

I prefer voting for candidates unhampered by the indorsement of our friends the enemy, the newspaper trust of Chicago.—Geo. Mitchell.

CREED AND POLITICS. — Your article on dragging religion into politics is timely and thoughtful. It puts the little Day Book upon such a high plane of independence that the big red ink sheets should be ashamed of themselves and hasten to consider something outside the real estate and want advertising.

I would amend your article by changing the word "religion" into "sectarianism." A lot of real religion could be mixed into politics without harm, but the sort of religion that divides the people into sects and breeds hatred between different churches is the same counterfeit religion that crucified Christ and followed it up by burning heretics at the stake for centuries afterward. It is not religion at all, but a creed worship that allies itself with the mammon of unrighteousness as represented in government rotten with special privileges.

It is neither Catholic nor Protestant, and you have done well to warn the people not to be deceived into balloting under the influence of this false religion.

Under another name it is the same sort of bigotry that I called attention to in The Day Book recently—that is, the bigotry of partisanship. The man that votes for Sweitzer because he is the Democratic candidate commits the same crime against liberty as the one who votes for or against him because he is a Catholic. The man who votes for Thompson because he is a Republican is as much a bigot as the man who votes for or against him because he is a Protestant.

This kind of politics has no place in this municipal election and the progress of good government will always be hindered until the people broaden out sufficiently to drop prej-

udice in politics and in religion and abandon the division between sheep and goats and recognize one another as men who have one common interest in the public business. Their religion should be to see that special privilege is abolished from our laws and from our institutions. That government shall abandon the business of interfering with things that do not affect all the people and attend to things that cannot be done by individuals. They should force governments to establish equal freedom for all, equal opportunity to all in the relations of men to the earth and its bounties.

This kind of religion can be safely injected into politics, and if it will abolish the bigotry that engenders hatred between men and ameliorate all the intercourse of individuals and nations. This is the road to universal and lasting peace.—Geo. V. Wells, 6050 South Park av.

"LOSING YOUR VOTE."—In my humble opinion there is only one way to vote in this election and that is to vote for something and not simply against.

To vote for something is sensible, to simply vote against is destructive and foolish.

If I vote for Thompson or Sweitzer I am not voting for anything. They simply "bawl one another out," but do not say what they are for. Evidently they stand for nothing but exploitation.

Seymour Stedman stands for the principle that the city of Chicago should go into the street car business, ice business, telephone business, electric light business, and furnish service to the people at cost. If Sweitzer or Thompson is elected the people will get something right now. That is they will get continued exploitation.

I know when I have voted for Stedman I shall be satisfied, regardless of whether he is elected or not. If the rest of the people do not vote for