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THE BASIS OF REAL PATRIOTISM.

A series of articles is running in the Chicago Tribune in answer to the query: Why be patriotic? The answer finds the American citizen patriotic because this country gives him better wages, a better living and a more idealistic democracy than could any other in the world.

It would seem that the writer must picture in his mind a peculiarly, sordid opportunism for patriotism. Natural resources, opportunity to gain wealth, high social position, or natural beauty, fertility, glorious or somber skies have very little to do with the development of patriotism in the hearts of people.

Ireland is not classed as a land of opportunity. Its government, until quite recently, has been characterized by lack of intelligent understanding and lack of tact. The consequence was centuries of brutal blundering. Millions were starved out. Many died of starvation before they could get away and scatter themselves over the earth.

No people of the world were ever worse abused by foreign tyrants than were the common people of France by their own rulers, yet where does one find a more intense patriotism than they displayed? In order to secure a few emigrants to make settlements in the New York colonies the government had to resort to kidnapping and banishment for petty offenses to drive them away from persecution and slow starvation on their own beloved soil.

The Arab loves his native desert, the Eskimo his frozen north and the wild tribes of Sudan, the Sahara and Libyan deserts have a powerful attachment to their native soil.

As we survey the world and its people, we are almost forced to the conclusion that real patriotism is a quality that gets into the compasses of one's blood very slowly and that each century of occupation of the land intensifies the love and longing for it.

George Shultz was freed on the charge of violating the state prohibitory law in Multnomah county, to the surprise of everyone who followed the case closely. The jury acquitted him on purely technical grounds, apparently. Evidently a wet jury. The result of this case will doubtless have a bad effect on boot-legaling in the state and tend to encourage a few daring ones to break the law, which is regrettable for the people as a whole are accepting the prohibition law in spirit and letter as it is written.

The Democratic press of the country is perplexed. One section of the editors write with apparently hidden fear lest Roosevelt shall be the Republican nominee, while another section openly expresses hope that the Oyster Bay man will be the candidate. To us, however, it looks very much like Democracy dreads with solemn dread the nomination of T. R.

When any commodity that is generally used is held at too high a price it is not long until there is a way found to compete and bring down the price. Gasoline is now soaring high but the automobile makers, who probably have more ready money at

The New Easter Styles

In Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Garments, Millinery, Dress Fabrics, Accessories and Men's Wear are Most Effectively Shown at West's

Naturally you look to this Store for the correct interpretation of the new season's styles in the greatest variety, and a glance at our windows just now will forcibly demonstrate the extent of our preparations to serve you best in supplying the newest and most exclusive of Spring Apparel for men and women.

Suits, Coats, Dresses, and Blouses

A regal array, selected for you by us after a careful inspection of the best creations of the leading manufacturers of New York.

In suits, of the new flare and belted models of wool, poplin, gabardine, serge, checks, trimmed with velvet, leather, and silk bengaline are most attractive and are priced from \$15 up to \$40.00

In Coats, new models in sport coats and semi-dress effects. Priced \$8.00 up to \$35.00.

In dresses for both street and afternoon wear, in Blouses for all occasions, the selection is varied, every fashionable shade and material being represented

Millinery of Distinct Charm

The choice of the right hat is all important for on it depends largely the success of the entire costume. It's only natural to expect to find that hat where stocks are larger, and more varied and styles absolutely correct.

This season is a "becoming" season—never before have such opportunities been offered for expressing individual preferences, yet strictly in vogue—small hats, large sailors and medium sized hats, all are equally in favor and all are here in wide assortment for your selection.



Easter Footwear

Appropriate Footwear plays no small part in the attire of the well-dressed woman of today, who demands, not alone Footwear that is perfect in fit and workmanship, but those that harmonize with prevailing garment modes and contribute their share toward a completely correct Easter outfit.

Such is the new Spring Footwear that awaits you here in both high shoes or pumps—moderately priced in accordance with quality.



The New Easter Corsets

There are marked differences in the figure line this Spring, and the new corset models are quite necessary to a graceful stylish foundation over which to display your new Easter outfit.

"Henderson" Corsets and "Nemo" Corsets

Are recognized as the favorites of particular women everywhere on account of their superior designs and fitting qualities.

There's a model here exactly suited to your figure at the price you wish to pay. Our salesladies will be pleased to aid you in its selection.

"Henderson" Corsets (Front or Back laced)\$1.00 to \$3.50
"Nemo" Corsets (Self Reducing), Priced at\$3.50 to \$5.00

THE WELL DRESSED MAN

In not the one who looks all dressed up, but rather the man who buys his clothes with due regard to prevailing styles and attracts attention only because his clothes fit well and are tastefully appropriate.

We are rather proud of the fact that the stocks in our men's store are so well selected that no man can be our customer and not be a well dressed man.

"Hirsch Wickwire" Suits and "Fidelity" Suits

Enable any man, no matter what his taste or figure, to dress well at a modest cost. Their all-wool fabrics, master tailoring and superb workmanship make them a wise clothes investment.

New Spring Suits Priced\$15.00 to \$30.00

There are checks, stripes, plaides and plain goods in soft and hard finish. A glance at our window will reveal a fine lot of dandy values that will appeal to every man—

We can fit you from our large stock—We carry regular sizes, short sizes, tall sizes and stouts.



Haberdashery

The smaller lines of men's wear are important ones. You will find just the right furnishings here.



Easter Hats

Stetson's at \$4.00 including the "Event" the feature hat for Spring. Gordon's in new shapes\$3.00

their command than any other class of men, contemplate entering the field to furnish cheaper gasoline. If Standard Oil permits this to happen doubtless it will have the hardest competition it has ever known.

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John B. Yeon's troubles do not end.

After building the Columbia highway he received the plaudits of a multitude. But now he is having all kinds of trouble with "speeders" on the highway and declares he will resort to drastic measures if auto drivers do not slow down. There may be such a thing as making a road too good, John B.

A church and Sunday School worker says that the picnic is no longer vitally necessary to the success of the Sunday School, which is just about rubbing it in, according to the belief of most small boys.

Even this early in the year a great shortage of farm help is reported. It

may be that agriculturists will have to go even further than give the hired man the use of a horse, and thrust an automobile upon him for Sunday use.

The bread line has been done away with by the Salvation Army in New York because of parasites. There is nothing more tired than the man who won't work.

The trail is "warming up," according to press reports and hourly Villa is expected to be bagged. But Villa may be drinking muscal three hundred miles away.

Portland has installed a "father's night" in parent-teachers work. Did

they fix the limit, too?

Jailed for Fraud Found; Legacy.

Warren, Pa., April 10.—Ten months ago Martin Nelson was so hard up that he didn't care how he got money. Shortly afterward he was convicted of obtaining it under false pretenses and was sent to jail for six months. The publicity caused by his arrest led to his discovery by friends who had good news for him.

Today Nelson was off for his old home in Denmark to claim a legacy of \$6,000. Had he never been sent to jail probably he never would have heard of the legacy. So at least, the Danish Consul declared. He said that he had been seeking Nelson for five years. The newspaper clipping tell-

ing of Nelson's arrest and imprisonment in the Warren County jail was the first trace he got of him.

Not Impressed

The folks back home are not always impressed by the prosperity of those who have moved away as the latter probably imagine. "Our new home has three big bathrooms," wrote a former Atchison woman to a married couple who are distant relatives. "Hub" sniffed the Atchison woman, "she couldn't keep one little bathroom decent when she lived here." "Gee!" snorted the Atchison man, "Jim's family must be awful dirty since they moved to the city."—Atchison Globe.