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IF YOU KNEW DAD!

It is on Decoration Day that my pa swells with pride, And talks in words of fire of the gallant men who died A-saving of their country in the dark days of war— He seems the bravest mortal that a feller ever saw. Why you'd think he'd been a colonel or a general, maybe, And in the very fore rank of his cheering soldiers he Had won a hundred battle, perhaps been wounded bad! But, no, you wouldn't think so if you knew dad!

Ma says, "Pa's brave enough, I low, but he's so mortal slow That when he'd got his courage up there was no war, you know." And Pa looks daggers and remarks, "Matilda you must own You begged me not to go because you was 'fraid to stay alone. You know," adds Pa, quite proudly, "I'd have enlisted too, But you said it was my duty plain to stay and care for you." Of course, I wasn't living then—I only wish I had. But I have my opinion, for I know dad!

—Edgar Welton Cooley in the May Woman's Home Companion.

MUNICIPAL REFORM SUGGESTED FOR SALEM.

Without fuss or feathers or any special public announcement, the legislature of the state of Iowa has recently passed a bill which introduces into the state one of the greatest municipal reforms ever formulated in an American commonwealth one whose workings will be watched with greatest possible interest.

The bill according to the Des Moines Register provides for the establishment of the commission or Galveston system of management in all cities with a population in excess of 25,000.

Upon petition of 25 per cent of the voters of a city the proposition to adopt the new system will be put to a vote. Under this plan the administration of a city will be placed in the hands of five men, one of whom shall be mayor. These men appoint the police judge, the city attorney, clerks, treasurer and all other officers.

They performed all the administrative, legislative, and judicial functions of the government.

Each commissioner looks after a particular branch of city affairs, and becomes a specialist in it.

Before the city election a primary is held, open to all voters regardless of party.

The two men receiving the highest number of votes for mayor are made the nominees for that office, and the eight receiving the highest number of votes for commissioners shall stand as candidates for the four commissionerships.

American municipalities in every section of the country are looking for a better system than the one now in common use, whereby the mayor and council are usually nominated in convention.

Too great stress cannot be given to the idea that politics has no place in the business governing a city.

A citizen owns a house and lot within the boundaries of a certain territory.

He wishes to provide light, police, sidewalks, water and other conveniences and facilities for himself and in common with those persons who may be his neighbors within the given territory.

In combination with his neighbors, because he has other and more necessary business to attend to, he delegates to certain persons the care and protection of himself and his property.

It is as much a straight business proposition to such a citizen personally to engage men fit to conduct his public business as to carry on his private affairs either domestic or commercial; and yet American citizens have been neglectful of their public municipal business to such an extent that they are now coming to one conclusion, that the present method is intolerable.

Whether the Iowa method shall prove preferable or not, the next two years should prove.

One swallow does not make a summer, and the system which was provided to meet Galveston's needs may not prove wholly suitable to those of Des Moines, but if it would, there is little question but it will become general, for certainly there is need of business conduct of city business.

THE PASSING OF THE POLITICAL BOSS.

In almost every city and state in the nation, the political bosses are, at the present time, engaged in a struggle to maintain their positions of political power and prestige.

So long as the old methods of primary election to be followed by the city, county and state conventions maintained, all was smooth sailing.

But with the coming of the direct primary, or the improvement of the primary election methods, the power of the political boss has been materially reduced and in some instances, as in Oregon, entirely obliterated.

It has taken the people a long time to find out in political matters, that they do not necessarily need to be lead about as if they were "dumb driven cattle."

At last, they are ascertaining their power and are asserting their independence in every city and state.

Of course the political bosses "pooh pooh," at all independent action while it effects but a minority; but when the majority seem to be involved, the bosses sing altogether a different song.

They are ready to fall in with any idea or ism that the majority seems to favor.

As a rule, however, the people seem to be inclined to let the old time bosses severely alone.

They no longer listen to his dictations a little bit.

Having learned the sweets of political emancipation, the people have no notion of allowing themselves to become involved in the meshes of the political tricksters again.

A very forcible illustration of this modern political independence on the part of the voter was exhibited in Portland a few days ago.

Mayor Lane would not submit to the Democratic political bosses and, therefore, withdrew his name as a candidate for the nomination at the primary election.

George H. Thomas was the only candidate for mayor, whose name appeared upon the Democratic primary ticket.

When the vote was counted, it was found that Mayor Lane's name had been written upon more than twice the number of ballots that had the "X" before George H. Thomas' name.

There is a well, though secretly, organized plan on foot by the Republican political bosses to defeat the re-nomination of President Roosevelt, or the nomination of a candidate representing his progressive ideas.

Likewise is there an effort in progress, by the Democratic bosses, to shelve William J. Bryan, who is the probable nominee of that party for president.

All of these efforts are destined to be flat failures.

Any candidate who does not subscribe to the progressive ideas of the President, or of Bryan, on governmental affairs, will march down to sure defeat no matter what political party collar he wears.

The days of the political boss of the type of "To the victor belongs the spoils," are numbered.

He will soon disappear from the political horizon, let us hope, for all time.

As before stated the people have learned the sweets of political emancipation and, in the end will rule in city, state and national affairs.

The people seem to be determined that our nation shall be of a truth, "A government of the people, by the people, for the people."

The days of political serfdom are apparently, at the finish to be replaced by political independence.

TO BE SAVED ON A TECHNICALITY

The present program of the State University push is to save their bill for a direct tax of \$125,000 a year by going into the courts on a hair-splitting technicality. Here is the program:

Friends of the University of Oregon have a very strong point in their contention that referendum petitions are defective because they do not contain the required clause warning voters of the provision of the law regarding qualifications of signers.—Oregonian, May 17.

This technicality is found in the new law for the operation of the referendum, drafted and engineered through the legislature by Mr. U'Ren, ON PRETEXT OF EXTENDING DIRECT LAW-MAKING TO CITIES AND TOWNS.

It will be done to obscure the real issue, which is that the bill making the University tax permanent is not specific as to the use of the money and VALIDATES ANY OLD CLAIM THAT MAY OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN OUTLAWED.

The people are not objecting to a large appropriation for the State Agricultural College, when the bill is drawn in the right way, and the work of that institution is put on a solid basis.

The people are not objecting to the regents paying \$5000 a year for a president who will put the work of the Farmers' College UP IN THE RANKS OF THE BEST SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS IN THE WEST.

The people do not object to appropriations for normal schools, if they stand of being local grammar and high schools at state expense.

They do not object to liberal support of the State University, but that support must be predicated upon a showing of actual growth and needs, and THE BILL MUST SPECIFY WHAT THE MONEY IS TO BE USED FOR.

To kill the referendum on a mere technicality will not alter the determination of the people to hold down the higher educational graft, and to compel the State University to a business-like standard.

THE VALUE OF PLAIN UPRIGHT LIVING.

The publishers of this paper enjoyed a visit for a few days this week from an old Iowa friend, Mr. Guy Kinsley of Clayton county, Iowa, with whom they grew up as boys.

Mr. Kinsley is now over eighty years old, and has retired from the active duties of life. He was a plain, upright farmer, who worked hard, lived a clean life, AND RAISED A FAMILY OF NINE BOYS AND GIRLS.

With his good wife they gave their children the benefits of a good example in the way of personal industry, frugal living, good morals and observed Sunday by going to the little Baptist country church.

Mr. Kinsley always took an interest in Sunday schools, and was a staunch advocate of temperance in all things, including abstinence from intoxicating liquors.

HE WAS A MAN OF THE FIRMIEST RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL PRINCIPLES.

He was also a strong believer in the common schools. He sent his children to school late and early. He made school teachers of his girls, between schooling they were kept busy on the farm.

He has given the community in which he lived value received for the protection of society and the sheltering arm of government in furnishing in return men and women who are successful and helpful citizens.

HIS CHILDREN INHERITED FROM HIM STABILITY OF CHARACTER AND LIFE.

His influence was not confined to his own family. Without parading his virtues or preaching to others, he radiated principles that were uplifting to all who came in contact with him.

Many a man and woman has got a start in the right direction from merely observing the daily life, the ordinary routine of plain and homely duties performed by this sturdy Vermonter.

WE WOULD NOT MINIMIZE A PARTICLE THE PRAISE DUE HIS BELOVED WIFE.

We do not say this to praise our old friend. He needs no flattery from any one. His task is nearly completed. His work shows for itself, and prosperity has rewarded his righteoussness.

But we have seen many other men with greater advantages in the way of education, with more brilliant parts by nature, with loftier ambitions and really greater prospects of success, MAKE MISERABLE FAILURES.

We have seen men gather wealth and scatter their families. We have seen men succeed by crushing out all the weaker in the community. We have seen men succeed in their public ambitions, AND YET FAIL IN PRIVATE LIFE.

These achievers of greater personal success than our plain farmer friend will leave the world little richer and unlamented. Father Kinsley has truly blessed the world by making all better and happier.

He has trodden no one under foot, he has amassed no wealth by any questionable process, he has placed a stumbling block in no human being's path, HE HAS SET NO SNARES FOR THE UNWARY.

The man or woman who demonstrates the value of plain, upright god-like living, has become a beacon light in these days of the get-rich-quick, end-justifies-the-means programs of so-called success.

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It is perhaps needless to add that we refer to the dictionary in our judicial work as of the highest authority in accuracy of definition; and that in the future as in the past it will be the source of constant reference.

CHARLES C. NOTT, Chief Justice. LAWRENCE WELDON, JOHN DAVE, STANLEY F. FEELE, CHARLES E. HOWE, Judges.

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