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EDITORIALS

PROBATION GAINING FAVOR BY HENRY NEIL

BY JUDGE MCKENZIE CLELAND OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT CHICAGO.

One of the significant signs of the present campaign is the formation of a nonpartisan Committee of forty-five of the leading business men of Chicago to assist in the re-election of one of Judges of the Municipal Court.

The Judge thus strongly backed is McKenzie Cleland and the reasons which have caused men like Julius Rosenwald, President of Sears Roebuck & Company, Granger Farwell president of the Farwell Trust Company, Joy Morton, President of the Great Western Cereal Company, Henry P. Crowell President of the Quaker Oats Company, Lindsay T. Woodcock Manager of Marshall Field & Company, A. Stamford White President of the Board of Trade, A. F. Banks President of the E. J. & E. Ry. Co. and men of like standing and influences who seldom if ever mix in politics is interesting and suggestive.

Judge Cleland since his first Election four years ago has stood persistently for one idea which he has advocated with an untiring energy admitting of no doubt as to his sincerity. His idea in brief is that the Courts instead of the jails should be the reformatory for men guilty of small offenses.

That jails should be not places of punishment, but places of detention for those offenders who cannot be reformed without imprisonment. He has maintained that sending men to jail makes them less desirable citizens, and causes hardships and in many cases actual suffering to their innocent families.

That it also greatly increases crime by reason of the Association in jail and the loss of reputation and ambition suffered by those who go to jail for the first offense causing them upon their release to join the ranks of the professional criminals. He has resolutely opposed the parole law which requires at least eleven months imprisonment with all the consequent injury, before the offender is given a chance to prove his reformation, but he advocates instead the passage by congress and the states of probation laws, under which first offenders especially, should be allowed their liberty under a suspended sentence during their good behavior.

While trying criminal cases in the Maxwell Street Court, Judge Cleland put this plan in operation claiming the right to do so under the common law powers of a court of record, and his success in keeping men out of jail and encouraging them to work and support their families attracted wide attention.

This system was approved by the Chief of Police who assigned

special officers to assist the Judge, and by substantially all of the police officers, and business and professional men of the district, who gave strong testimony in favor of its success in reducing the number of offences against the law.

It would now seem in the formation of the strong business mens committee to assist in the re-election of Judge Cleland, that the business interests of Chicago are impressed by the possibilities of this system to accomplish what is claimed for it. This is no doubt that the fearful and increasing cost of crime is a matter of profound concern and apprehension to the large financial interests, which are the principal sufferers from it. The National Probation League of which Judge Cleland is President is conducting an active campaign for advanced legislation of this kind by the next legislature and with the active assistance of the business men there should be no difficulty in bringing this about.

THE MOSES OF THE PROGRESSIVES.

Theodore Roosevelt is the biggest man in America to-day, and the only one who can boss the bosses into innocuous desuetude.

And the way the primaries all over the country are lining up with him shows that Nautilus people are not the only ones that know him for what he is—the Moses of the progressives. He is the only man with brains plus backbone enough to lead the American people where they mean to go.

Down with government by the foxes and for the foxes.

Back to the woods with Ballinger, Sherman, Barnes & Co., Inc., Un-Lim. Gall.

Didn't it do your heart good to see the way Roosevelt refused to sit down as a guest of Lorimer at all? And didn't want to clap your hands when you read how he went out of his way to make Ben Lindsey his personal guest after the Denver foxes had carefully excluded him from the Denver doings in honor of Roosevelt?

It's Roosevelt's Back Bone that America applauds. Plenty of other men know just as well as he does what is right and what the people want, but they haven't the back bone to stand up to it.

Roosevelt spoke of Mr. Taft the other day as "our honorable and upright president" Rather might he have said, "our honorable and horizontal president"—laying down like a lamb with the foxes. We haven't forgotten that he is still perpetrating on the American people an impudent and tenacious Ballinger.—Elizabeth Towne in November Nautilus.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FAILED

Have you failed in something

Be glad. You are now close to the foundation of success. You are all ready to build again. Experience has taught you something. You can do better next time. Look the ground over carefully. make your plans with common sense, attract toward you an atmosphere of faith, drop out the worry thoughts you have been holding and then START TO WIN.

Do not hamper yourself by holding on to the past. If you have failed, no amount of regret and repining and grumbling is going to bring back your opportunity. "But a Better Opportunity is Always Ahead Because You Now Possess Additional Knowledge. This additional knowledge, wisely used, will bring you something better than you have missed. Now is the time to get in and dig. Of course it is well to first be reasonably sure that you have something worth digging for.

The reason men yield to failure is that they do not recognize the ebb and flow which takes place in every condition of life. When conditions are shaping for the ebb of success, do not become discouraged. Look only for good results—for the best possible results. You thereby put yourself under the protection of a great natural law, and you do more to set in motion the vibrations of success than you could do by any amount of physical rushing about and mental stewing.

HONESTY IN HIGH PLACES

The American people are growing more honest. About the only question that used to be asked of the big corporations was "is your business profitable." Roosevelt and a few other public officials have of late years persisted in also asking, "is your business honest."

When proposed new legislation was laid before these men, they have inquired, "is this just to ALL the people?"

Naturally this has proved embarrassing to those accustomed to consider only such actions as "is it good business?" and "will the traffic bear it."

We have not yet passed the point where an honest man may cause all sorts of embarrassment to "big business." To interject plain honesty into business, and into the government's consideration, of the rights of big corporations causes old timers and the conservatives to assume an injured air, and sets them to wondering what we are all coming to.

We are undergoing a reaction against the get-rich-anyhow idea. The game of grab, which is termed "big business," is not as respectable as it was. The people are coming to demand honest treatment from the big corporations. Plain justice of ALL the people is beginning to receive some attention.—Selected.

A DIFFERENT WAY

Prof. S. A. Weltmer says he learned one of his great lessons from his mother, when he was a little boy. At school he learned the little poem, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." His mother told him to say it like this:

"If at first you don't succeed try, try, again."

And try each time in a different way.

Until success crowns your efforts."

The young hopeful S. W. recited it that way at school, and

brought down the house. His subconscious has evidently been saying it that way ever since. There's a big thought in these three lines to yourself every day for a month, and watch yourself grow.

PRIDE AND MISTAKES

Pride keeps us from acknowledging our mistakes and turning from them and thus we are held in bondage to error. The first great step towards freedom is to surrender our pride. We are free when we refuse to listen to others and heed their advice, but in reality we are slaves to our own pride and ignorance in many cases.

He that loseth his pride shall find true freedom—the freedom of the Spirit which maketh free indeed.

It is possible to live your own life in freedom and yet be receptive to truth on all sides. The attitude of non-resistance is the true attitude, and it cannot be assumed until pride is forever cast out of the mind.

Pride is often the result of fear. We fear what people may say of us, and then retreat into our shell of pride for protection. Sometime and somewhere we shall have to learn to "face the music" and become utterly indifferent to what others may say or think of us. We shall learn that the soul within is our only safe guide, and that we must not be swayed from following it by the fear of outside criticism. "No man can serve two masters." We cannot be true to our best selves and follow the dictates of a personal pride at the same time.

CONTROL OF SELF

All control is based upon self-control; in fact at the bottom there is only one kind of control, since all other kinds are included in this and without this there can be no other.

Think of the men and women of your acquaintance who have welded the greatest influence over their fellows. Were they not persons who had run the whole gamut of human emotion and emerged from the race masters of themselves and of their feelings? Were they not persons who looked upon their self-control as their most priceless possession? Did they not guard it as the apple of their eye? Were they not willing to sacrifice everything rather than lose it? I am sure you will answer yes.

This point was brought out very strikingly in the play which Ellen Terry used on her last visit to this country. As Lady Cicely, she had brought about the conversion of Captain Brassbound, a notorious pirate, but in winning him from his evil ways she had unintentionally won his heart. He makes his plea to her and is refused; he asks her if some other suitor is more favored than he, and she tells him no; then he asks her what is the secret of her wonderful influence over me and she replies that it is her immovability. This magnificent point is neither coldness nor vacuity. It results not from lack of feeling, but from control of feeling, and it never exists in its fullness except in the man or woman of strong passions and great emotional endowment; but the passions must be mastered and feeling taught to obey the dictates of reason and will.—Selected.

TO THE EMPLOYEE

Remember that you are paid so much per week for a certain number of hours of time put in to the best interests of this business.

It is up to you to use your brains as well as your hands, and to so direct your work that you will give the best possible value to the business, for every hour of work you put in.

Remember that no matter whether the boss knows you are doing your best or not your own character knows it.

You are building either right or wrong into your character, with the passing of every hour.

The biggest pay you get is the pay you build into your character.

See that you do the best possible for the business, and you at the same time do the best possible for yourself.

Remember that if you never earn more than you earn now. This is the only way in which a man rises anywhere in life—by earning more than he gets—by showing his employers that he is worth more than they are paying him.

Remember that doing the best for the business is increasing your capacity to earn more here and anywhere else.

TO BE HAPPY

It is the practice of almost all of us to look to some far-off future time for our enjoyment. We always say to ourselves, "tomorrow, when this or that happens, I shall be happy. It will give me joy," and lo! when tomorrow arrives, we are still looking to the future for our happiness.

It is only in the now that we ever find real happiness. Contentment and happiness is largely a condition of mind. If our attitude toward life is such that we look for benefit to ourselves from each experience, we shall find happiness constantly near us, even if not always realized. If, on the other hand, we believe that evil, unpleasant and harmful experience can come to us, if we fear it, if we are impatient, and always worrying about the future, we create a condition of mind entirely foreign to happiness. We do this ourselves, and it bears little or no relation to our environment, as a rule, or to the daily experiences that are ours. Both the cause of unhappiness and discontentedness and the remedy are in our own hands.

A firm decision that we will recognize and hold in mind only the lesson to be derived from each unpleasant experience, that we will prize the knowledge gained and turn to the future with faith, will help us to realize poise and contentment.

We are also apt to expect too much for what we give to life. We have to earn all that we really gain from life. Otherwise there would be no justice in the universe. Peace of mind cannot be acquired in any way except by earning it. It cannot be bestowed even upon one we love. Each must earn it for himself.

High above all else as a means to happiness, stands a steady faith in the unchanging principle of good, which infuses all life. To make the acquaintance of this principle, to recognize it in every act, to look for it in experiences which are unpleasant as well as those which are pleasant, is the surest way to realize the joy of living.

Emerson finely expressed the