

W. C. T. U.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Andover meets the first and third Thursday in each month.

A Review of the Year.

Some newspapers have lately declared that the woman's suffrage movement is "advancing backward." Forty years ago, woman had school suffrage in only a single State, Kentucky. Today they have school suffrage in twenty-one States, municipal suffrage in Kansas, and full suffrage in Wyoming and Colorado.

Forty years ago the woman's suffrage question was not before a single State Legislature. Look at the legislative vote of the past year:

The Colorado House voted 39 to 21 and the Senate concurred in favor of enacting a statute granting full suffrage to woman, and it was carried by popular vote by 6,347 majority. The Kansas House voted 94 to 17 and the Senate 32 to 5 in favor of submitting a similar amendment, which is now pending. In Arizona, a full suffrage bill passed the House 17 to 6, and was lost by 2 votes in the Senate. In Maine, a municipal suffrage bill passed the Senate 16 to 13, and was defeated in the House by 9 votes. A full suffrage amendment passed the Minnesota Senate 31 to 19. It came up in the House so late that it could only be passed by suspending the rules. The House voted 54 to 43 to suspend the rules in its favor, but failed to do so for want of the necessary two thirds. In North Dakota, a full suffrage amendment passed the Senate 20 to 9, and the House 33 to 22, but was afterward reconsidered in the House and lost. In Illinois, a bill to repeal school suffrage failed, no vote being for it but the mover and a bill to extend township suffrage to women passed the Senate 27 to 11, and failed by a small majority in the House. In Michigan, a municipal suffrage bill passed the House 57 to 25 and the Senate 18 to 11, and was signed by the governor, but was set aside by the Supreme Court as unconstitutional. In California, a school suffrage bill passed the Senate 31 to 6, and the House 42 to 27, but was vetoed by the governor. In New Mexico, full suffrage passed the House by a large majority, but did not reach a vote in the Senate. In Nebraska, full suffrage was defeated in the House by the close vote of 46 to 42; and municipal suffrage passed the House 45 to 36, and was indefinitely postponed in the Senate, 17 to 15. In the Massachusetts House of Representatives, municipal suffrage was defeated by 9 votes, the smallest majority against it in any previous year having been 49.

In Arkansas, School suffrage passed the Senate, but was laid on the table in the House. In New York, a bill enabling women to vote for county school commissioner passed both branches. A school suffrage bill passed both branches of the Connecticut Legislature by a large majority, and was signed by the governor, and is now law. In Nova Scotia full suffrage was lost by three votes. In New Zealand full woman suffrage was carried, signed by the governor, and is now the law. In the British House of Commons, suffrage was extended to all women, both married and single, but the Parish Councils Bill, against the opposition of the government, by a vote of 147 to 126. In Vermont, where, in the constitutional convention of 1870, a proposition for woman suffrage received only a single vote, a municipal suffrage bill passed the last House 149 to 93, and was lost in the Senate 18 to 20. In the South Carolina Senate, suffrage came up for the first time, and came so near passing that a change of four votes would have carried it. Kentucky and West Virginia have granted women enlarged property rights. Pennsylvania has made women eligible as notaries public. The New York Legislature, by a unanimous vote, has made mothers equal guardians of their children with the father.

INDEPENDENCE NEWS.

On account of bad roads and grip, the week of prayer has been postponed till the 14th inst.

W. J. Potter is assisting Josiah Warfield of Andover to cut 400 cords of wood this winter.

John O. Barney is on the sick list. Mrs. R. S. Jacobs and Mrs. George Updyke and little daughter, are sick with the prevailing epidemic.

Frank Green and family, and Guerdon Green and family of Wellsville, were in town Friday to attend the funeral of their brother, the late Freeman Green.

W. S. Sault, who moved from this

town to Roulette, Pa., last spring, to work in the lumber woods, is reported as a very sick man, caused by liver and kidney troubles.

Freeman Green, of whose serious illness I wrote last week, died Wednesday morning, Jan. 3, and funeral services were held at the church Friday, Elder Madison Harry officiating. In spite of the bad roads a large crowd was in attendance, thereby showing their respect for the young man so early stricken down by the fell destroyer. Peace to his memory.

GUMPTON.

SPRING MILLS NEWS.

Mr. Theodore Potter, whose illness was mentioned in the News last week, died on Friday last and his funeral services were held at North Bingham on Sunday. Sermon by Rev. Thomas Perry of Whitesville. As the friends were returning home a horse driven by a brother of Mrs. Potters became frightened and started on a run throwing Mr. Neel, the brother, out and bruising his feet, but not seriously. The horse ran into Mr. Hubbard's yard, breaking loose from the carriage and jumped over a fence, landing in such a condition that it was unable to get up without help.

Mr. Lawrence Spade of Whitesville died Saturday, January 6th. Funeral at Baptist church in Whitesville, Monday, January 8th.

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