...was an Asian-American who became the first Chinese-American woman to work for the federal government and the first Chinese-American woman to vote. Tye was born in California and had a heart for helping other Asian-Americans. She would take the civil service exam and pass, and worked as an interpreter on Angel Island—where many immigrants from Asia would come through. In 1912, Tye made news as the first Chinese-American woman to vote in the United States. When she was interviewed about her voting experience, Tye said: “I wanted to KNOW what was right, not to act blindly…”