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This Day in 1913 in The Record: May 5, 1913

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Monday, May 5, 1913. Women from Rensselaer County were conspicuous by their absence from a “mammoth demonstration” in favor of women’s suffrage in New York City last weekend, but local suffragists assure The Record that support for equal voting rights here is as strong as ever.

An estimated 40,000 women participated in last Saturday’s march, while at least 1,000,000 people turned out to watch. Neither the city of Troy nor Rensselaer County sent a delegation to participate in the march.

“While there has been an impression among some that Rensselaer county and Troy have not evidenced the zeal that was apparent in the district some time since, those who are interested in the crusade claim that the work has spread, the gospel is being preached, and the total number of women who believe in equal rights now, compared with the figure a few years back when there seemed to be more aggressiveness, will show that the number has increased.”

With the spread of suffragist sentiment, locals claim, the need for aggressive organization has diminished. Troy currently has no strong leader like Sarah A. Kenney, a leading spokeswoman for the movement in previous years, but our reporter learns that “the question was not lethargic in Rensselaer County and that the good work was going on as was claimed for it elsewhere.”

While the local suffrage movement isn’t very aggressive lately, that doesn’t mean local suffragists see no need for big demonstrations like the one in New York. As one tells our writer, at such events “the women could prove with fact after fact that the cause had progressed from the very beginning.”

NYSL BASEBALL. After five days of struggle Troy and Albany still have some unfinished business. Before today’s game at Laureate Park a trade sends veteran Troy outfielder Johnny Duffy to Albany in exchange for left fielder Tom O’Hara.

On the field, Troy hopes to salvage a split of the six-game home-away series after losing three in a row. Despite pitcher Jack Pappalau’s iron-man eleven-inning performance, Albany wins 6-3 off a eleventh-inning three-run double by catcher Ed McDonough. Buck Friel matches Pappalau’s endurance and gets the win for the Senators.

Our sportswriter blames the loss on two factors. One is allegedly incompetent umpiring by Arlie Latham. The official needs a police escort home after blowing a fifth-inning play at the plate when Albany player-manager Jim Tamsett apparently missed a tag on Troy's Ray Mowe. The other factor is allegedly incompetent base running by the Lookouts themselves. Our writer calls it "Honolulu base running," which must mean a lot of hip swiveling without actual movement.

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