average of 2,000 children a year. Eighty-seven per cent. of those already provided for have turned out well, 8 per cent. have been returned, 2 per cent. died, one quarter of one per cent. have been arrested for petty crimes, 2 3-4 per cent. have disappeared. For very young children, whose parents are both dead, it is easy to find good homes and legal adoption. The last census shows a declining birth rate, notably in the States of the Middle West, where homes should certainly be plentuful for these unhappy little ones of the great city.

WOULD LIMIT THEIR CAPITAL.

Senator Newlands' Plan for National Railroad Incorporation Law.

Senator Newlands consumed several hours the other day in explaining to the members of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce the provisions of his bill to prohibit over-capitalization of corporations.

Mr. Newland's plan provides for the incorporation of railroads under a national law instead of the conflicting laws of forty-five states. He said capitalization would be limited to honest valuation and actual investment instead of being swollen abnormally by "the familiar device of stock watering."

Dividends would be limited to a fair return on actual capital, said the Senator, but would be virtually guaranteed, because the roads would be permitted to make rates which would earn not less than this normal return. Taxes would be fixed and definite.

Continuing the Senator said: "With the settlement of both rates and taxes on a permanent basis, railroads would go out of politics because they would have absolutely nothing to gain by political activity. My measure is based on the theory that railroad consolidation is not harmful if properly controlled. I would not only permit, but encourage such consolidation under national charters."

Baroness Rosen's Violets.

Undoubtedly it is pleasant to loll upon the cushions of a perfumed landau or coupé, and the owner of such a vehicle is happy amid the odor of violets and lavender that comes from the satchet bags she has placed around it. But, the Baroness Elizabeth Rosen, daughter of the Russian Ambassador to this country, has more poetic ideas. She has a charming little coupé at the sides, of which, where another woman would have a mirror, powder puff and hairpins, she has two contrivances which hold water and keep a handful of violets fresh and fragrant. It is a delight to step into this carriage. The Baroness is going to have additional flower stands in the coupé, and will have perfume and color wherever she goes.

The original New England was on the Pacific coast. Francis Drake took possession of the western coast in 1579 and called the country, Nouva Albion (New England) because he thought the white cliffs near Point Reyes resembled the chalk cliffs of Dover.

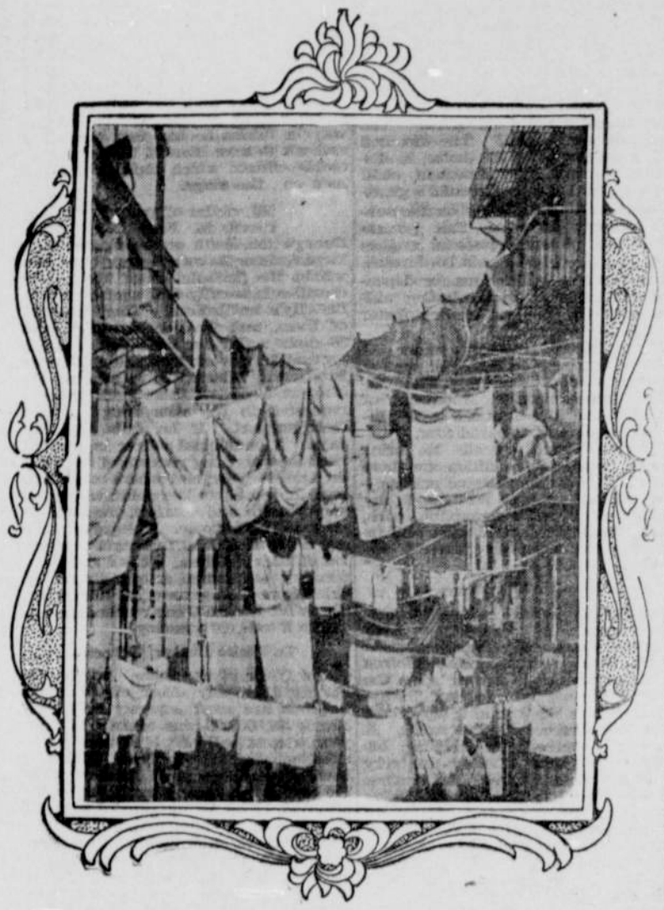
THE POSTER IN POLITICS.

VOTERS OF ENGLAND APPEALED TO THROUGH GAUDILY COLORED SHEETS.

Vast Fortune Spent for Printed Matter.—Prominent English Statesmen Ridiculously Cartooned on Billboard and Post Card.

In no country in the world are more time and money spent in appeals to the reason and good will of the public than in England. Stringent laws against malpractice in securing votes force candidates for office and their agents to invent numerous and ingenious devices to attract public attention. During the last General Elections every effort possible was put forth to influence the opinion of the voter by means of posters; to such an extent were posters utilized that the fight for election wes nicknamed the Poster Campaign.

England in January was plastered from end to end with political posters. Big four-sheet posters and tiny postal card posters, bright and dull,



A NARROW TENEMENT DISTRICT STREET IN NEW YORK

clever and stupid, in rhyme and in prose, humorous and pathetic, posters adapted from Mother Goose, and posters stolen from Aesop's Fables.

Each party printed them in thousands and exhibited them in clubs and art rooms to its admiring adherents. In Birmingham, Mr. Chamberlain's home and the stronghold of the Unionist - Conservatives, a boarding with 20,000 square feet of surface was erected and completely covered with the posters of that party. At night the display was lighted with electricity.

The Liberals, who have scored such an astonishing victory, had the advantage in the poster battle. All the mistakes of the seven-year Conservative government furnished them material for cartoons, while Mr. Chamberlain's protection policy was a source of never failing inspiration for the free trade caricaturists. The Liberals gave an initial exhibit in the National Liberal Club, London, for the benefit and guidance of the party's candidates and agents.

The Laborites, or the working man's party, got out only a few posters. They have little money to spend for campaign purposes unless it is furnished them by one of the big parties which wants them to pull votes from the other side. This time the Liberals contributed to the Labor funds.

The Unionist-Conservatives had the wittiest posters. A big favorite showed the new Campbell-Bannerman cabinet recoiling in horror at the entrance of Lord Roseberry, who has frequently played the part of political wrecker. The best Unionist shots were directed against the Liberal leader's (who is always referred to as "C-B") suspected bribery of the Irish National party piloted by Mr John Redmond. For some time past Mr. Redmond has been a masterful man-on-the-fence, leaning to whichever side promised Home Rule and other plums for Ireland. A humorous poster represents John Bull in his best clothes, a bouquet in one hand and a key labeled "Office" in the other, waiting at the church door. He is horrified at the sight of his bride Mrs. Liberal Party, with the face of C-B, a bouncing widow who has brought her little son of Irish extraction with her. The cartoon is entitled, "Little Johnny would come." Still another poster represents the dilemma of Mrs. Liberal Party—an uncomplimentary portrait of C-B as an irritated old lady who finds her unruly Irish adopted an embarrassing and noisy handful that she sincerely wishes did not belong to her. A protectionist poster that would appeal to Americans is labeled, "Help, in the King's name," and shows John Bull being slugged and robbed by the pickpocketing nations, Germany making off with British work, tools and gold, while Mr. Chamberlain as a London policeman, armed with the club of Retaliation, leads the colonies to the rescue.

The Tariff Reform League contributed to the Unionist collection a poster called "the Parrot," whereon that feathered folly sits perched above the door of the Cobden Club and with one warning claw upraised, parodies "The Raven."

While Mr. "Joe" Chamberlain's advice to Mr. Arthur Balfour, as quoted by the Liberals, "Mind, Arthur, not a word about the fiscal question. Stick to Home Rule," was carefully followed by the Unionist-Conservative followers of those gentlemen, the opposition's posters were largely devoted to repeating the cry of the Parrot, "Your food will cost you more," and worked every pictorial variation possible on the free trade vs. protection argument.

The Hanky-Panky Government was the biggest hit on the Liberal hoardings. It represented Mr. Balfour as a sleight-of-hand artist who, having cajoled his hat from John Bull, proceeded to take out of it the goose and rabbits of unpopular legislation, which Mr. Chamberlain supplied from beneath the table, to the evident amusement of the prestidigitator, who frankly owned that he was "quite sure the gentleman who loaned him the hat had no idea what was inside of it.' Liberal wit reached its zenith with a caricature of Sir John Millais's painting, "Bubbles," which showed Mr. Chamberlain anxiously blowing the bubble promises of protection benefits and watching them burst.

Notwithstanding all the prominence given the tariff question in the posters, however, it cannot be said to have been a live issue in the English General Elections. Mr. Chamberlain himself anticipated defeat, because the old party during its long term of power went through so many dark experiences, notably the Boer War, the fight over the introduction of Chinese labor in South Africa, etc. Stump orators made few references to the tariff question, and then only in flat statements. No such campaign of argument was devoted to the tariff issue as in the United States in 1888 and 1892.

The English take things seriously, even posters. A Liberal cartoon representing a motor car causing a frightened horse to jump a fence wounded the susceptibilities of a Unionist candidate. His chauffeur demanded through his solicitors that the cartoon be destroyed on the ground that it libeled his ability as a motor driver. The Liberal candidate responsible for the cartoon replied through his solicitors that he would accept service in any proceedings but that the poster would "stay put."

Elections in Ireland are exciting though not so violent as they were in the days of George IV. who, when he visited Galway on the occasion of a general election, was told in answer to his question, "Whom do you expect to elect?" "The survivor, sire."

The cost of the January elections in the British Isles was close on $10,000,000. A candidate's expenses are limited by law, but each vote costs on the average four shillings, or an American dollar. Orkney and Shetland, Scotland cost their aspirants to Parliament most, votes costing as high as fourteen shillings apiece in legitimate expenses.

The cheapest constituency is Merthyr Tydvil, the labor district which sends up Mr. Keir Hardie. These votes come to about a shilling. The curious thing is that the defeated candidate usually has a bigger bill to pay than the successful one. One item of 30 shillings a hundred for ballot papers, which is met by candidates, seems outrageous in these days of cheap printing.

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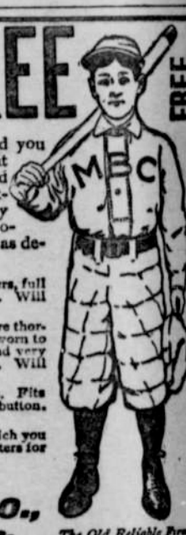

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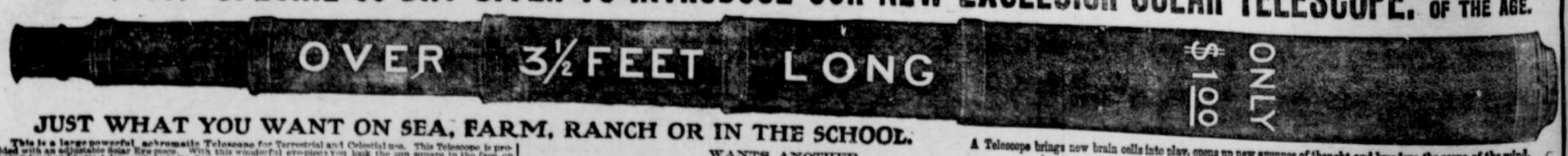

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