

From Colgate.

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Editor Hope Pioneer:

Election held yesterday, the 17th. Passed off quietly, with one exception; about four o'clock there appeared at the polls a load of the democratic fraternity with their wives. It being well known to every intelligent mind that said wives were not in possession of the necessary qualifications as to citizenship, some discussion was had, but after a time it was decided to allow them to vote, and they did so—to their own shame, we thought. Such things would look well in Canada, but in the United States and among refined people it certainly looked shameful.

The people, not feeling well pleased with either of the candidates for superintendent of schools, decided to divide the vote equally, so gave each 17 votes.

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Colgate, July 23, 1890.

Editor Hope Pioneer:

The above has been blamed upon innocent parties, and we, in justice to them, are determined to show up the right man, L. C. Day. He has denied it to the public, he having been asked for an explanation failed to give one, being allowed ample time to do so.

In it he tries to show to the public what he does not know concerning the laws that govern school elections. In the article he claims that certain women voted at the election in question, who were not possessed of the necessary qualifications as voters. It was well known by all intelligent minds that a woman of foreign birth married to a citizen of the United States, thereby becomes a citizen and qualified to vote. Mr. Day claims that some discussion was held but after a time it was decided to allow them to vote and they did so, to their own shame, he thought.

We claim and it is well known by all who were at that election, that the votes of those women in question were not disputed at that election. It was the duty of L. C. Day, as judge of that election, if he thought that they were not qualified voters to of challenged their votes. He classes himself a refined citizen and should have more principle than to throw shame upon, or to insult respectable women by having such an article appear in a public paper. No man but a coward would take that means to revenge his ill nature upon ladies even though he was defeated at that election.

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