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March 22, 1 9 1 9.

Miss Grace R. Hebard, Laramie, Wyoming.

Dear Miss Hebard:

I am sending herewith a copy of letter of this date, to Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt.

Yours very truly,

Secretary of State.

MEChoplin,

March 22.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, National President, National Woman Suffrage Association, Statler Hotel, St. Louis. Mo.

Dear Sir:

The Wyoming State Department sends you and your conferees cordial greetings. Having had Woman Suffrage in Wyoming for half a century we have come to look upon it as something more than a privilege, rather an inherited right. Frequently we are asked what benefits are derived from Woman Suffrage, aside from the fact that women ought to have a right to vote as well as the men - the family is given a greater power. The contention that women are lowered by the privilege of voting is not true. They vote with their fathers, husbands and brothers as a matter of course; there is no division between the sexes, families generally voting as a unit, as they should. Moral questions sometimes inluence the women more largely than the men but women are made of the same clay and are swayed by the same emotions, impulses and passions. The great benefit derived is through the moral influence of the home and the family unit. The best people of a state are given a greater advantage through Woman Suffrage because of this unity of purpose and action.

Wyoming, the Pioneer in Woman Suffrage, has reached that point where our citizenship known no other condition and would not take a backward step under any circumstance.

With the hope that your expectations may be fully realized in the next Congress, and best wishes for a harmonious and successful convention. I am.

Sincerely yours,