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THE MARYLAND ELECTION LAW.

City Councilman Brown in the Baltimore Sun.

The public discussion of the Election Law passed at the recent special session of the Legislature of Maryland has centered around the question whether under the provisions of the Maryland Constitution such a law could be legally enacted. Consequently, the unique and simple scheme of the law, which differs in toto from any of the plans for limiting the suffrage adopted in any other Southern State, has been more or less lost sight of.

THE SALIENT FEATURES ARE:

1. The abolition of the party column with its accompanying emblem and the substitution therefor of what is called the Massachusetts or pure Australian ballot, with the candidates arranged alphabetically, according to surnames, under the title of each office to be filled. The name of each candidate is followed by his party name and the voter is required to mark the name of each person for whom he wishes to vote.

2. The abolition of the giving of assistance to illiterate voters, except to voters who shall declare, under oath, that by reason of *blindness* or *physical* disability they are unable, without assistance, to mark their ballots.

These were the important changes in the law. No partisan advantage for control of the window was given, but the bipartisan features of the old law were retained in their entirety, with equal party representation.

To correctly mark the ticket without assistance, the voter must be at least able to read the party name and pick out the candidates. The plan strengthens the anti-bribery feature of the old Australian Ballot law, as it perfects the secrecy of the ballot and prevents a corrupt election clerk from seeing to the delivery of the goods by the bribed voter.

The reading test is certainly not unreasonable, as it excludes only the most illiterate.

ADVANTAGE OF THE LAW.

The old party column made it easier for the voter to vote straight. Now it is just as difficult and requires the same number of marks to vote a complete party ticket as to vote independently. Each candidate must stand more individual scrutiny and cannot depend on the strength of the party to pull him through.

Independent or third party candidates are no longer at a disadvantage by being placed in a partial or incomplete column, but enjoy as prominent a place on the ticket as the regular party nominees.

The law applies to all alike, without respect to race, color, or previous condition of servitude, and therefore does not violate the Fifteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

It is worth while to consider the law dispassionately on its merits. For in its actual workings it is certain to turn out to be a real step toward electoral reform and an example to be followed by other States, both North and South.

Three municipal elections have been conducted under its provisions—at Frederick, Baltimore and Annapolis—and so far, to all appearances, no partisian advantage has been gained by the party which enacted it. The tickets in these elections have been comparatively simple, but in November a full Legislative ticket will be chosen, besides some State and local officers, so that the more complete test then to be had will be looked forward to with much interest by the country at large, as well as by the citizens of Maryland.

GEORGE STEWART BROWN.

THE REPUBLICAN POSITION.

The above article was written last June for publication in a New York weekly, but being crowded out by other matter of more general interest to the country, has now been returned to the author and is published in the hope that it will lend something to the sober and dispassionate discussion of the question at issue. Since it was written the Republicans, by their State platform, have pledged themselves to the passage of a bill, the text of which I have before me.

1. It retains in its entirety the provisions of the law which deny to the illiterate the privilege of receiving assistance from the ballot clerk.

2. It restores the old blanket ballot with the party column and party emblem.

By still denying physical assistance by the ballot clerk to the illiterate voter, they admit the soundness of the contention that only in this way can bribery be prevented.

They abandon the argument so strongly urged against the present law—that it was immoral to disfranchise any illiterate—because their plan (not allowing assistance) still disfranchises those illiterates who cannot even mark a party emblem, and also in effect disfranchises any illiterate who wishes to discriminate between individual candidates. For it is plain that an illiterate who can find an emblem but cannot read individual names, must vote straight or not at all.

CONDEMED BY THEIR OWN LOGIC.

Under their own logic, therefore, their own plan is condemned, because they could hardly contend that it is wrong to disfranchise a larger number but moral to disfranchise a smaller number. If their objection to disfranchisement as unconstitutional was sound or sincere they should, to be consistent, have pledged themselves to restore the right to assistance as it existed before. By retaining this provision we must assume that they consider the prevention of bribery so important that they would withhold assistance even at the expense of disfranchising a certain class of voters; a complete surrender of their original contention and an admission that the anti-bribery feature of the new law is of supreme importance.

THE BLANKET BALLOT.

Again, the Republicans promise, if intrusted with power, to restore the blanket ballot; a distinctly backward step. We have suffered long in Maryland from the blanket ballot. We have seen many excellent candidates defeated and many bad ones elected because of the party arrangement of candidates, and the premium it puts on straight-ticket voting. Any man who has paid attention to political affairs knows that the difficulty of marking a scratched ticket has prevented thousands of voters from discriminating between individual candidates.

Now we have a ballot that increases the power of the independant vote and puts it in a much stronger position to hold up the leaders of both parties to a high standard in making nominations. A strong check upon abuse of party leadership. Let us not lightly throw it away.

THE BATTLE FOR PROGRESS.

The writer has given much of his time and energy to the battle for progress in government, in and out of the City Council. He has tried to stand for what he considered the good of the community, whether his position was popular or unpopular. He has not even hesitated to openly oppose his party when he considered that the best interests of the community demanded it. He believes that he has gotten past the stage when he can be fooled by false cries or partisan attacks. He has fought for good government long enough to know how slowly progress moves, how easily the advance of reform is arrested. When his party passes, as it has done, a law which limits the suffrage where every man knows in his heart it ought to be limited; which will (as the other side confesses by the stand it has taken) materially diminish the worst evil of our politics, the bribery of voters; which will give to the independent vote a new position of importance, an added power to curb corruption in either party, and when, at the same time, all the safeguards which insure equal minority representation in the election booth are kept intact, he believes the time has come to give credit where credit is due and to support with all his might the Democratic party.

Thinking voters upon whom party ties sit lightly should hesitate a long time before they throw away the reforms they have been fighting for for years and now at last accomplished; reforms that mean a tremendous advance in government and ultimate destruction of the worst features of our political life. Do not let the hue and cry of partisans deceive you. You have this reform. Vote to keep it. Vote against the Republicans, who threaten to destroy it.

GEORGE STEWART BROWN.

IN VENICE.

Where the Poet Browning Wrote His Last Poems.

"What a curious place to select," was my first thought, as I stood at the door of the queer old house. I walked up twelve or fifteen hard stone steps, grasping the banister to guide myself in the dark, and was soon warmly welcomed by Signora Nina Tabacchi, as, passing through the kitchen, I was ushered into the sitting-room. "Scrupulously clean and neat," was my next expression, but how plain! This cradle of "Asolando" was only a piece of the kitchen partitioned off for back parlor purposes, a glass door and a window separating the two. The thin cotton curtain might possibly screen the mysteries of culinary processes from the poet's eye, but his ear must have been caught by occassional sounds of hacking and cropping, and certainly no kettle could have boiled, no wood could crackle, or incense arise from that adjacent hearth, without making itself destinctly noticeable. Such was his study and drawing-room, a multum in parvo, about twelve feet square.

The furniture is of the good old lodgings type, that is, as regards the style only, for Signora Tabacchi would not tolerate a flaw, a spot or a tarnish, as do some of the older school of landladies There is a large round pedestal table with a red cloth table cover, inoffensive in its pattern; one-half was devoted to his papers; on the other, luncheon was served for his sister and himself. A full length sofa, uncompromisingly hard, takes up the greater part of one wall; a kind of sideboard stands opposite. On the chiffonnier, between the two windows, rests the looking-glass, and half a dozen mahogany chairs, cane-bottomed and severe-backed but of good old design, complete the arrangements. On the flesh-colored walls hang a series of prints, illustrating events in the history of Venice. Doges are disporting themselves in most conventional attitudes, the vanquished are kneeling before the victors, and one has a general impression that history involves a great amount of bowing and scraping.—*From Scribner's.*

Senator Hoar on the Republic.

You and I are Republicans. You and I are men of the North. Most of us are Protestants in religion. We are men of native birth. Yet, if every Republican were to-day to fall in his place, as William McKinley has fallen, I believe our countrymen of the other party, in spite of what we deem their errors, would take the Republic and bear on the flag to liberty and glory. I believe if every Protestant were to be stricken down by a lightning stroke, that our brethren of the Catholic faith would still carry on the Republic in the spirit of a true and liberal freedom. I believe if every man of native birth within our borders were to die this day, the men of foreign birth, who have come here to seek homes and liberty under the shadow of the Republic, would carry on the Republic in God's appointed way. I believe if every man of the North were to die, the new and chastened South, with the virtues it has cherished from the beginning, of love of home and love of State and love of freedom, with its courage and its constancy, would take the country and bear it on to the achievement of its lofty destiny. The anarchist must slay 75,000,000 Americans before he can slay the Republic.

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