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ATTACKING "PRIVILEGE"

From the utterances of Democratic orators, it is evident that the keynote of their campaign for the election of a new congress this fall, is to be the charge that the Republican party favors "privilege." They are going to try to convince the people that the party in power extends preferences to certain favored classes, at the expense of the mass of the people.

If that is true, it is of course a very serious charge. Our system of government and the ideas that lie behind it do not tolerate any such preferences, which would be foreign to the democratic principles on which the government is founded.

It will be claimed, for instance, that a "privileged" class is created when protective duties are established for a certain industry. But if you asked the workmen in such industries about it, they would be strongly in favor of having those duties retained. They would say that their factories would not be able to run if competing goods were freely imported from abroad, and made on the low wages paid in those countries, in so many of which the currency is badly depreciated. It is hard to see how any privilege exists in such a case, when the existence of these duties is necessary to give these workmen employment and decent American wages.

The administration might start out on a vigorous campaign of attack on alleged "privilege" in the business world. It might break up the trusts into small units, it might prosecute a lot of the business men, and it might reduce the tariff sharply and thereby reduce prices. Some evils might be checked in that way. But after a year or two of that process, business would be so upset that half the factories would be idle or on short time. How would the average family benefit by such an attack on "privilege?"

TOURISTS MANNERS

The fact that people conduct themselves fairly well in their home locations where they are known and subject to criticism, does not always prove that they will behave themselves like gentlemen and ladies when they get off on a tourist trip or vacation. Most of the people of Westminster who have been away the past summer can testify to that point.

The automobile driver who finds it desirable to drive his car with some care in his home town where the officers know him, may tear through the towns on his route without the least regard for the comfort of the rest of the traffic, or the people in the centers through which he passes. He is satisfied if he has avoided pursuit by the cops along the route. He may have done so this time, but unfortunately for him, there are always some persistent fellows on these forces who have a way of spotting the people of his type, and following them up until they get them.

In railroad trains, some people will sprawl over more seats than they are entitled to with their belongings. If people dislike to speak to such ones themselves, they can well ask the train conductor to suggest that they occupy no more room than they have paid for.

In hotels, there is plenty of annoyance from people who demand the best of service and will tip to the limit to get it.

Also there are those sports who talk and laugh noisily at late hours in their rooms when people are trying to sleep. These folks may think they own the earth, but they frequently find that they can not gain admission to the hotels where they would like to be entertained.

Meanwhile the quiet and courteous people win favor, and are apt to get their full share of service, and all the friendships they could desire.

EDUCATION FOR ALL

Young people who have capacity for scholarship ought not commonly to quit school until they have had all the schooling their home towns can give them. But if it does not seem desirable or possible for them to seek college training, they need not feel that the door of education is closed to them.

This country offers fine facilities for popular education through newspapers, books, magazines, through public libraries, book and magazine clubs, and many different ways of obtaining information. Those who want to know more can always find a chance. Only they must firmly make up their minds to spend some regular time in reading and study.

CIVIC CAMPAIGNS

The old idea of "everyone for himself" in a city or town, is now seen to be obsolete, and a community where that spirit prevails will not make much gain in population or wealth. The people must get together, show willingness to cooperate, and someone must do a good deal of work, and some must contribute some money.

Some towns have spread eagle speeches on city and town progress and improvement, but they do but little real work. After absorbing a good dinner and applauding the good speeches, the people go home and forget all about it until the next dinner.

What is needed to accomplish progress in a city, is for some organization or organizations to survey the needs of the place, decide what are the more obvious lacks, and go to work to supply those deficiencies. That takes organization, system, and energy, but the results pay many times over.

THE REWARDS OF SERVICE

When people are asked to do work in civic organizations, they sometimes remark that they can't afford to give any time to such efforts.

Can they afford, however, to refuse all such calls?

If people keep turning down these opportunities for service, the impression is given unless some really good reason appears, that they are not much interested in the community causes.

But if they are willing in a cheerful way to take their share of the burdens, people look to them for advice and direction, and they get the benefits that come from broad acquaintanceship. They become leaders in their home cities, and honors and prosperity are apt to come to that type of people. Those who give, are pretty apt to get. That has been proved many times in Westminster.

CHILDREN'S VACATIONS

Some children give their parents more trouble through the vacation period than they do all the rest of the year. While the children are in schools, they have no time to become restless. But when school is over, it is a constant problem to know what to do with them. Unless they have some definite occupation, they may get into serious mischief.

That is one reason why summer camps have become so enormously popular for boys and girls. The mere fact that the children are regulated during this trying period, is enough of itself to make the camps worth all they cost.

Many families, however, do not feel they can afford to send their children to camps, nor can they give them country vacations. So they have the problem of deciding what shall be done with them at home during this long period.

The old idea, or lack of idea, was commonly to let them drift through the summer, allowing them to have a good time in an aimless way. Of course families in country towns or on farms commonly had regular tasks for the children, which were a useful experience for them. But city and town children have generally spent many weeks in idle loafing.

Many boys are far better off to go out on some farm to work than they would be idling around home. If placed in a family where their welfare will be carefully considered, the experience should be useful to them.

After children got old enough to do some regular work, they are much better off to have some responsibility resting on them. A job in a store, or carrying newspapers, or working in someone's garden, or housework for girls, if not too hard for their age, would be better than loafing around home. Idleness never developed character.

GOING TO COLLEGE

Many boys and girls about now in Westminster are trying to decide whether or not they will go to college, or just be satisfied with what education they have obtained or are going to have in their home town.

Some years ago, there was a strong propaganda to induce most of the ambitious young people to take college courses. They were led to think that they would be badly handicapped if they did not have this education.

But now when we see almost a mob of youngsters applying at the college doors, the question arises whether it is not overdone. Many of these young people have no special longing for culture, but they are just heading for the colleges because they have heard that college graduates make more money.

A lot of these young people have no special fitness for professional occupations, and they may become unfitted for plain and hard tasks by four years of book work. Unless they have a distinct taste for literary or scientific culture, the college experience is of doubtful value for them.

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Not many weeks ago, many critics were giving out somewhat discouraging predictions about business. They did not see how it was possible that the prosperity of the country could continue on its present level. They looked for a period of reaction to set in this fall.

And yet the business reports continue to indicate a condition of remarkable prosperity. Bank and railroad business has been exceeding the figures for the previous year, and electric power consumption continues to set new high records, and not many people are out of work.

Agriculture has been a sore spot, but the present year will apparently be as favorable to the farmers as any for the past five, and it may be more so. Yet there is a disparity between the farmer and the manufacturing producer that must somehow be adjusted. But there is at least reason for encouragement in the fact that farm conditions have been gradually improving.

The steel industry, commonly called one of the best barometers of general business, has had one of the best July records in history, and building maintains its extraordinary rate of production. The textile industry is affected by changes in women's styles, and these conditions would seem to make necessary a special drive for more export trade.

It has been said that America could not be prosperous while Europe is so depressed by war conditions. But the war has had the effect to arouse people all over the world to the need for more modern equipment, and America, as the chief producer of such equipment, benefits by this new demand. The situation ought to be encouraging to business men, and no reason exists why they should not plan their operations for the fall on a generous scale.

OUR SUPERIOR CIVILIZATION

The American people have always boasted loudly of the superiority of their civilization. The same spirit is manifested in Europe, where their civilization, from which we derived ours, is claimed to be the most enlightened ever developed on this planet.

But over in Asia, which was a center of culture at a time when wild beasts and wilder men were the lords of America and Europe, they say that the civilization of our western lands is proving itself very defective.

The World war made a great change in the way Europe and America were regarded. Up to that time there was a very powerful tendency in the rest of the world to imitate our progress, and our science, our philosophy, and our political methods were rapidly being copied.

But now they are looking us over in a more critical spirit. What is the use of all our science and commerce, they ask, if it is going to blow up in a war that creates such terrible destruction and sorrow and imposes such burdens upon the people?

They look askance more than ever before on our religion, and they ask what Christianity has to teach them, if its disciples can't dwell in peace together. Such a taunt is of course unfair, for if the principles of Christianity had been applied in this case, no war could have occurred. But the so-called Christian nations have got to mend their ways very decidedly, before they can persuade the older nations of Asia to adopt their philosophy and their religion.

Such contrasts suggest that with all our science and civilization, the American people have a great deal to learn. The nations of Asia have been unprogressive, but they have a quietness of spirit and a calm philosophy that is needed in our feverish days, and which would work for peace and harmony between peoples.

THE SELECTION OF TEACHERS

School boards, committees, and superintendents have an extremely busy time during the last of the summer, in finding teachers for the school year that is about to begin. The success of a school depends more upon the personality and qualification of these teachers than on anything else. A town may provide its schools with a very fine equipment, but if its authorities are careless in the selection of teachers, the school work will not produce the desired results and the pupils will do a poor year of work.

There are certain obvious qualifications which determine to some extent if a candidate for a teaching position is competent to teach. If a teacher does not thoroughly know the subjects taught, it is pretty difficult to teach those subjects to children. Not merely will the pupils get confused ideas about the lessons, but there is not much incentive for them to attain a high standard.

But even where the teacher knows the subjects thoroughly, there are certain gifts of firmness and discipline and enthusiasm that make a big difference. A poorly educated teacher, who has enthusiasm and personality, may put more working spirit into a school, than a finely prepared one who has no gift for waking up children.

People who select teachers need to be excellent judges of character, and they need to make careful inquiry to know what kind of work teachers have done in their previous fields.

The work of the schools of Maryland has much improved during recent years, owing to a general advance in the salaries paid for this occupation. It is generally realized that unless people have some brightness and originality and personal initiative, they are not well qualified for the high requirements of this profession.

Candidates' Cards

EDWIN M. MELLOR, JR.

Republican Candidate
for
Clerk of the Circuit Court
for Carroll County.
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Edwin M. Mellor, Jr.

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WILLIAM F. BRICKER

Taneytown District,
Republican Candidate for Register of Wills for Carroll County.
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For County Commissioner

Chas. W. Melville, of Freedom District, announces his candidacy for the office of County Commissioner for Carroll County on the Republican ticket at the coming primaries. Your vote will be appreciated.

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FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

William T. Phillips, of Westminster district, announces his candidacy for the office of County Commissioner for Carroll county, on the Republican ticket at the coming primaries. Your support will be appreciated.

CHARLES H. SPICER

Manchester District
Republican candidate for County Commissioner.
Your support will be appreciated.

8-6-6

For Sheriff

I take this method of informing my friends that I will be a candidate for Sheriff on the Republican ticket at the coming Primaries and ask their support.

E. EDWARD MARTIN,
7-16-9t Woolery's district.

FOR SHERIFF

I take this method of informing my friends that I will be a candidate for Sheriff on the Republican ticket at the coming primaries and ask their support.

HENRY GENSLER,
8-6-4t* Deputy Sheriff.

George P. B. Englar

New Windsor District.
Republican candidate for
STATE SENATOR
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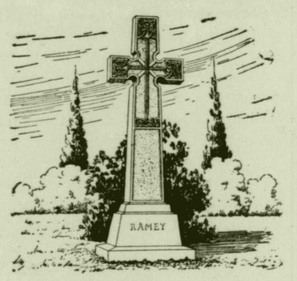
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