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**SPLENDID MEETING AT HARRISONVILLE**  
 Working Committee Formed for Second District.

An enthusiastic meeting was held in the schoolhouse at Harrisonville before the Excelsior Literary Society on Monday evening, December 2. About fifty people were present and listened with interest to the address delivered by Miss L. C. Trax. Fifteen new members were secured, and a committee to carry on the work in the Second district, Baltimore county, was formed. The posters containing the suffrage arguments, which were posted in the Second district for election day, still remain and are creating much interest throughout the district.

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**WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER**  
 Christmas Bazar to Be Held.

The women of the district returned to the city with renewed enthusiasm and ambition after the convention week in Philadelphia. The old enterprises pushed before November 23 stood still while the delegates were away from town, but the threads are being gathered up and things set in motion once again. Mrs. McCartney, who has taken up as her especial line of endeavor the organization of suffrage wheels, is earnestly carrying forward the scheme, which was original with Mrs. McCartney and Mrs. Hendley. The purpose is to bring in money to the treasury through the small fees which are paid by each member of the wheel, and secondarily, to concentrate in some one purpose or reform.

Interest is being aroused and the number of wheels is increasing. The Political Study Club held its regu-

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lar November meeting, when the question as to whether suffrage would be desirable in the district was discussed. The members showed a good deal of interest in the topic, with speeches on both affirmative and negative.

The next meeting will be given over to a discussion of the parcels post. The Stanton Club held over its meeting until January. The College Suffrage League met on last Monday night. The matter of a demonstration at inauguration time is becoming a pertinent matter before wide-awake people in the District. At the College Suffrage session the decision was to appoint a committee to confer with representatives of other suffrage clubs in the city, and form a definite plan as to the form of the parade. Miss Etheridge put out a feeler while at the convention as to suffrage demonstration at inauguration. The parade, if it is a parade, will probably be on the day preceding the inaugural parade. The idea, however, is on the bud until the conference of the clubs decides definitely. The College League will hold its next meeting in January, and then the various members who have been engaged in campaign work in different States will tell of their experiences.

It is a matter of considerable pride to the Portner Headquarters to possess a spicy bit of suffrage news that is of interest to all suffragists.

The State Convention in Nebraska is proceeding to canvas the State with a view to using the initiative and referendum in bringing universal suffrage before the voters. This information comes from Miss Mary H. Williams, who has been corresponding secretary for the District association for many years, but who is now living in Nebraska.

The Anthony League is planning a Christmas bazar for next week, when, by the united efforts of the ladies, an accumulation of sweets and spices and fancy things galore will keep salesladies busy during three evenings.

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**DORCHESTER COUNTY**  
 Enthusiasm Aroused in Cambridge By Suffrage Speakers.

As a result of the suffrage work done in Dorchester county some two weeks ago, a second meeting was arranged for Thursday evening, December 5, at eight o'clock, in the Women's Club room. Rev. J. G. Mythen, Mrs. R. T. Foster and Mr. Gordon O'Keefe of New York were the speakers. The meeting aroused considerable enthusiasm.

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**THE HOME RULE MOVEMENT IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT**

At the People's Forum, Saturday evening, November 30, Dr. Thomas E. Will, executive secretary of the District of Columbia Suffrage League, addressed a large audience. He said:

"In the history of the District, for years past, there has been no more remarkable event than the present demand of our people for the right to vote. Only last August the Suffrage League was launched. Its beginnings were humble. After its operations had attracted the attention of the city it was still dubbed a 'Tooley Street' organization. Its fund was petty and its numbers were small. Among its open followers were few, if any, of the great and powerful. It launched its campaign on a street corner and addressed itself to those who cared to hear.

"Today the issue it then raised has become a burning one. Congressmen are discussing it. Bills providing for it will soon be introduced into Congress. Powerful friends of District suffrage and self-government are found in both houses of Congress.

"Three years ago a hopeful suffrage movement was launched in the District. Its leading exponent was one of the ablest and most eloquent of our citizens. Before a most representative body, including the President of the United States himself, he plead the cause of the disfranchised people of the District.

"This plea called forth a reply by the President himself. The Chief Magistrate of the nation then and there dealt the suffrage movement a stunning blow, from the effects of which in three full years it had not recovered.

"Now that President lies buried beneath an avalanche of adverse ballots. His successor, soon to assume the reins of power, is president of an organization whose business it is to propagate for cities in general the same gospel the Suffrage League is propagating for our city.

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voteless citizens of the National Capital were given opportunity to express their desire on the question of the vote. This opportunity was so meagerly advertised that thousands never heard of it. Many have not heard of it yet. Yet almost twelve thousand people marched to the polls and voted. Of these, 92 per cent. voted for the right to vote.

"On Friday night, December 13, a great mass-meeting will be held in the National Rifles Armory. Its object is to voice the unquenchable desire of the people of this community for political liberty. Among those who will speak on that occasion are some of the most disinterested and representative of the citizens of this community. Their voices will go far.

"The fight has just begun. Three months ago our efforts, to many, seemed a forlorn hope. Now, intelligent onlookers tell us the battle is already won.

"Our own view is more conservative. We realize we have rivers yet to cross and great battles to fight. At the same time, we believe that much of our hardest work lies behind us. We have disproved the falsehood that the people are satisfied with their servile status. We have proved that the love of liberty is not dead in the District. On December 13 we shall prove that the distinguished citizens of the District are not all on the Tory side.

"The outside press is taking up our work. Ere long, some Washington paper, we believe, will see its way clear to champion the people's cause in this greatest of all conflicts, the struggle for liberty."

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The Roslyn Grange, which meets at Randallstown, has promised to open up one of its meetings to suffrage.

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