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THE DUTY OF THE CITIZEN.

Whatever may be the outcome of the senatorial investigation now in progress in Washington, the fact remains that Montana has suffered irreparably in reputation and in business, and that the responsibility for these misfortunes lies at the door of the democratic party.

For many years past this democratic feud has been in operation. Behind the political efforts of each faction was the intense bitterness of personal hatred, and the willingness to squander money in unlimited quantities to achieve the ends in view.

Politics of this character, backed by unlimited wealth on both sides, could not fail to demoralize the party which depended upon them. Democrats whose personal and business habits were above reproach, became politically demoralized.

For years their contentions have been characterized by a growing boldness in the illegal use of money, in the coercion of employes, in the political schooling of hoboos, in the packing of primaries, and in the practice of every device calculated to further the chances of success.

Both factions have repeatedly shown their ability to control large bodies of men, in the support of propositions that were foreign to honest politics and the inherent rights of the citizen.

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ganization be permitted to secure it a footing in the affections of the people. The American public couple the present exposure of democratic political methods with the rulership of that organization.

PROBING BOTH FACTIONS.

References to the democratic feud in this state are very disquieting to the Anaconda Standard. The suggestion that the senate committee should not only investigate Mr. Clark thoroughly, but should also probe into the political methods of the opposing wing of his party, nearly throws our Warm Springs contemporary into hysterics.

As an independent on-looker, the Inter Mountain applauded the action of the senate committee in giving to witnesses a wider scope than the rules of an ordinary court would permit, for it will give to each side of the controversy a better opportunity to tell what it knows about the other side.

The special plea of immunity from investigation, put forth by the Anaconda wing of the democracy, should have no weight with the committee. It was largely through the manipulations of that faction that the democratic legislature, which is now on trial before the American public, became a possibility.

Justice to Montana as a state will doubtless suggest to the committee the propriety of making the investigation in all directions as thorough as the circumstances will allow. With anxiety to evade such an investigation manifested by the Standard, as the official organ of the Anaconda faction of the democratic party, the incentive to make it is emphasized.

The systematic training of irresponsible hoboos, illegally admitted to citizenship, to count the circles on the top of the ballots, in order to mark a cross in the one over the straight democratic ticket, which they are powerless to read or identify in any other way, might afford some interesting suggestions to congress along legislative lines.

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governing the rights of the citizen in such matters.

Both wings of the democratic party have practiced these offenses to a greater or lesser degree, as circumstances afforded the opportunity, and the republicans have been powerless to bring to justice any of the persons guilty of such political bushwhacking.

The successful legislative ticket, in Silver Bow county in 1898 owed its inception to the illegal practices we have outlined. Every man in Butte, with an ounce of grey matter between his ears, knows this to be a fact.

IN FAVOR OF EXPANSION.

After having made a vigorous fight against national expansion, it is gratifying to note that both the Butte Miner and the Anaconda Standard have come out in favor of municipal expansion.

Having committed themselves to the utilitarian idea of municipal expansion, it is to be hoped the subject will grow on them, until they can see things in a better light from a national standpoint.

Why do our suburban residents object to the protecting wing of Butte's municipality? Why do they not unanimously fall in line with the idea, as have the suburbanites of Chicago and New York?

Conditions are such in a political way, however, that the fear is ever present that illegal methods of conducting conventions and campaigns, may lead up to municipal jobbery and the imposition of burdens which the suburbanites do not care to share.

Had the citizens of Butte resolutely set their faces against political corruption in this city, and thereby indicated their purpose to protect the taxpayers from the legitimate fruits of political jobbery, our suburban friends would have gladly accepted an invitation to unite their destinies with ours.

The growth of business, inuring to the benefit of all, has obliterated geographical lines; and so closely connected are the outlying places with the original townsite that all should be under one government.

Without this, Butte, as well as its suburbs, will lose the proper credit under the census returns, with all that may imply to the growth of business and the stiffening of real values in all portions of this community.

The Anaconda Standard this morning accuses the Inter Mountain of referring to "the Daly gang." This is wholly untrue. The Inter Mountain has never used

that impolite term as an original exhibit. It has spoken of the "Anaconda faction"—its reference to Mr. Daly being only when it was necessary to defend him against the attempt of the Standard to arrogate to itself all the credit for the reform movement that is now headway!

Yes, the Inter Mountain vigorously condemned the corruption that cropped out in the democratic senatorial fight six years ago. We knew then, as we know to-day, that legal action would have been taken against Clark by the Anaconda wing at the time, had it not been up to its neck in the same pot of patrid political pus.

It is possible that the novelty of the senatorial investigation may wear off before the leather in Clark's seat does.

THE TALK OF THE DAY.

It is suggested that a tablet and inscription be placed on the old gateway at present preserved in the Victoria Embankment Gardens, London, and the Parks committee of the London county council has decided to ask the council for sanction to set up a bit of oak with the following legend: "This gateway, formerly the watergate or approach from the Thames to York House, Charing Cross, originally the London lodging of the Archbishops of York, the birthplace of George Villiers, second Duke of Buckingham, was designed by Inigo Jones, architect (1572-1632), and executed between 1624 and 1625 by Nicholas Stone, master mason (1582-1647), for the first Duke of Buckingham, and marks the river margin before the embankment was constructed.

At an entertainment in Edinburgh, just as the Bazaar was broke out, the speaker stopped the performance to sing the national anthem. So far this was all right, but more followed. A few hot-headed spirits caught sight of a uniform, and the wearer, despite his protests, was carried shoulder high around the building.

A small boy has written to the school board of London complaining of the prize he received in his school. He states that it is "Rigid Kipling's Jumble Book. It is a dream about snakes, and father says it is only suitable for a man who drinks."

"One of the funniest experiences in my hotel life," said an old clerk, "was that in which a man registered his name without writing his town after it, as is the custom. When I called his attention to it, he said: 'I hadn't forgot it, but I feel a little timid about it. The last time I was away from home I registered the name of my town and the clerk asked me what state it was in. I got mad in a minute and wouldn't stay in the house. I went to another house. I went to another house and registered from Brooklyn, and the next day I appeared in the paper credited to New York. I showed it to the clerk and he said he changed my place of residence on the book because nobody ever registered from Brooklyn.'"

"I told the man he need have no fear of having the incident repeated in our place should he wanted to write me name. He said he would think about it and asked to be shown to his room, so I saw no more of him until late in the night. He then asked me if I had an atlas. He studied it minutely for a few minutes, measured distances with his two hands, like a farmer, and then he called me and pointed out the name of a town. I asked him if that was his. 'It is the name all right,' he replied, 'but I don't know whether the town is still there. It is the boomiest town you ever see, and when I left it was growing so fast that farmers in the adjoining state were burnin' their fences to keep the town from growin' right over 'em.'"

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