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OVER ENTHUSIASM

It happens, now and again, that men, perfectly honest, become so enthusiastic over some particular thing that they lose all sense of perspective, see only one side, and become biased and radical. Such men, in their over-enthusiasm, become not only biased in view, but also exaggerated in statement. Small things become mountains, ordinary acts are distorted into acts of crime and corruption. A story illustrating this attitude has just come to hand. It has to do with a member of the state legislature. Some time ago, when the \$1,000 license was up, some of his friends, much interested in temperance, advised him strongly to vote for it. He did not believe it a right measure and refused to do as they requested. Immediately they became over-enthusiastic, declared that he had forfeited his manhood, that he had betrayed his people, that he had wrecked his life, sold out to the saloon interests, and in other exaggerated statements pointed out that they would see to it that his political future was ruined forever. Later, when the county local option fight was on, this man, after careful consideration of the question, came to the conclusion that it was right, and voted for the measure. At once the men who had

held that the member's character was nil, his life ruined, his constituency betrayed, forgot their tirade, hailed him as the greatest of living heroes, and declared themselves willing to vote for him for anything from president down. Now the point is that the man had not done anything dishonest in the first instance. The \$1,000 license has since been shown to be far other than many at that time thought it, and that the man was honest and clear-sighted in refusing to vote for it. It was over-enthusiasm that led his friends, when he could not see it as they did, to make the abusive and untrue statements regarding him. Now they see their error. But the man and these over-enthusiastic gentlemen can never be friends again. Over-enthusiasm should some times be curbed.

EVADE THE LAW

We have had much, lately, of the Republican attitude on campaign contributions. We have been told that they would abide by the law and accept no money from corporations, and make public the contributions after election. Now we learn, from first-hand material, that this is only a bluff, and that the law is to be evaded, the contributions coming from the corporations in the form of checks made out in the names of individuals instead of bearing the corporate name. Yesterday there fell by mistake into the hands of a Democrat of the city a letter sent out by the Republican National committee asking for money. One clause of that letter is especially interesting in the light of the Republican attitude on the question of contributions. It reads as follows:

"Congress recently passed an act making it unlawful to solicit money for political purposes from corporations. All funds, therefore, for the campaigns must be supplied by individuals. Those connected with your company are asked to bring this matter to the attention of their business associates and ask each to send a check."

This interesting epistle is signed by J. Wood Wilson, the fat-fryer for the National Committee in Indiana. The corporations are asked to contribute, but as individuals, that no taint may be discerned. It is simply a method of avoiding the law. The money will be on hand, as the chairman of the state Republican committee suggested, "for the last days of the campaign."

Mr. Oscar Lane, candidate for representative on the Republican ticket, writes us that we have been unjust to the Anti-Saloon League. He holds that the League has a right to support him and to turn from Mr. Hostetter. We quite agree. If the League believes Mr. Lane will do all its behests without question, and knows Mr. Hostetter will not, then they are surely right, from the standpoint of politics, to support Mr. Lane. We have never quarreled with this position. Our quarrel was with the statements, direct and implied, that Mr. Hostetter, because he refused, for good and sufficient reasons, to vote for this particular measure, was, therefore, corrupt, a traitor to his pledges, an ally of the saloon interests. This does not follow, and we object to the biased and unfounded statements. The League has a right to support Mr. Lane. It has no right to accuse Mr. Hostetter of dishonesty, or to insinuate that his character has been smeared. This, and this only, we contend.

Where Bullets Flew.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done me more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c at the Owl Drug Store

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"Father," said the little chap, "why need people go to church when it is so hot?"

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"Oh," said the boy, "but Satan doesn't mind hot weather?"—Public Ledger.

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MURRAH FOR GEORGIA!

At the election for governor last week Georgia gave the Democratic candidate a majority of 100,000 over the Republican-Hearst combination. The vote was heavy and Democratic gain is nearly 40,000 over four years ago. There is no stopping the Democratic tidal wave. Every state election so far held shows that it is irresistible.

TRYING TO "EXPLAIN" THEIR EXTRAVAGANCE.

John Billheimer, Republican candidate for state auditor, has taken his turn at the task of trying to explain the enormous increase in the cost of the state government since the Republican party has been in power. Governor Hanly first tried his hand at the job, and then came Candidate Watson. All that these men have been able to do has only emphasized the fact that for twelve years the people of Indiana have been bled by a horde of political cormorants who looked upon the taxes paid by the people as partisan plunder.

Neither Hanly, Watson nor Billheimer, nor any other Republican speaker or newspaper has disputed the fact that the same offices in the state house which cost \$431,900 a year under Democratic rule, cost last year, under Republican administration \$925,470, as shown by the appropriation acts.

Governor Hanly cannot deny that the annual appropriation for his office is now \$58,550, as against \$12,020 under Matthews. And Mr. Billheimer cannot deny that the appropriations for the state auditor's office are now \$64,620, as against \$12,800 under the last Democratic state auditor.

Nor can they or anybody else deny that the appropriations for all of the other state offices have been increased in like proportion until the aggregate of increases amounts to \$493,570 a year more than was found necessary by the Democrats.

Hanly, Watson, Billheimer and all the rest of the "explainers" fall back upon the fact that certain state offices prior to 1895 drew fees in addition to their salaries. This is true, but it affected only the individual compensation of the official and bore no other relation to the expense of the office. But these fees were not allowed nor drawn by Democratic officials after the taking effect of the fee and salary law passed by the Democratic legislature of 1891, which exempted persons then in office from its operations.

The Indianapolis Star, Republican state organ, comes to the rescue of the wasters of public money. In an editorial a column long it says that "Mr. Marshall, candidate for governor of Indiana, also raises the cry of extravagance in regard to Republican state administrations, and makes many loose assertions in regard to tax levies and the cost of operating the various state offices and institutions."

Mr. Marshall has, indeed, raised the "cry of extravagance," and he will continue to raise it, but he has not made a single statement which is not in accordance with the facts and susceptible of proof by the official records. He has kept himself strictly within the truth, and it is the bare truth that causes such panic among the tax-eaters. The Republican officials and their organ are only trying to distort the facts and twist the figures, hoping thereby to muddy the water and mislead the voters, but they will not succeed.

"NOT THE CASE AT ALL," SAYS WATSON.

In a speech at Hammond on Oct. 3, Mr. Watson, one of the Republican candidates for governor—Mr. Hanly not being present—had the following to say on the county option bill:

"My fellow citizens, the baby has been born and it is named. Now, some parties are saying that we propose to put all saloons out of business right off. That is not the case at all. The law simply provides that the people of Lake county, if they want to have local option, they can have it; but before they can get it 20 per cent of the entire voting population of the county, which at this time would be more than 5,000 voters, must first sign a petition to the county commissioners asking for a special election."

From the above extract it will be seen that Mr. Watson wanted the people of Hammond to understand just how difficult it is going to be to apply the county option law in their county. He was particularly anxious that the Hammond saloon keepers should know that they were not to be "put out of business." Such a thing, he declared, was "not the case at all." But just listen to Joems in a different locality!

A CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED BOMBING.

Everyone who knows Luther W. Knisely, a representative in the legislature from Dekalb county, knows that he is an honest, conscientious man, who is respected by his neighbors regardless of party. He is a quiet, unassuming man, who dislikes notoriety. But when he was improperly approached with an offer of appointment to office if he would desert his party and vote for Governor Hanly's county option bill, he thought it his duty to make the fact public.

Within an hour after the dishonorable proposition had been made, Mr. Knisely denounced it on the floor of the house. Later he made an affidavit setting out the facts involving Republican Senator Wickwire and Governor Hanly. Then there was great squirming among the Republican schemers. Doubtless they had not dreamed that a practice, so usual and ordinary among Republican politicians of their class, would cause so much fuss. The trouble was that they had run up against an honorable man and in that had made a "mistake." Everybody knew that Mr. Knisely had told the truth.

The governor, with great apparent indignation, called for a legislative inquiry. This was held and Mr. Knisely reiterated his story. The governor declared that he had only talked to Knisely "on high moral grounds," and Wickwire said he was "misunderstood," etc., etc. The investigating committee expressed confidence in Knisely, gave the governor a neat (but thin) coat of whitewash, but failed to exonerate Wickwire. And then Wickwire declared that the committee had made a "scapecot" out of him. He tried to see Hanly, but the governor was not to be seen. The legislature adjourned, leaving Wickwire in the air, and at last accounts he was still trying to "see Hanly," who was still sturdily refusing to be seen.

SLANDERING TRAVELING MEN.

A large proportion of the traveling men who represent houses doing business in Indiana are supporting Bryan and Kern and Marshall. There are many Republicans among them. They are opposed to Taft and Sherman and Watson and doubtless they make their opposition known wherever they go. No class of men are better informed on public questions, especially those which affect their interests. The Republican organization is trying to break down the influence of these men. James E. Watson's home organ, the Rushville Republican, is particularly slanderous and vicious. On Sept. 17th that paper published an article which the Republican organization is distributing. From this article we take the following:

"For several weeks traveling men have been going up and down the state crying down Watson at every opportunity. The only unfavorable reports heard this fall could be traced to the traveling men. * * * * *

"It has now developed that the so-called traveling men are fakes, pure and simple, nothing more than hirelings of the brewers, who are behind the Democratic state committee in the present campaign. And some of them are the worst type of individuals, such as crooks, bartenders, hangers-on, ex-convicts and the like. * * * Most of their pictures can be found in the rogues' gallery in Indianapolis and other cities. * * * Think of men of this type going about the state spreading malicious reports about a man aspiring for the great office of governor!"

These extracts from the article are sufficient to show its purpose, which is to cast discredit upon every traveling salesman who dares to express opposition to the Republican party and its candidates. It is a disreputable piece of business, but it will not close the mouth of any honest man. The publication and circulation of the story has been denounced by traveling men's clubs as a peculiarly vicious and senseless slander.

"Funny Jim" Sherman and Longworth, Roosevelt's son-in-law, pretend to be desperately afraid that something may happen to the gold standard. The Republicans have declared in two campaigns that they had established the gold standard "firmly," but Funny Jim and the equally funny Nick say that the whole thing can be overturned by "executive order." This is not true, but that fact doesn't keep these two great statesmen from telling it.

The legislature kicked Governor Hanly's "night rider" bill into the ash-heap, but he is going to "throw" himself into the campaign "for all he is worth." It is announced. Two years ago he did the same thing and the Republican party lost 60,000 votes. And now it will lose 60,000 more.

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Mr. Editor: Referring to the secret letter of the Anti-Saloon League against Mr. Hostetter and urging the election of Mr. Lane, as explained in your daily of the 10th, proves one thing, namely: The League having had the united support of all temperance people regardless of party affiliations, (of which Mr. Hostetter was one), sought to betray the Democrats into the Republican party. And they said to Hanly call a special session and we will deliver them to you. For a parallel case read Matt. 26th chap. 14-25, "Then one of the Twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the Chief Priests and said unto them, what will ye give me and I will deliver Him unto you? and they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him." SUBSCRIBER.

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8 local ..	7:15 am	5:30 am	
10 local ..	8:15 am	6:30 am	
102 limited ..	9:40 am	8:15 am	
14 local ..	10:17 am	8:30 am	
16 local ..	11:15 am	9:30 am	
104 limited ..	12:40 pm	11:15 am	
20 local ..	1:17 pm	11:30 am	
22 local ..	2:15 pm	12:30 pm	
106 limited ..	3:40 pm	2:15 pm	
28 local ..	4:17 pm	2:30 pm	
32 local ..	5:15 pm	3:30 pm	
108 limited ..	6:40 pm	3:15 pm	
38 local ..	7:17 pm	5:30 pm	
42 local ar.	8:15 pm	6:30 pm	
46 local lv.	9:17 pm	7:30 pm	
50 local ..	11:15 pm	9:30 pm	
52 local ar	12:15 pm	10:30 pm	

WEST BOUND

Lv. G. C.		Lv Indp	
7 local ..	5:15 am		
9 local ..	6:42 am		
11 local ..	7:42 am	6:00 am	
15 local ..	8:42 am	7:00 am	
101 limited ..	9:35 am	8:15 am	
17 local ..	10:42 am	9:00 am	
21 local ..	11:42 am	10:00 am	
103 limited ..	12:35 pm	11:15 pm	
27 local ..	1:42 pm	12:00 am	
31 local ..	2:42 pm	1:00 pm	
105 limited ..	3:35 pm	2:15 pm	
37 local ..	4:42 pm	3:00 pm	
41 local ..	5:42 pm	4:00 pm	
107 limited ..	6:35 pm	5:15 pm	
47 local ..	7:42 pm	6:00 pm	
109 limited ..	8:35 pm	7:15 pm	
51 local ..	10:42 pm	9:00 pm	
53 arrives ..	1:02 am	11:30 pm	

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