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AN APPEAL TO PRESERVE NIAGARA.

In the falls of Niagara, America is endowed with one of the sublimest, most inspiring triumphs of nature and nature's God.

In the whirling of the restless waters of "the rapids," and in the musical roar of the vast volume as, like an eternal stream, it plunges over the precipices, ALL MANKIND IS TAUGHT THE GRANDEUR OF CREATION.

There, in the presence of those mighty waters, saints have stood and heard the voice of Heaven.

There, poets have been enchanted. There, philosophers have gained again the proof of man's nothingness in the presence of infinity.

There, the lowlier of men, unschooled in the higher estheticism, have watched those waters, exalted, enraptured.

THIS IS NIAGARA, APPEALING TO THE NOBLER SENTIMENT OF MANKIND.

This is Niagara, whose wondrous beauty would be destroyed and whose music would be stilled by commerce all men.

From the time of the discovery of the falls, Niagara has been the Mecca of tourists, traveling thither for what?

To satisfy their esthetic sense. All there was and all there is to Niagara is the sight, the awe-inspiring sight, of those mighty waters in action.

THERE IS NOTHING MATERIAL TO BE TAKEN AWAY.

In the course of a year upward of a million and a quarter men and women go to Niagara.

They spend, approximately, \$25,000,000, an amount equal to 5 per cent interest upon half a billion dollars.

In the heart of New York city is Central Park.

In Philadelphia are the vast acres of Fairmount Park.

In the South are tropical gardens, and in the West parks and natural pleasure grounds innumerable.

ALL HAVE PRIMARILY AN ESTHETIC VALUE; ALL COST SOMETHING COMMERCIAL.

In other words, they have an esthetic value for all, but, commercially, they do not produce the maximum in dollars and cents for any individual who, under different circumstances, might own them.

That is precisely the situation at Niagara, except that government control is not a fixed thing and, pending a treaty which shall forever preserve Niagara for all the world, certain interests have attempted to seize upon the commercial value of the falls.

By the right of original possession, they are insisting upon the privilege of making all the profit possible without regard to the esthetic value of the falls TO A MILLION AND A QUARTER VISITORS YEARLY.

This commercial greed has been partly checked as a result of the campaign by the American Civic association, but, pending the negotiation of an international treaty, the power interests are trying in various ways to extend their privileges.

Two bills have been introduced in congress with that purpose, and it remains for THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THE ACTUAL OWNERS OF NIAGARA, TO SAY WHAT SHALL BE DONE.

What shall be done? Insist that the senators from your

state and the representative from your district oppose the measures.

Enlist in the American Civic association's campaign to preserve Niagara.

These two things by every living person who has viewed the majesty of Niagara in the last ten years would be sufficient to put an end for all time to the activities of the commercial interests seeking to count their commercial dollars against the American people's esthetic joys.

THE TRIUMPH OF POPULAR METHODS HAS BEEN COMPLETE.

In the recent nominating primary, popular methods of selecting candidates has been completely vindicated.

There has been a deliberate selection of candidates by the people REGARDLESS OF THE INFLUENCE OF MACHINES OR MONEY.

All men now know or should realize that any competent man can secure a nomination by a direct appeal to the people.

Take the case of Harry Minto. He was nominated for sheriff without opposition, because he is competent and faithful.

Under the old convention system some enterprising politician might have got in and formed combinations, APPEAL TO PREJUDICES, AND BEAT HIM.

Under the Direct Primary not a single county officer who had made a good record, and they all did, but was renominated on that record.

There was not a particle of machine dictation possible in the MAKING OF THE COUNTY AND LEGISLATIVE TICKET.

When the people nominate all the candidates, and when there is the greatest freedom of debate, the best men will come forward.

Bosses and corrupt men who work politics from selfish and money-making standpoints will be snowed under JUST AS FAST AS THE PEOPLE CAN GET AT THEM.

Take the demolition of the Portland machine. It has been complete. No one imagines that Jack Matthews can nominate a man on the state or county ticket.

The men nominated in Marion county are all men who WILL BE LITTLE OR NOT AT ALL SUBJECT TO MACHINE DICTATION.

That is the way it should be. The people will elect such men and if they will make a record to the people instead of to some boss or machine they can have a political future.

A WORD OF KINDNESS AND CONSIDERATION FOR THE YOUNG.

We want to have a word with the parents Saturday night, in regard to their treatment of the young people.

A great deal more depends on your example than on your preaching to that boy or girl IF YOU WANT THEM TO FOLLOW YOU.

We will say, you sincerely do not want your boy to drink or smoke, or your daughter to go to dances.

It is not enough that you refrain yourself from those things, but do not hold out the idea that you are any better person for that.

Better not be too hard on the other fellow who smokes or drinks, or your boy MAY GET TO THINKING YOU ARE A LITTLE BIT HYPOCRITICAL.

Do not lecture the boy all the time and make home unpleasant for him and set the other children at him if you want him to come your way. If you drive him too hard he will learn the very habits you don't want him to, and will practice secretly what you condemn openly.

The daughter who is told that all dancing and social enjoyment is sinful will get to have A LONGING AND DESIRE FOR THE FORBIDDEN PLEASURE.

We make a great mistake in engaging in wholesale condemnation of the habits and practices we do not approve of, and drive our children into the very ways sometimes we would have them shun by our extreme views.

Let us teach the children what are some of the real pleasures of life, ENCOURAGE THEM TO CHOOSE THE BETTER.

If the daughter is musical and loves dancing, better have her learn it in the proper way and in the proper company.

We know these are broad views and many will not agree with them, but an honest and accomplished boy or girl in any family IS A JOY AND A SOURCE OF PRIDE.

It is secret vice and loss of manly and womanly qualities that are de-

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SUGAR CATCHES MORE FLIES THAN VINEGAR.

The Capital Journal does not pose as a thick and thin party organ. It believes in supporting good men in the Republican party.

But it is capable after thirty years practical experience in newspaper work of GIVING A LITTLE GOOD ADVICE AT TIMES.

It would like to suggest to some of the alleged leaders of the Republican party that the above headline is pregnant with truth.

It does not make a man any greater as a statesman to revile another as being A POPULIST, A BRYANITE, A LOP-EARED RENEGADE.

Political virtues are all relative and there are some very good men and women in the world outside of the Republican party.

This seems scarcely possible to some persons BUT IT NEVERTHELESS IS A FACT.

The man who imagines that because he is or has been, or calls himself a Republican that therefore he is made of a little better clay than the fellow who does not call himself much of anything, IS SOLEMNLY FOOLISH AND IMAGINETH A VAIN THING.

So calling you fellow citizen names, and mixing him with the political billygoats and other animals with cloven feet does not help you any.

The Capital Journal has during the past campaign used the term "machine" pretty freely. It has offended some gentlemen. IT IS A BROAD AND SWEEPING TERM, AND NOT IN ITSELF CALUMNY.

In fact to belong to a good machine is something to be rather proud of in a political way.

The Capital Journal hopes to live to see the day when a Salem Republican leader will rise to state proportions, will get a state office at the hands of the people.

Marion county has not had one since Lord and Geer were governors. THEY WERE UNABLE TO HANG ON MORE THAN ONE TERM EACH.

But their short terms of service was due to the machine being stronger than the administration.

So we advise the aspiring leaders to be more kind and gentle, to be considerate and courteous, to keep in close touch with the people, and not padd'le TOO MUCH AGAINST THE TIDES OF PUBLIC SENTIMENT.

Express good will toward others, gentlemen. Do not throw out so much gall and vinegar. Do not lie in wait on the street corners and repeat mean things you hear about the other fellow.

Cut the habit of writing anonymous letters to the newspapers signed "Taxpayer," "Old Republican," and whatnot. THAT KIND OF CAMPAIGNING CUTS NO ICE ANY MORE. It is childish. It is evidence of a small mind and a smaller ambition. Use the milk of human kindness more and bedbug poison less.

TARIFF REVISION NOT NEEDED

It Cannot Be Accomplished Without Disturbing Business.

The Dingley bill has proved the most satisfactory and beneficent law of its character the country has ever had. It has been longer on the statute books than any other tariff law we have ever had and it is a grave question indeed if another so generally satisfactory can be framed.

To be honest with ourselves at the present time it must be admitted that no general revision is needed or is wise for the country. The demand for it has been created by politicians who are out of office and want to get in. It has ever been so. Whenever one set of politicians are out they immediately set about to discover some new issue upon which to rout the ins. Tariff revision has



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ever been a popular issue with this sort of politicians, and for a half-dozen years now they have been working it to the limit. So much has been said about it during recent years that very many people have come to believe that it is absolutely essential to the very life of the government, if not to themselves, that nothing short of general revision is going to satisfy them. In reality there should be no general revision at all, for such an undertaking means to open the entire tariff question and a radical disturbance to business for some months. We ought to be smart enough as a people to pass a tariff law that would stand the test of years, changing individual schedules as frequently as business interests affected thereby demand. There is not today a single schedule in the Dingley law which could not be changed, if necessary, without revising or changing any other schedule in the law, and in doing so it would not be necessary to disarrange our present satisfactory business machinery. But the politicians will not be satisfied with such a business-like and sensible treatment of the tariff question. It is the one great reliable political issue, and they hang on to it like a drowning rat to a sinking ship. For this reason a revision is soon to occur and the people will do well to look the question squarely in the face, refusing to be deceived by the specious argument that all this can be done without disturbing business. St. Joseph (Mo.) "Gazette."

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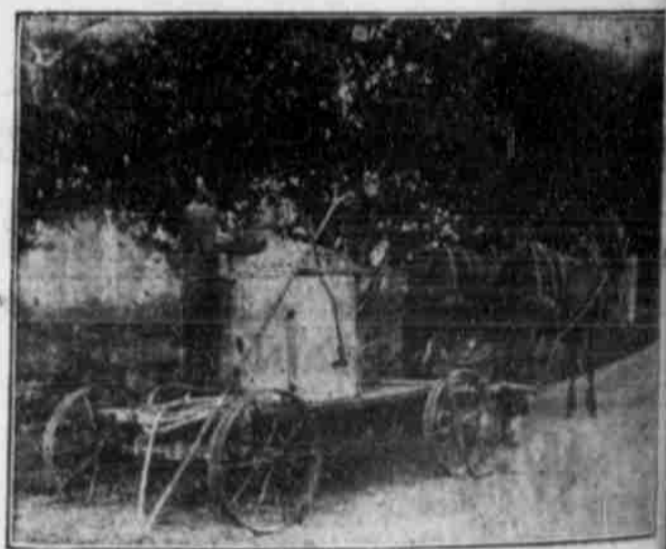
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