

of unprecedented material progress, are in danger of losing. Even education is now-a-days regarded as but an instrument for money-making, and all spiritual values tend to be measured by material things. Hence general obtuseness regarding the moral quality of our business customs, and the apotheosis of "success."

It is popular now-a-days to believe that each generation inherits the accumulated knowledge and wisdom of preceding generations; and people are prone to magnify the advantages and privileges of modern civilization. As a matter of fact, however, it is only by the most strenuous efforts that degeneration is prevented. Farmers know how necessary it is to exercise the greatest care both in selecting and caring for their cultivated plants and domestic animals. It is no less necessary for society to ensure continuous education, and mental selection. In regard to all social truths (including Ethics, Economics, Politics, etc.) each generation has to be converted anew, just as each individual has to learn afresh "self-knowledge, self-reverence, self-control." Each succeeding age witnesses the persistent resurrection of old social fallacies and errors, just as in each individual the primitive instincts are re-incarnated. There is no royal road to learning, and no easy road to national advancement. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, eternal effort the price of life, and a short sighted optimism is the precursor of decay. All this should be borne in mind when listening to an ordinary political stump speech.

Mention of stump speeches suggests the inquiry as to how much reliable information has been imparted, and how much unselfish patriotism aroused in

our recent political campaign. From my own observations I am disposed to think that the primitive love of fight for fight's sake, and the unconscious willingness to be humbugged have induced the politicians to provide a very unprofitable bill-of-fare. How much more salutary, under the Initiative and referendum, was the Oregon State campaign of last June? There, in addition to the election of legislators, some nineteen important questions were submitted to the electorate. Not only so, but weeks prior to the election a book containing statements, explanations, and arguments *pro* and *con* concerning each one of the questions to be submitted was sent by the State Secretary to each registered voter. The campaign was admittedly one of the "greatest political school meetings" ever held. In respect to the sound political education of the electorate, our campaigns are, in comparison with that recently held in Oregon, insignificant and contemptible.

When we speak of an anarchist we usually think of some half-demented ignorant wretch, throwing bombs or trying to assassinate those in authority. It is, however, true that there are a number of people calling themselves anarchists who are entirely harmless, and, moreover, very interesting types of humanity. They may be more specifically defined as philosophical anarchists. Briefly stated they hold that all law is futile, and that education and freedom of thought are the great desiderata. Education will reveal the law written on the heart, and this only will the anarchist acknowledge. All sorts of external restraints are offensive to him. "Prohibition," legislation protecting the Sabbath, capital punishment, he will have none of. If he