

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 saying:

The continuous existence of the two parties is therefore no proof of any exuberance of vitality in them. They are held together in their present condition in a great measure by a certain vis inertia which is, and may for some time remain, sufficiently strong to resist the centrifugal tendency. Nor is the fact that the two parties are on their good behavior in itself a certain guarantee that they will behave well. The natural tendency of the machine interest in them is rather in the direction of the exploitation of political power for the self ends of persons or cliques. But something of value may be accomplished if strong and intelligent influences from without are exerted with judgment and energy to encourage and strengthen the best elements within the organizations. And for this the present condition of politics seems to present the usual opportunities. Neither of the two parties commands a majority of the popular vote. Both are minority parties of nearly equal organized strength. Both depend for success upon the aid of elements which belong to neither. And both are well aware of this. To turn such a situation to advantage for the public good will be, in a great measure, the task of the "independent voter," who has of late made himself felt, and grown to the estate of a distinct political force. In using this term, we mean to designate those patriotic and public-spirited citizens to whom it is of greater interest that the affairs of the government be well conducted than 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 whenever an important object is to be attained for the public good. They are not enlisted in any of the factions struggling for power and patronage, but are inclined to oppose them all in turn as the public interest may require it. They are without permanent organization, but occasionally find themselves together for a common effort, as the duties of the day may call them out. Their influence has so far been practically more of a negative than a positive character. While they have not been able to accomplish the nomination and election for high place of the men they would select, they have rendered effective aid in preventing the elevation to power of men they considered especially objectionable. They have further succeeded in urging upon the attention of the people, and thereby of politicians and parties, measures of reform they considered especially important. They are always willing to consider whether a defeat or a victory of that of any other party would best serve the public objects they have in view, and to act accordingly. They are, as "impracticable theorists," 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 the organizations, they can occasionally decide an election, and as the power of party allegiance and discipline grows generally weaker, their influence upon public opinion grows stronger.

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The United States has joined the society of the Red Cross, which is another step toward the millennium. The good the Red Cross accomplished in the late European wars is beyond all contestation; most satisfactory, whether it was in lessening the miseries of war, in alleviating the sufferings of the wounded, or in humanizing the treatment of each other of the combatants. The conduct of its members on the battle-field or in the hospital was beyond all praise—it was sublime; and wherever the Red Cross appeared it was hailed by both sides in the contest as a ray of sunshine in the darkness of despair. It is almost premature to hope, yet it is a dream that may well be indulged in, that the day will come when the influence of the Red Cross will bring about the possibility of an universal system of arbitration between the peoples preparing to submit their international disputes to a contest on the battle-field, the shedding the blood of fellow-creatures, the victory and the defeat to the one or the other, being hardly worth the sacrifice for the uncertain object to be gained. A well defined system of arbitration between the contending powers backed by the operation of the peace-at-any-price party in both of them, may bring about an era of universal harmony, which, without sacrificing the interest of either, will establish the great Christian doctrine of "Peace on Earth and Good Will among Men." If ever this noble principle shall be carried out in the intestine quarrels of nations, it will be in some measure due to the conscientious persevering and charitable operation of that society which claims as its founders a few enlightened citizens of the little republic of Geneva.

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