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AMERICANISM

The classes attended by unnaturalized men and women seeking citizenship are the most powerful of the many Americanizing forces now at work.

We would all be better Americans if we could attend these classes and have our minds refreshed on the advantages and blessings of this country and government.

The main idea expounded to applicants for citizenship is that while our country is not perfect, yet it offers greater freedom and opportunity than any other government.

Especially important is the emphasis that our government is a mutual agreement between the people and that any undesirable or obsolete features of it can be changed through the ballot box or by other peaceful means. Methods of violence are not necessary, and will not be tolerated.

Of all instruction given citizenship classes, the most vital deals with an American citizen's rights—and duties.

First is the right of freedom. Then there is the right to liberty in religion, to freedom of speech and press, the right to assemble freely without disturbing the peace, and the right to petition public officers and obtain hearings.

Fifth and sixth of fundamental American rights are the right to fair treatment if accused of crime and the right to vote and hold office, the latter fortunately being extended to include women.

Duty is the fair price of right.

The citizen's duties to his government—meaning his organized fellow citizens—are:

The duty of obeying laws, all of which are subject to change at the demand of the majority.

The duty of helping to enforce the laws, even to such details as maintaining clean houses and clean yards.

The duty to vote intelligently. This duty unfortunately is so neglected that to it can be attributed virtually all of the evils in our government that cause discontent.

This program of rights and duties is the spinal column of Americanism.

The program appeals to the fairness and sound judgment of all sane men and women, once it is clearly comprehended by them.

Such comprehension is usually a certainty when unnaturalized residents are drawn into the instruction classes in citizenship.

We do not complete our duty in the Americanization movement merely by voting the necessary money to carry it on.

It is the further duty of every citizen who comes in contact with unnaturalized persons to explain to them the advantages of citizenship, that it is a boon worth striving for.

It should be assumed that no person remains unnaturalized from choice, but rather because the atmosphere of citizenship is not always friendly to him.

Impress upon such men, that a warm welcome awaits all new citizens. Extend help and sympathy so that no person can live in America without wanting to become a citizen.

OUR SPEED OF PROGRESS

We are moving fast.
 The fact is indicated by the fact that the men who invented and introduced the telephone and electric light are still actively among us.

The other day in Washington a gray-haired man in the middle sixties, fast on his feet and in his head, stepped up to the public telephone in one of the hotels and gave a number to the operator.

The young woman at the switchboard gave some facial indication of irritation, took the receiver from her ear, looked at it, readjusted the band over her head and said in jest:

"I wish I had the man here who invented this thing."

The inventor of this type of operator's head-piece was actually before the young woman.

This gray-haired man, still active, had installed the world's first telephone exchange in Boston in 1877.

He was the man who displayed to Alexander Graham Bell the first commercial application of his own invention.

This man was Walter D. McKinney, now of Columbus, Ohio.

Under the direction of Thomas A. Edison, he wired the first public building ever lighted completely by electricity—the old Bijou theater of Boston in 1882.

The reason Boston was selected for the first commercial application of the telephone was that

it formed the hub of a very large number of small New England communities, and there were at the time nearly 300 separate express companies carrying package freight by wagon or by contract with railroads to these towns—almost one separate carrier for each route or town.

The first practical use of the telephone was in connecting up these separate express companies with the merchants who commonly patronized them.

The introduction of general telephone exchange service into Boston was very slow.

Even by giving free service at first its use could not be induced; for merchants and bankers claimed it was an undignified means of transacting business.

It was not until telephones were also installed free in the homes of those who already had them in their business houses, and business men made accustomed to them by family communication that their commercial use was started.

The world will never submit to dictation—not even to the dictation of common sense.

"The fall of Petrograd." How can anything fall after it has become low enough to rest on the ultimate bottom.

We learn now that Alfonso was eager to help France. Some Americans were eager for blood and glory after the armistice.

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to slip off the yoke of another, there will be a lot of wire pulling to convince the league that the foundations of civilization are threatened.

WITH THE EDITORS

A DEMOCRATIC VIEW OF TAFT

One thing may always be said of William Howard Taft. He never is like the world, as he describes it, in the doldrums. For him there are no baffling winds and no dead calms. He finds something to do or say every hour of the day, and it never hurts anybody. Good nature and optimism when associated with learning and a judicial temperament make a strong combination. Nations, like individuals, will not long remain in the dumps if they follow his cheering example.—New York World.

Surely private life in the last few years has presented no finer example of public service, patriotism, poise, sanity, good temper, sound judgment and good citizenship than William Howard Taft.

And, by the same token, though he has won the opposition of the bigoted partisans in the republican party, he has been by all odds the wisest partisan and the best republican. Being public-minded before he is party-minded, his stand and his record have done his party more good than all the partisan bickerings and abuse that lesser members of his party have put forth. Indeed, in many a juncture his sterling patriotism, standing as representative of a wiser partisanship, has been about all that saved his party from utter disgrace.

We don't know whether the republicans will have sense enough to nominate him next year or not. If bigots who hold it an unforgivable offense for a man to be a citizen and a patriot before he is a partisan have their way, he will not be nominated. If the rank and file who appreciate sound citizenship, high patriotism and wise partisanship have their will, we believe he will. And if he is, the democrats will have to choose their very best to stand a chance against him.—Duluth Herald.

VIRTUE ITS OWN REWARD

Mr. P. E. Halldorson, who made the report which brought about the closing of the Scandinavian-American bank, has been discharged by O. E. Lofthus, the state bank examiner.

Mr. Halldorson, of course, knew when he made his report that it meant the loss of his situation. When he wrote that report he must have known that there was not one chance in a hundred that he would be able to retain his position after it became public, but he wrote it anyway.

He placed his conscience and his self respect above his job.

He refused to retain his position at the cost of his honor.

The people of North Dakota owe Mr. Halldorson a debt that they probably cannot repay—at least until there is a change of administration. Public officials of his type are all too rare these days. Too many public officials would have "passed the buck" if they had been in Mr. Halldorson's position. He stood right up to the blaze and took what was coming to him, rather than back down one inch from what he thought was right.

The Forum doesn't know Mr. Halldorson's feelings in the matter, but we can't believe that a man who would show the moral courage he did would regret the step now, nor can we believe that a man who has so proven his honesty can be long out of a position, just as good or better, than the state job he held.

But we would rather break stone on the roads for a living and have Mr. Halldorson's record, than be in the shoes of Mr. "Shoot-it-to-the-other-banks" Waters, with his \$5,000 salary, his sisal trust pickings, and the knowledge that he connived with bankers to permit violation of the banking laws he was sworn to enforce.—Fargo Forum.



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TAGALONG SERVING EXECUTIVE WEINERS

Juan Vasquez, a Tagalong of Cavite, recently discharged from Uncle Sam's navy, is serving up "pork and" and totting victuals for the governor's Monday round-table luncheon while the adjutant general's department of North Dakota and the soldiers and sailors' club of Spokane, Wash., are occupying themselves with an effort to get Juan's transportation back to the Philippines squared by the bureau of navigation at Washington, D. C. Juan was discharged at Seattle, and his discharge papers were sent into

Woman's Faith Helps Husband

"I owe my good health to my wife who had faith in a newspaper ad she saw of May's Wonderful Remedy. I was down so badly with stomach and liver trouble after 15 years of suffering and trying every known remedy that I had no faith in anything. This medicine has certainly been a 'God-send' to me." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestine tracts and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded.—At druggists everywhere.

Washington with an application for transportation when the transportation didn't come. Juan decided to follow his papers to Washington, and he got as far as Bismarck when his money ran out. He speaks no English but was lucky enough to find at the Capitol Charles Lessman, who speaks Tagalong and some fifty other dialects, and Secretary Lessman straightened things out for him and got him a job at the Capitol lunch counter pending the arrival of his transportation.

"UP IN MABEL'S ROOM"

With the coming of "Up in Mabel's Room" at the Auditorium theater on Wednesday, November 5, for an engagement of one night, theatergoers of Bismarck may look forward to one of the most brilliant theatrical events of the season. "Up in Mabel's Room" is the celebrated New York success which scored so phenomenal a hit on Broadway last season. It is described as a frivolous farce of feminine follies in three acts. Wilson Collison and Otto Harbach are the authors. A. H. Woods, the famous theatrical manager, is the producer. The play is said to be very original and ingenious in plot and daring and brilliantly amusing in treatment. The plot, according to the reports, revolves around a rose-pink chemist and an embarrassed young man's attempt to recover it before it comes to the attention of his jealous bride.



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service men who fought in that division in France, will hold their first union at Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky. on November 11. There are a number of members of this organization living in Bismarck and the surrounding country and they are taking a keen interest in this meeting. The society has a campaign under way to raise \$100,000 for a memorial at Washington for the members of the division who died in France.

ALL SAINTS' DAY
 All Saints' day will be observed at George's church tomorrow with a celebration of the holy communion in chapel at 10 a. m.

NURSES ENJOY PARTY
 The nurses' home of the Bismarck hospital was the scene of an enjoyable Halloween party on Wednesday evening, when ghosts and goblins disguised themselves for the benefit of the nurses and students, the future was deluged into, and other diversions common to this occasion were indulged in. Llectable eats were a feature of a most enjoyable evening.

FIRE THIS MORNING
 The fire department was called about 9 o'clock this morning to extinguish a small blaze in the basement of the house at 618 Avenue E. It is believed the fire started from a stove from the furnace. No damage was done.