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RESPONSIBILITY OF CANDIDATES.

Four hundred and thirty-five representatives and thirty-two senators are to be elected by the people this fall, to constitute the next congress. This is the big element of interest in the campaign that now is in progress. A large proportion of the candidates are present representatives and senators, seeking re-election. These know from experience what is expected of them, and it may not be going far amiss to say they have faithfully tried to realize the utmost of their opportunities.

It has remained for a democrat from Mississippi to put the matter in a concrete form. Representative Lowrey, who, before going to congress, was a college president, has presented each of his colleagues with a little address on the duties and responsibilities of a candidate. A man who is fit to represent his district in congress ought to be capable of shaping the ideals of his constituents, argues Dr. Lowrey, and that thought he stresses throughout his appeal to his fellow members. He warns them in particular against three pernicious things by means of which the minds of the voters may be poisoned.

First of these is the corrupt or unlawful use of money. It makes no difference which end of the transaction a man stands at. He is guilty if he gives, or if he receives. "He is not only taking advantage of a fellow man and corrupting an individual voter, but he is undermining the very foundation of our government."

Slander and vilification come next, but scarcely below the use of money to corrupt elections. The third and possibly the most hurtful of pernicious practices is the crime of the demagogue in arousing passion and hatred for political advantage. On this point the address says:

the staple articles needed for convenience and comfort in the life of the people, and a reduction in the purchase of foreign-produced luxuries naturally should mean an increase in buying of home-made wares of the more substantial kind.

HELP FOR GERMANY.

A two-year moratorium and a billion-dollar gold loan are chief of ingredients in the prescription that is being compounded for Germany. These should constitute the sugar coating on the pill that she will have to swallow, the necessity of rearranging her internal finances on a sound basis. France is reported as obdurate on the point of reparations, and unwilling to consent to any modification of the treaty. She will, it is now reported, agree to the moratorium, while it is expected that the United States will take the bulk of the loan.

For some undiscovered cause, the debate steps gingerly around certain points that ought to be considered. One of these is that German business men have carefully safeguarded their affairs by making large deposits in banks outside the country. Another is that European capitalists are driving some very sharp bargains just now, and are taking full advantage of a situation they partially control. The economic chaos, so continually referred to, exists, but can be relieved in a large part by the simple rule of "Heaven helps him who helps himself." As long as governments and statesmen stand around, waiting for the miracle to come to their relief, nothing is likely to occur.

Hundreds of billions of wealth were destroyed in the great war, and the creative power of the people for at least half a century was mortgaged. All the wealth that will be created for the next fifty years is represented by the debts that were owing at the time the armistice was signed. To this Germany and France have added many billions, through the foolish expedient of undertaking to pay current expenses in flat money. The experience of the assignate is being repeated.

The collapse of Germany may be prevented, and undoubtedly will be, but the recovery of Germany will not be possible until the financial policy of the republic has been reformed. The Wirth cabinet realized this, and all that remains now is to determine if the chancellor has the courage to do the thing he knows needs to be done. His chance for everlasting fame is before him now.

ODD ISSUE IN FOURTH.

The nature of the campaign in the Fourth congressional district, over the nomination of candidates for state university regent, is not entirely pleasing to those who have the interest of the university at heart.

The campaign hinges very largely on a dispute of several years standing over the question of whether or not certain schools of medical teaching should be recognized by the university medical college. That question and personal issues resulting from it constitute the chief arguments being advanced for and against the various candidates. The discussion has become warm to the point of vituperation.

None of this bodes particular good for the university. Six men to govern it can hardly be chosen solely on the basis of this or similar issues, with good result. The qualifications for this office should be, above all else, integrity of character, breadth of vision and capacity for straight thinking. Regents should be picked by these general standards, and not by reason of their attitude on some particular dispute.

ON THEIR GOOD BEHAVIOR.

We know that it is a risky thing to venture a statement concerning street accidents, yet can not restrain an impulse to pay a deserved compliment to Omaha drivers. Several days have passed since a child has been killed, and without a really serious mishap of any kind, due to careless driving. True, some bibulous persons have dallied first with surreptitious hooch and afterwards tried to steer an automobile, but vigilance on part of the police has usually squelched these before they did much damage.

The record is a good one, and deserves to be extenuated. It is proof that care will bring the result hoped for, and care once become a habit will make the safety of the public thoroughfares an assured fact. If in the past automobile drivers have been scolded, it is now a pleasure to note the fact that they merit commendation.

Some complaint has been raised about the thoughtless pedestrian. He still is present, in goodly numbers, and daily takes awful chances on the street. If some good fairy will only get into his head the thought that he, too, has a share in making the streets safe, the probable result will be a notable contribution to the general sum of safety.

We think it is unfair to blame parents on account of the presence of children in the street. No father or mother willfully allows a child to get into danger. But children are elusive, and slip away when mother is busy on other things; intent only on play, the youngster follows his ball or other toy into the street; the chase leads merrily across the sidewalk and down onto the forbidden pavement, and there you are. Children are cautioned, but seldom heed. This is natural, and must be taken into account.

The big fact is that Omaha has had a very good record lately in the matter of street accidents, and hope it continues.

A British scientist estimates that the world has been ten billion years in building, but the way some people rush about one might think they planned on finishing the job in a minute.

A Yankee inventor is interesting the British in a new machine that makes water pump itself. His illustration looks good, but probably has a catch in it somewhere.

A dispatch from Berlin tells part of the story. It says: "The strike of the printers had one beneficial effect; it stopped the presses and the issue of paper money."

Bre'r Edmisten regards voting the republican ticket as the unpardonable sin, and he is going to be surprised at the number of sinners there are in Nebraska.

Quite a number of Nebraska republicans show little faith in the democratic claims of success.

Uncle Sam's floating bars are attracting more attention than some of the stationary kind.

Democratic women of Omaha decline to be counted as "neutral."

Some more of the candidates may be speechless next week.

"Neutrality" may yet defeat the neutralizers.

On Second Thought

By H. M. STANSIFER. The charity that makes paupers is not true philanthropy.

OPINION

What Editors Elsewhere Are Saying

Herr Harden and His Assailants

From the Boston Transcript.

Chance alone seems to have spared

the life of Maximilian Harden, noted

German publicist, and editor of Die

Zukunft, who was stabbed nearly to

death in a Berlin suburb. With

rather surprising promptness, the

revolutionaries have succeeded in

identifying his assailants and,

according to the latest advices, they

have already arrested one of them,

and have identified and hope to ar-

rest the other in short order. The

would-be assassins have turned out

to be German soldiers, and members

of the "Association of National

Minded Minded," a reactionary

anti-Semitic and monarchist organi-

zation. Whether responsible or not,

the monarchist group are sure to be

blamed for the attempt on Herr

Harden, but the motives of the

assassins are not clear.

They are swift to make their own

judgments, and a whole host of denials

will not be sufficient to persuade the

public of the guilt of the German

reactionaries, and the public opinion

that the reactionaries are not the au-

thors, either direct or indirect, of

the recent series of tragedies.

An incisive and polemical writer,

but clearly hostile to the German

reactionaries, is Dr. George Bernhard Shaw, who has exercised

some function in Germany as Mr.

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