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I trust in Nature for the stable laws
Of beauty and utility. Spring shall plant
And Autumn garner to the end of time.
I trust in God. — the right shall be the right
And other than the wrong, while he endures.
I trust in my own soul, that am persuaded
The outward and the inward, Nature's good
And God's.

—Robert Browning

THE VITAL ISSUE

It seems to us that Mr. Barkley stated the paramount issue of his campaign to succeed Senator Ernst, when he said last Saturday:

When the finer conception of the true theory of free government is supplanted by purely monetary conception, we need not be surprised that in government as elsewhere, the "love of money is the root of evil."

This campaign is stripped of those nonessentials, distractions, our opinion, involving the morals and conscience of the individual. We are not, fortunately, to be alarmed to the boiling point over the pari-mutuels and the wet and dry issue. That these may creep in later in the race is possible, for they are great little hearting agents and your Kentuckian likes his politics, as well as his bourbon, hot. But for the nonce they are conspicuously absent and the candidates may seek their issues also in the fates of the theories of representative government, as they are alleged to be held, by their respective parties.

Now as Mr. Barkley stated at Paris, he was in no sense a seeker for the name of the waiver of that great party, of which Vare, of Pennsylvania and Smith, of Illinois, are members of eminence in or approval of the bribery and corruption which marked the primary elections in which these gentlemen were the successful candidates. Doubtless the majority of the rank and file of Republicans deplore the buying of elections and honors of great sums of money to buy seats in the Senate of the United States for the man who is "right" from the standpoint of the big money interests. Yet the blot is on the escutcheon of the party of Vare and Smith and Warren and Daugherty, and Ernst, who is a member of that party, has not stood out like a stern, Lochinvar Cato in the Senate to condemn the juggling of voting machines by Vare and Tony Sarge of much money and "influence" to be protected.

President Coolidge, we are told needs Ernst." Now we regard that statement if really made by the recently silent Mr Coolidge, as unfortunate. If not, the poem of Woodrow Wilson was advised quickly his better judgment, when he upon a time to make an appeal for a House, and Senate that he "needed" and history has a way of repaying itself. Mr. Ernst stood alone at some better reason for retaining his seat in the Senate, or the bills to which he casts up his eyes for his strength will not carry him, nor the flat lands about Louisville.

The Herald prefers to sail in political crowds in good humor. It is a Democrat, but not Side-board Democrat. It does not intend to get on excited over the performance of any candidate that it will lose its sense of values. It knows Mr Ernst to be a pleasant gentleman, of wealth and refinement, but despite the fact that the writer once lived in Covington and saw Mr. Ernst frequently and knows that he lives there, he can not, for the life of him, think of E. F. Ernst owned as a Cincinnati business man. Which doubtless is a very unskilled set of business men to be. Yet somehow we have never been able to have that "our Senator" feeling for him. So long as he had to be the choice instead of Mr. Rothlisberger, we have never been able to have that "our Senator" feeling for him. So long as he had to be the choice instead of Mr. Rothlisberg