

TWO GREAT REFORMS

Letter From Pattison Advocating the Australian System of Voting.

HILL IS OPPOSED TO IT.

Congressman Mason Wants a Popular Election for Senators.

MILLS WANTS BOTH THE REFORMS.

Views of Secretary Foster, Cardinal Gibbons and Henry Clews.

A SYMPOSIUM UPON A LIVE SUBJECT

(WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.)

For the symposium printed below I am indebted to a gentleman who is at the head of the most powerful and most secret organization ever established for political reform.

The gentleman to whom I have alluded recently addressed to a number of distinguished men a letter of inquiry on the subject of governmental reforms—charges that Uncle Sam's affectionate nephews should make for that good old man's sake, because they are essential to the preservation of his health.

FRANK FERN.

A LETTER FROM PATTISON. He Indorses the Australian Ballot System as the Best Known.

Next after Blaine, Cleveland, Harrison and perhaps Hill, as far as political interest is concerned, comes Governor Robert E. Pattison. This State gave Blaine 80,000 majority. Governor Pattison turned the scales and had 16,254 votes to spare. What wonder, then, that the foresters of the Presidential wood should number him among the available trees for good White House timber?

In a country like this, where the people are their own sovereigns, we must make sure that that sovereignty shall be intelligent and inalienable. To secure the former and to insure the latter we have abolished the vote, we have abolished the ballot box, we have substituted for it the ballot box, protected by peculiar laws.

"The cardinal features of the Australian system are comparative secrecy of voting, uniform official ballots, containing the names of all the candidates printed under State or municipal authority, and official equality of nominations, when made either by a joint convention or by a paper signed by a given number of voters.

SECRETARY FOSTER'S VIEWS. He Comes Out Unqualifiedly for Both of the Reforms.

Hon. Charles Foster, Secretary of the Treasury, and one of Ohio's favorite sons, as well as a by no means impossible dark horse in the Presidential stake race to be run over the national course in 1892, is in favor of both reforms, as will be seen by his appended letter:

HILL DOESN'T FAVOR IT.

Will He Wants a Private Compartment for the Voter's Eye.

Hon. David B. Hill, Governor of New York and United States Senator-elect from that State, is not so enthusiastic an advocate of the Australian system, as will be seen below.

"Many are now urging the adoption of the Australian system of voting as a panacea for all the pernicious practices which surround our elections. Now, it doesn't follow that because the Australian system seems to be well adapted to the Governments of England and Australia it can be appropriately applied to our institutions without its material modification.

nothing that can be better, or as well, done by the free and untrammelled action of the individual citizen. To vest the greatest control and power of interference in the Government in the object of their laws, while the intent of ours is to confer upon the people the largest liberty and the greatest personal privilege consistent with the public welfare.

"That this difference of conditions is recognized by the friends of the Australian system in this country is shown by the fact that the system, in its entirety, has not been adopted by any State in the Union. Several States have enacted what is called the Australian system, but only after material and vital modifications. This adaptation of the system appears to have produced a confused impression in the public mind as to what the system really is.

"No man or set of men possesses a copyright in the system of elections. What the people want is not a system peculiarly suited to foreign lands, but an American system, adapted to our own free institutions—a system that will be a permanent feature of the United States, and which offers a practical, not a theoretical, solution of the evils that confront us.

WANTS TWO REFORMS.

A Letter From Congressman William E. Mason, of Chicago.

Congressman William E. Mason, of the Third (Chicago) Congressional district, is an advocate of both the important Governmental reforms advocated above, and expresses his views in the following terms:

"I am in favor of electing Senators of the United States by the direct vote of the people, and of electing Representatives of the State Legislature. I am in favor of that plan for the reason that, in my opinion, it would bring the governing power closer to the people, and that our American institutions are especially designed to promote, and for the accomplishment of which every true American citizen should labor unceasingly with heart and voice.

"I am in favor of the Australian ballot system, so far as I understand it. There are many different features of it, but I am decidedly in favor of that feature which assures to the elector the exercise of his right to his own privacy in strict privacy, for the reason that the untrammelled exercise of that right takes away largely the opportunity to force, frighten or corruptly influence voters, and thus to degrade our elections.

REED'S PROBABLE SUCCESSOR.

Roger Q. Mills Favors the Australian Ballot for Pennsylvania.

Hon. Roger Q. Mills, who for the past 18 years has represented the Ninth Texas District in the National House of Representatives, and who is generally regarded as most likely to be the next Speaker of the House, expresses himself in no uncertain manner:

"You also ask if I favor the election of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people. I reply emphatically that I do.

VIEWS OF A FINANCIER.

Henry Clews Scores the Senate and Wants Ballot Reform.

Henry Clews, the well-known banker and broker of New York, who, for more than a quarter of a century has been prominently identified with public events in this country, writes as follows:

"While I am not opposed to the Australian system of voting I am not an enthusiast in its favor. Still I think it is worth trying, as it will, in all probability, lead to better methods, than those by which our elections have heretofore been governed.

"In reply to your second query, whether I am in favor of or opposed to the election of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people instead of by the State Legislatures, I would say that so long as the Senate of the United States was regarded as the more conservative body of the two houses of Congress and wisdom and caution guided the Senators, it was an indorsement of the practice of having the Senators chosen by the State Legislatures.

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"You desire to know whether I am in favor of or opposed to the adoption of the Australian system of voting and the election of United States Senators directly by the people instead of by the State Legislatures?

Not an Unusual Happening.

D. F., writing out his hand to the buzz-saw—Wonder if she's going? The Saw—Say, old fel. I don't really need your fingers in my business, but I'll go halves with you. You keep those three.

SHERADEN TERRACE!

'TIS DONE, and this is the name. We are satisfied with the result. We like the name. We will abide by it. This name was sent in by eight persons. By casting of lots JAMES CUNNINGHAM, of Manorville, Pa., was declared the winner, and is entitled to a deed free of cost for his choice of our \$400 lots. In like manner ELLA G. STUART, of Monterey Terrace, Allegheny, Pa., is entitled to a \$200 lot. Prof. A. J. ELSENROTH, of 239 Rochelle street, Knoxville, Pittsburg, Pa., wins the \$100 lot; MAUDE PETTIT, of 522 Fifteenth street, Beaver Falls, Pa., the \$50 lot. The names chosen for streets are GLEN MAWR, HARWOOD and MERWYN. This is the first intimation that the winners themselves have had of their success. They will be invited to call and make arrangements for receiving their property. This ends the giving away of lots at SHERADEN TERRACE, but the public generally will now have the satisfaction of knowing that we are prepared to offer

706 BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE 706

Read the following carefully, and remember that time, tide and SHERADEN TERRACE lots are on the move. Every statement we make is backed by experience, judgment and capital. NOTICE the distance, only 2-2 miles from the Court House on an air line. Nearer in time and distance than East Liberty, Wilkinsburg, Hazelwood, Homestead, etc. Observe the different ways of reaching it, the fare, the prices, the improvements, the inducements to builders, the life insurance, our new and convenient depot, schools, churches and church trains, postoffice, fuel gas, and in fact, everything to be desired is here and nothing objectionable.

DESCRIPTION. MAIL ORDERS. SIDEWALKS. TERMS.

Situated at a slight elevation above the Panhandle Railroad at Sheridan Station is Sheraden Terrace. The station at this point is a handsome new structure, built especially for the safety, comfort and convenience of the rapidly increasing large number of suburban residents who make this locality their homes. A three-minute walk brings us to the center of our property, consisting of 706 beautiful, level building lots, extending from the station to the brow of the hill, overlooking the river, Chartiers, Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad, West End street car line and the new Panhandle foot and railroad bridge crossing the Ohio river at Brown's Island. It is an ideal spot upon which to build a home, and must be seen to be fully appreciated. The most convenient method of reaching Sheraden Terrace is by means of the Panhandle Railroad, 36 trains daily. Church trains Sundays and Theater trains every night. The mechanic, the merchant and the professional man can arrive at or leave, their business and occupation at any hour suitable to themselves. The monthly fare is only about 5 cents a trip. Time can be saved, as many people living directly in the city lose more time in reaching their business than do residents of Sheraden Terrace. 17 minutes from the Union depot, 14 minutes from Fourth Avenue station, 10 minutes from Birmingham station and 7 minutes from Point Bridge. Consider for a moment, and it will be readily seen that we can furnish more than usual conveniences to people within five minutes' walk of any of these points. The ferries and bridge can be used by persons doing business in Manchester and Allegheny. Our street cars bring you to the corner of Liberty and Fifth streets. Undoubtedly this will be changed into an electric line soon. A rapid increase of value must inevitably follow the growing popularity of this section of improvement. Postoffice, schools, stores, churches and fuel gas are at hand, and being a part of Sheridan, is already an established town. There can be no question as to whether or not it will be a success. See Sheraden Terrace and you will want to purchase. EVERY LOT IS A PRIZE.

Yearly Transportation Free.

We will give a year's transportation to the head of each family making Sheraden Terrace their home during the year of 1891.

THIS BLOCK BEATS THE WORLD.

LIFE INSURANCE.

In accordance with our usual custom (the most liberal in existence) we will give to the heirs of every buyer (who must be in good health at the time of purchase) a warrant deed, absolutely free from further payment, for the entire amount of their purchase, in case of their death at any time before the premium is paid for. Buy a \$400 lot to-morrow and your family is insured for \$400 from that day; provided, however, that said customer is not behind in his or her payments. This insurance is allowed to original purchasers only. A separate agreement containing this clause is given at the time of delivery of bond.

GRADED STREETS. \$2,250 in Gold to Builders.

Two and one-half miles of street are in process of grading and construction. This work is being done systematically and artistically by our Superintendent of Improvement, and when complete will plainly demonstrate that neither pains nor expense have been spared.

NO NOTES, NO MORTGAGES.

Neither notes nor mortgages are required of purchasers. A simple, plainly worded article of agreement conveys the property safely from us to our customers.

TREES PLANTED.

Great care will be taken in the selection and planting of trees. They will be planted on all streets, and will be of a variety that will insure rapid growth. This feature will add beauty, health and comfort to the new suburb.

To encourage building we herewith offer the following 15 MAGNIFICENT PREMIUMS: The first person completing a dwelling house on our plan of lots will be presented with \$300 in GOLD; the second with \$280; the third with \$260, etc., etc., the fifteenth receiving \$20.

To gain any of the above premiums the house or houses must be complete by November 1, 1891, and must not cost less than \$1,600.

TIME CARD. PITTSBURG TIME.

Table with train departure and arrival times for Union Depot and Sheridan.

OWNERS OF

Table listing lot numbers and owners for Sheraden Terrace.

DON'T THINK TOO LONG! ACT!

This is your chance. Take advantage of it. Do not think you can do as well in location and price and terms next month. IT CAN'T BE DONE. And when we guarantee that these lots are perfectly adapted to building purposes, no one can deny the certainty of an investment here proving profitable. If you are looking for a home site or a positive bargain, here it is. Call at our office and be taken directly to the ground. Parties at a distance supplied with full particulars on application. Agents on the ground at all hours. Office open until 8 P. M.

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