

## PROHIS HAVE NOVEL IDEA

Lead Way for New System of  
Campaign Contributions.

### PARTY MEMBERS GIVE.

FOR NEXT FOUR YEARS MONEY  
WILL BE TURNED INTO GENERAL  
CAMPAIGN FUND TO BE  
USED NEXT ELECTION.

Washington, Nov. 14.—The prohibitionists have given the country a new idea in the matter of campaign contributions. One thousand members of that party have pledged themselves to pay into the party treasury a certain sum each year for the next four years. This means that the prohibitionists will begin their next national campaign with a nucleus of \$2,000 toward an adequate campaign fund.

The idea has interested prominent Republicans and Democrats. Why, they ask, should not the older parties begin now raising funds for the campaign of 1912? A high official of the administration, who has had much experience in the collection of campaign funds, is enthusiastic over the idea. It ought not to be difficult, he declared, to find 10,000 Republicans who would pledge themselves to pay \$10 a year; 20,000 who would pay \$5 a year; 50,000 who would pay \$2 a year, and 100,000 who would pay \$1 a year. This would mean an income of \$400,000 a year. The collection of the money, of course, would involve a lot of clerical work and considerable expense and it would be necessary to maintain a considerable force of employees at permanent party headquarters.

The cost of the headquarters, the official figures, would be in the neighborhood of \$100,000 a year, but there would remain more than a million dollars in the party's war chest with which to begin the campaign of 1912.

If both parties were to adopt this method, the scandal of campaign contributions would be at an end. It would help them, if Congress would pass a law requiring each party to make a financial statement on, say, the first day of July of each presidential year, forbidding the acceptance of contributions after that date and forbidding also the contracting of obligations beyond the ability of the committee to pay out of the total amount published as its campaign fund. Under this system not only would the campaign managers know just how much they were going to have to spend but the public also would know, and campaigns would be cleaner than they ever have been in the past.

As the two great parties are approximately equal in numbers, neither would have any marked advantage under this system, and, as publicity would be an accompanying feature with probably official audit of each party's books, the scheme ought to put an end to the quadrennial cry that predatory wealth was debauching the electorate.

It would be interesting to know how much money was spent on account of the campaign ended last Tuesday. The total should include, of course, that expended by all national, congressional, state, county and local committees and personally by candidates both before and after their nominations and by seekers of nominations who failed to get them. No doubt the grand total of it would be absolutely staggering; but as there is no possibility of such information being forthcoming so the public will be spared the blow.

It also would be a valuable bit of statistical information to know the average cost of being elected to Congress and of holding a seat there. At the time the salaries of congressmen were raised from \$5,000 to \$7,500, a veteran member of the house expressed the opinion that the average member did not have \$2,500 a year left out of his old salary of \$5,000. In other words, that it took half his salary to secure and hold his seat. The London Spectator not long ago published the statement that it cost members of the British parliament from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to hold their seats. As no salary attaches to membership in the British parliament, the sums repre-

sent a pure outlay for the honor of serving in that body. The use of money in parliamentary elections in England is much more flagrant than in congressional elections in this country. There is no apportionment according to the population and some of the constituencies have only a handful of voters. Some of these small constituencies have been debauched for so many years that voters have a fixed and well-recognized price. No man has any hope of being elected to parliament who is not able and willing to pay the price.

The matter of raising campaign funds is coming in for a lot of attention just now, and numerous suggestions as to methods have been made. President Roosevelt and some of his advisers are known to have favorably considered a plan under which the national committee would look to the state committees for its funds; the state committees looking to the county committees, and the latter to whatever minor organizations the county may happen to be divided into.

This plan, however, was open to a number of serious objections. The assessment against the state could not be made on the basis of population, for in Iowa there are ten or twelve times as many Republicans to look for funds as there are in Georgia, though the population of the two states are approximately the same. On the other hand, were the assessment made according to the party vote in each state, wouldn't there be a tendency among the Republicans in Pennsylvania and Democrats in Texas to cut down instead of build up the party majorities? The question in all its phases is a perplexing one, but there is almost unanimity of opinion that some solution ought to be found before another presidential election.

## MRS. RUSSEL SAGE HAS FAMOUS ANCESTORS

Ancestral Home Built by Wm.,  
The Conqueror.

New York, Nov. 14.—Wm. Henry Whittemore of 678 Argyle Road, Brooklyn, has just completed a genealogical record of Mrs. Russell Sage's ancestors, which tends to show the ancient lineage and high standing of her mother's family.

Through the Dukes of Sandwich and Manchester Lady Mary Wortley Montague and the Duke of Salisbury, Mrs. Russell Sage claims connection with the progenitor of those great families, D'Urso de Monte Acuto, a

warrior in the train of Robert, Earl of Moreton, during the conquest. The famous castle, Battle Abbey, which was built by William the Conqueror in commemoration of the battle of Hastings, is the ancestral home of Mrs. Sage.

These biographical facts will be published in book form next year and distributed among the libraries and Mrs. Sage's friends. It is a costly volume, beautifully bound. Mrs. Sage has spared no expense in the matter of contents and covers.

The Octopus.  
In a country village recently a couple took their baby to be christened, and on the clergyman asking what name they had chosen the happy father replied, "Octopus, sir." "What?" ejaculated the astonished divine. "But you cannot call a child by so extraordinary a name!" "Yes, sir, if you please," was the reply. "You see, it's our eighth child, and we want it called Octopus."

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WILL BE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE AS LARGELY AS THOSE  
OF INDIANAPOLIS.

The Rev. Robert H. Dunaway of the Second Presbyterian church has received \$200 to add to the building fund of the new Presbyterian church that is being erected in Earlham Heights. This makes a total of \$700 for the building fund. Mr. Dunaway stated that a large per cent of the money had been given by Indianapolis people and the additional \$700 or \$800 will be secured in Richmond. It is planned to make a personal canvass in the near future. It is thought the solicitors will meet with but little difficulty owing to the generally recognized advantage of a church in the extreme western portion of the city.

At present there are some sixty families within a half mile of where the new church is being erected and before services were held in the school house near by, these people had no chance to attend services without coming into Richmond. The Sunday school attendance is from sixty to seventy and at the church services the average attendance is between forty and fifty, which is very good for the percent of the people in this neighborhood.

The building has already been started. The foundation has been put in and is made of cement. From the level of the ground to a height of four feet cement blocks are used. The building will be about fifty-five feet square. The first floor will have two large rooms and the basement will be fitted up as one large room. It is hoped that the new building will be completed before next March. The people in the district are showing a great interest in the new edifice.

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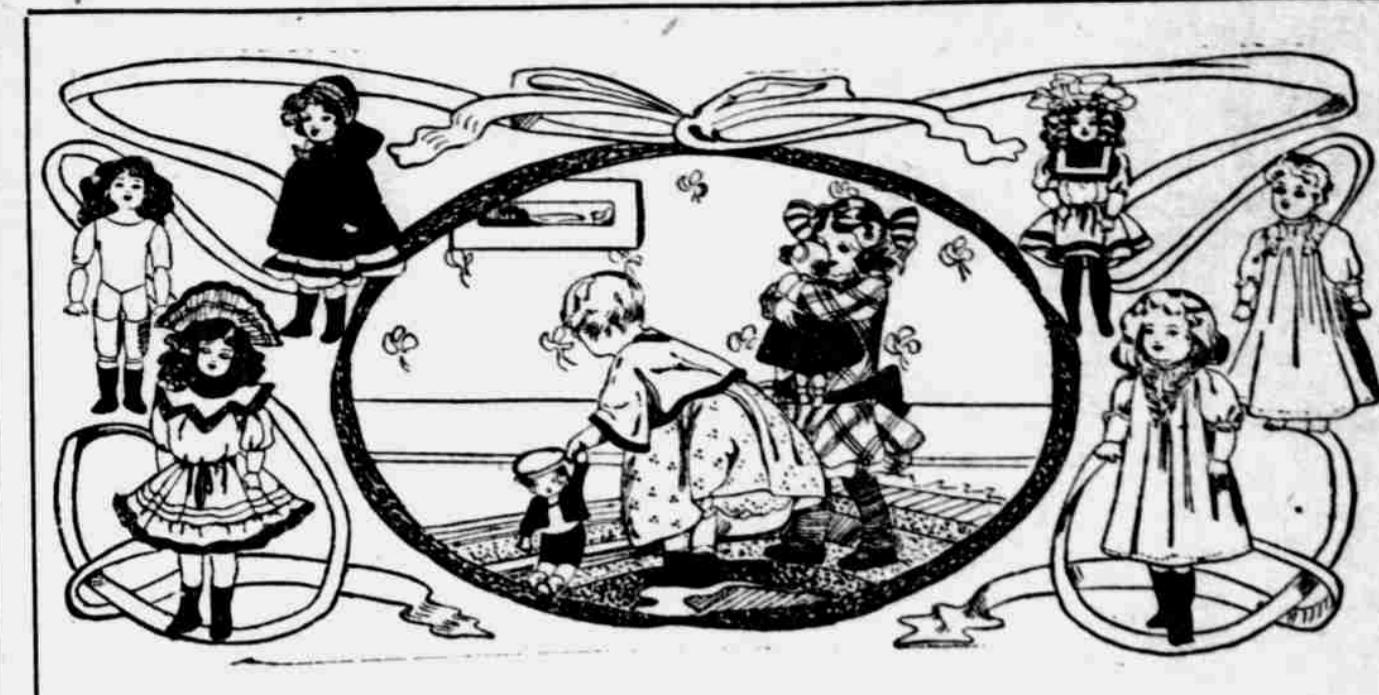
### LITERARY DIFFICULTIES.

"She has been talking about writing a novel for years," said one woman. "Yes," answered the other, "but I don't think she'll ever get it completed. She has followed the plan of those authors who study their personal acquaintances for types of character."

"Isn't the method a good one?"

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