

SENATE MAY PASS AMENDMENT FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Upper Branch Appears to Favor Allowing People to Decide at Polls.

ANNUAL INVASION TO-DAY

Three Hundred Advocates of Equal Rights Will March Up Capitol Hill.

SENATOR COBB IS CONVERTED

Watertown Representative, Once Ardent Opponent, Says Trip to West Changed His Opinion.

The suffragists make their last stand of the year to-day and to-morrow when the woman's suffrage bill is to come up before the judiciary committee. A delegation of about 300 suffragists will arrive

this morning from New York. They will attend the mass meeting in the assembly parlor this evening and the hearing to-morrow. Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch is one of the leading spirits in the movement, and has been instrumental in bringing the delegation from New York. Miss Harriet May Mills will arrive this morning, and will preside at the meeting to-night. Among the speakers will be Gilbert Roe, John S. Crosby, Mrs. Raymond Brown and Mrs. Helen Greeley of New York.

Women suffragists are gaining votes in the senate and it looks now as if the proposed amendment to the constitution, to be voted on by the people next November, may pass that branch of the legislature this year for the first time. Some of the members who have always opposed the proposition have reached the conclusion that they have no right to stand in the way of a popular vote on the subject and will vote to get the amendment before the voters of the State.

Albany suffragists have campaigned hard for the last few months, and have added many to their number. Miss Jeanette Rankin has worked both in and out of the legislature, and is said to have been influential among the legislators. Among the prominent suffragists who are coming this morning are Mrs. John Winters Brannon, Mrs. Arthur Townsend, Miss Brannon, Mrs. John Rogers, Jr., and Miss Caroline Lexow.

May Have Parade.

There is a report that there is to be a parade from the Union station to the Capitol, the women marching under the colors of the organization—purple, green and white—and wearing the suffrage sashes.

The reports which have been circulated concerning the designs of the suffragists upon Senator Robert F. Wagner sound alarming. Much indignation has been expressed by Albany suffragists because of the attitude and remarks of the Demo-

cratic leader in the senate. Senator Harvey J. Hinman has been the recipient of countless letters, telegrams and messages of all sorts urging him to vote for the bill. He is considered the most formidable enemy of the cause by the suffragists. A delegation will call upon Senators Wagner and Hinman immediately after they arrive at the capitol, and the other senators will no doubt be visited as soon as possible.

The Woman's Political union will make its headquarters in Hawk street near the scene of action at the capitol, and the headquarters in Maiden lane be open at all times.

Mrs. Edward Easton, Jr., will entertain the Albany suffrage club and some of the visitors this afternoon at her home in State street. Among the prominent suffrage workers in Albany are Mrs. John Kass Howe, Mrs. Joseph Gavit, Miss Elizabeth Smith and Miss Esther Taylor.

Anti-Suffragists Ready.

The anti-suffragists have made preparations for the hearing to-morrow and will have several speakers from New York in addition to prominent Albany women who are members of the anti-suffrage organization. The representatives of the Albany organization will be Miss Margaret Doane Gardiner, who will speak; Mrs. W. O. Stillman, Mrs. James Hamilton and Miss Mary Fenimore Cooper. Miss Alice Hill Chittenden, Mrs. Francis Scott and Miss Minnie Bronson, are expected from New York.

Both sides of the question will be heard. Only forty delegates from each side will be allowed on the senate floor. All proceedings, it is expected, will be very quiet and orderly.

Senator Cobb Won Over.

One Republican senator, George H. Cobb of Watertown, admits he is a convert to the desirability of giving votes to women.

"I always have voted against the amendment," he said last night, "but since the last session of the legislature I