

## WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

The as yet incomplete returns indicate that the woman suffrage amendment in this State was carried yesterday, its success being due apparently, to the failure of a great many voters to vote. The general absorption in the war, the limitation of the State officers to be chosen to two Associate Justices of the Court of Appeals and the Attorney General, the indifference of the opposition and the enthusiasm of the faithful, account for the result.

By a great vote in 1915 this change in the electorate, this startling innovation in the polity of the State, was rejected. By a much smaller one, when the world is afire, it seems to have been adopted.

THE TIMES will not pretend to rejoice at the result to which it made no effort to contribute. May the experiment, if it is to be made, disappoint the fears and predictions of its adversaries. May the women justify by their behavior their fitness for the ballot. And, all division removed, may the feminists give henceforth the full measure of their strength and energy to the cause of freedom and democracy!

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