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ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Every voter who expects to cast a ballot on Nov. 5 should see that his, or her, name is entered on the list. He should take no man's word for it but see himself. Anyone who was registered and cast a ballot in the last county election may vote this year without registering, provided he still lives where he did then. One may not vote who merely registered and did not cast his ballot. All newcomers, and all who have moved from one district to another must re-register.

The last chance to register will be on Tuesday, October 29.

SOME FIGURES.

Naturally, considerable interest is manifested at present among the intelligent citizens of this community, in the management of the financial affairs of the City. They have heard a good deal about "improvements" and increase of population and building permits, and so on, but behind this hum-combe there are some facts which, like the famous Ghost in Hamlet, will not go down.

The citizens this year are paying in the form of taxes two million more than they did before the present regime, although the valuation of the property has been raised millions of dollars above last year's figures. But, notwithstanding this added revenue, the City is running behind in the general funds at the rate of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a month, at a conservative estimate. That is to say, the managers of the City's affairs have raised their revenue to 13 mills, but not content with this, they are spending money at the rate of 16 mills, and the deficit they are creating unlawfully, must be met some time by the people who pay the taxes.

The question what becomes of the money is more or less a mystery. The allegation that the public improvements have absorbed it, has been proved untrue, as far as the deficit in the contingent fund is concerned. The truth is that the money is squandered through a woeful lack of business methods, as may be inferred from the fact that the bookkeeping was so confused as to necessitate the expenditure of an extra six or seven thousand dollars on expert work for the solution of the puzzle; and, still further, from the fact that the report of experts, as far as completed, is of such a nature that the "party officials" do not dare to give it to the public until after the election.

In addition to this it is evident that the manipulators are paying too much for a great many jobs. In many instances, employees of the various departments, we are reliably informed, are not putting in a day's work any day, though they draw full pay. And although it is admitted that the City's work could be done satisfactorily with less help, the bosses do not dare to insist on necessary retrenchment, for fear of losing political supporters. The manipulators, to put the matter clearly, are using the City's money for the furtherance of party politics. And that is one reason why the City is being viewed toward the rapidly of financial bankruptcy. No matter if the City sinks, as long as the party boats are taking notice. There is no excuse for looting the City treasury. The taxes are ample for all legitimate purposes.

ENGLAND AND RUSSIA.

The recent treaty between England and Russia covers the mutual relations of the respective countries to Persia, Afghanistan, and Tibet.

Both governments agree to respect the independence of Persia and to maintain the "open door" policy, for the benefit of all nations. But, although the independence and integrity of the country are specially recognized, Persia is divided into two "spheres of influence," one in the north, controlled by Russia and one in the south, controlled by Great Britain, with a neutral zone between. Each country undertakes to seek no commercial or political concession in the other's "sphere" and to oppose none when sought by the other. In the event of irregularities in the redemption of interest payments on Persian loans, made by Russian or British banks, each party may assume control of the revenues in its own sphere. The part of Persia thus set aside for Russian development embraces nearly two-thirds of the whole country and includes most of the important cities.

England agrees not to attack the political status of Afghanistan nor to encourage the Amer in any design against Russia. In return the Russian government promises to regard Afghanistan as being outside Russia's "sphere of influence." Russian agents are not to be maintained there, and Russian negotiations with Afghanistan are to be carried on through representatives of the British government. With regard to Tibet it is stipulated that the occupation of the Chumbi valley by British troops shall terminate upon the payment by Tibet of three annual installments of an indemnity which England claims is due, and if such withdrawal be made impossible by Tibetan default, then Russia and Great Britain shall enter into "a friendly exchange of views." The territorial integrity of Tibet, and the

sovereignty of China, are recognized by both parties, and both agree to treat with Tibet only through China, and to refrain from interference. Moreover, neither is to allow "any scientific mission whatever" to enter Tibet for a period of three years.

The most important part of this agreement is that which divides Persia in two "spheres of influence," of which each country claims one. Is that the beginning of division and annexation? The treaty has been hailed as the harbinger of peace, because it removes so many obstacles to international harmony. Only the future can tell whether the obstacles are actually removed or only covered up for the time being.

THE PHILIPPINE ASSEMBLY.

On the 16th of this month the Philippine Assembly was opened by Secretary Taft. This event marks a new era in the history of the islands. It is the beginning of self-government. The revolution started in a moment of political delirium by Aguinaldo and his advisers, delayed this popular gathering for years. Now that the people have a lawfully organized representation, progress without revolution should be secured.

The Filipino Assembly consists of 81 members apportioned on the basis of one delegate for each 50,000 persons, and it may be increased to 100 members automatically. The Philippine Commission is to hear towards the Assembly somewhat the relation of the Senate towards our House of Representatives. The Commission will have the right to veto any measure of the Assembly which meets with its disapproval. It is hoped that in this way too radical legislation will be checked. But the Assembly will be deprived of its right to express its opinion. And as a matter of fact, where full freedom of speech is recognized the right will ultimately prevail.

TAINTED MONEY.

The directors of the foreign missionary society of the "Christian church," generally known as "Disciples," have had a lengthy discussion on some money received from Mr. Rockefeller. It seems that the oil magnate at one time donated \$25,000 to the society. Now one of the directors proposed that the money be returned. This the directors refused to do, but they agreed not to solicit any more donations from him.

The denomination interested in this matter claims an active membership of over a million souls. The sum involved is therefore not very much of a consideration, but the principle is thought to be of importance. Mr. Thomas W. Phillips of New Castle, Pa., insists that the Standard Oil company is the most striking example of commercial crime and despotism in the world's history. The monstrous magnitude of its total offenses, he says, has cast a dark shadow of crime across the entire continent. "The Standard Oil company, with its allied banks and corporations, has become a menace to our government and free institutions. If the Government fails to punish the 'malefactors of great wealth' who rely on their riches to defy the law, the Government can not endure. If our churches and our leaders in all great moral movements fail to stand undiminished for whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, their influence for good will be destroyed. The people are strongly opposed to the evil methods by which the Rockefeller millions have been extorted, and will not give their honest dollars to supplement the dollars which they know have been illicitly obtained. The Rockefeller gifts, will surely dry up the very sources of benevolence. It is from millions of small gifts, from the hundreds of honest men and women, that the great works of religious and educational endeavor are sustained."

Any missionary society or moral institution, according to this view, that knowingly receives money obtained in a criminal, extortionate or immoral way, becomes, participates criminal and will be considered by honest men as a receiver of stolen goods.

This is a question that may be regarded from more than one point of view. Any denomination certainly has a right to refuse a donation. It may consider unacceptable, for one reason or another. There should be consistency, however, in such matters.

SCARCITY OF PAPER.

It is claimed that there is a scarcity of paper in this country, the consumption being so enormous as to tax the manufacturers to the utmost. It has even been suggested that publishers of newspapers unanimously call for a repeal of duties on printing paper and all materials that enter into the manufacture of such paper.

Crude paper stock, it seems, including paper and other pulp woods, is admitted free. Wood pulp, mechanically ground, is dutiable at the rate of 1-1/2 cent per pound, and chemical wood pulp at 1-1/2 cent per pound. Paper manufacturers not otherwise specified, and wood pulp not otherwise specified, are subject to a duty of 35 per cent ad valorem.

Whether the repeal of this duty would help matters may be a debatable question, but it is certain that there is a great deal of waste in some newspaper offices. If some of our contemporaries would devote the space now taken up by glaring headlines and demagogic pictures, to legitimate news items, a great deal of printing paper would be saved. In addition, they would make it a rule to print the truth only, there would be an abundance of printing material.

"Do we go up? Up we go," said the voices in chorus.

A rickety stock market shows copper stains everywhere.

Truth is stranger than fiction but not so strange as politics.

"The American" party should win for the same reason that Satan should rule.

Secretary Taft returning to the Philippines in the capacity of a private citizen would hardly be so pathetic as

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incident as Marius seated on the ruins of Carthage.

St. Louis seems rather an odd place from which to start heavenward in a balloon or otherwise.

Harry W. Nonnast, for whom a fortune is waiting in San Francisco, seems to be non est.

Be sure you are registered; and on election day be sure you go to the polls and vote.

The chief of police has gone south to hunt ducks. His honor the mayor is in town lying low for black ducks.

"Is kissing a necessity or a luxury?" asks George Harvey in the N. A. Review. At first a luxury, it may very soon become a necessity.

Mr. Fish must be a flying fish because he is in such high feather over the postponement of the Illinois Central stockholders' meeting.

The President eating possum and Bishop Potter entertaining a colored bishop in the old confederate capital, how will the negroophobes abide it all?

The Hague peace conference spent \$523,000 on 217 dinners. It is true that a dinner lubricates business but at The Hague lubricating business appears to have been the chief business.

How different Vicksburg's reception of Roosevelt and of Grant! It voluntarily and enthusiastically surrendered to the former while it fought the latter to the last ditch.

Mr. Frederick McKenzie's resignation as chief of police when he became convinced that he was not a citizen, was very manly and straightforward. He couldn't have done anything more un-American than he did.

The President is a good eater as well as a good hunter. On his recent hunting trip they ate all the game that was killed except the wildcat. "And there were times when we almost felt as if we could eat it," he says, commenting on his trip.

If statistics prove anything, it is that the home of the beef eater is Australia and not England. In the former country the consumption of beef per capita is two hundred and sixty-three pounds per annum, while in the United Kingdom it is only a hundred and twenty-one pounds.

A NOISELESS BRIDGE.

According to the Iron Age, the new steel bridge of the Chicago & Alton over the Sangamon river, near Springfield, Ill., has been made almost noiseless, the vibrations of the ironwork when a train crosses being almost entirely eliminated by laying eight inches of ballast between the sleepers and the steel structure. There is said to be less noise when a train crosses this bridge than when running along the ordinary roadbed. The extra expense for the ballast and heavier bridge members required, make the construction more practicable for short spans than for long ones, but its value for elevated lines should be as great.

THE MISSION TO MEXICO.

Pueblo Chieftain.
While President Roosevelt is combining business with pleasure in the lower Mississippi valley and Secretary Taft is looking after American interests in far trans-Pacific regions, another member of the administration is performing an important part in panamerican affairs in Mexico. It is unfortunate that Secretary Root is not better understood by the American people, for he is unquestionably one of the greatest of American statesmen of the present time. President Roosevelt has been quoted as saying that Root would be the best president and the poorest candidate that the Republican party could nominate, and there is enough truth in this estimation for short space to impress. However, Secretary Root's public service is not dependent upon the misrepresentations of his enemies, and he has been and is filling a most important place in the present administration. The most important part of his public record is his trip through South America, which was of highest benefit in promoting trade relations and in securing international friendship. And the present trip to Mexico is properly a supplement to his long journey.

OUR RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

New York Sun.
The cordial welcome which Secretary Taft received at Shanghai (October 1) bears witness to a remarkable change in the attitude of the Chinese government and people toward the United States since the day, not distant, when American commodities were subjected to an organized boycott in several parts of the Middle Kingdom. It is evident that intelligent Chinese have come to recognize that in spite of our exclusion policy, of which not only they but other Asiatics are disposed to complain, we have given more proofs of sincere good will than have been forthcoming from any other Western nation, and many, with good reason, he looked upon as their country's best friend.

Philadelphia Press.
But details are of less importance than the tone of Secretary Taft. Events have made the United States an Asiatic power. It will remain so. It will not sell the Philippines—a mere bargaining dream—it will not permit its rights in the trade of China to be infringed, and it has responsibilities on the Pacific equalled by no other power. The United States proposes to be equal to those responsibilities.

WORK IS GOOD EXERCISE.
Dr. Sargent of Harvard says the young men must have more athletic training to make the most of themselves in after life. It is a strong point of history that the boys who work their way through college make the most of their opportunities later in life. They have little time for playing the games, but they have been little talk about their not being able to get exercise enough for health—Worcester Telegram.

JUST FOR FUN.

A Good Memory.
Long—Old Coyner is awfully absent-minded, isn't he?
Short—I hadn't noticed it. Every time I see him he asks me when I am going to pay that dollar I borrowed of him two years ago—Chicago News.
She—Jesse declared, you dare to tell me that you have come from the office? I can tell you where you have been.
He—Don't trouble to do that; I know quite well—Souring.
"Even the courageous knew fear," said the policeman who had a record for bravery. "Kyer scared?" "Sure, my soldiers were wrong and I was

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afraid I'd lose me job."—Philadelphia Ledger.

He—Dearest, will you be mine? She—Oh, how sudden. Do give me a little time to think.

He—I cannot wait another minute. I have a \$2-an-hour cab at the door. London Opinion.

Miss A—"And that nephew of yours who—ran away, don't you know, and joined the army, how is he getting on?" Miss B. (Gravely)—"Oh, very well, indeed. He's just been made private secretary to the lance-corporal of his regiment."—Punch.

"You said the house was only five minutes' walk from the station," complained the victim; "to say the least, I'm delayed in you," replied the agent. "I thought you were a very rapid walker."—Philadelphia Press.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

In variety and interest the October McClure's is remarkable. After a break of two months Ellen Terry resumes her memoirs with an account of her domestic life called "My Children and I," which has much amusing gossip of Rossetti, Irving, Bernard, Charles Reade and other famous people. Prof. Munsterberg has an article on "The Third Degree," Cleveland Moffatt plays the First International ballroom race was won by a young American with "a second-hand balloon." The latest installment of Mrs. Edg's life by Miss Milmine throws more light on the methods which made for the success of this remarkable woman. Harry Orchard continues his history of the unique war between labor and capital in the mines of Colorado and Idaho. This is a strong fiction number. Willis Short Calver contributes a psychological study of the intricate relations of a man, his living wife, his dead wife and the dead woman's friend. Percival Gibbon in his "Meager Life" again displays his art of making adventure spring up from the most barren soil. Viola Roseboro's "Mr. Weeks" is a humorous character sketch with a setting of army life in the Philippines. Cass Day completes this array of fiction with "Slaveryville's Apostate," a story of heroism and the triumph of personality over circumstance. There are two poems: "On the Heights," by William Agnew Bradley, and "A Roman Garden," by Florence Wilkinson. There is a series of delightful color drawings, "The Five Senses," by Jessie Wilcox Smith. The cover design is done by "The Comedy of Errors," by Watty—The S. S. McClure Co., New York.

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