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SENATOR HANNA

A TAX DODGER

Cincinnati, June 14.—Senator Hanna's "key note" speech at the recent Republican convention in Ohio furnished a theme for Mr. Herbert S. Bigelow, of the Vine Street Congregational Church. Mr. Bigelow chose for his text the fourth verse of the fifteenth chapter of Deuteronomy. "To the end that there be no poor among you."

"The end," said Mr. Bigelow, "is one of the essential aims of good government. Deuteronomy is a codification of the laws that were to govern Israel. While the great law-giver of the Jews recognized poverty as a genuine social disease, he considered it an inalienable fact, that guilty optimists which closes its ears to the cry of the poor, and which boasts of its wealth in the presence of poverty. Senator Hanna thinks it is unreasonable to expect a happier state of society than the American one today. In soundly the key note of another political campaign the Senator surveyed the past, present and future, and then exclaimed: 'Can we ever hope to place ourselves in a happier position as regards ourselves and our interests?'

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TORONTO DISTRICT LABOR COUNCIL—2nd and 4th Thursdays—Richmond Hall
Pres.—R. H. Cox, 772 Markham. Sec.—D. W. Kennedy, 38 Edward.
Vice—J. B. Simpson, 42 Albany Ave. F. S.—John Gardner, 210 Borden.
Treas.—John Acheson, 376 Adelaide W. Comptrol'g Room.
Sec. Leg.—Irvine Com.—W. A. Douglas, Sec. Municipal Com.—Jas. Simpson.

LOCAL UNIONS

1st Sunday at 2.30 Richmond Hall
Musical Protective Ass'n. Sec. Claude K. 69 Kanawha.
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