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DECENT POLITICS.

Decency in politics is not impossible, but it must be admitted that late it is an exceptional campaign that is conducted strictly along the lines drawn by the diversity of opinions as to principle.

The spirit of individuals, the perversion of facts, the appeals to prejudice together with a host of other malevolent features, marks the modern campaign. It is always safe to assume that the party faction or individual that resorts to abuse, is incapable of presenting good argument.

If an appeal to prejudice is made, it is because there is a presumption of ignorance.

Men can differ in opinion without accusing their opponents of dishonesty or bad faith, and men will do that.

It is a poor cause that cannot bear the rays of a search light or survive reasonable logical common sense discussion.

Political divisions among intelligent people will always exist; there will always be parties, but parties should not be so immoderate that a proposition becomes either good or bad, according to the party tag which it bears, or the political glasses through which it is observed.

The modern partisan, that is the man who has been educated to consider his party right even in error, will swing his bat for a platform plank today that he considered the embodiment of evil when proposed by the opposition yesterday, yet this is but one phase of party worship and party blindness.

To follow a leader without inquiring as to the destination is necessary in military operations, but political campaigns should be an appeal to the reasoning faculties and judgment of men, never to their passions, prejudices or love of the sensational.

In short there should be more honest discussion and decently conducted politics.—The Tarragon

MORAL PILLS AND POWDERS.

Character is catching; provided one who has it to give can get close enough to the one who is to take it. The reason why the school cannot do the whole or the chief part of this moral training is that even in the best schools, and with the best teachers, the children have to be handled so largely in masses, and at arm's length. In the home the parent lives close to the individual child all the time; and whatever the parent has in the way of character to give, the child is pretty sure to take without knowing when or how; or even being aware of what is going on, until days, weeks, months, perhaps years after, he breaks out with just such feelings, tones, tempers, looks, words and deeds as he had been catching all the while.

Compared with this communication of living germs, even though they be too small to be detected at the time of transmission, the attempt to influence character by rules and regulations, by formal precepts and bits of good advice, is about as clumsy and ineffectual as prescribing pills and powders. What wonder the healthy youngster either resents or ridicules this awkward attempt to poke at him these labeled packages of moral powders! What wonder that he makes wry faces, and refuses to swallow the bitter and nauseating stuff! He has an intuition which is profoundly right, that these pills and powders, in the shape of preaching and moralizing, are not the real article, but an artificial imitation.

—William De Witt Hyde in Good Housekeeping.

Recently a young man in Lincoln, Neb., sentenced to four years in the penitentiary for embezzlement. He was employed in the county treasurer's office and sequestered money paid in as taxes, forging receipts and making no entry upon the books. About the same time the supreme court decided that a number of wealthy men had violated federal law which provided for fine and imprisonment for certain acts. The wealthy men are still at large with no prospect that the administration of the law will be enforced. The influential man is behind the prison bars. And yet some people profess to wonder why there is a growing feeling that justice is being abused in this country.

While Secretary Shaw was proudly pointing to the fact that injunctions were in full force and effect against seven corporations, twenty-three individuals and one co-partnership engaged in the production and transportation of meats, restraining them from doing certain specified things, the beef trust was engaged in revising price lists. And before the echoes of Secretary Shaw's voice had quit ringing, the beef trust hoisted prices some more, thus showing its contempt for injunction proceedings. Trust managers are not afraid of injunctions that do not enjoin, but they might profit by the spectacle of a violator of the law peering through the bars of a prison cell.

Congressman Baker is very sarcastic. He believes that the postoffice bill should be so amended as to reimburse the railroad companies to the amount of \$50,000 for supplying the special trains, etc., for the president's political junkets last summer. When asked why he favored such an amendment, Mr. Baker replied that congress should not force the president to accept such favors from the corporations, adding that "it must be humiliating for such an uncomprising foe of corporate wealth as Mr. Roosevelt to accept such favors." It is not difficult to imagine that Mr. Baker's eyes twinkled when he said it.

Closing the merry-go-round on Sunday in Aberdeen, where every other line of business is permitted to be carried on, appears like straining at a gnat and swallowing a whale. The simple fact that the owners of the merry-go-round find Sunday their most profitable day, is assurance that there is a demand for that sort of innocent pleasure, and the refusal to allow it to run deprives those people of that pleasure as well as works an injustice on the owners of the outfit.

Along the Water Front

The schooner W. J. Patterson is loading at the American mill for Rodondo.

The schooner Ruth Godfrey is loading at the Michigan mill for San Francisco.

The schooner Marie Smith is at the Wilson mill, loading for San Francisco.

The schooner Saucillo sailed Saturday from the American mill, for San Francisco.

The schooner Fred E. Sanders is loading at the Bryden & Leitch mill, for San Francisco.

The steamer Santa Monica sailed Friday from the American mill, for San Francisco.

The steamer Newburg sailed from the West & Slade mill yesterday for San Francisco.

The steamer Coronado sailed from the Anderson & Middleton mill yesterday for San Pedro.

The steamer Bee arrived at the Bryden & Leitch mill Saturday, and is loading for San Francisco.

The brig Lurline arrived in port Saturday, and is loading at the Western mill, for San Francisco.

The steamer G. C. Lindauer arrived in port yesterday, to load at the Wilson mill for San Francisco.

The schooner Jennie Miner arrived in port Saturday, and is loading at the American mill, for San Francisco.

The steamer Melville Dollar arrived in port yesterday, and is loading at the Bryden & Leitch mill, for San Pedro.

The steamer Chehalis arrived in port Saturday, and is loading at the Aberdeen Lumber & Shingle mills for San Pedro.

The schooners Jennie Wand and Jennie Thein arrived in port Friday, to load at the Aberdeen Lumber & Shingle mills, for San Francisco.

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