

STARTING IN EARLY.

Must Spend Money to Defeat Mrs. Potter.

Mail and Breese, Mrs. Anna Potter, one of the most foremost women politicians of Kansas City, Kan., has announced herself as a candidate for mayor in 1899. Mrs. Potter was a candidate for mayor against Nat Barnes five years ago. She was defeated by a large majority, but she proved herself a full-fledged politician and spared neither money nor pains in making the race.

She was paraded through the streets of Kansas City, Kan., behind bands of music and her name was heralded throughout the domain of the United States. She had many staunch supporters who worked for her with might and main, and it is these supporters who have induced her to again become a candidate.

The announcement that Mrs. Potter is to enter the race for mayor means that some money must be spent by the candidate who defeats her. Her former race was characterized by the manner in which she lavished her wealth in obtaining support. None of her money was spent in illegitimate means, but Mrs. Potter has a contempt for a cheap politician, and she believes in paying as she goes. The newspapers of the country, during her last campaign, told of the diamond earrings she wore when making speeches. They declared they were as large as hickory nuts. Her magnificent street parades caused wide comment. She would hire a colored band to head the parade in the morning and a white band in the afternoon. This was done in order to get the votes of all.

The livery stables of Kansas City, Kan., did not have teams enough to supply her demands on election day.

Like most women candidates, Mrs. Potter does not cater to women support alone. She is an independent candidate in every sense of the word. If elected she will not owe her success to any particular class, political party, sect or creed. She asks the support of all, and promises all to use her best efforts to give a clean administration, and that her first, last and only effort shall be to look after the wants of the people.

Here is what Mrs. Potter has to say about Equal Suffragists:

"Jesus Christ came into the world to purify the people, and was crucified. Preachers have preached for centuries to purify men and women and failed. Now women are coming out to try to purify politics. The women might as well attempt to stop the Missouri river at its mouth. The men have given the women the right to vote. The state of Kansas has given women the right to hold office. What woman holds office today that the men did not elect or appoint?"

"These suffrage women remind me of a hen that I saw in the country fifteen miles out, vigorously scratching in the door yard for her dinner. As I stood watching her she scratched up a silver quarter. If she had known the value of the money and could have used it, she could have provided herself with that which she was in need of and would not have been compelled to labor as she was doing for the small amount she was getting. Around and around, back and forth went the quarter and the hen, ignorant of its worth, scratched to get her food."

"I have often thought of this hen, as I was reminded of her as I saw the example has just been shown among the high places of this nation of the danger of speaking careless words."

"Talk about fifteen or twenty suffragists controlling the election of a city like Kansas City, Kan.! What do you bother with politics for if you don't want office? I wish you would tell the people what you are trying to do anyway! I would like to know why the suffragists objected to the Current Event club's resolution to put women in office. A woman has as much right to a city office as a man."

MRS. ANNA POTTER,
"candidate for mayor in 1899."

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