

THE MAN WHO SELLS HIS VOTE.

Shocking Condition of Political Morals in Indiana.

Governor Durbin in his retiring message to the Indiana Legislature declares that "the statistics of political debauchery in this State in 1904, if it were possible to present them, would be astounding." He asserts that there is an Indiana county, casting 5,000 votes, in which 1,200 voters are "regularly listed as purchasable," and says: "Our present need is legislation framed in the light of a clearer conception of the enormity of the offence involved in the purchase or sale of a vote."

Indiana has been for years a political battle ground, with the great parties so nearly equal in strength that contests for power are usually close. Under such circumstances the temptation to use illegitimate methods is great, and the venal voter becomes of undue importance.

Every community is more or less tainted with the man who sells his vote, but the commonness of the offence does not lessen its enormity. Governor Durbin has done well to speak boldly against it, and to point out to the people of Indiana the public dangers they tolerate in failing resolutely to drain the marshes of public corruption.

Of the enormity of the offence there can be no question. The man who sells his vote is unworthy of the name of American citizen. He sells his birth-right—his privilege of decision of public questions for himself as one of the body of men in whom is the ultimate sovereign power of this nation.

Instead of deciding for himself, according to the best intelligence it has pleased God to give him, he hands over that right to another for a price. He barter his manhood for money and betrays his country. He becomes the poisoned spring of every public evil.

Every power of public opinion, or social pressure and of statute law should be exerted to restrain and punish and drive out of the body politic the man so lost American decency and manly honor as to sell his vote.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Reformatory for Youth.

The joint committee from the House and Senate heard an elaborate argument Friday afternoon on the establishment of a reformatory for youthful criminals and finally appointed a sub-committee, composed of Senators Emie and Eller and Representatives River, Redwine and Vestal, to investigate more fully the situation and report within ten days. Rev. Hogue, of Wilmington, was one of the principal speakers. He quoted statistics showing that crime is on the increase and the necessity of using every available force to check this tendency. The reformatory should be free from anything partisan and should have such a broad scope as children not charged with crime could be taken when it was deemed wise. He urged the importance of selecting a suitable name as being vital. "Junior Republic" was mentioned by Dr. Hogue favorably. Among the other speakers were Hon. Jas. R. Young, representing the King's Daughter's. He said they had \$250 cash and a suitable site and were desirous of raising \$500 to build a workshop.

They never let up on Missouri. When a man comes along and wants to know something it is said he explains it by saying he is from that State. Recently some newspaper published the Ten Commandments and the whole country thereabouts wanted to know where they came from. The best plan for Missouri would seem to be to run the ten as a serial and give the people about half of one at a dose. They would never be able to take the two tablets as they were delivered to Moses without fatal results.—Greensboro Record.

ANOTHER VIEW OF STOESSEL.

Claimed That the Surrender of Port Arthur Was Not Necessary—Disgraceful Conduct of Russia.

Gen. Stoessel, the Russian commander at Port Arthur, won the admiration of the world by his defence of that fortress. He has been pictured as a man who fought on and on, after all hope was gone, continuing the defence long after his associates had urged a surrender. But here is another story which puts Gen. Stoessel in a different light—and which may or may not be true. It is sent from the headquarters of the Japanese army at Port Arthur under date of the 14th:

"The victorious Japanese army yesterday formally entered Port Arthur. General Nogi, with his staff, entered first through the old town and took his stand in the public square of the new town. The army was represented by one regiment from each brigade.

"The procession which was five miles long, was three hours passing the saluting base, after which the troops passed out of the city. The correspondents then visited the captured city for the time. The old town buildings were badly smashed by shells, but in the new town the damage was slight. All the shipping in the harbor was badly damaged by shell fire, the warships being practically useless, owing to the injuries they had sustained by shells.

"Proposals for the surrender of Port Arthur were first made December 29 at a council of war. General Stoessel was in favor of surrender, but some of his general officers were bitterly opposed to it. The regimental officers and troops were not consulted. The first news they had of the surrender was January 1 after General Stoessel had communicated with the Japanese.

"The scenes following the surrender were disgraceful. Drunken [Russian] soldiers filled the streets and refused to obey their officers. Many of them destroyed the guns upon the positions they had defended and came into the city without permission. The infantry loudly protested that the fortress had been given away. They threw their rifles and ammunition into the harbor, and proceeded to break into warehouses and loot and drink vodka until in a helpless condition. It was evident that the surrender was not necessary, as there \$1,000 effective men in the fortress. The supply of ammunition was short, but it was not exhausted. Food was scarce but private stores were not requisitioned by the military. There is no difficulty in getting good meals in the city even now from the stores in private possession. A portion of the fortress was capable of defense for months longer. It was the opinion of the non-combatants at Port Arthur that the surrender was unnecessary, as the troops were willing and able to fight to the bitter end. General Stoessel was blamed for much of what was characterized as a disgraceful conclusion of a splendid defense."

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Prospect of "Fresh Meat" Was Too Much for Combatants.

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The men have plenty of tea and they are fairly well fed, but fresh meat is a luxury that is not to be neglected at any junction, and suddenly, while we were talking to some officers at an extensive encampment, some fresh meat made its appearance.

There was a row toward the forward line of trenches that might have presaged a Japanese attack, and we rushed to a knoll that commanded a view. There, from a seemingly deserted Chinese hut, rushed a half grown pig, a shoat of the Manchurian razor back variety.

After it went a Cossack in hot pursuit. Other Cossacks joined the chase, but the pig, threading the trenches, gained the open ground and headed for the Japanese lines, less than 400 yards away.

Reckless of death or anything else, six Cossacks dashed in pursuit, with their long brown coats tucked about their waists. But the pig had the legs of them, and with ear-piercing shriek headed across the imaginary line and charged the Japanese position.

The opposite hill slope had been to all appearances vacant and silent as the grave, but a hidden trench suddenly gave up a party of Japanese, and away they went after the pig.

The Cossacks stopped, and the Japanese headed the pig diagonally back toward the Russian lines. They did not catch it, but a fresh relay of Russians took up the chase and the pig veered over again to the Japanese.

Not a shot was fired all this time, and the Japanese and Cossacks stood within 100 paces of each other in the open, laughing and hurling maledictions after the pig.

The last we saw of it the pig was keeping strictly up the neutral strip between the two forces and heading westward in the direction of the Liao river.—Mukden letter of November 20, to New York Times.

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