

An Issue That Lives

One issue that has been prominent in the present campaign will remain before the people until it is settled right, regardless of how the election goes. That is the question of publicity. The demand for publicity has grown out of the campaign corruption that has marked the course of the republican party in national elections for many years, and it is a demand that the republican party has contemptuously ignored because, apparently, it believes those who have voted the republican ticket do not care what means are invoked to win elections.

There is considerable sentiment in favor of publicity among the republicans. Even the republican candidate declared himself in favor of it before the convention which nominated him assembled. That convention by a practically unanimous vote repudiated publicity as a platform declaration, because its members, largely federal officeholders and corrupt politicians, did not care to have the alliance between the republican organization and the predatory interests exposed.

As a sop to the demand for publicity, it was agreed that a statement of contributions should be made twenty days after the election, but this agreement did not include the receipts of the congressional committee. It is proper to assume, therefore, that the congressional committee has been exempted from the publicity agreement because that body has been made the receptacle for the tainted money of trusts and monop-

olies that buy privileges from the republican party.

The entire course of the republican organization with respect to publicity has been shifty, showing plainly that the methods which have disgraced republican campaigns in the past are yet relied upon to get results.

The people are coming to know, however, that there is not a more vital issue pending today than that of publicity. If a few men controlling great wealth may obtain privileges to exploit the people in return for money paid to republican committees for the purpose of debauching the electorate, the republic can not endure long. The system is so foul that decent men must marvel that it could gain a foothold in a country whose boast is that its institutions are based upon the honest suffrages of the people. If such flagrant corruption can endure with the consent of the self-respecting and patriotic members of a great party, the world will not be long in reaching the conclusion that the ballot in free America has become impotent to correct abuses.

The privileges which the predatory interests purchase are not half so dangerous as the fact that such purchases can be made, nor is either condition so dangerous as the apparent tendency of a vast body of men to condone any offense against morals which enables the party with which they affiliate to win an election. Publicity has become a paramount issue, and it must win or dark days are ahead of the country.—Houston (Texas) Post.

DEALING WITH THE PLAGUE

Side by side with exterminating rats and locating and cleaning the sources of infection ran the caring for those who had contracted the disease, says the Review of Reviews. No proper place for treating them existed. The old pest-house was itself a monstrous culture of germs. Luckily it was burned to the ground, and an isolation hospital of the most improved type erected alone lines suggested by Doctor Blue. This new hospital has been built to be kept perfectly clean of all possible infection. In addition, a sheet-iron fence six feet high entirely isolates the hospital, so that nothing can get either in or out except by the gates, which are "tight." This fence is interesting in that to make it perfectly "tight" it is sunken two and one-half feet into the ground and rests upon a concrete foundation, while its top is turned over to make it unscalable by smaller animals. Here trained nurses and skilled physicians give patients the best of care. At no time after the federal authorities took hold of the situation was there hit-or-miss work, for every case was worked down scientifically by experts. Why, to ascertain beyond any doubt, three special inspectors of the dead were appointed, and not a single burial took place unless the body had been viewed, the exact cause of death definitely ascertained, and an official permit issued. Everything was accurate. It is accurately known that up to January 30, 1903, when pestilence last attacked humans, and when the control of the epidemic became absolute, there had

been 159 cases of plague, and of these but 77 succumbed. It was competent treatment alone which kept the mortality down. During a nearly similar period, in the Punjab, 309,074 had succumbed out of 342,217 cases of the plague. The salient point is that when the death rate among victims of this disease was 90.60 per cent in India, it was only 48.42 per cent in San Francisco.

HOPE AGAINST CONSUMPTION

Fifty years ago the person who had been pronounced a victim of tuberculosis felt that this was a command to prepare for death. No one in those days was ever thought to recover from pulmonary tuberculosis. The extraordinary progress that has been made in the direction, not only in robbing tuberculosis of its terror of early death, but of actually curing a disease that was so recently thought incurable, is one of the facts that the proceedings of the international tuberculosis congress, now concluding its sessions at Washington, have brought out with great emphasis.

What has been done to prevent and cure consumption and what may be done to increase the success of this prevention and cure were among the points of discussion upon which the most interesting stress was laid. The feature of the greatest importance is the recognition of tuberculosis at as early a stage as possible. This is as important to the community as to the patient, for consumption ceases to be contagious if treated and cured at an early stage.

The fear of the person who suspects himself afflicted with tuberculosis that he will be regarded as dangerous to those about him deters many victims from seeking as early as they might seek the advantage of right diagnosis and treatment. This common belief, it is interesting to note, is fallacious, for a consumptive

is not dangerous to those about him in the early stage of the disease, or necessarily so in a later stage if proper precaution is taken.—Boston Globe.

JERRY SIMPSON'S LIFE

The story of Jerry Simpson, as told by Mrs. Annie L. Diggs, has been published by Mrs. Jane Simpson, the widow of the distinguished Kansas congressman. Jerry Simpson will be remembered as a populist congressman who was elected in 1890, and who had been dubbed, by his political opponents, "Sockless Simpson." The stories which had been told about him by his enemies gave him considerable notoriety before he reached the national capital, but when he got down to work, the people who were attracted to him by the press notices, found that there was a substantial basis for his fame. They found him a very intelligent man, an exceedingly ready debater, an incorruptible exponent of western sentiment, and a man who was prepared to defend his views at all times and under all circumstances. Not only did he become prominent in congressional work, but he made friends of all who met him, and when he went out of congress his departure was lamented by men of all parties. His many friends will be gratified to know that the story of his life is now in book form, where it can be read and enjoyed. The price of the book is \$1.00; postage 10 cents. All communications should be addressed to Mrs. Jerry Simpson, 330 Matthewson Avenue, Wichita, Kansas.

BACKWARD

"He's quite a classical scholar, isn't he?"

"Well, he's backward in reading Hebrew."

"You don't say! I thought he was particularly good at that."

"So he is, but that's the way you have to read Hebrew."—Catholic Standard and Times.

A RESTING PLACE

The country's always somewhere
How'er the city grinds,
Cool, grassy fields are waiting
How'er the dust cloud blinds,
The oaks we knew aforetime
Are each one in their place,
And butterflies drift past them
And cool cloud shadows race.

How'er work mars the pattern
Of things we planned to do,
How'er dreams of our dreaming
Lag in the coming true,
The country waits off yonder
With balm for work-worn hearts,
Vistas of blowing blossoms
To soothe the eye that smarts.

How'er the world misuse us,
How'er the years shall pile
Their burdens on our shoulders,
Out yonder all the while
The country waits to greet us
With things we used to know,
The blossom-sprinkled uplands,
Tree branches bending low.

Life can not be all futile,
We scarcely dare to fail
When somewhere 'way out yonder
The calling of the quail
Rings clear across the morning,
And while the distant wood
Waits with its shadows for us
The world is always good.

And there are laughs of children
To meet us down the way,
And the gold of the sunset
Wipes all the dun and gray
Out of the world before us,
And, how'er we shall fare,
Whate'er our climbs or stumbles
The country's always there.
—J. M. Lewis, in Houston (Texas) Post.

A GREATER SURPRISE

The infant mind has much to learn in order to comprehend the English language or the mysteries of etiquette. It frequently puts its instructor in a difficult position, especially if, as in a case quoted in Everybody's Magazine, the instructor be a mother dressed to go out, with a waiting and impatient husband down-stairs.

"Where are you going, ma?" asked the youngest of five children, from his bed.

"I'm going to a surprise party, my dear," answered the mother.

"Can't we go too?"

"No, dear. You weren't invited."

After a few moments of deep thought during which the mother was bidding the other good night:

"Say, ma, don't you think they'd be lots more surprised if you took us all?"

DON'T OMIT THE SMILE

It is to be hoped that when the hats of ladies become smaller the sweetness of the Merry Widow smile will not lose any of its expansiveness.—Baltimore American.

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