

made audible and effective is the political party with its candidates and platforms, with its party machinery and campaigns. The tremendous influence for good and for ill in our communal, state and national life of this organ or instrument of democracy would have been inconceivable to the wise men of a century and a quarter ago; and familiar though we are with its multifarious forms, powers and workings, most persons who reflect much upon the problems of government are doubtless perplexed beyond expression at the manifestations and significance of political parties in these days. Much attention has been given this subject since Mr. Bryce first published his studies of our party machinery in 1888. Many partial sketches and a few extended studies have been published, notably those by Professors Goodnow and Woodburn and by Messrs. Ford and Ostrogorski. Henceforth must be included this volume on "Party Organization and Machinery" by our well known publicist, Professor Jesse Macy of Iowa College at Grinnell. It is one too that students must reckon with for two reasons, first, because of the acute discussions of political parties and the significance of their peculiar developments, and second, because of the valuable data it contains that the author has gathered from extensive investigations in party activity and procedure in various states. After setting forth the part played by the national political party as the great "Unifying Agency" in our Federal State he analyzes presidential and congressional leadership and the work of the national and congressional committees. Then follows an exposition of party organization in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Indiana, Missouri and in the South. The concluding chapters deal with the effect of parties upon city politics, with Party Finance and the various social and civic influences exerted by parties. The recent landslide disturbs some of Professor Macy's assignments, namely, the case of Missouri as a type of the fixedly democratic state. Nevertheless his general observations respecting its political characteristics are in no wise invalidated. Professor Macy will probably encounter some dissent from his opinion respecting the dominant position and influence of national parties in state and local affairs. It is an interesting debatable question.

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