WIBIO Belle

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4 Meet Belle Case.

5 No!

Nope.

6 Unh-uh,

it's not 1920 yet.

7 Women can't vote.

8 Belle was born

in 1859.

9 Back then, most kids didn't go

to school past the age of 12.

10 And the girls would go

back to the family farm

11 to learn to cook, clean,

and sew.

12 Lucky for Belle

13 her family believed

that education was important.

14 Belle was such a great student

that at the age of 16

15 she was able

to go to college!

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17 Belle was a top student

in college, too.

18 She paid attention

and she learned a lot.

19 But she wasn't afraid

to form her own opinions.

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21 Belle wasn't the only one

paying attention.

22 Bob was funny.

Belle was serious.

23 Belle could write.

Bob could speak.

24 Bob loved the spotlight.

25 Belle preferred

to work backstage.

26 But they believed

in the same things.

27 After graduation, Belle

married Bob La Follette in 1881.

28 Bob called Belle the "brainiest

member of the family."

29 He began his career

as a lawyer

30 and soon, Belle decided

to get her own law degree.

31 Together, they started

La Follette's Magazine.

32 Belle wrote about

women's rights

33 exercise,

and women's clothing.

34 Belle dressed

how she wanted

35 and encouraged other women

to do the same.

36 When Bob decided

to run for office

37 Belle became

his campaign manager.

38 Bob won

a lot of elections.

39 first as

a United States Congressman

40 then Governor of Wisconsin

41 and finally,

a United States Senator.

42 Belle helped Bob get elected,

but couldn't even vote for him.

43 The fact that women couldn't

vote really bothered Belle.

44 Now it was her turn

to give the speeches.

45 She hit the road

for women's rights!

46 *As President Lincoln*

*once said*

47 *"This Nation shall have*

*a new birth of freedom*

48 *and government*

*of the people*

49 *by the people,*

*for the people*

50 *shall not perish*

*from the Earth."*

51 *Are not women*

*people?*

52 [cheers]

53 Well said, Belle,

very progressive!

54 Finally, in 1920,

women won the right to vote!

55 The 19th Amendment to the

U.S. Constitution was ratified!

56 But there was even more

left to do.

57 Belle spent

the rest of her life

58 working

for a world of peace.

59 She believed

that women would vote

60 to create a more peaceful world

for everyone.

61 Belle

dedicated her life

62 to changing the world

for the better

63 world peace,

the right to vote

64 equal rights, and...

pants.

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