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American's Creed



I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

W. H. Taylor

"United States of America."

The name was original with Jefferson, and appears in the final paragraph of the Declaration of Independence, as follows: "We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in general congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name of the good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these colonies are, and a right ought to be free and independent states."

Made Jefferson Immortal.

The Declaration of Independence was drawn up by Thomas Jefferson, who was only thirty-three years old. This remarkable manifesto, into which it has been said Jefferson "poured the soul of a continent," was adopted as he had drawn it, with the exception of a few unimportant changes.

MUCH TO CELEBRATE

In 1776 the hardy pioneers of the colonies fought as one to throw off the galling yoke of the British king. They succeeded and a new nation was born.

In 1861 this nation, grown to large proportions and unable to reconcile its sectional differences, entered upon the greatest civil war of history—father against son, brother against brother, neighbor against neighbor.

In 1917 this same country, by then the greatest on earth, crossed the seas in its might and ended the most devastating war the world has ever known.

This time it was father and son, brother and brother, neighbor and neighbor—no section, no creed—just an outpouring of love for a nation by the people of all parts of that nation.

Lesser wars we have had, but all have been fought in honor and justice, and have exerted their influence in perpetuating the glorious independence won in the outpouring of the blood of 1776. All have demonstrated that as Americans we fight not for conquest or for the love of fighting, but only in defense of right, justice, humanity and our national independence.

On July 4 we will celebrate the glories of our past. They are worthy of the homage we render.

But on the other days of the year let us not forget. Let us strive to perpetuate that glory, to enhance our splendors, and to stimulate our humanity to the point where all historians will record us as a people who are equal to all emergencies, but above the petty jealousies that create them—a nation so mighty as to bring death with every sweep of its arm, but with a mind and heart so gentle that none may have reason to fear encroachments upon their rights.

We have much to celebrate on Independence Day, but with the aid of Him who created all peoples and all things we will have more as time goes on.

It is the spirit which has lived since the days of '76.

COMMUNITY SANITATION

When you see the wind blowing a dirty piece of paper along the street, do a little thinking. Many people are careless every day, or the rubbish of various kinds would not be lit-

Preparing for the Day



tering our streets and our alleys and our byways from day to day. Carelessness breeds filth—filth breeds disease—disease leads to sickness and death. If every person would use more precaution in the matter of community sanitation we would have less sickness, longer life, and greater happiness. None of us may ever hope to be perfect, but we are all open to improvement in one way or another. Let us look around us and see if we cannot make some improvements about our streets, alleys and premises and thus show our visitors who will be here on the Fourth that we are not a thoughtless people.

"PUBLIC OPINION BE DAMNED"

You, reader, have probably heard some fellow blow up and exclaim, "Public opinion be damned—I don't care a rap for it." But he does—we all do.

It is human nature for us to want our neighbors to think well of us. Even if it is not especially so as a matter of personal pride, it is so as one of good judgment and sound business policy. The man who is well thought of has many friends, and these friends are a valuable asset to him in business—they bring him trade and increase his financial revenues.

There are many things a man may do that would lower him in the estimation of the public, yet would not bring him into conflict with the law. And have you noticed that men invariably conceal these little acts as much as possible? And why? Because they do not wish to incur the displeasure of their fellow men—and women. Were it not for the moral effect of public opinion this world would soon become a maelstrom of iniquity and debauchery. It would be impossible as a place of residence for respectable men and women, and

to bring children into existence under such conditions would be a crime against humanity.

Public opinion makes or unmakes us, as we court its verdict. We value it, and we cherish its good reports. For when all other courts fail, public opinion becomes the court of last resort.

WE CAN NEVER TELL.

These days the country is indulging in the pleasing pastime of turning out another grist of public officials, from president down to the most humble of them all. Today we see great virtues in this man, and that one, and the other, and we expect great things from them. But we never can tell. Sometimes they measure up to expectations, and then again they do not measure at all. But making them is great sport, even though at times they bite the hand that made them.

SHOULD BE HELD SACRED

Much bad feeling has been created between the wets and the dries over the method of enforcing the federal prohibition law. It seems that in many cases prohibition agents have been forcibly entering homes and seizing such liquor as they could find. Now the courts in some cases are ruling that no agent can enter a man's home without due process of law, and much liquor illegally seized has been returned to its owners. Regardless of the merits of the wet and dry issue, or any other issue, a man's home is his castle and should be held sacred from invasion at the whim of any person on suspicion. There is a due process of law provided for the searching of a suspected house, and that law should be respected. To sanction otherwise would be to subject every home in the land

to invasion by any thief or thug who saw fit to pin a bogus star to his vest.

LESSON FROM FRANCE

French coal miners and railway men, who have been on strike at different times over a period of several months, are all back at work, according to reports from abroad. It is said that 120,000 miners lost wages totaling 40,000,000 francs, with a loss in production of almost 800,000 tons of coal. The experience of the French should be taken to heart by those in this country who think they can better their condition by quitting work and shutting off their means of income.

Yes, there are bright lights in the city by which you may guide your steps. And there are bright minds in the country which need no lights to guide them.

With grave diggers demanding and receiving big increases in wages for digging our graves, one wonders whether it is even worth while to die.

An exchange says it is less dangerous to steal whisky than to buy it. No there was no information as to where it was cached.

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