

How they Vote in Wyoming.

A Wyoming correspondent of the *Bellevue Falls Times* sends the following account of the first election there in which women participated. In view of its statements we should like to know if such Republican papers as opposed woman suffrage in Vermont last winter will now re-iterate their charge that the majority of the women of Wyoming are without character:

It may be of interest to your readers even though averse to woman suffrage, to hear concerning the second election of Wyoming Territory, as it is the first election ever held in America, if not in the world, in which the fair sex were allowed to participate.

One year ago the democratic party of Wyoming being desirous of gaining notice from the world, and it may be hoping to secure larger majorities, gave the women of the Territory the right of suffrage. Several women were soon chosen to sit on the grand jury and made a great havoc of brothels and runshops throughout the county at least. But not till the first Tuesday in September, 1870, did they cast a vote. For several months party excitement has been rising, despite the exhortations of eminent men to throw aside all interests but those of a young territory which must be well represented to secure even the right of life.

The democrats nominated Col. Wanless, formerly a resident of this place and wealthy proprietor of the Sweetwater mines, but lately removed to Colorado, though still claiming residence here. The republicans having heard proposals from Colorado to receive so much of the southern part of Wyoming as to include the railroad, and fearing Wanless might lose the game, strained every nerve. Several two and four horse coaches were started early yesterday morning for distant parts of the town, and a covered carriage drove round the street for the ladies, and Laramie looked decidedly busy. About 8 a.m. an old lady 75 years old, by the name of Swain, cast the first woman's vote for the republican candidate. The polls were soon crowded, but whenever a lady appeared the swearing and betting was at once hushed by some watchman crying out "Hold on, a woman is coming." About noon the democratic candidate was heard to say; "The d—d women are raising the devil with us," and so it proved. In the final count gives 572 votes cast, 291 republican, and 64 of the 93 ladies' votes were republican. Thus had women staid at home in Laramie the democrats would have had 17 majority. This is but an index of the Territory, as against 1500 democratic majority. I never did believe in woman suffrage, but with such results I am disposed to thank the democrats of Wyoming for the axe by which they cut off their own heads. D. J. P.