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## A Broken Idol.

We are sorry, as every friend of President Roosevelt must be, that he has chosen to disregard convention and to establish a precedent by taking an active and partisan place in the campaign. But even this might have been overlooked as due to the impetuous nature of the man, had not the place he chose to take reflected upon his character as a man, and given the lie to many of the declarations of the past for which he was remembered and honored. That he should assume the position of a man in a glass house throwing stones was not expected. That he who has stood for morality in office should now stoop to political methods common to politicians of the worst type comes as a surprise. It is justified what has been declared of Roosevelt by Col. Harvey of the Harper's Weekly, and by the editorial writers of the New York World. It makes it look almost as if the president had been posing for political effect for several years, and that his true partisan character was now revealing itself in the form declared to be true by his enemies. The attack upon Governor Haskell, even if true, comes with poor grace from the president, the supporter of Taft. This man who now attempts to make political capital out of the short-comings, not yet proved, of a Democrat, it will be re-

membered had in his cabinet one Paul Morton, accused of grafting and breaking the laws of the United States while a railroad magnate, and that the president shielded him from prosecution. It will be remembered that when he, himself, was candidate for president he induced Mr. Harriman to raise \$240,000 for the campaign, accepting from this "undesirable citizen" the money to win his election. It will be remembered that Roosevelt has personally stood between government prosecution and several guilty combinations, notably the New York and New Haven Railroad. It will be remembered that this man who now raises the question of voracity of Governor Haskell has been accused of untruth by so many men whom he has attacked that his "Hans club" has become one of the jokes of the country. It will be remembered that this man who calls for fair play and the square deal now renounces both, since he accuses the Democrats of corruption because they have on their National Committee a man now accused by the Republicans, his guilt yet unproven, while the Republicans have on their committee, as chief of the bureau of public speaking, the president of a trust now being prosecuted; have for their treasurer an appointee of Mr. Harriman, declared to be an undesirable citizen; have for their speaker of the house Uncle Joe Cannon grafter and obstructionist. This man who believes in fair play accuses Governor Haskell of removing teachers from the State University of Oklahoma for political reasons, when not the Governor but the board of regents has control there. He accuses this man of having sold out to Standard Oil when it appears that Haskell was but carrying out the articles of the franchise granted this company by Hitchcock, then Secretary of the Interior. This man attacks his personal enemy, Foraker, and forgets to mention men more guilty than he, such notorious tools of the trusts as Aldrich, Penrose, DePew and Cannon. It looks very much as if the president in his desire to win for Taft, was getting into a kind of politics that is small and mean, even for people less high in government and the esteem of the people than Roosevelt. It shows the man in a light that has been hinted at by enemies before, but never so plainly and undisguisedly laid before the people themselves. His course is to be regretted, not because of any influence he may have upon the campaign, but because his action destroys an idol, and lets politics, at least for the Republican party, drop back again into the mud of "anything to win" methods. We shall dislike to remember Theodore Roosevelt as the author of these political "policies."

**The Situation.**  
Now that the local option bill has passed the house, the senate, received the governor's signature and become a law, it occurs to us that true friends of temperance, those actually in favor of increased morality and not merely a party position, will cease vaunting themselves and do all in their power to heal the bitterness caused by statements already made. That Republicans, through love of party and hopes of an issue, have given themselves liberty of tongue that will not soon be forgotten, none will deny. That many honest temperance people, over-zealous and incapable of seeing honesty in any that opposed them have made statements that have not helped temperance is also sure. The situation requires that this now be dropped. He who will attempt by ill-advised and unfounded statements to keep alive any bitterness now existing is not a true friend of temperance. The question must be taken out of politics and put back in the hands of its friends of both sides, and repetition of the bigoted utterances of the past campaign for the bill will not aid in doing this. Let us now be reasonable.

## Flash Promises.

We understand that the Republican candidates for commissioner are going about repeating to the voters of the county the statement made by Mr. Hanna at the time of his nomination. This promise was to the effect that if he were elected commissioner he would absolutely refuse to sign any liquor license. We commend Mr. Hanna's good intentions, but we cannot believe that Mr. Hanna is, in good faith, making such unfounded and impossible promises. Mr. Hanna, as a county commissioner, is bound by the law of the State of Indiana. As long as license is allowed in the county, and a man who satisfies the law applies for license there is no recourse but to grant that license. It will not do to declare that such a man is of unfit character to conduct such a place of business because he desires to conduct it. There must be special proof of unfitness. To refuse to grant a license because of personal opinion would

but throw the matter into the circuit court, there to be decided by law, not opinion. Such promises as Mr. Hanna is making are exceedingly rash and unfounded. If carried out it would only result in costs for the county. To promise to sift all evidence and to refuse to grant a license where possible would be safe and sane. To do otherwise is to make a campaign based on the credulity of the people. It is to make a campaign, laughable to thinking men, as was the statement of the candidate for presidency on the Prohibition ticket when he declared that he would at once, when inaugurated, call out the army and navy to enforce prohibition. He seemed to take it for granted that the people did not know that the army and navy would not move when such a call was issued contrary to all rights vested in the president, and that such action would only result in impeachment. Law is, after all, the only safeguard of our state and nation. To break it for good is as evil as to break it for bad purposes. That which weakens the law, even though good result, makes unsafe to that extent the rights, property and happiness of each and every citizen.

## Rule of the People.

Republican papers all over the state are declaring that the passage of the county local option law is an example of the rule of the people. While admitting that many people of the state did want county local option, we are, nevertheless, unable to see any victory for the people in the methods used to pass the bill. As a matter of fact the question had been left to the people to decide. They were to vote upon the proposition at the coming elections. Instead of allowing the people to express themselves the Republican party forced the issue, compelled a number of their own party to vote against their beliefs, even as the Republican party at Washington compelled members of the party to vote for the ship subsidy bill, Aldrich-Vreeland currency bill, and in the same manner that Uncle Joe Cannon smothered the Littlefield bill on interstate shipments of liquor from wet to dry territory. The passage of the bill as it stands was the triumph of machine politics, not of the will of the people. The bill itself was, we hope, good. That is, it will be good if it succeeds in doing what it promises, which only time can tell. But it is not a triumph of the people. It is a case of the Republican party deciding what the people want and giving it to them without waiting to see whether they are really in favor of it or not. It is a trick learned from "Uncle Joe" who holds that the people never do know what is good for them, and that they should never be listened to. Again we say that the law is no triumph of the people, but a triumph of machine politics on the part of a party struggling for mere existence because of its record, wishing to use the law for political purposes, careless whether it accomplishes results or not, and unwilling to wait for the people to express themselves on the party and the question at the polls.

## Some That Are Told.

That the Republican campaign of fraud is getting down to details is evidenced by the smallness of some of the scare stories that are now going the rounds. Democrats and doubtful Republicans on the rural routes are being assured, in some parts of the state, that the Democrats are pledged to repeal the rural free delivery. The story originates with the postmaster of the community in which the lie is to be broadcasted, and is scattered out by the rural carriers. The facts that Senator Moss and other Democratic candidates are pledged to do everything possible for the farmer and the farm comfort matters nothing to the sowers of such campaign material. They believe they can make the people believe it. When a man approaches with such a story it is safe to call it at once a lie and give it no further credence.

Now we shall see whether the Republicans and President Roosevelt who haled with whoop the Hearst accusations of Haskell will whoop equally loud over the same man's nomination of Hughes. Hearst declares: You Independence party men of New York have every reason for patriotic effort in this campaign. One of the old parties has nominated Mr. Hughes, who, throughout his term, has served the great privileged interests with the consummate skill of a trained corporation lawyer. He has created public-service commissions, which have spent by the millions the money of the people, and whose only service has been to protect corrupt corporations in the pillage of the people. Mr. Hughes vetoed the 2-cent railroad fare bill and the 5-cent Coney Island fare bill. He has protected on every side the corporations which own him and has overlooked

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## ALLEN BROTHERS.

on every side the people who elected him. His opposition to racetrack gambling is creditable and would amply justify his election as Town Marshal, but his abject subservience to privileged interests is not creditable and does not justify his re-election as Governor.

We are quite sure that the strain of the campaign is telling on President Roosevelt for his latest effort to justify the making public of campaign funds after election sounds like softening of the brain. The president says in substance that contributions should not be made public till after election for the reason that should on honest corporation contribute a few hundred thousands to the Republican fund, the knowledge of this might lead biased persons to vote against the party. Of course the emphasis is on "honest corporations". We wonder if any corporation giving a hundred thousand to a campaign fund is honest. We believe the president is right in supposing that such things made public would influence many votes. It is the very thing we want to know. We are surprised that the president should be reduced to such reasoning in defense of what is not defensible.

President Roosevelt seems surprised that Senator Foraker and Mr. Bryan, whom he attacked so furiously in some of his most Anglo-Saxon vocabulary, have dared to reply in kind. We say in kind, though we must admit that the statements thus far have lacked some of the fierceness that characterized the president's first statement. The mild Mr. Taft is especially surprised, and recalls with a shudder that at one time he attempted to appoint a Standard Oil attorney to the supreme bench. There was much truth in the hackneyed advice that those who live in glass edifices should not hurl boulders.

as well as for the man. Mr. Roosevelt's resort to the verbal poplism of a political wrangle.—For Wayne Journal-Gazette.

The New York World is printing short letters from the people as to their presidential preferences. Out of twenty-four such letters appearing in one recent issue sixteen favor Bryan and the others scatter. Some of those who declare for Bryan say that they did not support him in previous campaigns, but have since come to the conclusion that the welfare of the country demands his election. It is apparent that what used to be called "the enemy's country" is preparing to give Bryan and Kern a tremendous vote.

## Judge Taft's Opinions.

It is to be regretted that Judge Taft has determined not to make any further replies to Mr. Bryan in the newspapers, but it is to be hoped that in his future speeches, in which he says he will take up anything Mr. Bryan might say "worthy of notice," he will keep to the same style of argument he has thus far employed. His reply to some of Bryan's arguments has been absolutely pitiful—not worthy of a cross-roads politician. For instance, the childish assertion that Mr. Bryan brought on hard times by his vote for the Wilson tar-

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## DEMOCRATIC NEWS

What Good Democrats Over the State Are Saying About Things Political in Indiana And Elsewhere.

## Democrats, Be On Your Guard.

On last Monday evening the Chronicle of this city printed alleged interviews with about fifty saloon keepers of Marion and Grant Counties, in which it made these said liquor dealers say in substance that they were all opposed to the election of "Jim" Watson for governor, as it would mean the ruination of their business. They were also made to say that they favored the election of Tom Marshall for governor, as it meant the salvation of their business.

On Tuesday the Leader called upon these saloon keepers and in every instance the interviews in the Chronicle were pronounced as forgeries. Not one liquor dealer in Marion would be found who had uttered one word to that paper or any other paper on the subject of state politics.

The object of the Chronicle in printing these bogus interviews with liquor dealers is very plain. It is expected that temperance Democrats of the state can be reached by such deception.

Seventy-five per cent of the saloon keepers misquoted are Republicans and are loud in their denunciation of such dirty politics.

On Tuesday of this week this same Chronicle had printed 25,000 copies of their issue of last Monday containing the bogus interviews. There were shipped to the Republican state headquarters at Indianapolis for distribution over the State of Indiana. Not satisfied by trying to betray their own party workers in Grant County, the Chronicle, with the as-

stance of the state Republican organization, now desires to fool the people of Indiana.

Democrats everywhere in the state should be on their guard.

Watch for the Marion Chronicle of last Monday with the bogus interviews from saloon keepers.

Crush this deception wherever it shows itself.

Desperate indeed, must be the straits the Republican national committee is in when it appeals to the president of the United States to ruffe the dignity of his high office and engage in the whirl and turmoil of a political campaign to save its candidate from defeat. There is a dignity which doth budge about a king, and Americans who believe the presidency a more exalted office than any kingship the world ever knew cannot but feel regret to see the occupant of that high position descend to bandy words and shout accusations and hurl billingsgate at all who oppose his chosen successor. There are many things in the character of Theodore Roosevelt which challenge our admiration, some characteristics we have been disposed to look upon leniently, some things which did not meet with our approval. But no American has, we hope, forgotten to reverence the high office he held. Yet when the president himself forgets the dignity due to his position and plunges ruthlessly into the mire of political denunciation and recrimination like a Bowery boss nothing else can be expected but that the common people will lose respect for the of-

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