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## HAVING HOUSE-CLEANING

Insurgency is to the front in the Republican ranks. The battle which ended last Saturday evening shows some thirty-nine successful Insurgents, while but twelve of the Assembly candidates reached the goal of their ambition, according to the Telegram, and of that number five were unopposed. Political lines seem less tightly binding than they used to be and it is a good sign. We are supposed to be living under a Democratic form of government, which means, "the greatest good to the greatest number," but for a half century great interests have been operating to control the government and make it subservient to their wishes.

During the Civil war, at a time when the nation was in peril, Wall Street forced the government to dishonor its own paper, thereby fastening a debt upon the nation of which we have not yet seen the end, and neither are we likely to see it, unless the people arise and usher in a new order of procedure. Lincoln said of that class that every one of them should have had their heads shot off. However they are still doing business at the old stand, and to their number have been added other combinations that are exploiting the people, and which will continue to do so just as long as the people will stand for it.

Some eight years ago the government proceeded into what is often spoken of as a "Trust Busting" movement, and we have had the siege inaugurated against the trusts, under trial ever since, but no person has yet heard of a trust being "busted," while the cost of living has been doing stunts of aviation that would make a high-flier turn green with envy.

Just how far the present movement will reach is hard to predict, but when the people arise to overthrow conditions of which they have tired, they usually make a clean sweep, and the far-reaching influence as shown by results from the Atlantic to the Pacific indicate that there must be change made in things political.

In the beginning man was created upright and given a chance to progress and we believe that in the end all creation will serve the purpose of the designer, so it is not strange that we have political upheavals once in awhile to clear away the rubbish and make room for a higher order of civilization.

As we take a retrospective view of the past, we note that nations, when they become useless, or in other words when they became so corrupt that they no longer had redeeming virtue within them, past out of exist-

ence and others rose in their stead, and if such is the history of the past we can look for its repetition in the future, hence, it is a sign of life, vigor and uprightness to have a good house-cleaning once in awhile.

The fight for chairmanship of the Republican state convention of New York resulted in the overthrow of Vice President Sherman and the seating of Ex-president Roosevelt. As Mr. Sherman had been proposed as an indorsement of the present administration his rejection is about the same as a slap in the face to President Taft.

## An Aid To Assassination.

From Los Angeles came the story of what appeared at first to be a mysterious killing. A visitor from the little town of Calexico was shot down in an open-air performance. There was no report of firearms. The victim simply toppled over in the aisle without his neighbors being conscious that he had received a mortal bullet wound until he was picked up and an examination was made. The Calexico man died on the way to the hospital. It was the first theory of the police that the shot was fired from one of the new, noiseless guns.

The police were wrong. Subsequent investigation disclosed that the tragedy was caused by a stray bullet from an ordinary gun. Nevertheless, this shocking incident and the police theory to which it gave rise serve to bring to public attention a possible and quite probable evil that is bound to develop with the manufacture and general sale of the noiseless gun—an evil most vicious in its character and effect, which would amount to an encouragement to assassination.

There is danger to society in the general distribution and use of this late product of inventive genius that demands consideration. If we stop to figure the malignant use to which it can be and is likely to be put by the criminal who harbors deadly malice in his heart, we cannot but be appalled at the possible consequences. Murder made easy, and security for the murderer against detection and punishment is the outlook for society if this new firearm is introduced into general use. It is an invention that leads us back to the barbarism of malice.

In the conduct of war there is no advantage in the use of the noiseless gun that will compensate society for what it will suffer by the facilitation of murder that will result from its use in the hands of criminals, or of those who are murderously inclined, or who can be murderously tempted. Indeed, it is an open question if even in war there can be any compensation in the use of this arm. It certainly is not an advance in ethics to furnish an army with the means of playing the assassin. It is the cynicism of progress that it should find expression by the invention of a death-dealing instrument which will do its terrible work in mysterious silence. The moral effect of it is more devilish than civilized. If the world is really growing better, as we boast and as most of us believe, we would do well to make it manifest by the prohibition of this aid to assassination.—Telegram.

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Y. P. A. Meeting at 6:30 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

W. A. WOOD, Pastor.

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Evening Service at 7:30 p. m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

### BAPTIST CHURCH.

W. W. DAVIS, Pastor.

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