ASTORIA. OREGON:

TUESDAY J. F. HALLORAN

The Independent Vote.

In an article on the present condition of the two great political parties, Carl Schurz, in the North American Review, takes a very fair view of the growing importance of the independent vote, of that unknown factor in the political problem, and concludes by

who has of late made bimself felt,

and grown to the estate of a dis-

what set of men conducts them,

This element has its greatest

strength among those who do not

make politics a business, but deem

it their duty to take an active

part in political movements when-

attained for the public good.

They are not enlisted in any of

the factions straggling for power

and patronage, but are inclined to

oppose them all in turn as the

public interest may require it.

They are without permanent or

ganization, but occasionally find

themselves together for a com-

mon effort, as the duties of the

day may call them ont. Their in-

fluence has so far been practically

more of a negative than a posi-

tive character. While they have

not been able to accomplish the

nomination and election for high

place of the men they would se-

lect, they have rendered effective

aid in preventing the elevation to

power of men they considered

especially objectionable. They

have further succeeded in urging

and thereby of politicians and

They are always willing to con-

sider whether a defeat or a victory

best serve the public objects they

have in view, and to act according

ly. They are, as "impracticable

heorists," very unpopular with

the "practical politicians," but

usually much in demand when the

day of voting comes. The reason

is, that while they cannot control

their influence upon public

The Red Cross.

the society of the Red Cross,

which is another step toward the

THE United States has joined

opinion grows stronger.

saying: The continuous existence of the It is almost premature to hope, yet it is a dream that may well be two parties is therefore no proof indulged in, that the day will of any exuberance of vitality in come when the influence of the them. They are held together in Red Cross will bring about the their present condition in a great possibility of an universal system measure by a certain vis inerties of arbitration between the peoples which is, and may for some time preparing to submit their internaremain, sufficiently strong to retional disputes to a contest on the sist the centrifugal tendency. Nor battle-field, the shedding the blood is the fact that the two parties are of fellow-creatures, the victory and on their good behavior in itself a certain guarantee that they will the defeat to the one or the other, being hardly worth the sacrifice behave well. The natural tendency for the uncertain object to be of the machine interest in them gained. A well defined system of is rather in the direction of the arbitration between the contendexploitation of political power for ing powers backed by the operathe self ends of persons or cliques. tion of the peace-at-any-price But something of value may be party in both of them, may bring accomplished if strong and intelabout an era of universal harmony, ligent influences from without are which, without sacrificing the int- ran noss exerted with judgment and enerest of either, will establish the ergy to encourage and strengthen great Christian doctrine of "Peace the best elements within the oron Earth and Good Will among ganizations. And for this the Men." If ever this noble principresent condition of politics seems ple shall be carried out in the into present the usual opportunities ternecine quarrels of nations, it Neither of the two parties commands will be in some measure bue to a majority of the popular vote. the conscientious persevering and Both are minority parties of nearly charitable operation of that soequal organized strength. Both ciety which claims as its founders depend for success upon the aid a few enlightened citizens of the of elements which belong to little republic of Geneva. neither. And both are well aware of this. To turn such a situation NEW TO-DAY. to advantage for the public good will be, in a great measure, the REAL ESTATE task of the "independent voter,"

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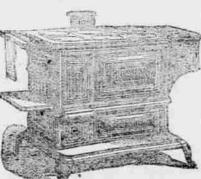
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