

do now. Ten good settlers to-day are worth twice as many a few years hence.

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WE hope to see the day when candidates for political honors will not be chosen by a party, for a party, but because they are men who will do what is right in the interests of the country. If political parties were wiped out of existence, and a legislative body could be elected like a common council, with no other interest to serve than the good of the country, we would probably get a better Government, and have less boodling. Under the present state of affairs as they exist, no matter how honorable a man may be, or how good a character he may be possessed of, the moment he allies himself to a party, for the purpose of seeking the suffrage of the people, he is ruthlessly assailed, and a vigorous attempt made to take away what character he has, by his unscrupulous opponents.

So fierce are political contests waged now adays, that from the time the campaign commences, until it is over, the country is plunged into a state of excitement, bordering on madness. This is particularly so with the Americans, and if we could go back to the way nations were ruled 4,000 years ago, we might learn a profitable lesson. Instead of advancing in civilization, we appear to be retrograding. Even in the wilds of Africa, or among the many millions in China or India, they elect their rulers without such a commotion. This may appear to be taking a despotic view of the case, but it is at all events

preferable to the unscrupulous way, not to speak of the bribery and corruption that we have to witness in this 19th century.

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WHILE we are speaking about elections, we would like to say a word about "house to house canvass," personal canvassing, etc. There are many objections to this mode of securing the votes of the people, and it would be a great boon to the community, if an act was passed prohibiting any canvass whatever. No matter how many promises a candidate may receive, or pledges of support which may be promised, the ballot box alone tells the truth. And even this sometimes is liable to be tampered with.

Another great evil is the stand too often taken by the public press, in asserting what all honest people know is not true, and so distorting facts, that one hardly knows whether to believe anything they may read or not.

Everybody have their faults, but they have a character, and the community have a rising generation to educate, and for the sake of the future welfare of the country, both morally, and politically, let us have good sound reasoning, without the "generalities" usually indulged in, in the excitement of the elections. Let us remember that we have a higher duty to perform, a portion of which will be to conduct ourselves rationally and Christian-like before God and man.

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As an instance that the world is progressing and that we are gradually