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THE GOLD MEDALIST'S SPEECH.

In the Prize Debate last June the following speech was awarded the palm for elocution :

Mr. Chairman, etc. :—

I am sure you must all regret that such an eloquent effort as the last speaker has just put forth should have been wasted in the support of so unworthy a scheme as that which he advocates here tonight. He evidently recognized from the beginning that it was a pretty bitter pill he was asking you to swallow, and he tried hard to sugar it up with nice words in order to facilitate the operation. But, coat it as he may, the bitterness remains unhidden. The defects of his scheme are too many and too great to be cloaked behind even the fine language with which he has clothed it.

To judge from his remarks, one might suppose that Washington had a civic administration beside which we in Ottawa should hang down our heads in shame. Now, sir, nothing could be farther from the truth, and to support this statement I have taken the trouble to procure several copies of the leading Washington papers, so I would like our opponents to understand that I am not talking from hearsay. From the editorials in these papers, and from the many objections raised through their columns against the present method of government, one cannot but conclude that few cities, even in the U. S., where partyism usually interferes with proficient