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HAS COME TO STAY.

The independent voter, so manifest in recent election, has evidently come to atay. When a man has nerve enough to once break away from party shackles, he feels himself so free and his conscience so applauds his action that he is from that time on an "independent voter." His courage to vote as he pleases, and which is generally for the better man, has not been acquired suddenly. By no means. It has been a plant of slow growth. At first his prejudices had to be subdued sufficient for him to conclude that not all the good men in the country were members of his particular party, nor that all the bad men were members of the opposition party or parties. When this step is taken it becomes easy for him to note that sometimes bad men are nominated for office by his own party, and that the opposing party has named an exceptionally good man for the same office. As a good citizen he cannot help but "scratch" the bad man and cast his ballot for the good man. This second dose of "independent" medicine so braces him up, and makes him feel so good for having discharged his duty as a citizen and for the best interests of his country, that he mentally resolves that henceforth he will make it a point to ascertain, of the candidates named for an office, which is the better man, regardless as to which party names the candidate; and for this better man cast his ballot.

To aid and encourage independent political action the direct primary has come at a very opportune time. The timid voter can express his preference at the primary as well as at the polls on election day, without hearing the "swish" of the party lash. And when the vote is counted and the bad man has taken his seat in the Salt River boat, and the good man is inducted into office, our independent voter cannot help but breathe a sigh of satisfaction. He has done his duty. He is a true patriot.

With the independent voter rests the perpetuity of our government and the political welfare of the common people. So long as politicians could appeal to the political prejudices of the people and, by a vigorous use of the party lash, whip the discontented or dissatisfied voter back into line, the political boss, the grafter and boodler flourished. But when the Australian ballot law was adopted in most of the states, and, in consequence, the independent voter became more and more numerous, the above named gentry became quite uneasy. They began to dimly see their finish in the near future. Thus seeing, they became more bold and as a result of this boldness the law-abiding people of Pennsylvania and Ohio have upset the whole political "masheen" and routed the enemy of honest government, bag and baggage.

Here in Oregon, with the adoption of the initiative and referendum and the direct primary, the political boss of the Frak Baker stripe find themselves without a vocation, while boodlers of the Mitchell-Williamson-Hermann-et. al class have taken up the march to the penitentiary and political oblivion.

Then the independent voter on this Thanksgiving day has much to be thankful for. They have gotten the political world to guessing what the future may bring forth. With a president at the white house who seems anxious to punish grafters and thieves of high or low degree; with governors of the Folk, LaFollette and Chamberlain class to push matters along the same line in their respective states; and Attorney Jerome in our chief city, the American citizen, who loves the country and its laws, could, of a truth, when he sat down to his turkey dinner yesterday, express a feeling of thankfulness he had never before experienced.

Then all hail! independent voter. To you the great American people are looking today to finish the work so auspiciously begun. Upon you rests a great responsibility. You are expected to support the men who are leading the fight against trusts and all other corporations that are sapping the vitality of the nation. No matter whether these men are labeled Republican, Democrat, Populist, or Socialist; their hands must be held up until the government is rescued from the clutches of the trusts, the banks and the railroads and restored to the people, where it justly belongs. You have undertaken a gigantic task, but the American people confidently expect you to carry the work to completion.

Russia is certainly paying the penalty that years of misrule merit. With her people in a state of revolt and much of her army and navy in a state of mutiny, there exists government in name only. The czar and his beaurocracy are utterly powerless to stem the tide. If from this chaotic condition a government emerges that will give the peasantry a larger liberty and a chance for a more enlightened, educated condition than they now occupy, there will be some recompense for the most fearful penalty the state is now Paying.

THE FORAKER BILL.

Senator Foraker, of Ohio, probably voices the sentiments of the railroads on freight rate legislation in the bill he, as chairman, will report to the senate at the coming session. His bill will simply empower the Inter-state Commerce commission, when a complaint of unjust freight charge is filed, it would be the duty of the commission to at once bring suit in the name of the government, providing the commission deemed the complaint competent, before the proper court.

The Foraker bill would be no improvement over our present law. The shipper can now file a claim with the commission. If the claim is supported with sufficient evidence of discrimination or combination in restraint of trade, the commission can cause the attorney-general to bring the suit. Senator Foraker would simply take duties from one department and give them to another. He thus would attempt to fool the people a while longer by throwing them this "sop." He is fully satisfied that a rate law will be enacted during the coming session, and to satisfy the people who demand this change, would simply change our present law, by changing its wording without making any real change other than transferring the duties of one officer to another. Therefore, until the courts would pass, the matters complained of would continue. Senator Foraker would simply whitewash the present "black horse" and make him "white" to appeas the populace.

The senator's sentiments are those of a majority of the Republican members of the committee, whose duty it is to report a bill to the senate when it meets. The minority Republican members, with the Democrats of this committee, will report the president's bill. The difference between the two measures is very great. The president's bill would give the commission power to fix freight rates, to go into immediate effect, subject to appeal to the courts. The Foraker bill would simply require the commission to bring and prosecute a suit when an information is filed with it. Under the former the the rate fixed would go into immediate effect, while under the latter not till the court had rendered its decision. The president's measure would make the railroads the plaintiff on cases of appeal, while Senator Foraker would throw the burden of bringing the suit upon the complainant or the government.

Congress will, undoubtedly, enact some sort of a freight rate law. If the president's measure, supported by a part of the Republican and, we hope, all of the Democratic senators, wins, the people will be content to give the new law a fair trial. If the Foraker Republicans win, then the Republican party will be divided so widely that should the Democrats nominate Governor Folk for president in 1908, he might be elected.

The masses of the people have great confidence in the president, because they believe him to be a "patriot" of the kind defined by Webster. Hence, they have but little use for partisan politicians of the Foraker stripe, who place party first and country last. This fact is being demonstrated as rapidly as elections occur. Candidates for office, who believe in executing law without fear or favor, regardless as to name, rank, wealth or position in society, are elected with emphatic majorities; which gives assurance of better politics and better government in the future. The people have found out that partisanism nor commercialism cannot supply the place of patriotism. They have allowed politicians to run the government in the interests of party, class and individuals too long. Many of the parts of the "masheen" have become so worn and broken that new pieces must be supplied or the whole will go to the scrap heap. In the recent elections the people have commenced supplying these pieces. Nor will their efforts cease until the "masheen" is in perfect condition again. If, in order to put the national "masheen" in good order, all of the parts must be replaced with new ones, the people are ready to shoulder the responsibility. But if a crank here and a shaft there will so patch up matters that the old "masheen" will run another hundred years, they prefer the repairs; for they are strongly attached to it and are loth to lay it aside. The supplying of the freight rate crank during the coming winter, if it be of durable material, such as President Roosevelt would supply, will greatly strengthen the "masheen" where it is in great danger of giving out.

That there is a spirit among the people that grafting, boodling and bossism shall be eliminated from governmental affairs seems now assured. Patriotism is again coming to the front and partyism, coupled with commercialism, will be forced to take a back seat.

The appointment of Judge Chas. E. Wolverton as federal district judge by President Roosevelt is an evidence of quick insight into political matters, for which the president has become famous. All of Charley's Linn County friends congratulate him and rejoice in his promotion. A better selection could not have been made by the president. Able and clean, Judge Wolverton will never give the president cause to regret the appointment.

We would not know that Scio is to have a city election next Monday if Recorder MacDonald had not put up the notices calling one. We have not, as yet, heard of any candidates. We might let the whole business go by default and get Mayor Lane, of Portland, to extend his jurisdiction over us. Why not?

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Pattison's plurality in Ohio is 41,868. As an election miracle it surpasses even that of Governor Douglas of Massachosetts, or Governor Johnson of Minnesota, last year. Pennsylvania's overturn was more prodigious still, converting a half million plurality for Roosevelt into a hundred thousand the other way; but the Governership was not involved. These rapid and amazing revolutions at the polls prove conclusively that the hidebound partisan has had his day, and the independent is seated in the saddle, with his feet pressing the stirrups securely. The people are doing their own thinking, party labels have lost their magnetism for intelligent citizens, and the uprising against bossism has been grandly and overwhelmingly successful, taking the country through. Signally, in New York, Philadelphia and Cincinnati is this fact illustrated in the election returns, and on a broader scale in the Maryland, Pennsylvania and Ohio elections.

The intelligent citizen has ceased to concern himself as to whether candidates are called Democratic or Republican; he makes it his chief business to vote right. This means simply that he is smashing the corrupt machinism which has dominated policies for so many years, and is exercising fearlessly his constitutional right of sovereignty. The great sweep of public sentiment which vindicated victoriously Jerome, Weaver and Pattison in the face of tremendous odds constitutes the funeral of bossism in American politics.

Accompanying this splendid betterment are grave problems which always rise to the surface when great upheavals come. Many innovations and isms, not necessarily connected with the reform movement, nevertheless seek assiduously to profit by it. Socialism in its various guises is taking advantage of the situation, and beyond a doubt has profited immensely by the startling revelations of corruption in insurance and other circles of high finance. It is an old saying, based on human experience, that one extreme follows another. Mr. Bryan's Chicago platform in 1896 was so radical that it alarmed the country, and was denounced by thousands of papers and speakers from ocean to ocean as a dangerous and anarchical attack upon the fundamental principles of the republic. Although snowed under at the polls, its essentials were adopted practically by the victors themselves. Indeed, this platform is conservative in comparison with some of the doctrines voiced by leading statesmen and newspapers in both parties today, and which are viewed with equanimity by the great public. Yet less than a decade has passed since this platform produced consternation, and marked the most drastic digression in principle ever made in the history of the Democratic party.

Unhappily, the radicalism of the past few years has been manifested also by the rapid and reckless increase of public expenditures in nation, state and city. New York is the richest of common wealths, but it is piling up an enormous bonded indebtedness without any reference to that "rainy day" which restrains sagacious financiers. In many of our cities debt limits have been neared by an era of extravagance and corruption in municipal affairs, until public thieves who rob their neighbors have learned to look upon graft as a legitimate perquisite of official opportunity. The general cleaning out of the bosses and machines in the recent and epochal municipal elections give promise of vast improvement in this regard. But at best the interest-bearing legacies of maladministration will plague the people for many years to come. It will be a reminder and punishment of their guilt in tolerating bosses and machines.

Upon the whole, while the horizon is checkered by dark clouds here and there the signs of better days illumine the skies. American citizenship has demonstrated a higher and deeper sense of its responsibilities.—Press, Troy, N. Y.

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