

What's in a Name

Cincinnati, O., July 5.—"What's in a Name?"

Text: Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.—Isa. 5:20.

In speaking upon the foregoing theme and text in his pulpit at the Vine Street Congregational church, Herbert S. Bigelow said:

Wendell Phillips, I believe it was, who defined hypocrisy as "the homage that vice renders to virtue."

Our text suggests a common manifestation of hypocrisy. The insincerity of an age finds expression in the names which it uses.

"Let us speak plain; a lie may keep, Its throne a whole age longer, if it skulk

Behind the shield of some fair-seeming name."

The apologists for chattel slavery knew this. How labored were the euphemisms by which they sought to mask that ugly face! "Patriarchal institution," "peculiar institution," "economic subordination;" these are some of the squirming phrases which they used. Wendell Phillips used to tell of a meeting of preachers who took one of their number to task for holding slaves and not being "courageous enough to say slaves right out in the meeting, advised him to get rid of his impediment." He used also to tell of Rufus Choate that being "obliged to refer to the institutions of the south, and unwilling that his old New England lips, which had spoken so many glorious free truths, should foul their last days with the hated word, phrased it—a different type of industry." How these timid souls quaked at the harsh true words of Garrison! To unmask that hypocrisy was an exceedingly disagreeable, but equally necessary task. As Mr. Conway has

of his gigantic conviction that it might well be infinitely worse."

It would be amusing if it were not tragic to recall the efforts of men to foil the shafts of criticism by lying phrases.

When Roger Williams was left to the mercy of beast and savage by his Christian brethren, his persecutors were charged with bigotry and intolerance. No, said the New England preachers, it is our "enlargement."

When a hapless wretch in the Philippines had been given the water cure until he died, an army surgeon was found to render a verdict that the man had died of "mental anguish." But we had best turn our thoughts from those unlucky islands. There are too many examples there of our hypocrisy. When we read the history of our career in the Philippines and the wretched apologies that have been made for it, and the unctious phrases which have been borrowed from the vocabulary of tyrants to conceal the motives of greed and vain glory, it seems as though it was for us that those words of Isaiah were written: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter."

Take the word "democrat." The way in which that word is used today shows a confusion of thought on political questions, or an amazing amount of political insincerity—probably both.

"To be a democrat, socially, means to Hate all kings, and castes, and rank of birth,

For all the sons of men are sons of God,

Nor limps a beggar but is holy born; Nor wears a slave a yoke, nor czar a crown.

That makes him less or more than just a man."

To be a democrat, politically, means to oppose every legal advantage which effects an inequitable distribution of wealth and creates artificial social distinctions. Yet how often we find men calling themselves "democrats" who are proud not to be of the common herd, and who are beneficiaries and defenders of legal monopolies and special privileges.

Mr. Depew says that what the democrats seem to need in the way of a candidate for next year is a man who voted for Mr. Bryan and believed the other way. The question of free silver is undoubtedly not an issue. But the fight on monopoly is always on. Yet they are "democrats" who will tell you without any blush of shame that what they want is a man who can get the votes of the anti-monopoly people and the campaign contributions of the monopolists. Thus the politician would take upon his unclean lips that fair name democracy, making it mean a vulgar struggle for power when it should mean a war upon privilege.

HARDY'S COLUMN

If any member of congress assists in making a bargain with the government and then takes pay for assisting, he is liable to a fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment for two years. It should include all state officers. The great trouble is in proving corruption. One of Nebraska's senators worked before the United States court for the railroads against the state and undoubtedly received big pay. John Sherman and several other senators and members of congress made their millions while in office. Cleveland made millions while president. Now Roosevelt's order to clean up the postoffice department is an honor.

The harvester and binder, the thrasher and cleaner releases the farmer today of nine-tenths of the hand labor necessary to produce a thousand bushels of wheat which was necessary seventy years ago, when the sickle was used as harvester, the flail as thrasher and the fan as cleaner.

It is reported that drunkenness in Vermont has been greatly increased since saloons have been legalized by a license law. Heretofore they have been prohibited. The saloonkeepers under prohibition were more careful not to get a man drunk than they are now.

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said: "It was only when soft phrases about the evil of slavery 'which would pass away in God's good time,' made way for the abolitionists' denunciation of the constitution as 'an agreement with hell' that the fortress began to fall. In other words, reforms are wrought by those who are in earnest."

Every apostle of progress in the world's history has had to tear the liver from the forms of vice; he has had to brand as crime that which received the sanction of law; he has had to denounce as hypocrisy that which was paraded as virtue.

This is the meaning of our text. This is the meaning of the Philippics of Jesus against the scribes and Pharisees.

Charles Kingsley said he did not believe in kicking his congregation out and locking the door before he began to preach. But neither did he believe in being indulgent to a world in which cowardice is called meekness and temporizers are called charitable and reverent.

In the eyes of the world it is rude and unrefined to call a spade a spade. In his essay on Voltaire, John Morley has drawn a faithful picture of the man of the world.

"His inexhaustible patience of the abuses, that only torment others; his apologetic word for beliefs that may perhaps not be so precisely true as one might wish, and institutions that are not altogether so useful as one might think possible; his cordiality towards progress and improvement in a general way, and his coldness or antipathy to each progressive proposal in particular; his pigmy hopes that life will become some day somewhat better, punily shivering by the side

United States is mobbing. The tendency to mob force is not confined to south or north, east or west. There is no way out of the trouble only to be more severe with the mobbers. Every jail should have a thousand guns, loaded with bullets, and so loaded that they go off a dozen times by pulling a single string twelve times. The sheriff and jailer should each know where to find the key to unlock the strings. Now down a few crowds and honest people would stay away from the jail when a black or white criminal is confined there.

The political party outlook is full as dark and cloudy as it was fifty years ago, just before the organization of the republican party. A new party with a new name is near at hand. The Roosevelt and Bryan men stand almost as near together as the woolly heads and barn burners did. The populist party is a full match for the free soil party. The socialists and prohibitionists more than match the abolition and know-nothing parties. These factions are all dissatisfied with the present prospects. Referendum party would be a good name.

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When delegates to our state constitutional convention are to be elected every candidate should be asked to pledge himself in favor of at least three reform sections to be voted for or against separately by the people—referendum, prohibition and woman suffrage.

There are two men living whom the millionaire trusts will do their best to defeat in nominating conventions next year. They are Bryan and Roosevelt.

Since writing the above column, we have learned that seven rioters were killed in Evansville, Ind., and fifteen or twenty were wounded. That is the right kind of medicine to give to such diseased crowds. Riots and devil rule are on the increase in this country and medicine that will cure must be given. H. W. HARDY.

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