

Ex-president Cleveland made a speech at Buffalo a few days ago in which he said:

I believe the most threatening figure which to-day stands in the way of the safety of our government and the happiness of our people is reckless and wicked extravagance in our public expenditures. It is the most fatal of all the deadly brood born of government perversion. It hides beneath its wings the betrayal of the people's trust and holds powerless in its fascinating glance the people's will and conscience. It brazenly exhibits today a billion-dollar congress. But lately a large surplus remained in the people's public treasury after meeting all expenditures then by no means economical. This condition was presented to the American people as positive proof that their burden of taxation was unjust because unnecessary, and yet, while the popular protest is still heard, the harpy of public extravagance devours the surplus and impudently calls upon the staggering victims to bring still larger supplies within the reach of its insatiable appetite. A few short years ago a pension-roll amounting to \$53,000,000 was willingly maintained by our patriotic citizens. Today public extravagance decrees that three times that sum shall be drawn from the people, upon the pretext that its expenditure represents the popular love of the soldier. Not many years ago a river and harbor bill appropriating \$11,000,000 gave rise to a loud popular protest. Now public extravagance commands an appropriation of \$22,000,000 for the same purposes, and the people are silent. Today millions are paid for barefaced subsidy; and this is approved or condoned at the behest of public extravagance, and thus a new marauder is turned loose, which, in company with its vicious tariff partner, bears plundered benefit to the households of favored selfish interests.

We need not prolong the details. Turn where we will, we see the advance of this devouring and destructive creature.

Our democratic faith teaches us that the useless exaction of money from the people upon the false pretext of public necessity is the worst of all governmental perversions, and involves the greatest of all dangers to our guarantees of justice and equity.

We need not unlearn this lesson to apprehend the fact that behind such exaction and as its source of existence is found public extravagance. The tax will not be at the root of the unwholesome tariff tree with its vicious inequality and injustice until we destroy its parent and support.

But the growth of public extravagance in these latter days, and its unconcealed and dreadful manifestations, force us to the contemplation of other crimes, of which it is undoubtedly guilty, besides unjust exactions from the people.

Our government is so ordained that its life-blood flows from the virtue and patriotism of our people, and its health and strength depend upon the integrity and faithfulness of their public servants. If these are destroyed our government, if it endures, will endure only in name, failing to bless those for whom it was created, and falling in its mission as an example to mankind.

Public extravagance in its relation to inequitable tariff laws not only lays an unjust tribute upon the people, but is responsible for unfair advantages bestowed upon special and favored interests as the price of partisan support. Thus the exercise of the popular will for the benefit of the country at large is replaced by sordid and selfish motives directed to personal advantage, while the encouragement of such motives in public place for party ends deadens the official conscience.

Public extravagance directly distributes gifts and gratuities among the people, whose toleration of waste is thus secured or whose past party services are thus compensated, or who are thus bribed to future party support. This makes the continuance of partisan power a stronger motive among public servants than the faithful discharge of the people's trust, and sows the seeds of contagious corruption in the body politic.

But to my mind the saddest and most fruitful result of public extravagance is seen in the readiness of the masses of our people, who are not dishonest but only heedless, to accustom themselves to that dereliction in public place which it involves. Evidence is thus furnished that our countrymen are in danger of losing the scrupulous insistence upon the faithful discharge of duty on the part of their public servants, the regard for economy and frugality which belongs to sturdy Americanism, the independence which relies upon personal endeavor, and the love of an honest and well regulated government, all of which lie at the foundation of our free institutions.

Have I overstated the evils and dangers with which the tremendous growth of public extravagance threatens us? Every man who loves his country well enough to pause and think of these things must know that I have not.

Let us, then, as we push on in our campaign of education, especially impress upon our countrymen the lesson which teaches that public extravagance is a deadly, dangerous thing, that frugality and economy are honorable, that the virtue and watchfulness of the people are the surest safeguards against abuses in their

government, and that those who profess to serve their fellow-citizens in public place must be faithful to their trust.

The DEMOCRAT has no disposition to interfere with local matters in Multnomah county, but it deems it proper to say that Portland and its neighbors, East Portland and Albina would manifestly be largely benefitted by consolidation. From this standpoint it is believed that it would be rid of Boss rule largely, which would secure better municipal government, in which she now seems to be sadly in need of.

This government of ours can not do everything for everybody. Mr. Harrison told the Nebraskans. True enough, Mr. President, but is that any reason why it should do everything for a favored few.

The war department may be a little slow in unraveling red-tape, but, given plenty of time, it gets there after a fashion. The merit list for 1883 has just been made public. One of the honored men is dead and others out of service, but this makes no difference.

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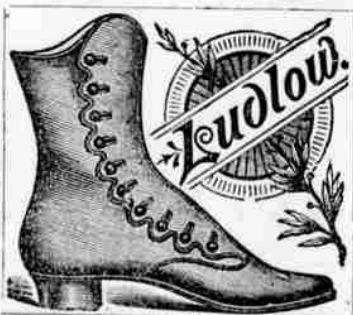
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