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WHY THEY PREFER THE COMMISSION.

The fact has now become pretty clearly established that Rossites prefer the commission plan because such a course affords a better chance to baffle a thorough investigation.

The fact that Mr. Whitney and his associates take this view is not in any sense any reflection upon the judges but on the circumstance that they would be restricted in their enquiry and could not compel incriminating answers from witnesses.

Take the West Elgin scandal as an illustration of how the commission plan works.

Mr. Macnish, who was elected as a supporter of Mr. Ross, made this signed confession on June 26, 1899—

1. That a large number of persons were especially sent into the constituency by men working on behalf of the Liberal party for the express purpose of taking part on Mr. Macnish's behalf in the election held January 12th, 1899, and we believe that fraudulent and corrupt means were used by some of such persons to secure his election.

2. That some of the said persons illegally and without authority acted as deputy returning officers at the said election and in at least three cases so acted in the names of reputable men, having, under assumed names, been introduced to the returning officer by local agents of Macnish.

3. That in many of the polling subdivisions of the Riding there were grave irregularities connected with the return of the ballot boxes and their contents, the voting and the counting of the ballots thereat.

4. That there were large numbers of persons brought into the Riding for the express purpose of personating legitimate voters, and assisted by some of Mr. Macnish's local supporters such persons did personate qualified voters in voting for Mr. Macnish.

5. That the declared number of votes for Mr. Macnish largely exceeded the number of bona fide votes cast for him.

6. That a large number of ballots cast for Mr. Macnish were in some nefarious and corrupt manner manipulated, whereby the result of the election was rendered doubtful, and in this connection the voting at Shedden and Middlemarsh and in several divisions in St. Thomas, where said strangers acted as deputy returning officers, merits special mention.

7. That there are good reasons to believe that there are many specific and well authenticated cases where agents of Mr. Macnish concealed at their homes some of those strangers, who there paid large sums of money to electors to induce them to vote for him.

8. That Mr. Macnish will forthwith deliver to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly his resignation as a member thereof for the said electoral district.

Signed—Donald Macnish.
Witness—Signed—A. B. Aylesworth.

Could anything be more damning or more conclusive than the above?

Mr. Macnish, stalwart Liberal that he is, did not make that confession for the fun of it or because he desired to besmirch his party, but because the actual facts made it desirable to make a clean breast of things without getting into court.

Yet a commission appointed in connection with that scandal simply reported that there had been irregularities but did not find any one guilty.

There's that Renfrew vacancy yet to be disposed of. Could Mr. Ross not get some judges to declare a Grit elected there? That proceeding would "save time," and nobody could have the hardihood to cast reflections upon the act of the Canadian judges!—Hamilton Spectator.

Simple Politics.

The following monologue of an old-time colored ter, printed in the Atlanta "Constitution," burlesques a state of affairs that to a certain extent may have existed in some parts of the South long ago.

Politics hez changed mightily in dis country. Hit's all difunt. De time wuz when Marse Bill would mek up his min' dat he wanted a office, and he'd shoulder his shotgun en walk right in de middle er de crowd en say:

"Boys, dat's de office yander, ain't it?"
"Yes," dey'd say, "dat sho' is it!"
"Well, I'm done 'lected ter dat office, ain't I?"

En dey'd all speak up ez one man, "Co'se you is 'lected ter it! Co' long in dar en hang yo' hat up en shet de do! What you stan' in roun' heah fer, any how! Go 'long in whar you b'longs!"

A New Avenue of Pleasure.

My friend was holding a book not quite three inches from his nose, say a correspondent, and rapidly turning the leaves. I suggested that he do his dusting at a rather greater distance.

"You have made a slight mistake," said he. "I am not house-cleaning. I allow dust and cobwebs on my bottles only—not on my books."

"Then this rite of yours—" I began. "That is the word," said he, pausing a moment to taste what I had said. "It is a rite, and only the elect, the knowing, are worthy to witness it."

"Seal me of the tribe," said I. "I fear you could not understand," answered he, shaking his head doubtfully. "But listen, I was perfume hunting on the works of Charles Lamb. You came upon me as I was enjoying the aroma of Volume III—the first Elia essays, you will remember. The two volumes of letters are also rather rare, but somehow this is the most delicate in odor of the entire set. Try it," he added, generously, handing over the volume. I sought to remember how he had held it.

"Nearer the nose," said he, "you're quite out of range." I adjusted the book to his satisfaction.

"And now you're ready for turning," I passed the three hundred pages rapidly in review before my waiting sense of smell.

"Your thumb touch is not delicate," exclaimed he with some impatience. "You bear on too hard. Just see how you've blunted the edge of the leaves. They should be sharp as a razor. Once again," I exerted myself to please him.

"That's good," said he. "Isn't it delicious?"

"I was so busy with the machinery of the thing that I forgot to try for the scent," I had to confess in some embarrassment. "And now, finally," This time I had mastered the mechanism, and was receptive to the message of the leaves.

"Well," said he, as I hesitated. "Why, I get a subdued dusty and musty odor," replied I. "What else, indeed?"

"I, too, had to serve my apprenticeship," said he, in a tone of disappointment. "But if you have the stuff in you, there will come a time when this will be to you the rarest fragrance. Nature is well enough in its way, with flowers and foliage and the breath of cattle, but this is altogether finer, and makes its appeal to a more highly developed sense. Take the Bohn Library—publishers of Addison, Ricardo, Adam Smith. Of course, each book of theirs gives out its own peculiar whiff, but everything they publish comes up to a high standard. You appreciate that this perfume is not something applied to the completed book, as your maid puts cologne on her pocket-handkerchief. It is the very essence of the book. It is the product of binding, and leaves, and cover, and print—the perfect blend of the workmanship. Only the English can come at it. American books have too businesslike a smell. They are done in haste—machine made, and not put together by loving hands. I can always analyze the odor of them into its separate elements. The glazed paper, the glue, are irrepressible."

"It must take long training," said I, making ready to depart.

"The time is well spent," replied he, as he took down a volume of "The Spectator," and lovingly sampled it.

'Twas Ever Thus.

And there came unto the sage for counsel an anxious mother leading a small boy.

"Advise me, oh, fount of wisdom," spake she, "concerning my child, who has fallen into evil ways. He will not study, but persists in dodging his tasks, that he may idle in the fields and hear the birds sing."

"Alas!" replied he of the perspicacity, "your son has the budding genius microbe in his system. You can do nothing. When he grows up he will cultivate a flowing mane and be a poet. And the public will call him a 'sweet singer' after he has passed away."

Then the woman wept much and bitterly, for it had been her heart's desire that Reginald should follow the gas-fitting trade—"Judge."

Personal probity is the best prop in the time of testing.

Try to hit the nail on the head, not on your finger.

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One of his neighbors is the possessor of a dog. The dog, although not actually vicious, delights in running out of the gate and barking savagely at passers-by. This had been the source of great annoyance to the neighbors, especially to one, who vowed to get even with "the pesky critter." Recently this neighbor was returning from a shooting trip, gun in hand. He was set upon by the dog, whereupon he raised his weapon and fired at the brute. His aim was not very good, and the dog ran yelping, minus his caudal appendage.

The owner of the dog had his neighbor haled before the old justice on a charge of cruelty to animals, and the court-room was crowded with the partisans of both men. The justice heard the charge, and then the defence that the dog was a dangerous animal and a menace to the neighborhood. The old German thereupon cleared his throat and delivered the dictum:

"Der man—he has been guilty of cruelty to animals." And one side of the court-room applauded the justice of the decision.

"But der dog—he was a vicious dog." And the other side voiced its approval. "I will fine der man five tollars." Another murmur in the court-room.

"But I will gif him anoder shot at der dog." And both sides cheered.

To dress really well one needs a little more than one has.

Teacher (to class in geography)—And who knows what the people who live in Turkey are called? Class (unanimously)—Turks! Teacher—Right. Now, who can tell me what those living in Austria are called? Little boy—Please, mum, I know. Ostriches!—"Judge."

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