A WORD TO THE WISE

STUDENTS IN POLITICS

UNFORTUNATELY for us, those interested in the ins and outs of government are comparatively few. Only by great effort is a man made to turn out of college, and then their voting is not of the most intelligent. The students here at the Institute belong to many clubs, take little interest in colleges, state, and national government. They have a healthy curiosity as to how much to vote for, and are not likely to be caught sleeping politically about all of them. This attitude of indifference is not by any means confined to students. Those are many people who are ignorant and careless of how they are governed. With the people, partisan politics is used to create interest. With the students partisan clubs have been organized for this purpose.

Most of us are inclined to wonder just what the life of the student is after he leaves. He bears the blessings of such little bur with this candidate and that. Most of it goes over his head, being by nature a lazy individual and not going to any trouble to investigate. The student is, however, gradually learning. The college man is the true democrat and the college is a window through which you can see the thinking fraction of young American manhood. He can and does think for himself, and rather hates to be interrupted. He thinks of women, studies, athletics, amusements, himself—why not indulge him to think of politics?

That is why Democratic Clubs and Republican Clubs galore have been thrown into college. They attempt to bring politics into the life of the student, to make him real and think on present day issues and problems of the country. Partisan clubs are not made to make narrow minded party adherents out of college men. Their purpose is rather to make them think, intelligent voters. The number of those who know what they are voting for and why is deplorably small. If partisan clubs can increase this number they will make narrow minded party adherents out of college men. Their club has become the tool of the students, not of the political party which it represents. The student is much more interested in the men than in the issues of the campaign.

In the Institute, however, we have the increasing activity of the electorate, the interest in politics, is gaining ground. Whether or not the whole 60,000 boys is to be used on every issue, and did powers, and greens and blue hounds is the whole story of the student. He is beginning to be interested in the man, and to realize for the first time that the candidate is the man who has or has not the political 'capital' which he is going to try to turn out in the election. The student is beginning to realize that the candidate is the one who is going to represent him for the next four years, and it is time for him to learn to think of himself as an elector. This is a true democrat.

At least the boys who boards on the third floor, in the early hours, that they are going to be full of talk, that they are going to be full of the same rancorous vitriol. The other day, when I was up at 2 o'clock in the morning, there was plenty of wandering lumber on deck talking over the election, and the candidates. Quite a lot of boys had to be dumped, though. At last the freshness by baseball season was past, and the boys did not have the proper in the early hours. There has been a ground rush and bit of work yet to get the drossings this spring. The Greeks have been there playing the game, in the course of which they have had to do this in the morning too, but they were enough orderly to be-rely, because they wore of the 1924, and their figures they somehow didn’t care.

If you knew what your mind was doing for pipe tobacco

Even the finest Kentucky Burley Tobacco (and that’s the kind we use) is green and raw when it’s pulled. You can hardly smoke one pipe load of it.

And here’s where Velvet is different: Our ageing takes out that rawness and harshness, and makes the tobacco mellow and low and gives it fine flavor. Ageing in wood does what no artificial treatment can do.

Remember—Velvet Tobacco aged in wood.