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PATRIOTISM IS HOUR'S NEED (Continued from Page one

sire that reform be made more thorough but to discredit what has been done. If one sincerely desires progress in the way of better things, instead of criticism he will give help in the accomplishment of the things wished for. Reform always progresses by degrees-everything cannot be done in a day.

One of the obstacles to the progress of righteousness everywhere is the mistaken view that it injures a city or state to prosecute wrong-doing. I have heard men deplore the exposure of public corruption because it hurts a city; I have seen men oppose the enforcement of law against gambling and liquor lawlessness be- number. A majority of the people cause it injures the state; I have heard men object to prosecuting trust | ment, but do not, as a rule, work for and monopolies because it hurts business. Such views are entirely false. No city can be injured by the enforcement of the people's laws; to do otherwise is to substitute the will of the and unobtrusive. A dozen law breakofficial for the laws of the people and that is tyrrany. No state can be erwise is to connive at it. There is the united efforts of the law abiding. no secret remedy known for evils of this character. They cannot be cured by hiding them. The disgrace is not in their correction, but in submission to them with supine indiffer-

virtues and not parade its faults, but the 'gang' instead of the people. Unit should not be forgotten that the less the official be strong he will be throw of civic depravity. Grafters, ises. whether in St. Louis, Phladelphia, Chicago, San Francisco, or Pittsburg, always endeavor to have it appear that a fight against them is a slander ing get a man in office too often they against the city in which they operate. I are ready to criticize him, and leave Criminal wealth, when assailed, al- him to fight the battles without their ways tries to hide behind the skirts active aid. That's the trouble. Good of legitimate gusiness, and claims men are divided and bad men are unithat business is being attacked. According to their argument grafters should never be assailed lest some assume that all in the city are grafters; and lawlessness in business should not be fought lest, it be suspected that all in business is law-

"In the work before you there is no use for the sword, but there is a stern demand for that courage shown by Americans on so many battlefields. The spirit they exhibited as soldiers of war we should show as soldiers of | peace in the noblest work to which a patriot can be called-the supreme and sublime effort to bring a little nearer day by day, the time when brotherhood and charity shall rule instead of avarice and greed; when special privilege in every form shall be destroyed and equal rights to all enthroned as the ruling principle of public, and the guiding principle of private life.

"The most conspicuous fault of state and city government in the United States today is that they are governments by the few and not by the people. There has been improvement in th last fw yars,but thrrm ment in the last few years, but there remains much to be done in the direc-

tion of better things. There is still too much aggressive selfishness and avarice and too little aggressive patriotism. If the patriotsm could be made as aggressive as the rettenance the problem of good government everywhere would be solved by the people taking the gov-

ernment in their own hands. If corruption exists anywhere the people are to blame. If corruption is to be eradicated the people alone can do it. What is needed is more of the kind of patriotism that fights for the city, state and country every day; the kind of patriotism that will go into battles of peace as readily as into battles of

"If a government anywhere neglects the people it is because the people first neglected the government. The law-abiding people are in the majority, and there is hardly a community in the country of which this cannot be said. They are usually quiet though, while the lawless are so vociferous as to deceive many as to their are honest and want good governit, while the minority are perniciously active all the time. The lawless stand on the street and talk for their side, while the law abiding are timid ers can make more noise than five hundred law abiding citizens, but They are always active, however, while the average good citizen becomes active occasionally. They surround an official and sing him the siren song of the good politics of serving him instead of the public. It is al-"It is well for a state to display its ways easier for an official to serve highest civic virtue is in the over- led astray by their alluring prom-

"When the lawless get a bad man in office they support him in all the evil that he does; but when the law abid-

ted. If good citizens could only be induced to join hands in patriotic endeavor before the election and stay joined after the election, the forces of error would be vanished like evil spirits at the dawn of day.

am not an alarmist, and I do not believe that the United States of America will cease to exist as republic today nor tomorrow. We have lasted for one hundred and thirty-four years, a long time when compared with the average period of one man's tory of nations. Venice had a republican form of government for one thousand years; Carthage endured as a republic for seven hundred years, and Athens lasted nine hundred years, though there were intermissions during that time. Florence was a republic for three hundred years, and Rome for five hundred. These government were once great factors in civilization, and their citizens ! probably thought they would last forever, that nothing could overthrow them. We are likely to harbor similar ideas, and it is possible that they will prove to be wrong.

"The conditions that caused the downfall of those old republics, now almost forgotten, were the same conditions that will cause the downfall of the American republic, if it is not to endure. The dangers lie in the heart: | of the people.

"Too many are indifferent and this indifference of voters is the greatest menace to a republican form of government. Arouse the voters to an understanding of the danger, convince them that they are personally and directly concerned, get them moving once and they are invincible. But while most people are honest, they are inactively so, while the vicious minority are perniciously active. It is

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