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To the Editor:-

We appreciate the progressive attitude your paper has taken on the question of enfranchising the women of our state.

In an editorial of November 7th, you manifest surprise at the negative vote on the suffrage referendum, permit me to say we were no less surprised and have made a careful study of the situation. The result of our investigation will doubtless prove interesting to every man and woman who believes that Wisconsin is free from the domination of the Big Interests.

We expected to find indifference as the majority are always indifferent to progress, the size of the vote on all referendums proves this. We could not find an instance where Wisconsin had ever cast a vote of 200,000 on an amendment, while Milwaukee county has always fallen below 30,000. Compare the following figures and you will see there was little indifference on the subject.

For Suffrage	Against Suffrage	Total
132,015	224,391	356,401
For Gov. McGovern	For Judge Karel	
179,779	168,203	347,982

Milwaukee cast a vote of 18,643 for and 39,538 against, total 58,181.

Had you studied the record of amendments and been told that 132,000 votes would be cast for it, you would have declared suffrage would carry with a good majority.

Here is the story of our defeat. Wisconsin is the third state in the union in the manufacture of fermented liquors, the second in the output of malt; these liquor interests are capitalized at \$85,894,000.

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