

CITIZENSHIP AND HEALTH.

Responsibility for Public Health Our Greatest Civic Responsibility.—Knowledge Opens The Gates of a Higher Civilization And Gives Man a Chance To Become a Better Citizen.

The essential difference between the citizen and the savage is the expression in his daily routine by the former of the principle, "No man liveth unto himself." This biblical axiom is the basis of civilization, because it expresses a relation that law defines and controls. It naturally follows that the clearer our mental perception, the more distinctly will we recognize the many and subtle bonds that unite our fortunes or our fates into a web of weal or woe. Knowledge gives acuteness of mental vision, and, therefore, it is knowledge that opens the gates of a higher civilization and gives to him who desires the opportunity to become a better citizen.

The relation of one man's property to another's is easily recognized, and is firmly established upon universally accepted principles of civil law. The relation of one man's life to another's has only within the last century been established upon principles of natural law. But as yet, the knowledge of these natural laws has not been widely enough disseminated to produce sufficient public sentiment to weld them into our statutes.

Man's greatest civic obligation is to the public health. This sounds like the exaggeration of an enthusiast. Nevertheless, it rests upon those primary and fundamental principles of law that for over four thousand years have been the basis of civilization. Write in tables of stone by the Supreme Judge Himself these legal principles are so comprehensive as to embrace man's every possible relation: His relation to the Court of Heaven, his relation to the court of the home, and his relation to the court of man. But note, and note carefully, that the first of the five rules governing man's relation to man is the law protecting life. First, not by hazard, but first by Omnipotent design, because it is just as fundamental to the last four of these five laws as life is fundamental to chastity, property, reputation further, that "Thou shalt not kill" carries no provisions limiting its application to the 5,000 deaths occurring annually in the United States through willful acts of commission, and excluding the 500,000 deaths annually occurring in our own country by an act of passive omission. Every citizen who does not take a serious interest in the public health of his or her community is a partisan to the criminal destruction of life. Like Lady Macbeth dipping her bloody hands in water, we say, "Out! damned spot," but it will not out, for all the real and feigned ignorance and indifference into which we submerge our individual and public consciences.

And now, lastly, how can the conscious citizen—this does not include everybody—discharge this obligation? He can easily inform himself, with a total amount of reading of not over ten hours, of the principal facts which will enable one to take an active and intelligent part in this work. He can be supplied, without cost, with this literature by writing the Secretary of the State Board of Health at Raleigh to place his or her name on the mailing list for the monthly Bulletin. He can read articles on this subject appearing in this paper monthly. He can vote for aldermen, county commissioners, and legislators who are informed in regard to this important problem.—Dr. W. S. Rankin.

Those Pies of Boyhood.

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Nothing is impossible to industry.—Perlander.

What is well done is done twice.—Italian Proverb.

The Cost of Rooseveltism.

During the four years of Grover Cleveland's second Administration the total appropriations made by Congress amounted to \$1,795,998,018.

During the last four years of Roosevelt, Taft and My Policies the total appropriations made by Congress amounted to \$3,736,029,262. This is more than double the Cleveland appropriations, an increase of nearly \$2,000,000,000.

During the four years of Cleveland's second Administration the total appropriations for the army amounted to \$95,397,633.

During the last four years of Roosevelt, Taft and My Policies the total appropriations for the army amounted to \$371,653,280 an average annual appropriation almost as great as the Cleveland total.

During the four years of Cleveland's second Administration the total appropriations for the navy amounted to \$100,430,232.

During the last four years of Roosevelt, Taft and My Policies the total appropriations for the navy amounted to \$495,471,690 nearly five times the total appropriations under Cleveland.

During the four years of Cleveland's second Administration the total sundry civil appropriations amounted to \$116,357,260.

During the last four years of Roosevelt, Taft and My Policies the total sundry civil appropriations amounted to \$432,412,703.

During the four years of Cleveland's second Administration the total river and harbor appropriations amounted to \$67,729,056.

During the last four years of Roosevelt, Taft and My Policies the total river and harbor appropriations amounted to \$142,541,740. Although Mr. Taft protested against the wanton extravagance of the \$52,000,000 river and harbor appropriation made in the last days of the recent session, he nevertheless signed the bill.

We have not undertaken to work out the whole cost of Rooseveltism, but here is part of it reduced to dollars and cents, and it reaches into every pay envelope in the country. Senator Aldrich, the Republican leader of a Republican Senate, has said that the affairs of the National Government could be run for \$300,000,000 a year less than they are now costing.

If the American people think they are not paying for this waste and extravagance and jingoistic folly, will they explain who is paying for it? If they think these swollen expenditures have no relation to the increasing cost of living, then where is this money coming from? When, in addition to local and State taxation, Congress is also spending a thousand million dollars a year, somebody has to provide the money, and we have yet to hear of a Carnegie or a Rockefeller endowing the Federal Government.

Where only a few years ago we had the Billion-Dollar Congress, we now have the Billion-Dollar Session and the Two-Billion-Dollar Congress. Unless this waste of public money is checked by ballots at the polls, how long before we shall have the Two-Billion-Dollar Session and the Four-Billion-Dollar Congress?

Here is one issue that comes to the Democratic party ready-made from the hands of its opponents. The money exactions of no Trust of no monopoly, have equalled the money exactions of the United States Government since the spirit of Rooseveltism began to dominate public expenditures.

Back to the old Tilden platform—Retrenchment and Reform!—The New York World June 30.

Since The Tariff Was Revised.

For nearly one year the country has been living under the blessings of the Payne-Aldrich tariff and there are now in New England 100,000 cotton mill operatives out of employment on account of the curtailment of production by the mills. The wool business is stagnant because the mills have difficulty in getting rid of their goods. The iron and steel business had a great boom for a little while, but now for some months has been suffering a reaction. The Steel Trust is trying to hold up prices, but there are reports that the independents will, as they did a couple of years ago, cut prices to get business and then the Trust will have to follow. If these things had happened after a Democratic tariff of course the Republicans would have known exactly what the cause was. As it is, they are having great trouble with explanations.—Philadelphia Record.

What the Surplus Means.

We learn from a Washington dispatch that "the Republicans are preparing to advertise the surplus in the Treasury as the best example of the party's strength."

But the surplus of \$11,000,000 does not mean good management or a reduction of expenses; it only means an increase of taxation. Why should any party be proud of having levied taxes enough to meet extravagant appropriations? Of course, the country can pay the taxes. It can pay a great deal more than it is paying now, but we never heard of any one who enjoyed paying taxes. The Federal taxes are submitted to because they are concealed. The taxes are neatly mixed up with the sums diverted to the beneficiaries of the tariff and slipped into the prices of goods, domestic and imported, and the citizen does not know what he is paying to the Government, what he is paying to a protected manufacturer or how much he is contributing to maintain the American standard of wages.

If on a stationary income the Administration were able to show a small surplus instead of a large deficit, as last year, that would, indeed, be something to parade before the public. But the fact that the Republican party has succeeded in levying enough taxes to meet the cost of government does not strike us as a notable achievement or a subject of pride.

The Government has taxed the people during the year just closed about \$66,500,000 more than the previous year, and this is approximately the difference between last year's deficit and this year's surplus. The customs have yielded about \$32,000,000 more than the year before. There was a little increase in internal revenue. By means of a new tax, the corporation tax, over \$18,000,000 of additional revenue was obtained. The expenditures had largely exceeded the income. The Republicans levied additional taxes and managed to cover the expenditures, which they had not reduced. This is about the most microscopical capital we ever knew a party to enter a campaign with.—Philadelphia Record.

"What're ye comin' home with your milk pail empty for?" demanded the farmer. "Didn't the old cow give anything?" "Yep," replied his chore boy: "nine quarts and one kick."—Metropolitan Magazine.

Fine Huckleberry Crop.

The huckleberry crop in some parts of the county, this year, is a bountiful one and Lenoir might with safety issue a challenge to Sampson, where children's ages are marked by the rings around their legs, caused by standing in ponds picking the "blues." Each ring marks an added year to their age. As an evidence that this county has some right to the claim we will offer as "exhibit A," that Mr. X. Stroud picked nine quarts of ripe huckleberries from one bush in Trent township Tuesday. Mr. Stroud says that he then left two quarts of green berries on the bush.—Kinston Free Press.

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Negroes Gaining Property.

The advance of colored men as property owners in the southern states is evidence of progress, no less than a guarantee of increasing local respect for them. In North Carolina, for example, the total property listed by negro citizens in 1900 was \$9,478,000, and in 1908 it had increased to \$21,253,000, a gain of 123 per cent. It is not easy to estimate the advancement thus represented. The dollar does not represent the man, in any just point of view, but the accumulation of property does tend toward a more substantial citizenship. In Virginia the negroes had property in 1900 amounting to \$15,856,000, which increased to \$25,628,000 in 1908, a gain of 62 per cent; and in Georgia in 1909 they held property aggregating \$14,118,000, and in 1908 the total was \$27,042,000 a gain of 91 per cent. Progress of this kind means increased self-respect, which in turn invites the trust of others.—Springfield Republican.

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