layton.
Croydon, George Knight.

SUMMIT COUNTY.

Hennefer ville, Chas. Richens.
Echo, Elias Asper.
*Coalville, W. W. Cluff.
Unionville, Alonzo Winters.
Upton, Joseph Huff, sen.

WM. W. CLUFF presides over Morgan County and the above five Wards in Summit.

SAMUEL F. ATWOOD, Presiding Bishop.

Wanship, Jared C. Bounty.
Rockport, Edwin Bryant.
Peoa, Abraham Hanchett.
Morell, John E. Leche.
Kamas, W. Harder.
Parley's Park, Ephraim Sayers.

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JOHN ROWBERRY, Presiding Bishop.

E. T. City, W. F. Moss.
Pine Canyon, Moses Martin.
*Tooele City, John Rowberry.
Grantsville, William Jefferies.
St. Johns, G. W. Burridge.
Centreville, James Jordan.
Vernon, John C Sharp.
Deep Creek, Edwin Tedder.
Skull Valley, B. F. Knowlton.

WASATCH COUNTY.

ABRAHAM HATCH, Presiding Bishop.

*Heber City, Abraham Hatch.
Midway, Henry S. Alexander.
Charleston, John Watkins.
Wallsburgh, Wm. E. Betts.

SALT LAKE COUNTY.

1st Ward, S. L. City, Jos. Warren
2d " James Leach.
3d " Jacob Weiler.
4th " Harrison Sperry.
5th & 6th, W. H. Hickenlooper
7th " Wm. Thorn.
8th " E. F. Sheets.
9th " S. A. Woolley.
10th " A Speirs.
11th " Alex. McKae.
12th " L. W. Hardy.
13th " E. D. Woolley.
14th " Thomas Taylor.
15th " E. T. Burton.
16th " Frederick Kesler.
17th " John Henry Smith.
18th " L. D. Young.
19th " A. H. Raleigh.
20th " John Sharp.
Sugar House Ward, W. C. A. Smoot
Bingham, A. H. Raleigh.
Big Cottonwood, Ward Taylor.
Mill Creek, Reuben Miller.
South Cottonwood, Jesse Earl.
West Jordan, Jacob Gates.
South Willow Creek, E. R. Rees.

UTAH COUNTY.

A. O. SMOOT, Presiding Bishop.

*Provo.
First Ward, J. F. E. Johnson.
Second Ward, James S. Lewis.
Third Ward, Myron Tanner.
Fourth Ward, R. H. Cluff.
Lehi, David Evans.
Cedar Fort, H. P. Clot.
Battle Creek, John Chram.

DAVID EVANS, Presiding Bishop over the three last named places.

American Fork, L. E. Harrington.
Alpine, T. J. McCullough.

L. E. HARRINGTON, Presiding Bishop over the two last named places.

Pleasant Grove, John Brown.
Springville, Wm. Brailsford.
Spanish Fork, Geo. H. Snell.
Salem, Alma Pond.
Payson, J. S. Rappet.
Santaquin Ward, George Halliday.

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Goshen, Wm. Price.

SANPETE COUNTY.

Fountain Green, S. L. Johnson.
Moroni, O. W. Bradley.
Fairview, Amasa Tucker.
Mount Pleasant, W. E. Seeley.
Spring City, Frederick Olsen.
Ephraim, Kanville Larsen.
*Manti, John H. Walker.
Gunnison, M. S. Moses.
Fayette, John Bartholomew.
Wales, John E. Rees.

JUAB COUNTY.

O. L. GROVER, Presiding Bishop.

Mona, John W. Hawes.
*Nephi, alias Salt Creek, Jos. Grover.
Levan, C Christiansen.

SEVIER COUNTY.

A. K. THURBER and W. SELGMILLER, Presiding Elders.

Salina, Franklin Spencer.
Richfield, W. H Seegmiller.
Monroe, J. T. Lisonbee.
Annabelle Springs, H D Dastan.
Joseph, A. L. Farnsworth.
Prattville, Jos. L. Rogers.
Glenwood, P. T. Gropper.
New London, O. C. Olsen.

MILLARD COUNTY.

THOMAS CALLISTER, Presiding Bishop.

Scipio, Daniel Thompson.
Cedar Springs, alias Holden, Jos. Stephens.
*Fillmore, Edward Partridge.
Meadow Creek, W. H. Stout.
Oak Creek, P. D. Lyman.
Kanosh, Gilbert King.

BEAVER COUNTY.

JOHN B. MURDOCK, Presiding Bishop.

*Beaver, John B. Murdock.
Minersville, James McKnight.

IRON COUNTY.

Paragoonah, S. S. Smith.
Parowan, W. H. Dame.
Summit, S. C Hulet.

W. H. DAME, Presiding Bishop over the three last named places.

Canguitch, G. W. Seys.
Cedar City, Henry Lunt.

KANE COUNTY.

Kanarra, I. W. Roundy.
Harmony, J. W. D. Pace.
Bellevue, J. H. Johnson.
*Yoker, Wm. A Rencher.
Virgin, John Parker.
Duncan's Retreat, Moses Giles.
Rockville, C. N. Smith.
Long Valley, Howard O Spencer.
Glendale, George Baker, Presiding Elder.
Mt. Carmel, Jared Hess.
Kanab, L. John Nuttall.
Johnsonia, Sevrin F. Johnson.
Paria, A. P. Sanborn.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Leeds, Cuddy Horne, Bishop.
Harrisburg, James Dalley, Bishop's counselor under Bishop Horne.
Washington, J. W. Freeman.
St. George, D. D. McArthur.
Santa Clara, Max E. Ivins, acting bishop.
Pine Valley, A. M. Thurston, acting bishop.
Pinto, Richard Robinson.
Hebron, G. H. Crosby.

LINCOLN COUNTY, NEVADA.

Oliver, L. Wood.
Panaca, Lake Spoker.
Meadow Valley.