

Scientific Temperance Instruction

- Goal was to get certain temperance ideas into children's heads while they were in school. Even if they were incorrect. Some of their ideas were....
 - Beer drinkers dies of “Dropsy”
 - Persons should not take a drink before bathing.
 - Drinking alcohol burns off the skin of the throat.
 - Cases have been document of taking one drink people have burst into flames (blue flame)
 - If both parents are alcoholics, one child out of every seven will be born deformed and incurable.

Women's Christian Temperance Union

Carrie Nation
1846-1911



Senate Saloon,
Topeka, Kansas

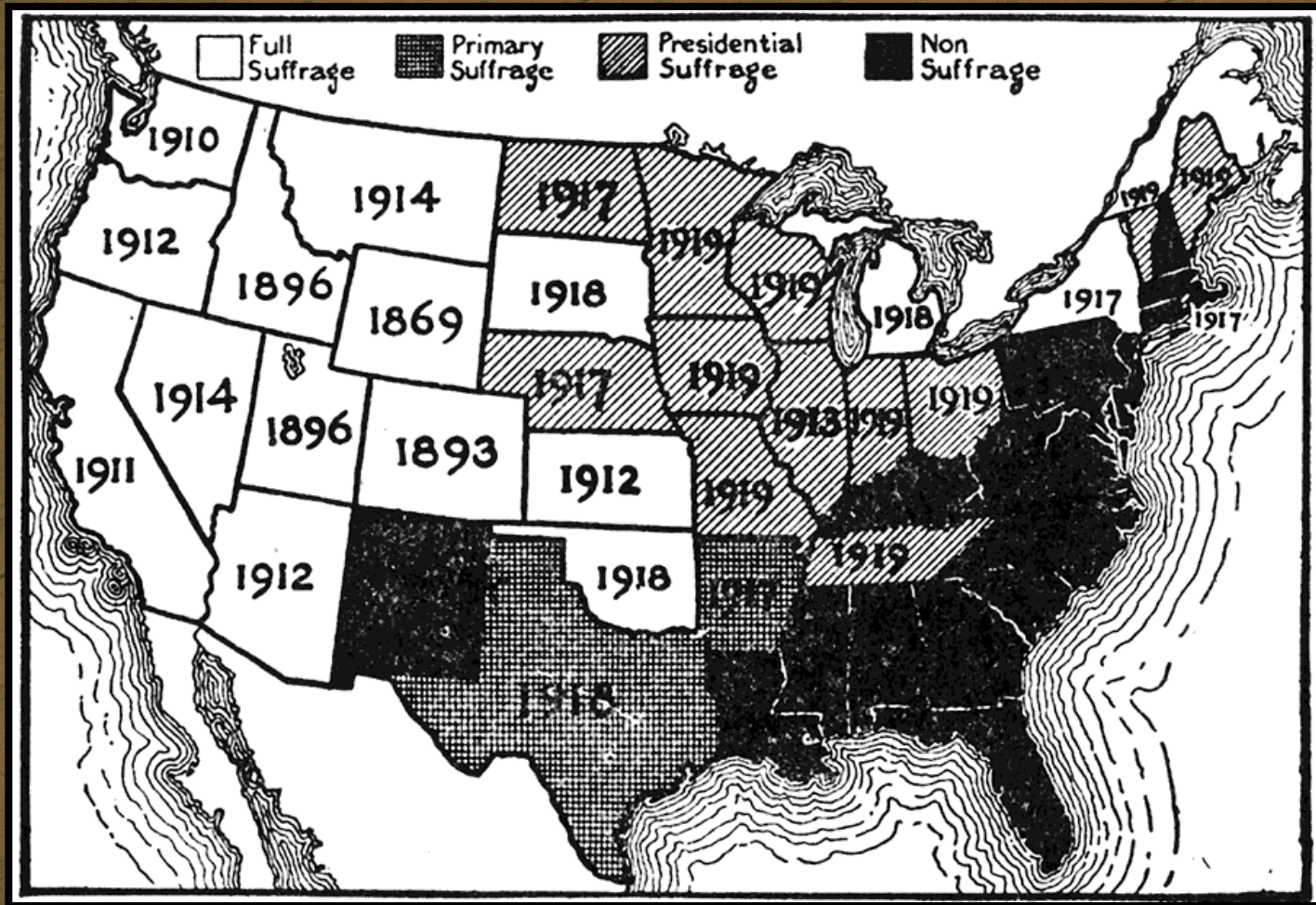


WCTU Accomplishments

- Raised the “Sexual Age of Consent” raised from 10 to 16 years of age.
- Lead the causes for helping street children and fallen women.
- Changed state policies in having women matrons in charge of women’s prisons.
- Arranged for public drinking fountains in town squares.
- Get the right for women to vote

Women's Right to Vote

As of 1919



Politics Makes for Some Strange Bedfellows

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- The Ku Klux Klan was "revived in Atlanta in 1915 to defend Prohibition,".
- "Prohibition became one of the Klan's leading issues" The Ku Klux Klan "adopted prohibition as a central rallying cry."
- Because it so strongly "opposed the sale of alcohol," the new Klan "attacked bootlegging."



Freedom to Vote

Race before Sex

15th Amendment (Race)
- 1870

19th Amendment (Sex)
- 1920

15th Amendment

Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

19th Amendment

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

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Anti-Saloon League

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- Founded in 1893 by Howard Russell an active church member.
- Originally the league had the backing of many of the churches except the Episcopalians and Lutherans.
- Motivated people in the rural parts of the country.
- Pamphlets, newspaper articles, church meetings and demonstrations.
- “The Anti Saloon League is not in politics as a party, nor are we trying to abolish vice, gambling, horse-racing, murder, theft or arson. *“The organization is here to free the nation from the grip of alcohol”. The ASL is here as political retribution!!!*

Anti-Saloon League

- They had the unrivaled opportunity to reach the hundreds of thousands of churchgoers.
- With Frances Willards death in 1898 the ASL took the reigns away from the WCTU on the issue of prohibition.
- Russell hires Wayne Wheeler. Wheeler works in legal department of ASL and had the ability to persuade peoples opinions in his speeches.
- Financial support early on from John D. Rockefeller Andrew Carnegie and other industrialist.