

affairs. If they do, it will be only for a moment and a relapse will follow. Good citizens have other things to do, Tammany politicians have nothing else to do, and of course they win. The case of city government by popular election is apparently hopeless, and yet there is little chance of ever getting the people to consent to a radical change. It is interesting to see how identical are the methods by which the kingdom of corruption defends itself on both sides of the line. Everyone who objects to Tammany rule, to the spoils' system, to the unreformed ballot system, or any other established institution, is at once accused of "pessimism" and "decrying the country," like those among us who object to the policy of which the natural fruits are the Pacific Railway Scandal and Mr. Rykert. When it is said that Sinbad would be better without the Old Man of the Sea on his back, which is decried, Sinbad or the Old Man of the Sea?

—The admission of Wyoming as a State, with Woman Franchise as an article of its Constitution, was carried in the House of Representatives by the narrow majority of 133 to 132. As an expression of opinion on the Woman Franchise question the vote goes for nothing. Wyoming is Republican and therefore all the Republicans but two voted for admission, while all the Democrats voted against it. To the Republicans, against whom the scale is manifestly inclining, the gain of the Senatorships and a seat in the House of the Representatives was vital. Of the two men who broke away from their party, and of them alone probably, can it be said with certainty that they voted according to their convictions on the issue before them. Such, once more, is Party. No questions can touch the interests of humanity more closely than those which concern the relations between the sexes. Yet one of these, and not the least important of them, is settled by a division on almost strict party lines with a wretched party object in view.

Wyoming as a Territory had Woman Suffrage, so that its present Act is nothing more than the continuation of the back-