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## WHEN INTERFERENCE IS RIGHT.

Naturally, the "News" has paid some attention to the efforts of Methodist bishops to use their ecclesiastical organization in politics, to defeat Speaker Cannon. The reason for the opposition was that he had prevented a certain prohibition measure from being voted upon by the House. This assertion has been proved to be an error. The committee to which the bill was referred failed to report because it was, as drafted, thought to be unconstitutional. Speaker Cannon had nothing to do with it. The intention of the committee was to present it in some amended form free from the constitutional objections raised. So the bishops are in error in this attack upon the Speaker of the House. But the point of local interest is that this use of the ecclesiastical organization for political purposes, is commended by religious papers that have bitterly denounced Senator Smoot and the Church of which he is a member, for alleged church interference in politics, which proves that what is right in Illinois is wrong in Utah. Queer logic! The Westminster, a Presbyterian paper, has this to say of Methodist interference in politics:

"The action of the bishops is right. It only ecclesiastical authority in other religious denominations would follow the lead of this body of men, which in this particular is fearless, it would be a great thing for this country. If the Church as a whole could only awake to its opportunity, could only forget that there is any smug thing as partisan politics, could only say, 'We will stand by the man who is right, and who means to be right in all the things that pertain to the best moral interests of the nation,' it would be a great thing for the nation and the world. It is pitiful to see Christian men trailing along after a party because it is a party, without sufficient self-mastery to say, 'We will not be led by men, no matter what their party; whose whole purpose is selfishness, and who for that will sacrifice any moral interest that may present itself.'"

A contributor to the Zion's Herald, a Methodist paper, refers to a criticism that appeared in the Springfield Republican, and says:

"The Republican says on the pros and cons of Mr. Cannon's tactics. But, on the other hand, no body of citizens is deprived of the right to attack the Speaker and his committee. It is a measure they are interested in. It is subjected to the stranglehold process in the dark closet of an extraconstitutional tribunal that usurps judicial powers. Very well. The bishops, as a body of citizens, exercise their right. And we maintain that if any preconceived theory of the relation of Church and State denies this body the right, which would be conceded them if not members of some church or church, then the preconception needs revision. "Does history, as some fancy, contain a warning against such entering of a church into politics? Not the slightest! Only note what the Church in this instance is doing, and what she is not. She is not seeking any favors for Methodism. She is not asking for legislation because Methodists desire it. She is not asking for anything because he is un-American and hostile to liberties dear to every citizen. And they do this, not because they are Methodists, but because they are Christian men and American citizens. If the Methodist-Episcopal Church helps toward such action, all the more praise to the Church. But let no one obscure the matter by calling it a sectarian movement. It is a movement of enlightened citizenship."

Does this not show up theincerity of the attack upon our Church on the plea of church interference in politics? Citizens here are confronted by a problem far more serious than any involved in the controversy of the Methodists with Speaker Cannon. They are confronted with the same un-American forces of bigotry and persecution that resulted in the awful tragedy of Carthage and the exodus from Nauvoo. They are face to face with unscrupulous, selfish demagogues who would be willing to sacrifice the liberty, the property, the lives, of the citizens who dare to oppose their plots and schemes for self-aggrandizement. Under the prevailing conditions anyone who can aid in the defense of the principles that are threatened here as in Missouri and Illinois, should do so. And let no one obscure the matter by calling it a sectarian movement. It is a movement of enlightened citizenship." No one asks for any special favors or privileges for a church or for church members. No one asks for the predominance of a church in civil affairs. All we insist upon is the equality before the law of every American citizen, be he Mormon, Jew or Gentile.

## DENOMINATIONAL COLLEGES.

The Educational Review for October contains a thoughtful article by Henry S. Pritchett of the Carnegie Foundation for the advancement of teaching, on the use and value of Christian denominational colleges in this country. An endowment of fifteen millions was made by Mr. Carnegie for the establishment of a retiring allowance system for the professors of colleges and universities that may become eligible to its benefits. The intention is that a retired professor in such an institution shall receive his pay through his college just as he receives his salary, as a right, not as a favor. In case of his death, his widow is to receive as a pension half of the retiring salary to which her husband was entitled. It appears, from an investigation made in this matter, that the average annual salary of a professor in de-

nominal colleges (not high schools) throughout the country is \$1,534; in State institutions and grant colleges, \$2,167; and that in other institutions—those with no legal connection with state government or denominations, the average is \$2,441. These figures, it is stated, give a comparison more favorable to denominational colleges than would be had by including institutions with lower standards of admission, which would be classed as high schools. In more than one hundred of the denominational colleges the average salary was less than \$1,000, and in seventeen of these the average was \$500.

From these conditions and the fact that the calling of the college professor, like that of the preacher, has suffered of late years by the relatively large attractions of other professions, Mr. Pritchett argues strongly that the denominational colleges will in the future have to reckon still more closely with economic conditions in order to keep abreast of the institutions with a permanent endowment.

In administering the Carnegie endowment, the trustees of the fund say that they welcome any colleges to the benefits of the retiring allowance system, provided that its operation or control does not involve a limitation of its trustees, officers, or teachers to the members of that denomination.

One aim of the Carnegie gifts to college education seems to be to aid in putting a limit to the number of the smaller colleges by strengthening the larger ones. The theory is that the small colleges divide up the funds available for education, and lower the general educational efficiency of the country.

Mr. Pritchett's conclusion is that a religious organization that maintains colleges should either say frankly that it finds the college a necessary part of its machinery, or that its purpose in dealing with a college arises out of a desire to advance the interests of its own organization. He thinks that the financial burden of supporting these institutions will soon be so great that no other reasons will be sufficient to secure their maintenance by religious bodies apart from state support.

## LAY ASIDE ANIMOSITY.

Election day is drawing near, and it is safe to say that the election is already won by the party that is destined to draw the lucky number this time. It has been said that battles are won before the first shot is fired, and it may be said that campaigns are generally won before the first stump-speaker takes the field.

What we mean to say is that elections are lost, or won, as a consequence of forces that operate anterior to and independent of campaign speeches and campaign tricks. Orators may express the views and sentiments already existing, and in the degree they succeed in playing the popular strings already tuned, they gain favor and popularity, but they very seldom make any converts. They may speak a dozen times a day, but the political affiliations of citizens are generally determined by other forces than stump eloquence.

By way of illustration, it has been said that the Democratic victory of 1892, was due, not to the oratory that preceded it but to the wide-spread discontent manifested among the laboring classes. In the same way the defeat of the party in 1896, was not really, it has been said, due to any argument put forth, but to the appearance of "dollar wheat" in the Chicago grain market in the month of October. This was something unheard of and its political significance was overwhelming. And so we may say of the present campaign, the victory is already won. Whatever is done now will have but little influence on the final outcome, one way or another.

This being so, it should be possible to lay aside hatred and vindictiveness and to approach the election with good feelings toward all men. Citizens should be governed only by the best and highest motives. They should have but one desire—for good, honest, clean government. Selfishness should be fought, and the duties of citizenship should be performed in the broad-minded spirit of the founders of the Republic and the framers of the Constitution. If there are those to whom selfishness is unnatural and who see

in our free institutions but a means for the furtherance of general greed and ambition, they are a minority. The majority, at the polls, have in their power to keep those marauders from the sacred precincts of American government. Let that majority lay aside animosity, and do their duty in the light of their consciences. It is true in politics, as in religion, the Lord is in the still, small voice, rather than in the storm, or the earthquake.

Dry farmers are rarely dry wits.

Autumn leaves with autumn come.

It is the countless crowds that count most.

A hopeful sign—when Young Hopeful isn't fresh.

Man proposes but generally the wife disposes.

What amazing those suffragettes would make.

The near Eastern question—will it ever be settled?

In a campaign no man speaks of a man as he finds him.

Not only is Mr. Taft himself big and husky, but his voice also is husky.

In politics an exonerator rarely is worth the paper it is written on.

"Good authority," is responsible for more scandals than anybody else is.

The Duke of the Abruzzi must feel like shaking the power behind the throne.

Necessarily there is no analogy between the value of good roads and the cost of good roads.

Most people have an opinion that they have opinions but they are chiefly prejudices that they hold.

Not the most learned Latinist in the Pseudo-American party knows the meaning of pax volscum.

The burglars are blowing the safes while the police are blowing about there being no burglars.

The reasons why a man should be elected often are very different from the reasons why he was elected.

It begins to look as though Miss Katherine Elkins would never be more than a sister to the Duke of the Abruzzi.

Even if business should revive it couldn't get a word in edgewise, because of the campaign babel of tongues.

Taft's "smile" was as infectious and cheery as ever," say the dispatches. Most "smiles" are usually infectious and cheery.

Those English suffragettes are so wedded to their idols that they chain themselves to their seats in the Commons ladies' gallery.

Captain A. E. Mueller and Captain Horace B. Wild are to go up in a balloon at Los Angeles and then sail over the Salt Lake basin. We sincerely hope that they do not fall into the basin.

A Philadelphia doctor declares that he has discovered that what we call measles is really the poison of butter-cups transmitted through the milk of the kindly cow and the meat of the apparently innocent sheep to the insides of the human race. The cup that cheers is more deadly still.

"And unless this fight was continued day by day, if there was a letting up on anything that would tend toward a compromise, Americans would not be permitted to remain in this state in peace today!" says the organ of the Pseudo-American and Anti-Mormon party. Rarely have so few words contained so much malice, wickedness, hatred, spirit of evil and "pure rot" as this extract from the Salt Lake Tribune. It is the very essence of the anti-Christian spirit.

## VOTE DOWN THE UN-AMERICAN PARTY

Salt Lake City, Oct. 28.  
Editor Deseret News—Some time ago I read in one of the leading magazines an article by a man who had made an extended study of the cause of political corruption prevalent in this country, and it contained this significant statement: "The most prolific cause of political corruption is the spirit of blind, bigoted partisanship." It appeared to me as being accurately true, as true in Salt Lake City as in numerous other cities.

I refer to it now because an election draws near. I notice the politicians are making some frantic appeals to the voters in their respective parties to vote their party ticket straight. But remember now it is the politician talking, and partisanship is not always patriotism; sometimes it is only a very poor counterfeit of it, and too often, we find the politician with a mountain of partisanship and a pinhead of patriotism; beware of that kind.

But more true patriotism is your politics and more common sense into the exercise of your elective franchise, and we shall have better government and a clearer conscience. Count not on mere making some frantic appeals to the voters in their respective parties to vote their party ticket straight. But remember now it is the politician talking, and partisanship is not always patriotism; sometimes it is only a very poor counterfeit of it, and too often, we find the politician with a mountain of partisanship and a pinhead of patriotism; beware of that kind. But more true patriotism is your politics and more common sense into the exercise of your elective franchise, and we shall have better government and a clearer conscience. Count not on mere making some frantic appeals to the voters in their respective parties to vote their party ticket straight. But remember now it is the politician talking, and partisanship is not always patriotism; sometimes it is only a very poor counterfeit of it, and too often, we find the politician with a mountain of partisanship and a pinhead of patriotism; beware of that kind.

foreign foe it is no time to argue the political faith of the generals to command us, but the question is rather, are they true, capable and patriotic? If so, join the race in a united effort to destroy the enemy.

To show how well it suits the present "American" party leaders to have the respectable citizens divided while they themselves get away with the spoils, it is only necessary to point out their frantic appeals in favor of strife in their party organ.

It is certainly time for every true man and woman to come to the front and, ignoring selfish, partisan claims, work for men who can be counted on when elected to do their full duty, men who will be fair to all, irrespective of religion or political preferences, men who will carry on the work of redeeming this city of the infamous traffic in its own officers have neglected, or failed, to check; men who will help to stamp out from this state the evils of the fell tyrant—the liquor traffic—the cause of more broken hearts, more ruined lives, more homes destroyed, more degraded children, more crimes and misery than any one agency in this wide world of ours. Here is an issue worth the best and most intelligent effort of every person who has the integrity of the community at heart. I confess I have the utmost faith in the integrity of the members constituting the great national parties and the men they have nominated, but both cannot be elected. When three parties are in the field, one or both will go down, unless the voters apply more common sense than in times past.

Throw your strength to the party that in your honest opinion, gives most promise of success against the party of greed and malice.

A vote for an impossible candidate is no compliment to any man when we have before us questions as important as now confront us in this country.

Let every friend of temperance, morality and decency in politics come to the front and make the victory at the polls next Tuesday overwhelming and complete.

I do not refer now to state issues or candidates, as I consider both great evils represented by splendid men, a circumstance most fortunate for the people, and under such conditions voters should give preference to their party views. In the language of the Tribune, "let the country decide."

## JUST FOR FUN.

## Terrible.

"My husband, poor man," said Mrs. Lapsing, "didn't get a wink of sleep last night. He was suffering dreadfully from the embargo in the small of his back."—Chicago Tribune.

## Apt.

"And what did the dressmaker say when the tailor proposed to her?" "She gave him a fitting answer; told him he was cut out and that he needn't press his suit any further."—Boston Transcript.

## Rapid Progress.

"How is your boy getting along at that business college?" "Splendidly. When he sends me his monthly statement of the debts he owes it is drawn up in such an absolutely correct and businesslike form that I always send him my check for the amount without a murmur."—Chicago Tribune.

## Carefully Considered Reply.

"Aren't trusts illegal?" "The answer," answered Senator Sorghum, "depends on whether you expect to speak as a campaign orator or as a lawyer."—Washington Evening Star.

## Diagnosed.

"He says he believes he is suffering from ennui." "Is he worth lots of money?" "Nope." "How much?" "About \$2." "Oh hucks! He's suffering from plain laziness."—Chicago News.

## Encouragement.

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## Same Place.

Jack. Who are you workin' for now, Bill? "Old Salt. Same place—missus and seven kids."—Pick-Me-Up.

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