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## FREE SHIPS AND NOT SHIP SUBSIDIES.

About every so often certain interests let loose a wall about the decadence of American shipping, and congress is urged to vote tens of millions of the people's money to aid American ship owners and ship builders.

There might be some reason in using public money for such a purpose were it not for the fact that there is a much easier and much honest way to revive American shipping, and a way that will not require the expenditure of a dollar of public money.

Let congress pass a law giving American citizens the same right to buy and run vessels as is enjoyed by the citizens of other civilized countries, and no one will deny but what that would restore to this country its full share of the carrying trade of the oceans. And why is this not done? The answer is easy. To allow Americans to buy ships in the free markets of the world, and sail them under the American flag, would deprive the highly protected interest of the rake-off they now enjoy on the materials used in the construction of American ships. And why has our shipping declined? Again the answer is easy. No one can build a ship in this country and pay tariff inflated prices for his materials, and use that ship in successful competition with a ship built where materials are much cheaper.

The American, as a rule, is loyal to his country and his flag, but when he wants to engage in the ocean carrying trade he has no money to throw away, or give away to our tariff sheltered trusts. He can buy a ship just as cheap as any other man, and sail it under a foreign flag, and that is what our laws oblige him to do if he engages in that line of business.

## CUSTOM HOUSE REPORTS EXPOSE INJUSTICE OF PROHIBITIVE TARIFF.

Verily is our tariff a shelter for monopolies. The custom house report for the year 1909, the last for which we have statistics, shows that during that year this country exported manufactured articles of the enormous value of \$671,000,000, and paid the freight on them and sold them in foreign markets in competition with foreign manufacturers. This enormous quantity of manufactured goods was sold to foreigners much cheaper than the prices charged for the same quantity of goods to the people of this country.

During the year 1909, we exported agricultural implements of the value of \$25,000,000, nearly one-third of all we produced. We imported none, on account of our prohibitive tariff. This country derived no revenue from the tariff on agricultural implements, but the farmers of this country had to pay to the manufacturers much more for their farm machinery than these same manufacturers charged the farmers of other countries.

## LUMBER TRUST OFFICIALS INDICTED.

Last week the federal grand jury at Chicago indicted the secretaries of fourteen retail lumber dealers' associations, comprising the lumber secretaries' bureau of information, and representing dealers' organizations from Pennsylvania to the Pacific coast. The indictments charge conspiracy to restrain and interfere with dealings between lumber manufacturers and consumers; and also, conspiracy to suppress competition and fix prices.

It has taken the government a long time to get after the lumber trust, but now that a start has been made we trust that the federal courts will work like the mills of the gods, that grind slowly but grind exceedingly fine.

## NAME YOUR FARM.

The last general assembly of Iowa enacted a law providing for the registration of farm names. The farmer can select any name he likes, provided it is not already registered in his county, and register it with the county recorder. No one else in the county can use that name, although a farmer in another county may use it if he sees fit.

It only costs one dollar to register the name of your farm. And after a farm has been named the owner will be apt to think just a little more of the place than he ever did before, and do more than he formerly did to keep it in repair and free from unsightly objects.

## THE AMUSEMENTS OF THE NATION ARE NOT ANTAGONISTIC TO CHRISTIAN LIFE AND CHARACTER.

It is easy to find fault, to break down, to destroy; but it requires a brain clean and bright, and a heart pure and brave, to build up, to construct, to design that which will better human conditions and be an improvement upon what is generally known and practiced. The difference between building up and breaking down is well illustrated by the difference in the work of a gifted sculptor with his mallet and chisel, and a maudlin ruffian with a heavy bludgeon. The sculptor took a block of marble, and with patience and skill, and taste and care, and a master mind, and a gifted eye, and a steady hand, chiseled for many months until his marble block appeared like a thing of life. Not absolutely perfect, perhaps, but as nearly so as hands could shape it. It was beautiful to look upon, but its beauty was destroyed in an instant by one blow from the upraised club in the ruffian's hand.

Upon one occasion a member of congress from this district, in a debate in the national house of representatives, turned upon his colleagues and truthfully said: "It is easy to criticize. It is easy to find fault. It was easier for Tom Paine to denounce Christianity than it was for him to offer a substitute better suited to the wants of his age."

We have been led to these observations by what we regard as the deplorable and distressing mistake that is being made by some men who are laboring in the ministry, and attempting to strike down nearly all the amusements indulged in by a great people, and strike them down without offering a single substitute in their place or stead. The show or travelling circus, the social game of cards, the quiet whist party, the dance and the stage are all denounced in unqualified terms.

It seems to us that the person who mourns over the corrupting influence of these worldly amusements estimates very imperfectly the teaching and example of Christ, and does not properly understand the object of man's existence in this world. The real Christ passed but few days in solitude and lamentation. He spent the greater portion of his life among all conditions of men, and carried with Him such a sunshine that He illumined all the years of earth, and even earth's grave.

And He was a true teacher, who knew that it was necessary to outline a course of action when he desired to change wrong into right. Take for example, this passage from His sermon on the mount:

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."

That kind of preaching has the ring of genuine meekness. It is not an elaborate denunciation of a false relation in life, but a clear statement of a better and more Christian way for man to deal with his brother.

We do not believe that man was ever designed by his Creator to avoid amusement and the sunshine of life, and when he does so, it is through his own ignorance, folly, or error.

David praised the Lord, saying: "Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing; Thou hast put off my sack cloth, and girded me with gladness."

And right here we wish to say a few words about dancing, and in saying what we do, we have no desire to run against any opinions whether well or ill founded.

Dancing has been indulged in by mankind on joyous occasions in all ages. The Saviour of mankind, when he spake by parables unto the publicans and sinners, told them about the joy in the father's house over the return of the prodigal son, and how when the elder son came near to the house he heard music and dancing. And this joyous reception was approved by Christ himself, who has the father say: "It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad."

It has been a custom in this country for our presidents to celebrate their inauguration with a grand ball. Lincoln and Garfield, and Grant and Cleveland, invited their friends to the elegant dancing party. Only last week President Taft celebrated his twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, by inviting upwards of 7,000 of his friends to the White House. The guests included all the members of the cabinet and their wives, with one exception, the diplomatic corps, members of the families of former presidents, leading men and women of the nation, including many prominent divines. And one of the features of the evening was a grand dance in the east room of the

## White House.

Now, these good men and women must believe that dancing, just like every other amusement, may be misused and perverted or be made an innocent, healthy and commendable accomplishment. We know that there are some who believe that dancing is corrupting, and those who feel that way should avoid the dance.

The Great Teacher said: "If thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off and cast them from thee." and again: "If thine eye offend thee, pluck it out." But he never said that the eyes and the hands that did not offend should be destroyed.

Those who are morally maimed and capable of being corrupted by dancing are objects of real pity, for they will be very apt to find some much more convenient mode of becoming corrupt when dancing is denied to them. Dancing is not wrong per se, that is, wrong in and of itself; for the well-bred and the proper-minded, the clean-handed and the pure-hearted can shape it into a god-given recreation to soothe and compensate for the trials and drudgery of this life. But, on the other hand, the vile and the vicious, the base and the vulgar, the mean and the women who are foul-hearted and unable to think pure thoughts in a dance room or any where else, can, and sometimes do, use the dance as a means to promote their evil objects and purposes. But such individuals are foul and poisonous everywhere, and they keep their snares set for the feet of the weak in an endless variety of form close to all of their pathways in life.

And what is here said in relation to dancing applies with equal force to the other amusements that have been mentioned. They are all of them patronized by many, very many, of the bravest and best men and purest women of the nation; and these good men and women will every one admit that they know of no form of amusement that may not be turned to some evil account by evil disposed persons. And every good man and woman would welcome with tidings of joy the introduction of some new form of public amusement not vulnerable to such attacks.

But why should these remarks be confined to amusements? Do they not apply to everything? If man could do nothing in this world until it was impossible for him, or some weaker brother, to err in so doing, what would there be for anyone to do?

And these considerations bring us to another question that goes down deeper, and rises up higher than all the rest. Does God desire that all temptation should be removed beyond the reach of mankind? We are inclined to think that he does not.

Every link in Christian theology booms with proof that our lives in this world are only short probationary periods. We are here upon trial, and temptations give us a chance to demonstrate our truth and our fidelity. If we have the moral courage to resist the temptations which are placed, or spring up around us, have we not demonstrated our fitness to our Creator for a position of the highest order? And have not the temptations enabled us to furnish our proof? There is no escape from the conclusion that temptations are necessary for the proper development of Christian character. If this were not so, why was that tree with its forbidden fruit placed in the Garden of Eden?

The ministers of the church should picture sin in all its deformity and enormity, but are they not attempting to be wiser than their Creator when they attempt to banish temptation from the world and commence by banishing the world's amusements? Is not this kind of preaching barricading the church doors against a multitude of men and women who are firm believers in the teachings of the Son of God?

As a great nation, as the greatest people that ever existed on the face of this earth, we are interested in the growth of true Christian theology. Our future prosperity depends as much upon the trend of church work as upon the laws that we enact or the schools that we teach, and for that reason we question the wisdom of the minister who builds a wall around his church to shut out the multitude who indulge in the social amusements of their day and their age.

We cannot escape temptations. They lie lurking beneath every amusement, avocation and business transaction. Christ himself was tempted by the Pharisees, and by all the powers of Satan when he was here on this earth, and his humble followers will find no place where they will be exempt. If we are to denounce everything that may be the occasion of man's temptation, sin and fall, then it is proper to denounce the Garden of Eden and its Creator for the temptation that grew or was placed therein.

## SPECIAL WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

By Clyde H. Tawmeyer.  
The President's wedding anniversary celebration at the White House was a great success, that is, socially. Politically, it was not the success it might have been. The special side of the affair has been described fully in the press dispatches. The political side has been largely ignored.

Those who were in charge of the political side of the celebration hoped the republican progressives would all be there so the publicity agents of the administration might send forth stories setting out the wonderful growth of sentiment in favor of President Taft's renomination and re-election.

But the progressives stayed away! From the political standpoint the absence of Theodore Roosevelt was a wet blanket on the whole affair. It is not believed here that Roosevelt remained away because of any personal feeling against the president, but the remarkable method adopted by the White House organization of seeking to make political capital out of any manifestation of sentiment, short of open hostility, from every man who went to the White House, made it absolutely impossible that Roosevelt should attend.

The absence of progressives, however, did not entirely destroy the political feature, for the politicians were there in force from every state. There were state chairmen, postmasters and United States marshals and hundreds of others who believe they control the republican organization in many states. The list of invitations, if not made up by Postmaster General Hitchcock, certainly was made up with reference to the Hitchcock organization of federal office holders.

Many of those present are discharged political leaders, members of gang organizations in 17 states who went democratic last year, and every one came to Washington with assurances that if the administrations will but commit their political fortunes to them, they will regain control in state and district which repudiated them.

The whole affair is regarded, by many as having been arranged and carried through solely in the hope that it would revive interest in Mr. Taft's candidacy for renomination. Therefore it has left a bad impression. It is recalled that President Hayes tried something of the same sort, and Hayes had no support in the convention.

Following the most glaring attempt at public deception, Theodore Roosevelt's endorsement of Mr. Taft, alleged to have been given at Baltimore, the publicity bureau, organized by the secretary of the president, has increased, rather than diminished its efforts.

Stories of dissension among the progressives emanated from this source. The entire statement that various progressives had declared for Mr. Taft has been denied since by the progressives themselves.

## AN ANTI-TETANIC SERUM URGED.

State Board of Health Recommends It for July 4 Accidents.

Dr. G. H. Sumner, secretary of the state board of health, is urging the local boards of health over the state to be prepared for the Fourth of July season accidents which occur all too numerous every year. He says: Local boards of health should recognize that at least one druggist in their respective towns should have on hand a supply of anti-tetanic serum for the saving of life from Fourth July injuries.

The Journal of the American Medical Association in June, 1910, gave the following simple rules to be followed in the treatment of every blank-cartridge or puncture wound:

1. Inject sub-cutaneously 1.500 units of anti-tetanic serum and continue the injections if indications of possible tetanus arise.
2. Freely incise every wound.
3. Carefully and thoroughly remove from the wound every particle of foreign matter.
4. Cauterize the wound thoroughly with a 25 per cent. solution of phenol (carbolic acid) in glycerine or alcohol. Apply a loose wet boric acid pack. In no case should the wound be closed. It should be allowed to heal by granulation. The dressing and packing should be removed every day, and fresh dressings applied.

MR. PERKINS AND HIS UNSEXING LAW.  
Eli Perkins of Delhi, the speaker protem of the Iowa house of representatives, was in town a short while, a few days since. When asked about the effects of the law he secured for unsexed imbeciles, criminals and degenerates, he replied, "It will be enforced and gladly so by the heads of the state institutions who are granted the discretion of determining who should be emasculated. The talk that the law is not enforced in Indiana is bosh. The head of a single institution in that state has performed the operation on over 700 degenerates who should not propagate their kind. Such an operation is not dangerous, and takes only three minutes for its completion. 'Why, sir,' continued Mr. Perkins, 'society needs this protection. Years ago a man of vicious but procreative tendencies settled in Polk county, and 128 of his descendants have at times been in the county jail or the state institutions. In one of the insane asylums of this state are a young man, his father and his grandfather. With this law we can avoid the support of a possible great-grandson, and so on ad infinitum. This is not an inhuman law, but one humane in its highest phases. It works for the welfare of those who are personally affected by it, and is a long step in the direction of the betterment of mankind.'"

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