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PURIFY NATIONAL ELECTIONS A purification of presidentlal campaign methods wil
be an indirect, outcome of the life insurance revelations
in New York. In the light of those developments the
American people, without regard to party affiliations,
will insist on a radical change in the financing of such will insist on a radical change in the financing of such
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The nece The necessity for a change is so obvious to every in-
telligent citizen that no group of pollticlans, no matter
how powerful, can resist the force of public opinion.
The pressure will be overwhelming because the people The pressure will be overwhelming because the people now see, as they never saw before, that the very life
of the republic is jeopardized by such campaigh methods as now are in the glare of public view.
Every thoughtful cittzen must be convinced that a presidential election co magnates is an electoral
that such control could
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be, substantially, a commodity exposed at auction sale
to the group of millionaires who could put up the larger
sum of money to cover the purchase.
The $\$ 10,000,000$ of trust funds handled by the RepuIIcan managers last year did not elect the Republica
ticket, but it unquestionably exerted a powerful ence in swelling the party's vote. But suppose the elec-
tion had been a closely contested one, as in the case
of the contest between Cleveland and Blaine in 1884 . of the contest between Cleveland and Blaine in 1884 .
That election hinged upon the state of New York, and
Cleveland's plurality was so meager that it required
the officlal returns to determine the result. Is there any doubt that another $\$ 1,000,000$ would have carrled
the state for Blaine?
The Republican campaign fund handled by the
national committee in 1900 was about $\$ 5,000,000$. Last year the figure was doubled. With the knowledge ac-
quired of the effectiveness of money in such a contest,
it might be assumed that a $\$ 20,000,000$ fund would be
"chipped in" by the trust magnates, in consideration of
favors to come, for the campaign of 1908., And who chipped in" by the trust magnates, in consideration of
favors to come, for the campaign of 1908., And who
can doubt that the "protected" trusts would make the
figure $\$ 100,000,000$ if that seemed necessary to insure a
continuance of the favors?



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