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MONEY AS A VOTE GAINER.

The question of how great significance the dollar is, as a vote gainer, must be really problematical, although at every election the defeated political party lay special stress upon the fact that its defeat was due to the "purchased vote" by the victorious party.

The matter of large sums of money being employed in elections is not questioned.

Elections are costly to towns, cities, counties and States, and consequently these costs must be paid by the tax payers.

Elections are also expensive to each political party, for there are advertising, speakers, printing bills of various kinds, other items which are perfectly legitimate, and no political party can evade them, nor need it expect to go into the race without funds.

But the question of vote buying is quite another matter.

Both buyer and seller are involved, and neither can escape the odium attached to such a proceeding.

That there are votes bought and sold at every election, cannot be doubted, but that there is any wholesale business enough to turn counties and States, can be seriously doubted.

In this Republic, more elections are lost through bad politics and bad leadership, than through any use of money.

A corrupt political party in power, be it in municipality, county, State or nation, may seem invincible in its power to perpetuate its rule, but the people usually are able to close it to the heart's some election, and execute it's extinction.

All political talk of corruption in the opposite party must be accepted with allowance, for the "ins" most ever to hold as corrupt, so long as there are "outs," wanting to take their places.

Let actual corruption exist, and no party can retain its official position, for there is too much honesty among the masses of the people, and the matter of buying votes with dollars would be a task beyond accomplishment. And it is just as well for any political party to speak quietly on this buying of votes.

If it is the victorious party, it need not boast. If the defeated party, it must hold itself lightly, if its voters prefer dollars to the principles it advocates.

SILLY CRY AGAINST BONDS.

A very silly cry, by a very few persons has been urged against voting in favor of issuing bonds for the purchase of the Water Works and Sewerage systems, by the city, that there was "politics" in the election.

There must always be persons who create suspicions about every thing, be a shadow or reality and yet it would seem impossible that any one could associate a much needed public improvement, a saving to every taxpayer, with the ordinary run of politics.

The municipal ownership of the water and sewerage properties is a distinct business proposition.

It means that the purchase of these systems by the city is for the benefit of the city, therefore the property owners and tax payers, must become in degree owners of these properties, or so much so as to yearly affect the amount of their taxes.

There is only a business view to be taken by every voter on this matter of voting for bonds, and a study of the subject will show that it is good business that the city shall control water and sewer, both for the public health and for the individual benefit of every tax payer.

To associate politics in this matter is worse than silly, it borders on idiocy.

Chills, fever and malaria yield to Roberts' Chill Tonic, if you get the genuine, with a red cross on label. 25c. No cure, no pay. C D Bradham, P. S. Duffy & Co., and D. R. Davis.

INTRODUCTION OF PRIMARY SYSTEM.

At the meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of Craven county on Saturday the question of the introduction of the primary voting system came up for discussion.

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