

Discuss Method of Organizing Illinois Constitutional Convention January 5

Amos C. Miller of Kenilworth, Seventh Senatorial district delegate to the Illinois Constitutional Convention, is one of fifteen delegates who, by letter, have invited Illinois citizens to attend an informal discussion at Springfield on January 5, 1920, of the method of organizing the Convention.

Two methods have been suggested. On the one hand, it has been suggested that the Republican members hold a caucus called either by the Chairman or by the Secretary of the Republican State Central committee. This plan meets with sincere and respectable opposition from a number of the delegates elect, upon the ground that it gives too much of a partisan aspect to a work which is above and beyond parties and may imperil the ratification of any constitution, however meritorious, which may be proposed by the convention.

The opponents of the caucus suggests as an alternative that the Convention, before it proceeds to the election of a President, might adopt a rule substantially as follows:

Resolved, that for the election of a President of this Convention there shall be required 60 (or 68) votes:

Resolved further, that this rule shall not be subject to repeal, amendment or alteration, save by an af-

firmative vote of at least 76 delegates. To the end that there may be full and free discussion of the plans above suggested, or any other plan, the fifteen delegates take it upon themselves to invite citizens with a large majority of the delegates elect to attend an informal meeting to be held at the Leland hotel in Springfield on Monday evening, January 5, 1920, at 7 o'clock, to consider the procedure to be followed in organizing the Convention.

It is not intended that the acceptance of this invitation will commit any individual to any procedure and the delegates, it is said, are issuing this invitation only for the purpose of ascertaining informally the sentiment of the great majority of the delegates elected to the Convention as to the wisest and fairest method of organizing it.

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NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

By Stephen A. Lloyd.

As the last long shadows of the old year fade in the dawning of the new, it is a good thing to sit at twilight and let memory, that faithful custodian of our life's history, bring before us the pictures that are used to illustrate the volume marked "1919." Some there are, golden with the joys of attained ambitions, from some the landscape breathes the fragrance of kindly thought and gentle helpfulness, but not a few are gray and cold with the pencilings of defeated purposes and unfulfilled hopes. Not all of them have attained the beauty or coloring which they had in the vision of those early hours of the now dying year, and yet, "What is our failure here but triumph's evidence For the fullness of the days?" and we can say with Rabbi Ben Ezra, "What I aspired to be, And was not, comforts me," and face "1920" with new courage "to live with all our might while we do live," because the past was not all bad, and again the vision is rose and gold and crimson.

I recall having seen John Mulvany, the painter of that heroic panel representing "Custer's Last Charge," take, on one occasion, a rough piece of board and, with palette, knife and brush and color, develop a beautiful landscape which his memory had brought from a glen high up in the Irish hills. So the New Year places before us the object that is to receive the labor of our souls for the next twelve months. It may be a prepared canvas, stretched and sized, or it may be a rough board and its name is "Environment," but the colors are ours, and we may mix them as we will, the brushes are in our hands, the vision in our hearts, and only faltering fear or indolent heedlessness can spoil the picture for the gallery of the year.

Only let us be ourselves, keep clean the tools with which we work, be willing to sweat for what we want, feel within ourselves the striving of the man we wish to be, and above all keep smiling.

God no more intends that the picture of our lives shall grow out of the achievement of our fathers than He does that the glories of the sunset shall be used to color the sky at mid-day. History, biology and tradition are not moulds into which our lives are to be poured, but shrines whence we may draw inspiration. Therefore—
—Be thyself.

Thoughts are the colors which taken upon the brushes of our word are painted upon the minds of our fellowmen. Therefore, let every thought be transparent, every word inspected lest the muddiness of the one or the impurity of the other spoil the canvas.
—Be clean.

Every success or happiness worth having is worth working for, but no principle of fame is worth worry. Approach the day with mind alert and hand steady and a firm reliance in God for the strength of the hours, for as Kingle says—
"God broke our years to hours and days.
That hour by hour
And day by day,
Just going on a little way,
We might be able, all along
To keep quite strong.
Should all the weights of life
Be laid across our shoulders, and the future, rife
With woe and struggle, meet us face to face.

At just one place,
We could not go;
Our feet would stop, and so
God lays a little on us every day.
And never, I believe on all the way
Will burdens bear so deep,
Or pathways lie so steep,
But we can go if, by God's power,
We only bear the burden of the hour."
—Be diligent.

Think not that because you have had a vision of the year, the picture is now ready for hanging. "He who has looked once on truth, speaks; he who has looked twice, meditates; he who has looked thrice, works." Look upon the things that ought to be until they become the things that are, until the real man within becomes the revealed man without.
—Be constant.

The man who goes to life's duties grudgingly insults both God and man for to each he owes more than he can ever pay. A frown, moreover, is an old-fashioned musket that does more harm with its stock than with its barrel. If Fate should seem to be unkind, laugh long and loud; for Fate is your mistress only so long as she can embitter you. Once smile and determine and she is your abject slave. Hang out your smile and
—Be cheerful.

"Life is a leaf of paper white
Whereon each one of us may write
His word or two, and then comes night.
Greatly begin! Though thou hast time
But for a line—be that sublime.
Not failure but low aim is crime."

The Public Health
By Harriet Fulmer

Look closely at the American Red Cross Christmas seal and see what an interesting story it tells. Old Santa Claus thought so much of our health and happiness that he had his bag marked with the American Red Cross and below he said, "You cannot have happiness unless you have health", then in each lower corner he put the double red cross which is the badge of the Modern Health Crusaders when they start out on the journey to fight in the crusade against Tuberculosis. What a big story on a little stamp!

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The Public Health

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