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We need more farm women in the legislature.

This session has opened up to me a new world of thought, and I am more interested in public affairs than ever.

Most measures were judged on their merits and that is as it should be.

In most things we should represent the entire state rather than our own locality. HANNAH J. KEMPFER.



Mabeth Hurd Paige, 25 Dell Place, has lived in Minneapolis twenty-seven years. Educated in Massachusetts; special education in art in Boston and at the Academie Julian, Paris. Was graduated from University of Minnesota College of Law in 1900. Has been for some years a successful business manager of organization operating Hospital, Home Club for Girls and Home for the Aged. Has always believed in and worked for equal suffrage. Was for two years director for six Northwest states of the National Board of League Women Voters. Is wife of James Paige and has one child, Elizabeth, nineteen.

Quite apart from all other reasons which made me decide to try for the Legislature is the fact that I am a life-long "suffragist" and came of suffrage ancestry.

I went to the legislature brim full of practical ideals, the collection of a lifetime, and I am leaving with some realized and with none of them shattered. I expected to find in the legislature a group of earnest citizens, honestly seeking better conditions for their constituents in particular, and for their state in general. I have been honored in being a member of a group of able and loyal citizens.

The fact that women have a distinct point of view, which comes from generations of domestic life including the rearing, and educating of children makes their legislative view point a very acceptable addition to that of men. Women and men working together ought to produce more adequate laws than either sex working alone could produce.

My ideals were toward human betterment and I realize from association with conscientious members from rural parts of the state that human welfare laws are not confined to laws relating to people but extend to laws affecting agriculture and grain and cattle and co-operative business enterprises. The bills I have sponsored have been, largely, bills relating to education, morals and health, for the better protection of dependents, delinquents and defectives. As a member of the appropriation committee I voted to cut expenses wherever possible, because I realize that the taxation burden upon our state is increasing too rapidly.

MABETH HURD PAIGE