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would be almost impossible. Take, for in-stance, the Democratic campaign fund of the last year. Shortly before election Judge Parker asserted very positively that the Democratic campaign fund had not been supplied with money from corpora-tions and frequently there was a challenge made that the books of each committee should be exhibited. This was a species of dishonesty, and if Parker did not know any better he had been misled by those who managed his campaign. It is known and cannot be denied now by anyone in authority that there were three different campaign funds for the Democratic party. One was contributed to Treasurer Peabody at national headquarters-a very small one-which was devoted to the running expenses of headquarters. But there were expenses of headquarters. But there were also a New York State campaign finance committee and a national campaign finance committee, and it is understood that William F. Sheehan, chairman of the executive committee of the National Committee, was the head of both these committees and that nearly all of the build that were used or contributed areas funds that were used or contributed went into his hands in that way, and were or pended by him through officers of the Na-tional Committee and no account was kept with the treasurer of the committee. These charges have been publicly made several times in the East and not denied. It would be impossible, in investigating contributions to campaign funds, to ascertain how much Sheehan received on one ac-count or another or whether he received any, unless the men who paid him the tey were willing to come forward and make their statements.

Republican Expenses Small. The Republican committee was con-ducted differently, and in the same man-ner that it has always been. Treasurer Bilss received and paid out all the funds. Not all of the contributions offered were accepted, because the money was not needed, and Chairman Cortelyou did not care to stack up a large fund that was un-necessary. There was no 'holdup' of any corporation, and no such efforts were nec-essary as had been used in previous cam-puigns to secure enough money. In fact the Republican campaign last year was conducted on a much more modest basis than that of either 15% or 1900. The speak-ers' bureau cost less than one-third as much as in the previous campaign, and savings were made on the same basis in every part of the country. Less money was expended for gotting out the votes on election day and for interesting the people in the election. There was no such mon-strous parades or big meetings and no lavish expenditure for any purposes save what might be called legitimate expenses. Even the Democrats do not undertake to say now that voters were corrupted by the campaign fund of the Republican party. Just what object is to be attained by bringing these things to view now is difficuit to say. Every politician must know that it is ampossible to get at the exact truth concerning campaign funds, and truth concerning campaign funds, and especially of campaigns of the pant. It will not do to attempt to cast upon the ad-ministration of President Roosevelt any odium regarding the management of the last campaign, because everybody knows that if there had been no campaign and if everything had been allowed to go prac-tically by default the country would have elected him President just the same. The people have the same confidence in him now that they had on election day, and vaporings and innuendoes such as Cockman