

As I have already said, these organizations are not interested in anything except the political and personal advancement of their leaders and members, and they are unscrupulous in the method which they use to seize and hold power.

When in a time of reaction the government of a state or of the nation falls to a greater extent into the hands of the professional politicians, we have the inevitable result of misgovernment and misconduct in high places. When political parties fall under the domination of men of this type, their usefulness as instruments of government ceases. A government grounded upon power so held and exercised is not a democracy but the most objectionable form of autocracy. Our hope for the future lies in the fact that the intelligent judgment of the community is against such methods and, when once thoroughly informed and aroused, will reduce, if not destroy, the power of political organizations of this type. The first thing to do is to take such steps as may be necessary to prevent the fraudulent use of election machinery.

William S. Vare has on the face of the returns been elected United States Senator from Pennsylvania, but is not the choice of the intelligent citizenship of the state. If the election could have been held without the use of money, and without the use of fraudulent methods such as I have described, he would have been defeated by a large majority.

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HE was a man whose analytic eyes,
Seeking the Absolute with fine precision,
Saw yet his scientific enterprise
Illumined gently by his own derision.

— *Everett Partridge*



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WHEN we went down into that misty, shadowy wood a million miles from the world of man, the words of a half forgotten poet framed themselves in my mind:

Heav'n sure has kept this spot of earth uncurst
To show how all things were created first.

But it was not so. Here also the curse had fallen. Here also the spoiler, the destroyer of God's handiwork, had played his immemorial part; and when the slaughter was over a virgin pine forest, so splendid that no words could ever describe its glory, had been wiped out of existence.

It was years ago that this massacre took place. Since then nature had worked hard and had covered the scars. I had not known the spot when it was a great primeval forest of gigantic, straight-trunked pines, towering a hundred feet without a limb and so rich in lofty foliage that over all that wide tract the sun never shone upon the forest floor, and the deer and the tall wild