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Chairman,  
Commission Government,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:-

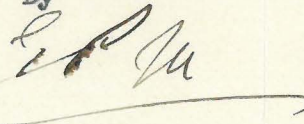
Will you be so kind as to state for the benefit of the readers of The Christian Science Monitor what the result of your observation has been of the granting of suffrage to women in your state? In addition to any general comments which you may feel inclined to make, will you testify as to the effect of the franchise upon woman's home or domestic life, and also as to the stimulus the vote gives to women previously indifferent to civic interests, or possibly hostile to equal suffrage?

A desire to use such comments as you may make in time to have it count in the approaching special elections dealing with this issue induces us to ask that you favor us with a prompt reply, if that be possible.

Yours truly,

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The Christian Science Monitor,  
Editorial Department,  
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

Answering your letter of the 18th inst., relative to the benefits resultant from extension of the franchise to women, I beg to state that I am and always have been a firm believer in equal suffrage and feel that there is no sound argument against it.

In Portland, women exercised for the first time in this state, the right of franchise in a general municipal election. They used the ballot in a judicious and capable manner, according to the consensus of opinion of well-informed people. In succeeding elections they have repeated their first showing at the polls.

Women are very active in civic betterment in this city and state, and living conditions are, in my opinion, being gradually improved. The very fact that she has a vote seems to impel a woman to exercise her right of franchise for the public weal and therefore, in order to do so, she must study problems of city, county and state, leading her to higher ideals in her home life as well.

I repeat that I know of no sound reason why women should not have the right to vote.

Very truly yours,