

The great and exciting presidential campaign of 1896 is now ended. The most hotly contested and exciting ever experienced in the annals of the U. S. history not excepting that of 1860. Now since every one interested in the welfare of our nation and imbued with that patriotism, love of our flag and American institutions, exerted their whole power intellect and energies for what they believed best for the prosperity of our country, let us calmly take our medicine, submit to the inevitable, declare true democratic principles by submitting to the majority, provided however, the result is obtained by fair and honorable means and methods and not by fraud, coercion, intimidation and the contemptible resort to money to defeat the true sentiments and wishes of the people. We believe in every case where money has been used in any shape or form to influence the voter that severe penalties should be suffered by the perpetrators and be them rich or poor, high or low, a politician, manufacturer, railroad magnate, millionaire, or had carrier, they should suffer the severest punishment for dishonoring and placing a stigma upon what is the most honorable and most desirable privilege guaranteed by our constitution, the right of franchise, which constitutes self government. If we are a free people only in name and subserve a class only for the money in it at the time being, and without honorable conscientious enforcement of suffrage as honesty dictates better for us to throw off the mask of self government and declare we vote for the money that's in it and the class or individual with the longest sack controls our franchise.

Who is mostly to blame for this perversion of the peoples most sacred right?

Is it the poor man who because of the wants of his family accepts the blood money and perjures his soul, sacrifices his honest principles and places the brand of cowardice on his forehead and allows deception to enter his being as the principle factor of his manhood? Or rather is it the base contemptible politician instigated by the money power, that stands on every street corner and hurrahs for the flag, with the basest intentions at heart and a Mark Hanna love for his country and its republican institutions?

Taking into consideration that means of money in times of election are used and not for legitimate purposes together with coercion, intimidation and fraud. Is the result then obtained in this way, the voice of a free people? Then what is the situation of our boasted self government?

In view of the elements combined against him, Mr. Bryan's election would be almost miraculous. Still there are thousands, aye millions who believe that he will be elected, whether elected or defeated, his campaign will go down in history as one of the most magnificent fights against difficulties ever conducted by a presidential candidate.

There is something even better than success—deserving to succeed.

The death of Ex Speaker Crisp leaves a gap in the democratic ranks in congress that it will not be easy to fill.

If the reported forming of a "big three" combination by Russia, England and France be true the Kaiser will probably not have as much time to devote to amusements as he has had.

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