

ALL WANT GOOD GOVERNMENT.

The following is an extract from a speech delivered by ex-President Cleveland a few days ago before the Columbia Club at Providence, Rhode Island. It is characteristic of the man:

I seek to remind you of the interest which you and all of us have as members of our American body politic in wholesome general laws and honest administration. This interest is represented by the share to which each of us is entitled in the aggregate of advantage which such laws and such administration secure. This interest and this duty are surely worth all the attention we can bestow upon them; and the penalty of our neglect we shall surely not escape. In order that the patriotism and intelligence of the country should prevail in our legislation the patriotic and intelligent men of the country must see to it that they are properly represented in our national councils. If they fall in this they will be governed by those who simply make a trade of politics.

If it is well that our legislation be influenced by the enlightened and practical business sense of the people; our business men must see to it that those they trust are chosen as their law makers. If they are indifferent on the subject the vast interests which so greatly concern them and all their fellow-citizens, will be left at the mercy of those who neither understand them nor care for them, and I do not believe these dangers will be effectively averted until they are better understood by the people and thoroughly resisted.

It seems to me that private and special legislation, as it at present prevails, is an evil chargeable to a great extent to the listlessness and carelessness of the people.

There is a kind of legislation which upon its face and concededly is private and special, and which engrosses far too much of the time and attention of our lawmakers.

The people have a right to claim from their representatives their best care and attention in which the entire country is interested. This is denied them if their representatives take their seats burdened with private bills in which their immediate neighbors are exclusively interested and which they feel they must be diligent in advancing if they would secure their continuance in public life. They are thus led by the exigencies of their situation, as they view it, not only to the support of private bills of questionable property, but to the neglect of a study and understanding of the important questions involved in general legislation.

Nor does the pernicious effect of such special and private legislation stop here. The importance of a successful championship of these private bills, measured by a standard which ought not for a moment to be recognized, seems so vital to those having them in charge that they are easily led to barter their votes for measures as bad as or worse than theirs, in order to secure the support of similarly situated colleagues. Thus is inaugurated a system called log-rolling, which comes frightfully near actual legislative corruption; and thus the people at large lose not only the attention to their affairs which is due to them but are often no better than robbed of the money in the public treasury.

I have not mentioned the aspect of special and private legislation which seems to me most pernicious. I refer to the habit which it engenders among our people of looking to government for aid in the accomplishment of special and individual schemes, and the expectation which it creates and fosters that legislation may be invoked for the securing of individual advantages and unearned benefits. The relations of our countrymen toward the government should be founded upon their love for it as the fountainhead of their national life; their faith in it as the power which preserves them a free people; their reverence for it as the perfect work of the highest patriotism; their confidence in its justice and equality, and their pride in its ownership and management.

These should furnish at all times sufficient motive for a lively interest in public affairs, and should supply abundant incentive to popular watchfulness of legislative and executive methods. In the light of these considerations no thoughtful American can shut his eyes to the truth that when our people regard the government as the source of individual benefit and favoritism, and when their interest in it is measured by the extent to which they hope to realize such benefit and favoritism our popular government is in dangerous hands and its entire perversion is alarmingly imminent.

These perils are not alone chargeable to legislation which is confessedly special and private. Measures of a general character, and apparently proposed for the public good, frequently originate in selfish calculations, or so completely subserve in their details selfish plans that they also tend toward the fatal point of sordidness among the people and unjust paternalism in the government. No matter what plausible pretenses may be advanced for such legislation, if it has in it these elements it ought to be condemned. Neither the cry of protection to American interests nor pretended solicitude for the public good should succeed in concealing many; nor should the importance to the country of legislative action upon any subject divert us from inquiry concerning the selfish motives and purposes which may be hid-

den behind the proposal of such legislation.

It is quite time that our business men and all American citizens who love their country bestir themselves for the battle against the evil tendencies of private and special legislation, whatever guise it may assume. At this time no more important truth can be presented to our people than they should support their government in love and patriotism, and remain unselfishly content with the blessings and advantages which our free institutions were established to bestow, with justice and equality upon every citizen throughout the length and breadth of our land.

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