

movement they are leading. They speak for visionaries and malignants, for people who could not be satisfied in a thousand years. It is fortunate for Chicago that the number of these cave dwellers is so small. A city that should have to submit to their dreams and their rancor would be a bedlam, with the inmates as governors.

Most of these persons, let it be recalled, are leaders in or connected with the Referendum League of Illinois, which organization has secured nearly every public policy petition thus far voted on in Chicago or the State.

The term of derision, "Adullamites," "cave dwellers," which this newspaper uses, is quite a favorite with plutocrats and their defenders. And on a superficial reading of the Bible passage to which it refers, the citation might seem appropriate. But any one well acquainted with Scripture would not use it as a term of reproach.

Governor Tanner of Illinois applied the term in derision to the followers of Governor Altgeld, saying: "A political cave of Adullam like that of old, is thus opened by these men, where every one who is in distress and every one who is in debt and every one who is discontented may gather together to the end that some arch-demagogue may become a captain over them." Tanner said this when he himself was doing things which no honest man would have done.

They who use this Scripture incident forget that the leader in the cave was one David, who, before he fled into the cave of Adullam, had been by divine direction anointed to become king over Israel in place of the rejected King Saul. David in the cave of Adullam was in the right; Saul in his contentment was in the wrong. In that cave the Messianic hopes of the world centered. The band in the cave hourly increased and finally delivered the country from the tyranny of Saul.

If, as the newspaper says, "Tone, Haley, Grossberg, Blakely and Doty" are "Adullamites," they are in the right. They are leaders of those who demand justice—are leaders of the common people; and as all progress has come from democracy in the past, it is reasonable to believe that in the present fight between democracy and plutocracy, not only in Chicago but throughout our nation, the former will prevail.

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A young scoffer once told Dr. John Hall that the religion he preached might be good for old women, but it would not do for men. Dr. Hall answered: "Sir, the religion that I preach is either true or it is not true. If it is true, it is good for everybody; if it is not true, it is neither good for old women nor for anybody else."—Afloat.

## EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE

### AUSTRALIA.

(See page 919.)

Corowa, N. S. W., Australia, Jan. 5th, 1907.—Federal elections for the House of Representatives and half of the Senate were held on December 12th. Though many individual changes were made, the state of the parties was altered very little:

#### Last Parliament.

	House.	Senate.
Ministerialist .....	19	6
Opposition .....	31	16
Labor .....	25	14

#### New Parliament.

	House.	Senate.
Ministerialist .....	18	3
Opposition .....	31	18
Labor .....	26	15

As at the election of 1903, only about half the electors voted, and the effect of sectarianism was noticeable, especially in some of the cities. The opposition party in the House may be divided into Tariff Reformers (on a protectionist basis) 11, and Fiscal Trucers, 20. It is probable that the first business undertaken will be tariff revision.

Mr. Max Hirsch was a candidate for the Wimmera electorate in Victoria, but was unsuccessful. Some really democratic members of the last Parliament were defeated, notably Mr. E. Lonsdale, of New South Wales.

A referendum on the question of altering the constitution so that elections may be held in the autumn instead of the summer, was taken, but the result is not yet known.

The local government extension act was passed by the New South Wales parliament just before Christmas. Copies are not yet obtainable.

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## NEWS NARRATIVE

To use the reference figures of this Department for obtaining continuous news narratives:

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### The Chicago Referendum.

The referendum petitions on the Chicago traction question (p. 1040) were successful beyond all precedent, notwithstanding the exceptionally unfavorable circumstances. The petition authorized by the City Council, but which the Council did nothing to circulate, leaving that duty entirely to the Mayor, was subjected, at the Mayor's instance, to the scrutiny of Raymond Robins, James Mullenbach (superintendent of the municipal lodging house), and George E. Hooker, secretary of the City Club. On the 31st they made the following report:

To the Voters of Chicago: At the request of Mayor