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DOING ALL THE GOOD WE CAN.

When the suns of life are round us,

That would tempt our feet to stray

From the path that leads to sunshine,

At the dawn or close of day

We should lift our eyes above us,

And the clear, bright sunbeams scan

Till we learn by faith to conquer

All the strong desires of man.

We should strive to bear our burdens

In a brave and manly way;

While we aid the weak and helpless

Who may need help day by day,

Not alone in deeds of kindness,

But with words which cheer the man;

Thus we may receive the blessing

Of all the good we can.

Let us seek to find the rainbow

That is hidden from our sight,

In its bright and dazzling beauty,

Pure as are the rays of light

We may see its seven-hued glory.

If on earth we wisely plan

To be one among the lowly,

Doing all the good we can.

There is work in every station

That the strong or weak may do;

Those who fight to win the battle

Must be loyal, brave, and true;

Then, however we seek to conquer,

Let us measure our life's span

As a trust and trusty soldier.

Doing all the good we can.

some plan which would produce the

same result and yet be in harmony

with the theory of a representative

democratic and republican form of

government. I speak, sir, not for my

party, not as a representative of my

party. I am not authorized so to

speak. I do claim to reflect the senti-

ment of those I represent correctly,

and do and shall speak only with a due

and proper regard for my responsi-

bility to the God who made me and those

whom I represent upon this floor.

And now, Mr. Speaker, first let me ask

how and why a public sentiment ever

grew up in this country so potent and

determined for a radical reforma-

tion in the administration of the civil

service, so radical and so threatening

as to justify the adoption of an experi-

ment so at variance with the previ-

ous history, legislation and accepted

theories, as announced by the great

political lights of the land, with refer-

ence to this subject of civil service

administration as the present anom-

alous system, created by the law and

rules to which I have reference. Sir,

let us be honest with each other. Let

any gentleman who can, turning to the

great debates by the great men who

discussed this matter in the early days

of the country's history, on and down

through that most memorable contro-

versy in which Clay and Webster,

Calhoun and Benton, and the other

great lights of that time in the stormy

days of Jackson's administration, con-

sidered the subject from every stand-

point with a view to comparative

permanency, honesty, efficiency, and

its non-partisan character, point me to

any suggestion by any of these great

men looking to the establishment of a

system embodying the objectionable

features of the present law. Sir, every

honest man in the country must want

an honest civil service, and every

honest man in the country, from the

hour that it became a matter of public

notoriety that the civil service of this

Government had become flagrantly

corrupt, rightly demanded reform.

Then it was, sir, that political parties,

catching the drift of public sentiment,

fashioned their platforms to meet the

demand, and, as is always the case

when a great popular outcry known to

be well founded asserts the demands

of the people, rival political organiza-

tions sought to outstrip each other

in the race for popular approval upon

this subject. On the one hand the

spectacle was presented in every Rep-

ublican county, State and national

convention of a party which had sown

the seed that had produced the whirl-

wind out-heralding Herod in its mer-

cellous denunciation of the very sins

that this same party had produced and

tolerated, and putting to the blush the

most pious professions of the worst

conscience-stricken sinner in the ag-

encies of a death-bed repentance, of a

purpose to amend its ways and correct

admitted abuses if only once again

intrusted with power. Alas! words

of promise to the ear, to be broken

to the hope. How well they were kept

is a matter of history known of all

men, illustrated most graphically in

the conduct of the War and Navy

Departments, the post-office service,

the Pension Office, and other Depart-

ments and bureaus of the Government,

civil service commission. Sir, I have

glanced at the causes which led to

that demand for reform in the civil

service and that temper of an outraged

people which created the sentiment

which tolerated the present civil

service law and system; and now, sir,

as to the law itself. It will not be

disputed, I think, sir, that there are

these in this country familiar with the

organic law and rules of its construction

who are firmly of the opinion that this

civil service law, in some of its pro-

visions, is not consistent with the

requirements of the Constitution.

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