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PREPARING ELECTION REFORM.

The call for a convention to consider reforms in the manner of conducting primary elections is paying attention to a subject which is vitally connected with the very life blood of our nation. The evil of our political life lies in the carelessness with which the vast majority of the American people view the subject of politics and politicians. As a good-natured nation we are prone to let things take their own course, and when a thing is done which is wrong upon its face and disastrous in its results, we are apt to dismiss it with the word that it is simply "politics" and pay no further attention to it. The evils of bossism have grown so pronounced of late that more serious concern is being given to the methods by which cheap and unscrupulous men attain to such places of influence and eminence in the conduct of our government, while men of morality and ability are compelled to sit by and watch this degradation in high plans.

The United States senate was once the ablest parliamentary body in the world. Men with kingly intellects and spotless characters sat as members, and the deliberations in the days of Clay, Webster and Calhoun were conducted upon principles of high morality and patriotism. As late as the days of reconstruction the United States senate contained some of the best statesmen our national life had produced, but in the last two decades none can gainsay that the tone of statesmanship and average ability has deteriorated. When we compare Clay or Webster with Senator Murphy of New York or Quay of Pennsylvania, what a shock to every citizen's pride, and yet Quay and Murphy are more the rule than the exception.

It is through the manipulation of politics at the primaries that such men are able to secure election to the senate. Ordinarily the boes who rounds up the heels primary day cannot himself secure election to what was once an honor coveted by the most distinguished, but he is able often to dictate which one of his chosen friends shall wear the senatorial toga. The result is seen in the aimless wrangling and disregard of public interests with which the senate in the last few years is charged.

The American people are fit to be governed by the best men the country can produce, and it is worth the while that the citizens should spend time and thought to secure this end. To arouse public sentiment to a still further degree is a first necessity, and the calling of a convention, while in itself barren of direct results, will aid in the final attainment of the desired object.

The New York Independent, in commenting upon the protest from Oregon regarding the proposed appointment of Attorney-General McKenna to the supreme bench, says: "There are two opinions about Attorney-General McKenna, one insisting that he does not rank as lawyer or judge with the men who occupy the supreme bench; the other that he has eminent judicial capacity and will be a most satisfactory associate justice. An extraordinary petition, signed by two federal judges, state judges and lawyers in Oregon, has been sent to the president, asking him not to appoint Mr. McKenna, alleging that he has neither the natural gifts, acquired learning

nor decision of character" to qualify him for any judicial position of importance. This, we say, is extraordinary. Whatever motive has prompted it, the president must give it consideration. Only men of eminent legal ability and known judicial capacity should be nominated for the supreme bench."

An examination of the returns of the recent election in New York City shows that the average vote on the Tammany ticket was 148,000, Van Wyck receiving 142,000. The average Republican vote was 64,400, Tracy receiving 55,800. The average vote of the Citizens' Union is 62,100, Mr. Low receiving 77,200. Mr. Low was the only candidate for mayor who ran ahead of the average vote for his ticket. The normal Republican vote ought to be about 110,000, on the basis of 106,000 cast for Harrison in 1892. Taking that figure, it would appear that the vote for Tracy was scarcely half of the party strength. To whom did the other 55,000 go? asks a New York paper. The answer is easy. They did not go to Mr. Low, and undoubtedly most of them found their way to Tammany. Thus is substantiated the charge that Platt is responsible for the defeat of good government in New York.

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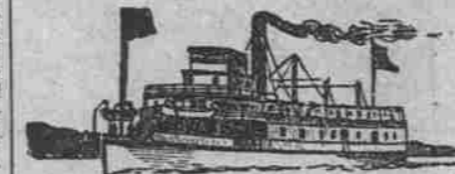


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