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A Denver, Colo., dispatch, printed in the Indianapolis Star, follows:

John F. Shafroth, governor of Colorado, governor by virtue of his theory that the people shall rule, has had enacted into law a unique measure which provides that the state shall furnish the campaign fund for both political parties.

"Honest John" Shafroth. "Honest John," because while a member of congress he gave up his seat when he learned that he had been elected through fraudulent votes, went before the people last fall on a platform of many planks, the bank guaranty plank, initiative and referendum and many others. He was the democratic candidate in a state normally republican and he had an idea of his own.

That idea was the concept of the state paying the campaign expenses of the political parties in campaigns. Shafroth conceived the idea and spoke of it as he went about the state telling why the people should elect the democratic state ticket.

Nobody, not even the party itself, took a great deal of stock in the Shafroth plank about the campaign expense money. But Shafroth had it in mind always and he meant whatever he had to say about it. He never forgot about it in any of. his speeches, and he fought along with it single handed. Men in his own party smiled and let the candidate for governor go ahead. It might be all right, they said, and if he got away with it, well and good. But nobody pushed it, except Shafroth. He pushed it all the time.

Shafroth was elected governor by a substantial majority and he went into office still with his pet measuse all his own. He was its guardian angel. Shafroth drew up the bill himself and had it presented by one of the senators. Still no one Green, Daily News, San Francisco. in the legislature took it seriously. It was rather radical.

But the governor took it seriously and before long the Shafroth measure went through the legislature, the only one of the many promises made in the platform that the democrats made into law. It was the Shafroth churches; all level, tillable land, free bill and Shafroth put it through, and now it is the law of the state.

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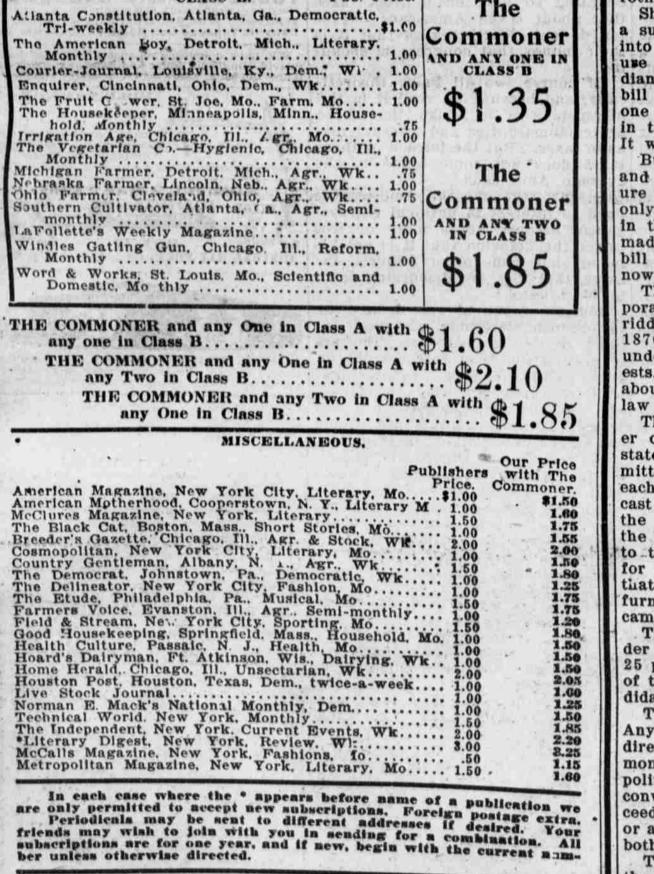
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