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THE CAMPAIGN LIE.

The opening days of the last week of the campaign have been noteworthy because of the number of willful misstatements that have been sent out by the Republican party leaders.

Men who have become notorious for their lack of political honesty, and are far-known for their broken political pledges, have taken the stump and the pen to pour out falsehood and misrepresentation.

They believe that their statements will have weight. We are sorry to say they will. Under the influence of campaign bias men will believe things they would ordinarily pass by with a shrug. Thus the lie as to Marshall's record as a temperance man is being broad-casted again. It is being stated that he has been drunk and that his wife accompanies him to prevent such a lapse. And this in spite of the declaration, over his own name, of the clergyman of Mr. Marshall's church in Columbia City. The railing of such a bare-faced falsehood should lead all voters to be wary of all statements issued

from such a source. This week's papers will be filled with insincerity. The stump will be made the place for distributing misstatement, not by all Republican speakers but by many. When you see or hear, this week, believe in proportion to the record for political honesty of him who writes and speaks. And then you will believe too much.

The letter from Mr. Foster Picket appearing in another column of today's Herald should be read by everyone. It's argument is sound, and the light it throws upon some of the claims of the Republican party in regard to prohibition is illuminating. Some time since the Herald noted that the Prohibitionists of Putnam County did not intend to scratch their own ticket in favor of the Republican nominees. This letter confirms the statement and gives the reasons for the action of staunch members of the Prohibition party. The letter is well worth reading.

It is a remarkable fact that the men who are opposing Marshall in Indiana because he is said, by them, to have the support of the brewers, are supporting Taft, who has the unit support of all the brewers of the country and of other interests usually considered contrary to good government and good morals. This on the word of the national Prohibition paper. Can it be that there is interest in temperance only for political purposes among those who shout so loudly at all times these days?

Mr. Marshall has now refused to allow any friend to pay the expenses of a train for this, the last week of the campaign, that Mr. Marshall may make another tour of the state. Mr. Marshall refuses to allow any one to pay any of his expenses. Contrast this with the campaign made by Mr. Watson on the money of other people. There is a difference of character revealed here that is worth thinking about.

At Last.

Mrs. Silas Bennett was a philosopher. On a certain dismal occasion some of the neighboring women were condoling with her. With commendable cheerfulness she replied:

"I've raised four girls an' three boys, expectin' every time they'd be twins and red headed like their Grandpa Bennett, an' yet they ain't."

"An' I've worried consid'ble over smallpox breakin' out in my big family. So far 'tain't."

"Last summer durin' July an' August' neb'le part of September I was real meloncholy, fearin' I'd got an appendix which it merits—which it will surely receive when true patriotism reaches its ascendant."

While this brief article is not intended to fight a battle for either the Democratic or Republican party there is more to be said against the Republican party's efforts to get credit from Prohibitionists for the local option bill. They tell us that the brewers are bestowing their corruption fund upon the Democratic party, which, they affirm, is strong evidence that this local option is more inimical to their interests than any legislation by the Democrats would be. In the face of these things let every prohl remember that Mr. Marshall spoke truthfully when he said in one of his speeches that neither the Republican party nor the Democratic party is a prohibition party, but only strives to "regulate the sale" of intoxicating beverages.

As to the corruption fund of the brewers, perhaps none but the treacherous floater and his equally unscrupulous purchases will fully fathom the loathsome sink into which it will drop; but woe be upon any man whose hands are defiled by its touch.

Should Mr. Ritter's predicted

slump be confirmed by election results the thirteen thousand who stand by their colors will not be robbed of the knowledge that whatever steps the Republicans may seem to have taken toward prohibition they have taken mainly for their party's sake and because the issue was forced upon them by the increasing prohibition sentiment. They could not evade the issues and, therefore, they have temporized by the enactment of a "make-shift" law, but—they should read "The Parable of the Ninety-two Thistles."

Respectfully,

FOSTER PICKETT

General Lee's Democracy.

Editor Greencastle Herald:

For one who is not in politics I regret that some papers have recently given me an unsought notoriety with a coloring and interpretation, in some particulars, foreign to my views.

While in certain respects I may admire Mr. Bryan, yet from my personal acquaintance with and my admiration for Mr. Taft, I have a higher regard for his practical ability

as a statesman and believe that he will be more successful in carrying out the wise reforms in augurated by President Roosevelt.

My preference is not based on the fact that Mr. Taft was Secretary of War when I was promoted to Major-General. I have never assumed to advise old soldiers as to whether they should vote for Taft or Bryan, nor have I felt called upon to suggest to them to support Mr. Marshall and other Democrats because I would vote for them.

These matters, I believe, they will think out and decide for themselves regardless of the appeals of political demagogues, or of vote-buyers who may be in evidence on election day.

I hope to see Mr. Taft elected President; and also hope that Mr. Marshall and the balance of the State Democratic ticket may be successful.

I am an independent Democrat; and while my "through and through" predictions are in full accord with the fundamental principles of the Democracy of the Jacksonian and Cleveland type, I do not subscribe to any vagary because it bears a partisan label.

Being such a Democrat I feel free to support the best man when I think I know who and what he is, regardless of the shifting plants of vote-catching platforms—platforms to get in, but not to stand on.

It seems evident that the masses—"the plain people"—are generally Democratic in principle, if not always so in practice, while among the classes that are aristocratic, money is regarded as omnipotent as a means to an end, whether right or wrong.

It seems almost incredible that any true American can accept the pernicious doctrine that any set of men or party has a monopoly of patriotic and civic virtues for public weal.

Should the belief ever prevail that a party long entrenched in power, state or nation, can not be dislodged without causing widespread ruin in legitimate industries and enterprises, our representative Democracy will speed to decay, and we might as well have a dynasty and dispense with all elections for legislative, executive and judicial officers. It will then be "an easy mount" from the "grounding" to "the man on horseback."

A firm adherence to the principles of genuine Democracy will avert the disaster of either socialistic or plutocratic control of our Republic, and it will not be a question, "Shall the People Rule," but the question of how shall the people rule?

J. M. LEE.

Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 26, 1908.

Against Laboring Men.

While William H. Taft is traveling about Ohio and elsewhere making frantic appeals for the support of laboring men, his running mate on the Republican ticket, James S. Sherman, is giving his endorsement to the statement that "labor unions are composed largely of anarchists, socialists and demagogues." Mr. Sherman heard the organized wage worker of the country thus denounced by a trust magnate who presided at a meeting where he spoke, and gave approval of the sentiment expressed.

When Mr. Sherman appeared recently at Akron, Ohio, the meeting which he addressed was presided over by O. C. Barber, president of the Diamond Match Company. Mr. Barber introduced Mr. Sherman to the audience. In doing so he made use of the following language, as stenographically reported:

"One of the main reasons for the success of the Diamond Match Company is that its directors HAVE NEVER TOLERATED UNION LABOR IN ITS SHOP. THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN OPEN. We have had no one to dictate to us what wages we shall pay, what men we shall hire, and what hours our employees shall work. LABOR UNIONS TODAY ARE COMPOSED LARGELY OF ANARCHISTS, SOCIALISTS AND DEMAGOGUES."

But for the blessed Dingley tariff American newspapers could buy news print paper in Canada for \$1.75. On this side they are paying all the way from \$2.35 to \$2.60. Canadian paper is as good as the domestic product and the labor employed in making it is as well paid as that on this side of the border.—Johnstown Democrat.

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Giles—And what 'appens when the door slams?—London Telegraph.

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