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AFTER-THOUGHTS.

Since the election is over seeral important matters are be ing considered by the press and public. One of the most important of these is the corrupt use of money in elections. We are convinced that this is growing evil all over the country. The next Legislature would do the State a great service if it could devise some reasonable means of prosecuting this great evil, which, it is said, has gotten to be a regular feature of every election in some counties. It is a sad fact that there are some white men who are ready to sell their sovereignty for a dollar or two. The buying and selling should be prosecuted, by whatever party. Laws, however, are always weak in reaching secret crimes, and probably the best that can be done is to encourage faction of the public mind was the purchase by Republicans of the editorial policy of a daily newspaper two and a half years ago, just like buying a car load of meat, and it is sustained to that party. This would be sufficient to damn a party which had any character, but the Republican party in North Caroima occupies a position at the bar of public opinion in some respects similar to that of a criminal convicted of a capital offense before the courts-he is already sentenced to be hung, and that's about as much as you can do with him, whatever he may do. No greater evil can befall any community than to get a few sorry men in the habit of selling their votes to be as white as snow," to which the highest bidder at every elec- the credulous sister replied, "Partion. Every man has a right to demand that he get good gov- much all of a sudden. A cream ernment in return for his sup- color will do." port at the polls, and no good man should expect more.

Another matter which we would like for our political leaders to consider, and that is that we devote too much time to politics. Our campaigns are un necessarily long. In days pas there has been need of long campaigns to thoroughly educate the people to our dangers and enlist their enthusiasm. But it is not so now, and long campaigns are a useless burden to the people. Our State convention met four or five months in advance of the election. We could learn wisdom from our Northern friends in this particular. Take the State of New York, where the business of vote-getting is pretty well reduced to a science, and their State conventions were held within three or four weeks advance of the election. In these times of peace and good government at home we cannot enlist the interest of the people in a five months campaign every two years. In this county the people have been stirred up well nigh a year over the matter of who should fill their county offices for the next two years, and after it is all over we have every county officer re-elected, except one who would not serve Witt's Witch Hazel Salve cured him per, futher, and his place is filled by his son. These matters are important, it is true, but they are not of enough importance to agitate the public mind half the time, or a fourth of the time, when it has been reduced to matter of selection between

good and loyal men. Thes matters are entitled to the very best attention of 'the people, it may be well to call attention to much of it. Let the next campaign be pitched further on toward the election.

PRESIDENT AGAINST LILY WHITES.

President Roosevelt has caused the removal of revenue collector Bingman, of Alabama, and the appointment of Jas. Thompson as his successor, for the reason, as stated publicly that Bingham was in a measure responsible for the policy adopted by the Alabama Republicans of excluding the negroes who are entitled to vote from the Republican State convention. The Secretary states that Mr. Bingham has made a good officer, and that the only reason for his removal is that the administration does not approve of this policy of excluding the negroes who are qualified to vote from Republican conventions. He has, also, appointed a negro collector of customs at Charles-

The same conditions prevailed in North Carolina, and Federal office holders who are responsible for it are doubtless stirred up over this position taken by the President.

The latest news from Washingwholesome public sentiment ton indicates that Roosevelt is very that will not tolerate bribery at much in earnest in his opposition elections. One case of bribery to the "lily white" movement ln which was proven to the satis- the South. A special to the Charlotte Observer says that every important office holder in North Carolina, appointed on recommendation of Senator Pritchard, is to be removed before next March. We are very much afraid this is matter of deeper concern than the this day by the patronage of interests of these office holders. Does it not suggest that the wild man in the White House has the purpose of throwing the whole force of his administration against the suffrage amendments in the

> The attitude of Roosevelt on the "lily white" movement, brings to mind the aptness of the joke used by Set Dockery in the campaign. He compared their sudden conversion to the case of the colored sister who was being immersed. 'Now, just shut your eyes and hold your nose," said the officiating parson, and in a moment you wil son, that's a-hoping of most too

Mr. J. McN. Johnson, of Aberdeen, published a letter in last Sunday's Charlotte Observer, announcing that in the future he will affiliate with the Republicans. The only reason he gives for the change is that of trusts-thinks they are good things-and thinks Mr. Roosevelt's pretended opposition to them is only hypocritical and not serious.

Grover Cleveland did not speal with his usual good judgment when he referred contemptuously to the fight forced upon the Confederacy to protect its constitutional rights an "armed rebellion," in his speech on Tuesday night before the N. Y. Chamber of Commerce. A people who have three times supported him for President deserve more consideration.

The President evidently takes the "lily white" show down in North Carolina on election day quite to heart. He should not have taken Pritchard's ante-election dreams so seriously.

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but they are not entitled to so the fact that, important as good government is, much remains fo the individual to do. No govern ment however good can save citizen from the punishment which follows eyil doing and no government however bad can entirely rob a citizen of the reward which meritorious conduct earns. Under any government, however good, the citizen who is idle and slothful will lag behind the one who is diligent and attentive to business; under any government, however good, the citizen who destroys his by a member of the Cabinet, strength by dissipation will fare badly as compared with the one who leads a temperate lffe; under any government however good the citizen who wastes his substance in riotous living will come at last to husks while the one who economizes and saves is laying the foundation of a fortune. While, under any government however bad. those who have high ideals, who exercise self-restraint and who persevere in their labors will surpass those who live from hand to mouth and surrender to appetite and passion that surpemacy which should be held by head and heart.

> Government may raise or lower the general level, but the position which any given person occupies with relation to his fellows depends as a general rule, more upon him self than upon any law.

> Then, too, reform legislation can only be secured by co-operation among many, while each one can reform himself without asking the aid or consent of any one else, just as any one can throw himself away in spite of all that others can

> Without abating his interest in political reforms, without abandonng his efforts for social reforms each one can resolve to make the most of every talent and opportunity and under the inspiration of a high purpose, devote every energy of body, head and heart to the work of life, finding pleasure n usefulness and compensation in the consciousness of duty done .-The Commoner.

Rev. P. R. Law, in Lumberton Robesonians

Many are heard to say as they look upon the prattle and glee of childhood, "this is the happiest time in life for you." The child who hears it does not believe it It should not be so. As a fact, it may not be true of the life of any child of whom it is spoken. There are thousands who declare in advanced age that it has not been so in their experience. The happiest time in any life may be yet to come. If we try to do that which is right and useful to others, that which is honorable to ourselves and that which is to the praise and glory of God, every year of our lives will be happier than that which went before it. Virtuous acts become habits by repetition and virtuous acts bring their own large reward of comfort and genuine joy. Doing the right thing in heart, mind he is in favor of protection and and body today, means a tomorrow with greater faculty and relish for noble conduct, and an enlarged capacity filled to the brim with happiness. Thus each succeeding period is richer and richer with the enjoyment of the best things that tingle in human hearts. Life on earth in this way grows better and sweeter as one goes on in it. We may increase our happiness, in a word, as years come and go just as the river gains volume as it rolls on to the sea.

New Idea Woman's Magazine.

The Christmas number of the New idea Woman's Magazine will offer many features that will prove of practical and timely value during the coming holiday season. The second installment of "The Journal of a London Woman;" "Christmas Present for Men;" "How to Entertain a Christmas House Party;" "Inexpensive Gifts for Christmas Tree;' 'A Children's Party for Christmas," will each and all add their quota to the general enterest of the book. The contents will be brilliantly illustratedt both in color plates and in black and white, and the regular utilitarian portions will far exceed the same presented by any other magazine of the price.

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A Really Secret. Blanche-Mabel says that her agement to Tom is a secret.

Edith-Yes. Even Tom does not sus-She Grabbed Him.

Henry-Yes, Miss Oldun, as I was about to say, our plans often go wrong Miss Oldun-Oh, Henry, this is so

sudden! But never mind, gear; your plans shall not go wrong that time. I



Lion-What are you trying to do? Monk-I just want to dust the bric-aorac.-Scribner's Magazine.

We wonder and we wonder What's ahead; What we'll see and how we'll see it When we're dead, If it's worth the while or worthles

Foul or fair, And we wonder how we'll know it When we're there. We wonder and we ponder

What's to come And of all the good about us We are dumb. When we all might be enjoying What is here, We are guessing if the future's Full of fear.

We worry and we worry Over fate, When we'll answer that conuadrum What's the good to guess if it be What's the use? We'll know the answer

We wonder and we wonder In the dark, And we can't, with all our guessing, Raise a spark. Let us, then, enjoy our living

Soon enough.

Ere we flit, And the future, let us make the Best of it. -Baltimore American

Softened Grief. Wilson-I lost that fine silk umbrella that I carried in town today. Mrs. Wilson-Oh, what a pity: Wilson-Still, there is one consolation. It wasn't mine,-Somerville (Mass.) Journal.

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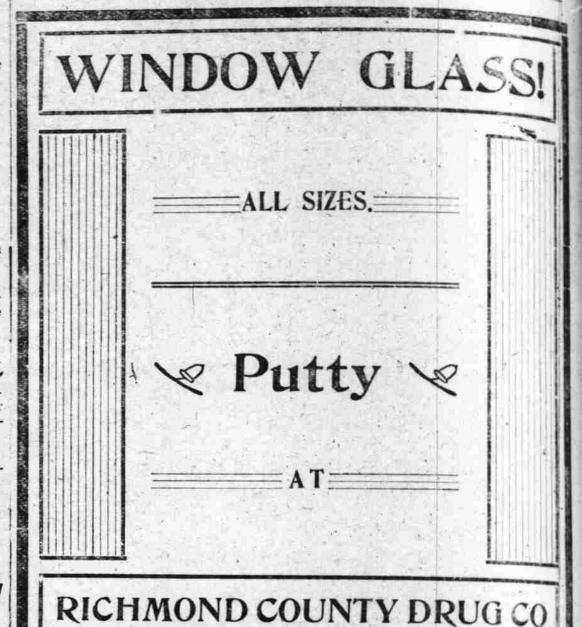
ARENSON @ SUSSMAN.

A Thanksgiving Dinner.

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