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Headline: Suff<sup>1</sup> Score G.O.P. Gov<sup>2</sup>. Possibilities

Sub-headline: Eight Who Might Receive Republican Nomination Blacklisted

Sub-headline: CLIFFORD WILSON FAVORED

Article heading: Connecticut Women Have Been Watching Politics in This State—The Following is a List of Desirable and Undesirables.

One hundred and twenty-two members of the Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association met in session at the state headquarters in Hartford this afternoon. The session was a close one, it is reported, but it was announced that matters of particular importance politically would be discussed. Miss Grace Murray, acting executive secretary of the state association, today confirmed reports of the activities of the women of the state in the coming Republican convention when a candidate for governor will be chosen. Miss Murray stated that there were women from every part of the state at this afternoon's session and things of great interest were being discussed.

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<sup>1</sup> Suffragists

<sup>2</sup> Governor

Sub-heading: Black List Sent Out

The Connecticut Woman Suffrage association has sent a blacklist of Republicans seeking the governorship to all its members throughout the state with items of interest concerning the stand the en took on suffrage as well as reasons for opposing them. A list of favorable candidates was likewise sent to each worker.

Sub-heading: Eight Unfavorable

Eight men mentioned as possibilities for the nomination as republican candidate for governor were unfavorable to the Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association because of their stand on suffrage in general and a special session of the Connecticut legislature in particular. Six are favorable. In a statement issued by the association to county and state workers, supplemented by a later list of three additional possibilities, the attitude of the association is made clear. The statement says

Sub-heading: Considering Seriously

“The following men apparently are seriously considered and are therefore of importance to us. Opposite their names is given the information in regard to their stand on ratification and our attitude toward them

“Clifford B. Wilson, favorable. Judge John L. Gilson, favorable. Robert Scoville, favorable. Senator Charles A. Templeton, unfavorable. Senator John A. Brooks,

unfavorable. Robbins B. Stoekel<sup>3</sup>, unfavorable. Governor Marcus H. Holcomb, unfavorable Judge James T. Walsh, unfavorable. Hon[orable]. Frank Healy, unfavorable. Colonel W.H. Hall of Washington, unfavorable.

“In view of this we suggest that you tell those men who are probably going as delegates to the convention what men we oppose. The four men who have answered satisfactorily would be acceptable to us. But as between them, Schuyler Merritt would probably not accept a nomination and Judge Gilson’s name has been less prominently mentioned, so the choice of the women seems to narrow down to Lieut. Governor Wilson and Robert Scoville.

“All women know and are grateful for the way that Clifford Wilson has stood by us both during the fight for the presidential bill and at other times. Robert Scoville has been less prominently identified with our movement, but has helped us with his time and money and has the respect of the state for the work that he did as food administrator during the war.”

Later this list was supplemented by the names of Dist. Attorney Hugh M. Alcorn<sup>4</sup> and John T. Robinson, who are listed as favorable to suffrage and acceptable to the association.

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<sup>3</sup> Pronounced: STOE kul

<sup>4</sup> Pronounces: AL korn