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A Study.

The science of government; that part of ethics which has to do with the regulation and government of a nation or state. The protection of its citizens in their rights with the preservation and improvement of their words.

The above is a part of the definition by a recognized authority of politics. In view of recent local events touching the school location election, a study of the above would seem to be eminently fitting. Without entering into the charges made against those who managed the election it is evident there was enough to warrant the feeling that it was conducted unfairly, and that it was conducted in the interests of politics. It would be well to consider politics upon its ethical basis. That it has such a basis seems to be utterly ignored by the average politician and would probably be a revelation to many of them. This noble science has been degraded to a greedy game for position and gain. Can any American feel proud of it? It matters not which side is right, neither side is justified in using subterfuges to gain their point.

It is not an "improvement" of the "morals" of those who use such methods or sanction them; and it is certainly not an improving factor to the morals of the community. Let us study and practice politics on the ethical basis.

AN OBSERVER.

Disastrous Wrecks.

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An Interview.

Mary A. Livermore, than whom no woman stands higher in the reverence and love of the nation; said in a recent interview the following things concerning the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. After a review of the early phases of the temperance movement and the organization of the W. C. T. U. she says:

"That the organization lived and grew through those early years was in itself the most wonderful thing. We met with ridicule and scorn such as you can hardly imagine. Over and over again I had to do things which I thought would ruin me with the women and spoil all chance of reelection if I had been seeking office, but I did what I believed was for the best interest of the work, and through all those ten years I stood by the society, because I knew that the name which had become mine through other and more readily recognized service would be a safeguard and would help in the overcoming of unreasonable prejudice. Yes indeed I am as deeply interested as in the beginning. To the question: "But you are not despondent as to the outlook or hopeless as to the ultimate results?" She replied: "No, I am as certain of the ultimate victory of this cause as I am of the law of gravitation. It is a part of our evolution as a social whole and it is surely coming."

There are backward swings to the pendulum, but God's hour ultimately strikes. No one line of work can claim to itself the chief share in the final victory, for all are working together and each is a part of the great plan. This world is to be redeemed. Men and women are to live together as sons and daughters of God and as brothers and sisters one of another. For its redemption the abolition of the drink traffic and intemperance is necessary.

TAMMANY WON OUT!

The School Election to Decide on the Selection of a Schoolhouse Site Was a Warm Number And No Mistake.

The board of education called an election to be held last Friday afternoon from 1 to 4 for the purpose of voting upon the question of a site for the new schoolhouse. There were two propositions before the people—one to locate on the old site, the other to locate on the old Syverson block. The election started out to be a friendly contest but before the finish it developed into a question of personal spite, selfishness and politics, and the good of the people was lost sight of. The old site advocates won out by a majority of five, which caused Bro. Rearick to look something like this picture when he heard the result. The picture don't do him justice however. We don't care so much about the result, but at the way that result was obtained. The election board was composed of men whose sympathies were enlisted on the old site proposition and the other side was not given a decent or fair deal.



Clerk of Court Oscar D. Purinton was clerk and it kept him busy with both hands recording and seeing that all his voters and adherents were sent for and in this line he was ably assisted by County Auditor P. A. Melgard—this was all right so far, they had a right to get their voters out, but when four o'clock came these men, contrary to all common decency and the rights of others, deliberately refused to

close the polls as advertised because they were too scared and thought they were beaten. They succeeded in running in a few more votes and closed twenty-five minutes after four and only then when they saw that the people did not approve of such

Tammany methods of conducting an election. County Judge Carleton was on hand as chief challenger for the old site boomers and voters were turned down who had a right to vote while others who had no vote at all were unmolested and allowed to vote if he was sure they had the right ticket. The side picture illustrates rather poorly how the voter was held up. We don't care a picayune about getting downed on the proposition but we do resent the unfair and indecent methods used by the majority. It seems strange that men who have been boosted into office by their neighbors and friends so flagrantly turn their friends down and treat them in such an abominable manner. It may seem good to these political barnacles, but we can assure them that it doesn't sit very well on the stomachs of their friends. We are not blaming those on the other side who won out. They are great workers and deserve credit for being assisted so ably by these friends of ours and we doff our hat to the court



house "gang." In conclusion if the board of education is satisfied with that kind of a deal we shall have to be. Let us build the school ever keeping in mind these three words. "Remember the Maine."

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