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CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT. M. D. Harter, in the Forum, thinks the time has come for reformation in the methods of conducting national political campaigns.

Whoever has given the subject any unbiased attention will agree with the essayist that the present methods are antiquated and ill-suited to the times.

The essayist's idea is that the party platform should be more held up as a distinct promise of the party. But he should have added, if it is to cut a larger figure it must be made more explicit.

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SENATOR HILL has come out of his tent and taken the stump for Mr. Cleveland. Yet until the last three words of his opening speech he never mentioned Mr. Cleveland's name.

All which is pleasant suggestion, and if carried out would induce cleanliness in politics largely, but it is doubtful if the reform suggested can be brought about in any brief time.

WORK OF THE AMERICAN LEAGUE. The National League for the Protection of American Institutions did not, in the last session of Congress, secure reports upon its proposed amendment to the Federal Constitution.

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any church, religious denomination or religious society, or any institution, society or undertaking, which is wholly, or in part, under sectarian or ecclesiastical control.

It had been hoped that the committees would have reported with celerity. Both committees gave the league a hearing and were addressed in its behalf by Hon. William Allen Butler, Hon. Charles Lyman and Dr. James M. King.

Yet it is agreed that no other proposition, except those of the anti-slavery agitation, ever went before Congress backed by such an array of petitioners. Three hundred thousand citizens, voters in most of the States of the Union; men of standing in their communities and whose names represent worth, courage, conviction and American patriotism, stood behind the petition and prayed for the submission of the amendment.

Among these petitioners no party, no religion was known. Republican and Democrat, Protestant and Catholic, Jew and Gentile, Conformist and Liberal, the Agnostic and the Calvinist, stood on a toe line abreast for the amendment and gave to it their signatures in petition.

Governors, the Vice-President, educators, men distinguished in letters, art, poetry, mechanics, commerce, arms, science, politics, invention, agriculture and finance stood in the ranks. Some of the most illustrious of our scholars, clergy, lawyers, physicians and statesmen gave it not only their names, but letters of warm indorsement.

It would be supposed that such petitions would have commanded some response. But they did not. That they will, however, is assumed. It cannot be that the National Legislature will refuse to consider the question that one President submitted by special message, that two others indorsed, that Secretaries of State have advised, that Governors and statesmen, patriots and lovers of freedom by the hundred thousand demand shall be given a hearing in the national forum.

However, the league is not one whit discouraged; it is more determinedly resolved than ever to secure constitutional and legislative safeguards for the protection of the common school system and other American institutions and to promote public instruction in harmony with such institutions and to prevent all sectarian or denominational appropriations of public funds.

Within a year the league has secured about 200 local Secretaries at the centers of population in the various States; two national conventions have adopted the principles of the league practically and pledged the co-operation of 1,500,000 voters thereby.

The league has won a decided victory in inducing the Territory of Arizona to incorporate the proposed amendment in the Constitution it offers with its petition for admission to the Union. Some 100,000 more names have been added to the petitions to Congress, the active assistance of the most influential newspapers and magazines in the nation has been enlisted with the league, and its officers have delivered scores of lectures upon its purposes in various sections of the nation.

So that all in all the league has every reason for encouragement, and to feel warranted in opening the battle anew before the next Congress.

It was stated in the dispatches of Monday that until the murders by Evans and Sontag at Sampson Flat, the highwaymen and murderers had a host of friends in the communities in the region of their home, who protected and aided them.

Their last outrage, however, had been too much for these sympathetic people and now all are opposed to the outlaws and solicitous for their capture. It is to be hoped that this statement is exaggerated—is in fact wholly untrue. It is unthinkable that in this day any community of Americans is in sympathy with and aids and abets murderers, train-robbers and thieves.

It is probable that here and there men are to be found whose moral sensibilities are so dull and whose estimate of the law is so low that they sympathize with cut-throats and footpads; but that whole communities are infected with such sympathetic feeling, is preposterous. The people of Tulare County owe it to themselves to put the seal of their indignant denial upon the slander.

A GOOD IDEA. Something That the Racing Associations Should Consider. The Philadelphia Record offers a suggestion on the subject of making trotting races popular. It says: "Make the races two-in-three; give three contests in the afternoon; sandwich between these races mile dashes to harness, wagon or saddle, and one two-mile dash—such a programme would give six good races each day and attract large crowds of spectators."

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