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THE PRESIDENT'S INTUITION

C. B. Slemp, former secretary to the president, has written a book on President Coolidge, in which he analyzes that statesman from the very unusual opportunity for observation which his former position gave him. He dwells on the president's remarkable gifts of political intuition. He finds that he has this quality to an extent that is "almost psychic." He dwells upon Mr. Coolidge's wonderful power as a vote-getter.

Mr. Coolidge has been a good deal of a mystery to the politicians, because while he is skillful in political management, yet there does not seem to be any art about it. He does not rely upon the ordinary methods of the profession.

Political skill was formerly thought to consist largely in persuasive gifts that could convince the voters they were going to get what they wanted, when very frequently this was promising the impossible. Mr. Coolidge is too frank for that. He does not promise any more than he expects to perform. Glowing promises have long been the stock in trade of a great many politicians, but Mr. Coolidge is short on promises but long on performance.

The politicians have a great deal to learn from the president. He sets an example of patient work to get results. He does not talk very much, but he just works to improve the condition of the country, and he spends a great deal of time studying the inside of public questions, so that he is thoroughly well informed and has a good idea of what ought to be done. The result is that people have faith in his honesty, and they believe he is doing all he can to promote public welfare. He is a mighty good man to tie to and imitate, and the politicians who follow his ideas and give him support are likely to stand well before the people at the coming election.

WHAT PURPOSE ACCOMPLISHES

Miss Blitz, dean of women of the university of Minnesota, said in a recent address that in her experience, the students who have a definite purpose for which they are working, and who come to a school in order to fit themselves for that particular occupation, come out better than those who have no such definite purpose in view.

Yet at the school and college age, it is difficult for young people to know what they want to go into. The majority do not feel conscious that they have any special talent.

One reason why many young people do not form any definite ambitions, is that their minds are concentrated on sports, pastimes, and having a good time generally. Their ambition has had no chance to form in their minds. They have not devoted enough thought to the problem of achievement so that they formulate any ideas as to what kind of achievement seems most possible.

Summer vacations give students a fine chance to try out different occupations. Some think only of the money they can earn at vacation employments. If they need the money to help pay their educational expenses, they do well to earn it at any honest work. But in so far as they can try out something that really interests them, they are helped in forming those definite purposes to which the above named educational authority referred.

The value of purpose is not wholly in the studies that one takes bearing directly on the occupation one desires to follow. The knowledge gained is only a part of the preparation. But the people who have definite purposes from the habit of more earnest work, and they are not satisfied with mediocre achievement, so their power grows every year.

SIDEWALK WORK

It is to be hoped that the coming season will see a good deal of sidewalk construction and improvement in Westminster. The construction of good walks does a great deal to create a handsome residence town. A rough and unimproved walk makes the places against it look undeveloped, but a well finished walk of modern type adds much to the value of the abutting places, and the real estate owners can afford to contribute liberally to have it put in.

Where walks are laid out in new sections, it encourages people to move farther into the outskirts, where they can have plenty of room and have gardens and beautify their places. Sidewalks no doubt pay for themselves, in the improved value that they give to real estate.

TAX REDUCTION

The country has issued many groans about its taxes since the war, and the reduction of this burden through the new income tax law comes like relieving an overworked horse of part of his load.

The people of small incomes may not see that they get much of anything out of it, since the vast bulk of income tax payments come out of the wealthy and well to do. Some feel that those payments should continue about the same, on the theory of restricting the accumulation of great fortunes.

And yet if that money is paid into the government, it is not going to be spent for the development of the country, nor is it going to be used for buying goods and the employment of labor on making those goods. Of course it was used for reducing the public debt. If these payments had kept on, the interest charges on that debt would have been reduced a little faster. But as these interest charges are largely paid by the wealthy people through the income taxes still in force, the average person will hardly be conscious of that difference.

Much of the money saved by tax reduction will go into stocks and bonds and bank deposits, which will go into projects for developing the country, for improving industrial equipment, for building houses, etc. This means a good deal of additional work to be done, and after this new equipment is created, the people will be better off as the result of the operation of better equipment.

If an industry contemplates building a new factory or a city considers putting in a schoolhouse or a road, the money usually has to be borrowed somewhere. The more money is saved, the less has to be paid for interest on such loans, and the more people are inclined to go ahead on these enterprises. Lower taxes will let loose large sums to speed up American development.

ADVERTISING A CITY

A good many cities are spending money nowadays for paid advertising in newspapers and magazines. That should be a very useful stunt if properly handled. And yet it is possible to get a lot of advertising without paying anything for it.

A city that has active organizations working for the public benefit naturally obtains a good deal of free publicity quite easily. These activities constitute news. When they accomplish things beneficial to the community, the newspapers are eager to print the news about it. The information spreads over a wide territory that that city has an active group of people who are accomplishing results and obtaining improvements.

The report of betterments gained always makes an interesting story, and people admire the spirit of a community that thus shows enterprise. Its reputation spreads and it becomes known as a progressive place.

GIRL TENNIS CHAMPIONS

Some days ago the center of interest of the sporting world was focussed at Cannes, France, where two girl champions, Helen Wills and Suzanne Lenglen, contended for the tennis mastery. Such an event would have been considered impossible a generation ago, when girls wore long skirts and sat on porches doing embroidery.

Some would have considered it undesirable then for a young woman thus to occupy the limelight in a sporting event supposed to belong to young men and boys.

But the old idea of the seclusion of women and girls has passed, and now they are so conspicuous that a debate is raging about the flapper traits of many of them. However, everyone will be glad to see them winning honors in the athletic field, carrying off golf and tennis cups, until one day the world championship for both sexes in these sports may be held by young women.

Some of the old time women would say that the average girl will lose something of her charm of feminity if she is thus the center of cheering crowds, and if she must devote her best attention to the cultivation of physical endurance and muscular skill. And yet one suspects that the girl champions will have so many desirable offers of marriage that they become weary of them.

It may come hard on some girls, after being feted by the crowds, to come down to earth and become a plain housewife, and cook the husband's dinner. But a young woman who has the self control to win any kind of sporting competition, is going to know how to adapt herself to any situation. It takes admirable poise and fineness of temper to win athletic championships, and one suspects that the girl athletes will be successful at whatever they take up, whether matrimony or some professional career.

CAREERS OF FAME

Many young American singers were no doubt thrilled when thy read how 19 years old Marian Talley from Kansas City made a successful debut at the Metropolitan Opera house in New York, and was acclaimed by 20 curtain calls. Thousands of young people will dream dreams that they also might win a high place in operatic art.

Thousands also of young women dream of being movie stars and actresses of the spoken drama. Many who have very meager gifts, yet dream that perhaps these could be developed and make them rich and famous.

Some of these people unfortunately may spend a good deal of money on expensive courses of education for careers for which they have insufficient qualification. Yet people with distinct artistic gifts dislike to settle down in some ordinary occupation, when they feel the stirrings of ambition. People can not be blamed for wishing to develop these gifts.

Very few attain these high ranges of fame, but for people who have real artistic genius, there is a good deal of opening. They may not climb any high pinnacle, but if they really have talent the world usually finds a place for them.

They should realize that they will have to work a good deal harder than if they chose some ordinary occupation, that they will suffer many bitter disappointments.

People should not seek to go on the professional stage unless they are advised by competent authorities that they have distinct talent. The great majority of those who try these careers would probably be happier if they chose some more ordinary occupation and used their gift as a source of incidental pleasure and money making. The world seems to have an over supply of professional singers, and actors and actresses.

MARRIAGE IN JAZZ AGE

The county clerk of New York city thinks the great number of divorce suits in that city is largely due to the "jazz age," that people marry only for a passing fancy, and are reluctant to give up carousing around at night clubs, and making merry in many ways incompatible with sober matrimonial habits.

One can well imagine that that is often the case not merely in a big city like New York, but in a good many places not so big. If the first idea of a married couple is chasing around to dances and shows, the pleasures of matrimony may not be wholly satisfactory.

Many of them will soon see some new face that they like better, and then jealousies follow, and soon that little spark of affection that ought to be cherished has gone out. If they can't spend half their evenings happily at home, the prospects for a successful marriage do not look wholly good.

COMPULSORY CHAPEL

Movements are under way in a number of the colleges to do away with the rule by which students are required to attend chapel services daily. Many parents who feel that religion is one of the most essential fields of inquiry for a student, will be sorry to see this old custom given up. Knowledge is not much use unless inspired by higher ideals.

And yet some students become so bored by this constant attendance that after graduation they quit attending church altogether. The old saying is that, while you can drive a horse to water, you can't make him drink. Fine thing if he will drink, but hardly wise to force it down his throat against his will.

THE MONTH OF WINDS

March is reputed the month of wind. It may not be so in all climates, but over a good part of this country it is a time when Mr. Wind kicks up his heels, with very slight reverence for men's hats, ladies' skirts, and the reserved manners of sedate people generally.

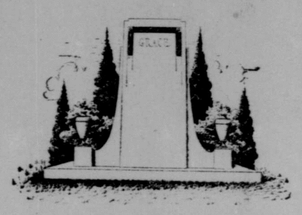
Some folks not quite accustomed to out door ways, never can get used to wind. He buffets their faces and tears their hair, and does not seem adapted to the ways of polite society.

But a bright and windy day blows the fog and haze out of the atmosphere, so you get the clear shining sunlight streaming in on you, which should promote health. Perhaps if some of us were not so vain over our headgear, and wore hats or caps that could be pulled down over the head and stay on easily, we would welcome these bright and cheering days, when the air is sparkling with its clarity, and every breath gives a new draft of vigor.

Remarked that people in crowded towns need more elbow room, but some show more desire for foot room to kick in.

Much is said about the style of the "dashing girls," but some of us feel inclined to dash out of the way when they heave in sight.

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CLINTON THOMAS

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