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Let us hope that Rochester has seen the last of such tirades of billings and bigotry as marked the closing days of the recent political campaign.

The dignified Governor of the State, a former judge of the Court of Appeals, appeared to have become so worked up in the effort to be re-elected that he dropped to the level of a common scold...

For instance, one paid advertisement charged that a former public officer had no alternative but to make an unfair settlement in a compensation case because the law was so drawn as to compel such a settlement...

Another candidate was blacklisted by another group because it was alleged he had appeared as the attorney to defend a man charged with a serious crime.

Another official was attacked because of his religion and because of the personal animosity and malice of a local reformer who thrives on self advertisement.

Let's have an end of such campaigning. Let candidates present their platforms and principles in orderly manner. Then let the electorate judge.

It is a moot question whether the introduction of Thomas J. Coe into the campaign helped elect Governor Miller.

Bill Love had a few words to say in Rochester and elsewhere.

Heavy Cabot Lodge should be notified now.

Perhaps

If one traces back to the fountain head, the actual inspiration for many of the latter-day movements in favor of this or that fad, ism or alleged reform, he is impressed with the likelihood that be thankful for. We can thank hatred or jealousy of the Catholic Church and a grim determination to minimize if not eliminate the influence of that same Mother Church is the underlying motive.

Is the real reason found in the following extract from an address by Rev. Henry J. Brown, in the University of Edinburgh, before the Classical Association of Scotland:—

What is history (the history, I mean of Europe), without the record of Greece and of Rome? Don't say, we have enough without it—you have nothing without it, really nothing worth talking about. You can explain nothing, you can understand nothing. And as for modern literature, the best of it, English, French, Italian, Spanish, where can you get away from classical thoughts and words, and even subject matter? And are you going to treat of architecture without the Acropolis, of sculpture without Phidias, of law without Justinian, of philosophy without Plato and Aristotle, of drama without Aeschylus, of Dante without Virgil, of military genius without Alexander, Caesar, Trajan, or Heraclius? Or if you would talk about archeology, will you really cut out Gnosus and Mycenae, Troy and Pompeii, the Forum and Pergamum, and Delphi, Olympia, Syracuse, Paestum, the tombs of Etruria, the rock sculptures of the Etruscans, the Roman Wall of Northumberland, and the Antonine Vallum of Caledonia? Is your theme to be the geography of the Mediterranean, and will you treat of pre-history without the Sea-kings of Crete, colonisation movements without the Ionian Greeks, Egypt without the Ptolemies, Carthage without the Roman struggle, the coming of the Barbarians without their conversion to Christianity, and the emergencies of a New Rome beyond the Adriatic?

Stick To Text!

Isaac F. Marcossion is a veteran writer on business and politics. He writes in an entertaining manner. Like many newspaper writers, Marcossion shines in placing before his readers in entertaining form facts and information gathered from interviews with experts and men thoroughly conversant with a given subject or topic but not versed in the art of putting their knowledge into readable, understandable English.

So far as Mr. Marcossion sticks to his trained vocation, his articles are readable, and entertaining but when he steps on the lecture platform in the guise of a statesman conversant with world problems and presumes to settle all the problems of the age he writes himself down as a fitting associate of the famous tailors of Tooley street. Here is one of Marcossion's effusions before the Twentieth Century Club of Buffalo:—

"America has one friend in the world's court today; that friend is England. The world's court knows of but one hope, a hope that will ultimately be decided by destiny, and that is a united Anglo-Saxon race."

Marcossion as a British propagandist is not such an entertainer as a star reporter.

Thanksgiving

President and Governors of States have proclaimed Thursday, November 30, as our National Thanksgiving Day.

We in America have much to be thankful for. We can thank Almighty God that we are free from the curse of war and pestilence that now afflict the already war-devastated countries of Europe. Our industrial plants are reopening. The specter of freezing at home, for lack of coal is passing and with it the lack of food is passing and with it the heat our homes this winter.

We live in a land where equality of opportunity is the heritage of every citizen. Religious liberty is assured even if here and there intolerance rears its snaky head for a brief period but the Constitution assures us freedom to worship God as our conscience dictates.

Reason

For several months there was noticed few despatches dealing with the internal troubles in Ireland between the de Valera adherents and the advocates of the Irish Free State.

A possible reason for this apparent armistice is given by Seamus McManus in a recent article. Writing from his native Donegal he says:—

"While all newspapers and all parties in Ireland, rightly joined in condemning the assassination of Sir Henry Wilson—by two ex-British soldiers of Irish blood—neither journal nor party had since had the courage to point out the extraordinary good effect that followed upon this bad act. The authorities in Belfast, taking panic for what might befall themselves, now that people of Irish blood were getting infuriated over the unceasing Belfast pogroms, immediately stopped these pogroms. It is a most striking thing that from the hour of the firing of the shots which killed Wilson the Belfast killings instantly ceased. Where killings had been at the rate of four or five per day there has not, up till a couple of weeks ago, been a complete total of more than four or five killed in the months that have passed since Wilson's assassination. This proves what our people have constantly held—that the authorities in Belfast had the power of starting, stimulating, abating or stopping, just as they pleased, the wholesale massacres that were making Belfast infamous to the ends of the globe."

Politics made many a queer bed fellow but none queerer than this year.

"You know me Al." seemed to apply to many men and women this year.

The political war map this year reminded one of those railroad time tables that conveyed you the information, or so you thought, that you left New York for California on Tuesday and returned to New York the previous Monday.

Why should Irish societies in Ireland presume to intervene in a New York judicial election? "Werry impudent" we say.

It's a fine thing to belong to first-class fraternal organizations but not so fine if one tries to capitalize one's membership in a political campaign.

The United States is neither English, nor Italian, nor French, nor German, nor Polish. It is American.

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