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PATTON'S GALLANT CAMPAIGN.

CHARLES L. PATTON has earned the support of every voter who favors good government and who admires a clean and gallant campaign.

So minutely has the progress of the struggle been noted that an extended review of it on this day of its climax can hardly be necessary.

Having entered the race, he began from the start to gather strength. Here was a citizen who had never sought preferment, whose energy was in his business and whose heart was in his home, rallying against the fortified hosts of a boss who had been in office for two years, and who during all this period had planned and schemed to get more power, to dictate the party policy and to perpetuate himself in a station whereof he had found the sweets too enticing.

Mr. Patton had no record of which to be ashamed, no alliances to drag him down, he had no sympathy with the tricks and pretenses of politics. He would not sink his individuality, neither would he set himself up above the people.

Mayor Phelan accepted two nominations before either platform had been formulated. Whatever expression of principle might be projected into either declaration mattered nothing to him.

Every vote cast for Patton will be a rebuke to bossism, an encouragement to honesty, a lesson to the derelict office-holder, the promise of reward to the man who takes into political life the same probity which governs him in his personal dealings with his fellow-men.

VOTE EARLY AND VOTE RIGHT.

ALL registered voters should exercise the right of suffrage to-day. The occasion is too important to be treated as an off year election and passed over with indifference.

The issues of the campaign are not those which ordinarily divide political parties. In the Bryanite movement in the nation and the Maguire movement in the State there is a distant menace to society.

It will be easy to save the commonwealth from Maguireism if all conservative citizens do their duty to-day, but it will be difficult if through a neglect to vote they permit the election of Maguire to the Governorship or any considerable number of his followers to the Legislature.

The vote of the part of wisdom to keep Maguire out of the State government and to put Phelan out of the city government. To effect these desirable ends energy and activity will be required on the part of the conservative forces.

The duty of the day is simple, but it is imperative. It cannot be postponed. Vote early, vote right, and then see that your friends and neighbors go to the polls.

The Examiner seems to be so painfully and vociferously certain that fraud will be perpetrated in relation to the voting and the counting that the police will do well to keep an eye upon that reform sheet.

It would be like Hobson to take a yacht and, going out to sea, lasso the Maria Teresa.

THE ISSUES OF THIS CAMPAIGN.

WHEN this is read the battle of the ballots will be on and the people will be engaged in recording their judgment. The Call has fought a fair fight for principles that are held dear by all Republicans and by thousands who, though not members of that party, see clearly the principles involved and follow them, no matter what party may promise their vindication.

Sound money and a safe and flexible financial system suited to our expanding commerce and promising to make us the creditor nation, with the world as our debtor, is a principle held by all thinking Americans as necessary to our progress and prosperity. The freedom of contract necessary for all forms of business, and more necessary to the laboring men than to any others of our fellow-citizens, is believed by good Republicans and good Democrats to be put in peril by the fusion platforms.

We have kept this Maguire proposition before the people, in his own language, as declared by himself. It is no conclusion drawn from any argument he has made, but is a statement made by him, printed in his exact language.

In the same connection he has declared that when mineral—gold, silver or other—is taken out of the ground by private individuals "its value must be given to the whole people."

California has always had one unailing resource for men of enterprise and for men suffering financial misfortune. This resource is in her mineral wealth. A man can take his prospector's pick and horn and go to the mountains and try and test their mineral ledges, with the chance of striking pay quartz and recuperating his fortunes.

If a prize had been offered for a scheme which would do the most injury to the people of California, destroy the most property, cut off the most hope, take away the most resources, remove from labor the most protection, impoverish the most people, do the State the most injury in the estimation of the world, the Maguire scheme would take the prize by the award of any fair-minded jury.

The Call has daily exposed that scheme by putting it before the people in the exact language of its author. His only answer has been that the people don't understand his scheme. That answer condemns it. Government is for the plain people. Our system, given to us by the fathers of the republic, is plain and simple.

The people don't want to indorse anything so complex that they must wait to see it tried before they know whether it is for or against their interests. All of Maguire's propositions come under the rule of thumb. He proposes to destroy what is and build to replace it on the cut-and-try plan. This implies experiment, unrest, empiricism in government. The welfare of the people cannot survive such experiments.

These issues have been put plainly. They stand undenied and unexplained by their author, Judge Maguire. He says the State has spent a great deal of money on him in salaries to train him in statesmanship. But all that expense has only trained him to oppose and seek to destroy the very foundations of the State and the vested rights which the State has guaranteed to the people.

Therefore the money spent on him in salaries has been wasted. The people in training him have not secured a statesman but a well-fed fanatic, who sees, nothing but evil in the institutions of government under which he has been reared and fed and clothed at the public treasury.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

STATISTICS show that scarcely half the voters at general elections in this State express their opinions upon constitutional amendments submitted for adoption. The cause of this is not far to seek. Indifference, lack of understanding or lack of time in which to study the questions involved impel many voters to skip that portion of their ballot which covers constitutional law.

Generally very little harm is done by the neglect of the people to vote on constitutional amendments. The intelligence of those who do vote usually saves the State from damage, for it is a matter of history that a really bad constitutional amendment has yet to be adopted in California. But while this is true, no chances should be taken on the discrimination of those who are at the pains to master for every election the points involved in the amendments submitted.

Amendment No. 1, which provides for paying public debts which have heretofore been declared illegal, should be voted down. The purpose is to authorize the payment of certain claims in this city and Vallejo, which are just enough, but it is charged that in attempting this the doors have been thrown open to other claims which are fraudulent.

Amendment No. 2 is Judge Maguire's single tax scheme, concealed under a home rule county government proposition. The latter is good, but the former is revolutionary. All classes should vote against this amendment.

Amendment No. 3, providing for the establishment of a Court of Claims; amendment No. 4, exempting city charters from legislative control; amendment No. 5, fixing the gubernatorial succession; and amendment No. 6, relating to the schools, are all safe and sound and may be adopted. In fact, all four are in the line of progress and good government.

But No. 7 is a fraud and a swindle. It proposes to split sessions of the Legislature in two and increase the pay of Senators and Assemblymen. It is unnecessary and uncalled for and is a job of the Sacramento lobby. Every person opposed to legislative chicanery and who believes that the legislation of the State is now costing enough should vote against this amendment. It will add \$25,000 to the expenses of the biennial sessions without producing in the slightest degree a change for the better in State legislation.

STAND BY THE PRESIDENT.

ALL the voices of patriotism call upon the American people in the Congressional elections to-day to stand by the President. Reports from Europe declare that the Spanish are fighting against the terms of peace offered by our Commissioners in the hope that the elections will result in a Democratic victory—that the country will declare against McKinley.

The issue is made up. The voter must cast his ballot for the President or for the Spaniards. The election of a Democratic Congress known to be opposed to the President on every important question of the

day will encourage all the enemies of the nation and strengthen all the hopes of Sagasta and Weyler. So great would be the stimulus given to Spanish expectations by a defeat of the administration that it would probably be necessary to renew the war in order to force them to accept peace on the terms now proposed.

Nor would it be in foreign relations only that the nation would suffer from a defeat of the administration at this juncture. All the foes of the protective tariff, all the enemies of sound money, all the advocates of riot, disorder, disturbance would be roused to make a fiercer and a bitterer fight against the existing order of things. Every interest of property would be threatened, every industry harassed, every institution menaced.

McKinley has deserved well of the country. His home policy has restored domestic prosperity, his foreign policy has maintained the dignity and increased the prestige of the nation. While the leaders of discontent have been talking and clamoring and criticizing and condemning he has been patiently and bravely working in silence for the people and for the flag. He has accomplished great things, as all the world knows, and will accomplish more if rightly sustained.

It is for the voters to-day to show to the world that the American people are not fickle; it is for them to teach the Spaniard wisdom and cow the factions of anarchy at home; it is for them to stand by the President.

BE NOT DECEIVED.

WHEN unscrupulous men are faced with certain defeat of their schemes they resort to desperate tactics. The leaders of the fused factions are unscrupulous, and they see defeat before them. They have begun already the desperate tactics of slander and lying in the hope of weakening the forces of pure politics and good government.

It is likely that a swarm of lies will be circulated to-day, for it is a part of the cunning of the unscrupulous to issue the most malignant of their falsehoods on election day when it is too late for honesty and truth to refute them.

Be not deceived. The Republican party in this campaign stands not only for the best measures, but for the best men. It has put forward candidates of the highest worth for all offices, and rightly expects them to receive the votes of all citizens who believe in straight politics, good government and the administration of public affairs on business principles by business men.

Among the lies issued by the demagogues none have been worse than those asserted through the Examiner against the Republican candidates for judicial offices. A rogue never speaks well either of the law or of the men who impartially administer it. It is not strange, therefore, that the attacks on the Judges should be vicious and persistent. The Republicans have not nominated candidates for judgeships who would be pleasing to anarchists, land confiscators or bootlickers.

Be not deceived. Show your scorn of campaign lying by voting for men who have made a clean canvass. Vote the Republican ticket straight, and in the next campaign perhaps Democracy will profit by the lesson and nominate a ticket which it can defend and support without slandering honesty and integrity.

Had Congress been in session that explosion might have been ascribed to natural gas.

THE INCOMPETENT MANAGER.

To the Editor: I am a stockholder in a most extensive local corporation, doing a business of about \$5,000,000 a year. For the last two years we have had in our employ as our business manager a young man who, it was asserted, was a person of most exemplary character and a most capable man of affairs. By the rules of the corporation, it is the duty of our manager to see and count all the money of the corporation in the hands of the company's cashier once a month.

A short time ago the cashier was found to be short in his accounts in the sum of \$17,000, and when the manager was informed of the state of affairs, he said he had "hefted" the coin at the last monthly settlement, but had not seen and counted it as the company's rules made it imperative he should do.

Now, sir, an annual election is approaching and the question arises shall we retain this young man as our manager during the ensuing year, as his friends claim the company should do. I claim as a business proposition that a man who has so failed in his duty once and who has shown no reason since to cause the stockholders to have any more confidence in his capacity should give place to a new man.

CITY GARbage CONTRACT HAS A NEW ASPECT

Supervisors Adopt a Juggled Report.

The Supervisors Finally Approve a Resolution Making the Evening Post the Official Paper.

The Board of Supervisors awarded the garbage contract yesterday and gave the city printing for a period of two years to the evening organ of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

The action taken on the garbage matter was, to say the least, peculiar. Several days ago the Supervisors' Committee on Health and Police agreed to make a report to the board in favor of awarding a contract to the Sanitary Reduction Company for burning the garbage at the Hotel and Police yard and providing that the collection of the refuse should be left to the scavengers, who should agree to return to the reduced scale of prices charged householders prior to the time when the contract was established.

The amended report, as presented yesterday, gave the contract to the crematory at the agreed price of 20 cents, but omitted all reference to a reduction in the prices charged by the scavengers for the collection of garbage, thus leaving the latter free to collect on the present scale or to increase the rate if they see fit.

The matter of public printing was also handled in a very odd manner. The Printing Committee had reported in favor of rejecting the bids of the Journal of Commerce, the Evening Post and the Evening Bulletin, which was also reported by the board. Numerous futile attempts were made to knock out the committee's report, which was finally successful. Then Supervisor Sheehan made a motion that the contract be awarded to the Evening Post, which was also reported down. Again the committee's report came to the front. Supervisor Bitt took notice of the fact that the whole system of public printing was wrong, and that the board ought to advertise for new bids and allow the official paper to be printed to be done, instead of letting matters run along in the loose manner now in vogue, and allowing the official paper to be printed at such excessive charges to citizens as it might see fit.

On a consideration the contract was finally awarded to the Evening Post. STREET IMPROVEMENTS. Complete Record of the Work Passed by the Board.

The following is a complete list of the street improvements passed by the Board of Supervisors at yesterday's session: AWARD OF CONTRACTS. Waller, Cole to Shrader—Bituminous rock, 17 1/2 cents, granite curbs, 63 cents.

Resolution ordering. Tenth avenue, L to M—Grading, macadamizing and redwood curbs and gutters. Twenty-first, Alabama to Bryant—Granite curbs and gutters.

Resolution of intention. Lunghi lane, Emeryville 25 feet northeast corner, concrete and redwood curbs. Twenty-first, Broadway to Green—Artificial stone sidewalks, curbs and gutters.

Resolution of intention. Twenty-first, Florida to Potrero avenue—Grate curbs and gutters. Capitol avenue, Lobos to Ocean avenue—Grading, macadam, etc.

Resolution of intention. First, near Tehama—Artificial stone sidewalks. Central avenue, California to Sacramento—Same.

Resolution of intention. Capp, Army to Twenty-sixth—J. E. Belsler for grading. Washington, Cherry to First avenue—F. Sheerin, for sewer.

Extensions of time granted. Eighteenth street, Ermano to Ashbury—To Daniel O'Neil, 90 days on grading.

Resolution of full acceptance. Irwin, Seventh to Eighth—Basalt. Twenty-fourth, Guerrero to Fair Oaks—Bituminous. Natoma, First to Fremont—Basalt.

Resolution of conditional acceptance. Caladonia avenue, Fifteenth to Sixteenth—Bitumen.

Private contracts. Baker, Greenwich to Lombard—Paving. Macaulay avenue, crossing of Ashbury—Bitumen.

Recommended by Superintendent of Streets. Cumberland, Guerrero to Dolores—Granite curbs and paving with bituminous. De Haro, Fifteenth to Grading.

Resolution of intention. De Haro, Sixteenth and Seventeenth—Same. Crossing of Twenty-second and North streets—Concrete, curbs, etc.

glassware and other things for their use in camp, all of which was the property of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. Steward Muller says that he would not have cared, but he received a bill of \$47, he being responsible for all shortage and breakage, which he refused to pay. The staff officers, to further show their appreciation of Captain Saunders, presented him with several rifles while at Manila, which Muller strongly suspects were Government property.

Altogether the trip was far from being a pleasant one, and one reason for this was the fact that there was a crew of untrained men in the saloon, but Steward Muller was instructed by General Manager Scherwin to make the best of it and not to be too severe in the interpretation of rules. The consequence was that dissatisfaction was rife. A private in one of the companies made complaint to General Merritt, who immediately took a hand in the matter and ordered his secretary, Howell, to see that the privates on board were made comfortable and given attention. His orders were carried out to the letter.

AROUND THE CORRIDORS

H. Keller, the magician, is stopping at the Palace. A. Menke, a merchant of Perkins Station, is at the Occidental.

Dr. C. E. Reed of Petaluma is among recent arrivals at the Grand. J. B. Thomas, a retired whaling captain of Ely Vista, is at the Occidental.

John Lawlor, a prominent Petaluma cattleman, is registered at the Russ. S. F. Gitterman, representing Marshall, Field & Co. of Chicago, is registered at the Palace.

Captain John B. Jeffrey, U. S. A., a guest at the Occidental, will leave for Manila to-day on the transport Newport. Two general trunks delayed, coupled with the near approach of election, resulted in unusually light registration at the various hotels yesterday.

Vittore Ferdinando del Cellini, Barone de Milano, has arrived in this city from Denver. He will remain with friends about ten days. During his stay in this city Barone de Milano will look after his mining interests in Northern California.

CALIFORNIANS IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—Samuel J. Tilton of San Francisco is at the Cosmopolitan. Julius L. Haas of San Francisco is at the Hoffman.

VITICULTURAL INTERESTS.

A Fine Outlook for California Wines in South American Markets. The California Winemakers' Corporation, at a recent meeting, forwarded to the Manufacturers and Producers' Association of California and the Philadelphia Commercial Museum resolutions thanking those bodies for the interest they are taking in the wine industry of this coast.

The resolution recites that California winemakers can successfully compete in price with the interest with the countries of South America, and that there is no reason why the producers here cannot find a splendid market on the southern continent for the wines made here. The resolution says:

We now believe that the darkest days of the wine industry of California have passed and that a bright future is before us; that not only will the winemakers of this State be able to dispose of their wines at remunerative prices, but that the viticultural industry of this State must and will in time become the largest and best paying industry of California.

A Christmas Dinner. The employees of the office of the Surveyor of the Port have prepared the materials for a grand Christmas dinner for ex-employees of the office who enlisted in the army and went to Manila. Mrs. Joseph E. Sperry, wife of the Surveyor, was delegated to make the purchases, and she has laid in a store of delicacies that will be good for at least a month's indigestion.

Historical Lecture. The third of the series of historical lectures under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be given by Professor Clyde A. Dunaway of Stanford University at Golden Gate Hall this evening at 8:30 o'clock.

New Trial for Friedlander. A. A. Friedlander, convicted of embezzlement, was granted a new trial by Judge Cook yesterday. The case was continued until November 19 to be set.

Cal. grape fruit 50c per lb at Townsend's. Special information supplied daily to business houses and public men by the Press Clipping Bureau (Allen's), 610 Montgomery street, Telephone Main 1942.

Hopkins Institute of Art. Last week of the exhibition. Last concert Thursday, November 10. Will close Sunday, 13th inst. Members must register their names for the distribution of paintings on or before Thursday evening, when the distribution will take place.

MERELY A HARD POINT. It would not be accurate to say that the meeting of Admiral Cervera and the Spanish Minister of Marine made no ice. From the Detrol. Free Press.

Through Tourist Car to St. Paul. This car is nicely upholstered in leather, leaves every Tuesday night, no change. Goes via Shasta route and Northern Pacific Railway. The scenic line of the continent. Tickets at all western cities at lowest rates.

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