Suffrage in the Next Election

By putting suffrage first and party affiliations second, women can make the suffrage issue a deciding factor in the next presidential campaign.

### THE FREE STATES ARE "DOUBTFUL" STATES

#### Presidential Elections

Women now vote for President in twelve states. These states control ½ of the electoral college and cast ½ of the votes necessary to elect a President.

In the last five presidential elections not one of these states has gone steadily for any one party.

# Congressional Elections

Women, equally with men, vote for Members of the upper and lower Houses of Congress in eleven states. Twenty-two Senators and forty Members of the House of Representatives come from these states to Washington.

In these states 11 congressional districts have elected Representatives but twice. In the remaining 29 districts since 1896 (301 cases in all) not one of these districts was carried steadily by the Democratic party and only five of them were held during that period in the Republican column.

# SMALL TURN-OVER OF VOTES COULD HAVE ALTERED ELECTION RESULTS

#### In the Presidential Elections

In all the presidential elections in the free states since 1896 the average change of votes needed to throw the election to the other party was 9% of the total vote cast.

In 1912 none of the equal suffrage states would have required a change of more than 7.8% of the total vote to swing the presidential election in that state.

# In the Congressional Elections

Since 1896 six congressional elections have been carried by a majority of less than 80 votes; 28 by a majority of less than 500; 17 by a majority of between 500 and 1,000.

In 223 of these 301 elections less than 10% of the total vote cast would have sufficed to change the result.

## **WOMEN VOTERS**

Even a small group of women determined to stand out for the longdelayed enfranchisement of their sex throughout the nation, can form the balance of power; and can demand and secure the immediate passage through Congress of the Susan B. Anthony amendment.

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