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evil-purposed campaign contributions began directly after the election of 1904, under the direction of the national publicity bill association, and the first legislative enactment by congress in this direction was approved in January, 1907. It was aimed at corporations using their funds to further the interests of candidates for political office. It prohibits any corporation organized under the laws of congress from making such contributions in connection with any election. It further prohibits any corporation whatever from making a money contribution in connection with the election in which presidential electors or representatives in congress, or United States senators are chosen, and any corporation making such contributions shall be fined not more than \$5,000, and its officers or directors, consenting thereto, also shall be liable to fines and imprisonment.

The next law enacted was approved in June, 1910, just before the last congressional election. It undertook to require every political committee operating in two or more states in an attempt to influence the result of an election at which a representative in congress is elected to keep a full record of all receipts and expenditures. The law required that thirty days or earlier after the election a sworn statement of these receipts and expenditures should be filed with the clerk of the house of representatives, who was to keep these statements open to public inspection for fifteen months. The penalty for violating this law was a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or a year in prison, or both.

It was the contention of many that this measure did not go far enough. It was pointed out that to omit a requirement for pre-election reports was to omit the information the people needed more before election than after election. When the present democratic house came into power it at once passed a new bill through the house. It went to the senate, where the republicans amended it in the face of democratic opposition, so as to make it apply to primaries as well as to elections.

As finally passed, and now the law of the land, the measure provides that some time between the fifteenth and the tenth day preceding the election at which representatives are to be chosen in two or more states, an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements by committees operating in two or more states, shall be made to congress, and all supplemental receipts and disbursements must be reported every succeeding sixth day. After the election another and full statement of all sums contributed, promised, loaned or advanced, all sums upward of \$100 itemized, and all lesser sums in bulk, must be made to the clerk of the house. All expenditures of more than \$10 shall show the name and address of the recipient, and the total of all expenditures shall be given.

The act of 1911 provides that any person who campaigns in his own behalf or that of any other candidate, may incur and pay from his private funds all necessary personal expenses, for his traveling expenses, stationery and postage, and for telegraph and telephone service, this provision having been a part of the act of 1910. The new features added in 1911 extend the provisions of the law to the nomination of senators and representatives by nominating conventions and primaries. Political promises are absolutely prohibited by the statute, it setting forth that no candidate subject to its provisions shall promise any office or position to any person, or to use his influence or to give his support to any person for any office or position for the purpose of influencing his or any other vote. No candidate for the senate is permitted to aid financially in the candidacy of any person for the legislature ex-

cept through the regular committees. It is provided also, that no candidate shall spend more to secure his nomination or election than the laws of his state allow. In Missouri, for instance, a candidate for congress can not spend more than \$600 or \$700. In some other states he can not spend more than a fixed percentage of his first year's salary, while in still others the limit is set by so much per head for every voter voting in the preceding general election.

Where no limit is set, or where it is higher than \$5,000, the federal law puts the limit at that figure. It is, however, further provided that the expenses of the candidate himself shall not be included in this, nor any assessments he has to meet under the laws of his state. The items which are not to be accounted for, besides the assessment fees, include the candidate's personal expenses, incurred for himself alone, for travel and subsistence, stationery and postage, writing and printing (other than in newspapers), and distributing letters, circulars, and posters and telegraph and telephone bills. As a candidate may spend many thousands of dollars in this way, it will be seen that congress has not cut off all his opportunities to spend money, by any means. If a man who is not at the time a candidate, makes contributions of any kind to promote the candidacy of any man for nomination or election to the legislature of a state, and afterward becomes a candidate for the United States senate, or is elected to that position without becoming a candidate, he is required to make his statement just as though he had been a candidate for the senate before the election of the legislature.

From these statements of the federal laws enacted to eliminate corporation contributions and to enforce a rigid publicity of campaign funds both before and after election, it will be seen that if fair elections to federal offices are not to be had, it will be because there is not public sentiment enough behind the laws to insure their enforcement, rather than through any lack of preventive legislation by congress. That frequently has happened, as in the case of Adams county, Ohio. There thousands of voters bought and sold votes openly, and no opposition to it was raised, in spite of the fact that Ohio had a good corrupt practices act, until a judge came along who would enforce the law. Those who are interested in campaign publicity laws assert that the death knell of political corruption in the United States has been sounded, and that the era of gigantic slush funds is at an end.

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