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Our Keynote: "If There is Not a Way, Cut a Way."

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BREEDING RADICAL POLITICAL MOVEMENTS

THE big problem right now before the nation and every state, county and city is reduction of taxation.

The cost of government has grown at a much more rapid rate than the earning power of the individual and industry.

Expense is not watched as closely in governmental activities as in private business, hence it mounts more rapidly.

For this reason it is necessary that drastic action be taken at the earliest moment to see that the public is protected from further excessive increases in taxation and in addition that taxes be materially reduced.

Can the leaders in control of "politics" go on extending taxation and all kinds of restrictive and regulatory legislation indefinitely and not reap the whirlwind in the development of revolutionary and socialistic movements?

AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

THERE are some people who go thru life with a smooth, serenity that is seldom ruffled. It is not ruffled because they do not trouble to go deeply into affairs and conditions around them. They do no harm in the world, and sometimes exert themselves to the extent of doing a little good. We like them, but they command no great amount of admiration.

There is another class, and they are in the majority, who are not averse to speaking their minds. Generally they are fair students of men and conditions, dig down after facts, make up their minds after a careful analysis, and then stand by their convictions. They give praise where it is due, but do not hesitate to censure when it becomes necessary. They are the constructive citizens of this country.

And then there is still a third class. They are the kickers — the chronic ones — and their happiest moments are when they are kicking at something, or somebody, or both. They come into the world kicking, go thru life with a kick, and kick like the devil because they have to shuffle off. They are destructive to society, but more destructive to themselves.

The choice is yours.

FARMERS are becoming more scientific in their methods of cultivating and managing their farms. You have only to watch the farm implement houses and watch their sales to become convinced of this fact.

A few years ago the farmer clung to the old methods, and literally worked himself to death for slight returns. His family shared the same fate.

Then he woke up, decided he was on the wrong track, righted himself, and started to forge ahead. He is still forging, outstripping many other industries in the progress he is making.

He has his ups and his downs, but the downs don't bother him much. He just steps over them and keeps on going.

Such men make a country great.

IN all due courtesy we are inclined to liken a school teacher to a hen with a large brood of little chicks.

The hen is always mothering them, protecting them from harm, and training them in the way they should go. We all admire a good hen mother, and are loath to part with her.

A conscientious school teacher is much like the hen. She mothers her little flock, keeps a jealous eye upon each individual member, trains it in the way of truth and honor, and intelligence, and education, and lays the foundation upon which its future success depends.

But we are not always as mindful of the welfare of the teacher as we are of the hen.

That's the difference.

THE MEAT IN DUTY

IT is the duty of every citizen to vote in the primaries, and also at election time. But duty does not begin or end there.

Going along with our party is not enough. It is not the way to insure good government.

Just "going along" enables the wrong element to secure control of the party, and that means poor government when the party is in control. It also aids in putting the party out of control.

Our greatest care should be exercised in nominating our candidates.

We should study both the past and the present of each person who is up for nomination. If his past is not clean we should not consider him for a moment. If his present does not offer prospects of satisfactory achievements while in office he should be passed by in favor of a better man.

The ability to make pleasing and enticing noises with his mouth does not necessarily indicate that a man would be successful as a public official. It requires brains and integrity, as well as words, to make good.

"Going along with our party" is all right, provided we harness up the right men for leaders.

And the man should fit the harness.

LET'S HAVE ONE

WE are a believer in women's clubs. Properly conducted they accomplish a world of good.

A live organization of this kind has a wonderful field in which to labor.

There is the matter of bringing up our boys in such a manner that they will become leaders instead of drones when they reach maturity.

We want to see our girls modest and ladylike at all times, instead of bold and defiant, as you find them in some places. We want them to eventually make the right kind of mothers.

Then there are many women who do not understand the art of managing a husband. They do not employ that degree of tact which produces harmony instead of discord. A comparison of notes along this line would produce wonderful results in some homes.

In fact, there is no limit to the opportunities for improving social and domestic conditions.

Men are busily engaged in providing the necessities of life and managing our political affairs. Their minds are too much occupied to note as they should the loose points of our moral and social surroundings.

It requires feminine brains to devise ways and means of putting that touch of beauty and refinement to our community which makes living most attractive.

It is the brain of woman which is best fitted to plan and execute those ennobling influences which should control the destinies of humanity.

We have room for a live woman's club.

BIG BUSINESS BUNGLES

DIG Business makes a mistake in opposing the soldier bonus so strenuously. It is not wise, and it is not patriotic.

If it were not for the work our soldiers did in France Big Business would not be as big as it is to-day. It would be paying enormous tribute in one way or another to a foreign country. It would not be dominant, and arrogant, as it is now, but would be begging and cringing for mercy and favors. A victorious Germany would not have proven a merciful taskmaster.

Big Business forgets. It needs to have its memory jogged.

Riches makes a man suspicious of his friends, and the absence of it makes him suspicious of those who are not his friends.

Uncle Sam may be holding the bag so far as those European debts are concerned, but he has the satisfaction of knowing that it contains nearly all of the gold in the world.

Advertisement for James P. Cannon Co. featuring Men's Suits Lower Priced and Shoes at Lower Prices. Lists various suit and shoe options with prices.

Column of short, humorous observations and sayings, such as 'The fellow who knows it all has still much to learn.'

Advertisement for Andover Farmers Co-operative Ass'n, Incorporated, featuring H. P. Garvin as Manager and listing various agricultural products.

Continuation of short, humorous observations and sayings, including 'All the world admires a manly man — except the fellow who is unmanly himself.'

Advertisement for Parker Garage, Andover, N. Y., highlighting custom machine work and services provided.

Vertical advertisement on the right side of the page, including 'On Guard' bank advertisement, 'The Bu National' advertisement, and 'Report' section with local news snippets.