

## **History of the League -- *continued***

Catt warned about “Blind Partisans” - brought up in a party and unaware of where it stands on the issues - reasoning that a certain party is best because it stands for certain principles. She says that the League is going to educate women for active citizenship and that Democrats and Republicans must work together and work to be nonpartisan. Catt said, “Keep the flag flying for the principles of the Constitution. You need to keep five years ahead of the parties if you are to do your part.”

“Do not go to the polls as a mere endorser of a platform that others have written for you in some back office... you should never vote for a ticket until it has been submitted to your intelligence and ratified by your conscience.”

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