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## NEW PARTY OUR ONLY SALVATION

IF THE PEOPLE COULD only be brought to realize what a throttle hold big business has upon the country, they would arise in their wrath and hurl every trust serving congressman from power. Fully half, if not more, of the present congress are, secretly, servants of big business. Each representative or senator is under such obligations to big business in his particular district or state, that his hands are, practically, tied. And who is his employer? Who pays him his salary? Is it big business, the master whom he serves? Not at all. It is we, the people. Congress, especially the senate, has been trying for weeks to enact into law President Taft's reciprocity measure. While the measure may not be all that many people would like it to be; while it may not go as far as some would like and goes too far to suit others, it is a step in the right direction. And what is blocking its passage? The answer can be summed up in two words, "big business."

Nor are the congressional big business servants limited to one political party. There are democratic congressmen who fight as valiantly for the interests of big business as do the republicans, and there are both democratic and republican congressmen who are contending earnestly for the interests of the people. Occasionally the big business congressmen permit some measure in the interests of the people. Why do they do so? They know that the Supreme Court stands ready to pronounce the law unconstitutional, else write words into the law which will make it harmless to big business.

Anyone who has kept track of the acts of congress and the decisions of the supreme court for a few years back and up to the present, knows these conditions are true. The question arises: What can the people do to help themselves and bring about a more equitable condition of affairs?

Congress enacted an income tax law a few years ago. During the Civil War the income tax was pronounced constitutional by this court. When the last income tax was brought before the same court, though of a different personnel, it reversed itself and decided the law unconstitutional. When the interstate commerce law was enacted, this court recognized the law as being constitutional and decided cases upon that basis. A short time ago this same court, not daring to pronounce the law unconstitutional, amended the law so that it is satisfactory to big business.

Here we have our highest court, whose duty it is to pass upon the constitutionality of laws enacted by congress, assuming legislative power and thus become violators of the constitution itself. Shade of Chief Justice Marshall must certainly blush for the degeneracy of the office from what it was when he filled it so ably and honorably for many years.

The News believes that the government will never be greatly reformed and brought back to a condition of equity for all the people under either republican or democratic rulers, as now constituted. No doubt a vast majority of the people want a just and equitable government, but they will never get it so long as the party in power is honeycombed with people desiring to serve the interests. A new party which will blend or bring together all lovers of justice and equity in the

administration of governmental affairs, is our only salvation. Big business will succumb to and obey the law when it has to. Men must be elected to congress and to the White House who will enact and enforce laws which will bring about this desirable condition. Nor do the people desire to oppress nor take away from big business, its ill-gotten gains. They simply want to stop the method through which big business is fleecing them. They want to stop the leaks, special privileges, etc., so that the men who create the wealth may enjoy, at least, a part of it.

## THE DUTY OF THE CITIZEN

EVERY CITIZEN is equally responsible in his duty to his nation, to his state, to his county, town, school district, etc. If he is honest and such a citizen as every one should be, he will not shrink this responsibility. It is a fact, however, that men do not shrink and lie, in many instances, to escape these duties in whole or in part and in proportion as they shrink, should they be condemned by their fellows.

In time of war, every man, if need be, should rally to his country's defense. While it is true that all men are not physically capable of undergoing the hardships of a campaign of soldiery, there are numerous other ways of sustaining the government. If they shrink this duty they are deservedly called cowards.

When a political campaign is on, it is the duty of every citizen to study the party politics and the character and fitness of candidates and when election day arrives, to vote for the party and candidate which he deems best for the interests of the nation, state, county or town. If he fails to properly post himself in this matter or fails to vote he is, in a measure, responsible if a bad policy or a bad candidate is selected.

When the assessor comes around, if the citizen fails to give a true return of property, if he conceals or undervalues it, or sends it beyond the jurisdiction of the assessor, he is defrauding his town, county or state, and is shifting the burden he ought to bear upon the shoulders of his neighbors. And if a public enterprise is undertaken in his community which will build up and add to the general prosperity of the public, it certainly is his duty to give aid proportionate to his ability.

But every community, strange to say, has men who violate duty, if measured by the above standard; particularly, that relating to returning property to the assessor for purposes of taxation. Only last year the tax rolls of Linn county showed that the people of our prosperous county had but a little more cash than the beggarly sum of \$120,000. At the same time a simple sum in addition, taken from the various bank reports, showed about \$3,000,000 of deposits, to say nothing of what the people kept at home in old stockings. Nor does the tax rolls give any account of gilt-edged interest paying bonds belonging to our citizens which are kept outside the county in safety deposit vaults, except when the interesting paying day arrives. Some men seem to think—and they pose as honest men too and, mayhap, are church members—it is no harm to defraud the town, county or state, as the case may be. They seem to think the public treasury is a bird to be plucked and that it is legitimate, providing the above said plucking is not found out.

This modern conception of honesty among what is demonstrated "business men" is the bane of our nation today. The trusts, business combines, railroads and other corporations, interpret "honesty" in this manner. Nor are our farmers free of this idea. True, their opportunities are limited. They are guilty, to illustrate, of petty larceny, while corporations, trusts, railroads, bankers, etc., are guilty of grand larceny.

Measured by the standard of honesty taught by Christ, when he was upon the earth, where will people, guilty as above described, land when the Final Summons come?

People who do interpret honesty aright and who do not shrink responsibility to the public in these matters, can do much towards correcting this evil, if they will. They can refuse to associate with or deal with men whom they know are derelict in these matters, so far as possible. They can and ought to vote for men, as public officials, who will use their utmost endeavors to cause trusts, corporations, railroads, etc., to comply with the term "honesty" in its old fashioned sense.

Reforms of this character, however, to be effective, must begin with ourselves. Satisfy your own conscience that you are right and square, then you have a just right, aye it is your duty, to criticize your neighbor who is doing wrong. You are protecting your own interests, in a measure, when you do so. But be very sure that you do not live in a glass house before you commence throwing stones.

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