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Loyalty Without Wind

True loyalty does not consist of getting out in public and shouting to the winds of the glories of our country and how we can tick the world with our hands tied behind us.

We have a few such "patriots" but they have never set the world afoot and we never expect to see them fighting for their country. When bullets are singing and shells are shrieking, such "patriots" are usually found industriously fishing in financial waters far to the rear.

What we need is patriotism that impels a man to love his country for what it is and for what it has done for himself and for the rest of mankind. When a man is imbued with this brand of loyalty he will give even life itself for his country when the need arises, and he will have no self-plaudits to hurl at his fellow men in glorification of his own acts. He will not dispense wind.

We have many such true patriots right in our midst, but they are quietly pursuing their daily routine, hoping and praying that the government may steer the ship of state safely through the troubled waters without loss of honor or of dignity.

Today they are simply loyal citizens of the republic. Yesterday they were, and tomorrow they be, heroes who have fought and bled for their country.

Submit the Constitution

In an address before the judiciary committee the other day Mr. Justice O'Neill stressed the solemn obligation which would rest on the Constitutional Convention to submit its work if it were to adopt any articles running counter to the expressed will of the people.

He was speaking specifically concerning the proposed changes in the judiciary system. The people, he said, had declared for the elective system. If the convention should undertake to provide for an appointive system its nature to refer the constitution to the people would be the breaching of a solemn covenant, and so strongly did he feel on the subject that, at the expiration of his term, he would retire to private life, refusing an appointive commission.

There are subjects other than the judiciary, however, on which the will of the people no less decisively has been expressed. There is, dominating the whole field, that of taxation.

If popular opinion in Louisiana today is consolidated on any proposition it is that taxation has gone beyond the margin of reason—that, already, it is approximating the mark of confiscation.

Last year, according to ex-Governor Sanders, in his powerful address of Tuesday, the people of Louisiana paid in federal, state and local taxes the stupendous total of \$100,000,000, whereas the total value of the four main crops they raised—rice, corn, sugar and cotton—aggregated only \$101,000,000.

COULD FIGURES BE MORE STAGGERING?

Is there a man or woman, whether or not these figures are precise, who does not know that they fairly represent, in the whole, conditions as they exist—of taxation carried to the point of cruel oppression?

Is there a man or woman who is not looking to the Constitutional Convention for relief from these conditions?

Six weeks of the convention have gone and no one today, lacking the gift of second-sight, can forecast what is to be the net result of its consideration of the tax problem. All that anyone knows is that there are various plans pending which will make for increased taxes and new systems of espionage affecting both the individual and the business men. In the congestion that is coming, as the convention draws to a close, anything may happen.

Whether, therefore, the work of the convention is good or bad as respects taxation, whether it means lower or higher taxation, it should have no effect of law, if good, unless it is ratified by the people, and, if it opens the possibilities of added burdens to those the people are now staggering under, it has no place in the constitution.

Of the will of the people in respect to taxation there can be no two opinions. The call would not have been ratified but the promise of a referendum. Since the convention has met the sentiment for submission has bathed strength everywhere, as naturally it should, with Louisianians unable to sell their chief agricultural products, with distress all over the farming regions and with justifiable doubt in the popular mind as to what is to eventuate in the crowded closing weeks of the convention on this vital subject of taxation.

We hope to see the sentiment of the country crystallize in such a way as to leave the convention in no doubt as to what the people want. Every constituency ought to be at pains to let

BE CAREFUL WITH MATCHES

A match carelessly tossed in a clothes closet, was responsible for one of the fires reported in New Orleans in the early part of February. All clothing contained therein was destroyed, and with clothing went five gallons of perfectly good sherry wine. The clothing can be replaced, but just think of the poor sherry!

Be careful with matches. Do not throw them away until you are sure that the flame has been extinguished.

SWEET POTATOES RECEIVE ATTENTION IN THE SOUTH

"At present the sweet potato is the most widely grown horticultural crop of the South, receiving attention by the horticultural extension forces," according to M. Hull, sweet potato specialist. "Every southern state is doing special work with sweet potatoes while some of the states, among them Alabama and Louisiana, have men who are devoting their entire time to the work. Storing and marketing are the two problems demanding the greatest attention. In view of the fact that the southern states produce about 80 per cent of the sweet potatoes grown in the country and market only 20 per cent is sufficient justification for pushing this line of work."

Diseases of the sweet potato are becoming so widely scattered that it is practically obligatory upon the part of every grower to carefully select and disinfect his seed before bedding.

Experiments conducted in the various states have demonstrated that sweet potatoes cannot be depended upon to keep if dug after frost.

HAYNESVILLE, THE NEW OIL TOWN, HAS DAILY PAPER

A copy of the first edition of Haynesville's daily newspaper has reached our desk, and considering the equipment used in its publication, it is a credit to the publishers, J. H. and J. P. Wade. At present it is all hand set and printed on a press not designed for this class of work, but the paper contains the announcement that a modern linotype and up-to-date cylinder press is on the road, which will place them in fine shape to handle the situation.

TWENTY-ONE TAKE TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

The teacher's examination held here this week was attended by twenty-one applicants for teacher's certificates. Of this number all but three or four were either high school students or high school graduates. Those taking the examination were as follows:

Nellie Gilbert, Viola Shows, Pearl Kelley, Irene Coker, of Bryceland; Claire Matthews, Grace Franks, of Castor; Mrs. G. C. Gantt, of Arcadia; Claud Poland, of Bienville; Opal Corley and Irene Neal, of Alberta; Lizzie Mae Person, of Castor; Azalee White, of Alberta; Hazel Horton, of Bienville; Clifford, Glasgow, of Spring Hill; Era Snyder, of Bienville; Chas. Cox, of Ringgold; Lois Franks, of Quitman; Mattie Glasgow, Blanche Lee, Jessie Leshe, of Ringgold; Gertrude Bailey, Ollie D. Huckabay, Agnes Lucky, Mary Huckabay of Bienville.

Abstract Truth.

No man can claim protection from laws he would repeal, or prosperity from conditions he would destroy. Right to both comes from upbuilding the one and contributing to the other according to ability and the needs of society.—Grit.

Home Town Helps

NOT ALLOWED TO BE PESTS

City of Boston Has Strict Regulations Governing Construction and Maintenance of Billboards.

The following regulations are in effect in the city of Boston, governing the use of billboards:

No outdoor advertising shall be permitted on any location within 500 feet of town or city parks, playgrounds, metropolitan parks, parkways, state reservations or public buildings.

No outdoor advertising sign shall exceed an area of ten square feet if within 500 feet of any public highway. No outdoor advertising sign, wherever located, shall exceed an area of 100 square feet, and all such signs shall be rectangular in form.

No outdoor advertising shall be permitted upon any rock, tree or natural object of beauty.

All fields and backgrounds of outdoor advertising shall be of neutral colors, and the fields, backgrounds and letters thereon shall not be discordant with surroundings, and nothing shall be placed thereon except letters of the alphabet and numerals.

No outdoor advertising shall be allowed within the area between intersecting streets and within a radius of 350 feet from the point where the center lines of the streets intersect.

The structure and the materials of all outdoor advertising signs shall meet the approval of the department of public safety of the state as regards all questions of fire hazard.

No waste or other rubbish resulting from any billboard or outdoor advertising sign shall be allowed to accumulate on or in the vicinity of the premises where the same is located.

Bottoms of all signs shall be at least three feet from the ground.

No outdoor advertising shall be permitted or allowed to be maintained without an annual state license.

SEE VALUE OF PLAYGROUNDS

Cities Spending Much Money Now for Recreational Centers, Which Might Have Been Saved.

Memphis, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Akron and Hartford have in the course of the last year doubled their appropriations for playgrounds, while Dayton trebled its appropriation of the year before. Detroit has issued \$10,000,000 in bonds for parks and playgrounds; Portland, Ore., has issued \$500,000 for the purchase of playgrounds, and Pittsburgh \$381,000 for the same purpose. With the increase of congestion in the streets of American cities the business of being a child becomes more and more hazardous. In this connection the American City states that 23 children a month, on an average, were killed in the streets of New York city during 1920. Few blocks in the city have provision for play space. Of the 15 play centers planned by the Playground association all but six remained closed because of lack of funds. It is pointed out that the policy of providing accommodations for play should be adopted in connection with rebuilding and the construction of new buildings.

The time to lay out playgrounds and recreational centers is before the town has grown to an extent that makes it necessary to condemn property for such purposes. Let there be a properly understood, comprehensive plan followed in the development of the town from its start.

Trees Public Property.

The pioneers planted forest or shade trees when there was scarcely an argument for their planting—when they were hemmed in and surrounded by virgin forest, writes C. F. Bley in the American Forestry Magazine of Washington. Today we are enjoying the fruits of their devotion, wisdom and forethought. Shall we do less—when there is so much more need—for the rising generations and for those yet unborn? Not every husbandman has appreciated the value of shade trees, witness the ruthless cutting down and making into cordwood of whole lines of noble, stalwart sugar maples! A legal enactment in every state providing that every tree now or hereafter standing within the legal road boundary shall be considered public property is suggested.

Appropriate Symbols.

Symbols are curious things. Our language is full of them and so is religious ritual, the ceremonies of secret societies, and at times it is very picturesque. When we wish to imply that a man's head is full of absurd, chaotic ideas we say in slang that there are "nuts in his belfry." Do you not see how in a dream a belfry could symbolize a head, and bats, morbid, sinister and absurd ideas?

Mementoes of Famous Men.

John Bunyan's chair, well authenticated, is kept at the Bunyan Meeting house, Bedford, and Nelson's favorite chair is to be seen in the Norfolk and Norwich museum.

GIBSLAND NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Lucky, of Monroe, were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Bridges, Sunday.

Mr. Tom Walker, of Sibley, was a business visitor here on Saturday.

Mrs. Richard Gantt, of Bienville visited friends here last week.

Mr. Tom Byrd, of Arcadia, spent Sunday in the home of his brother, Mr. Chas. Byrd.

Mr. Homer Atkins, is remodeling his residence, and when finished it will be an attractive home.

Mrs. A. D. Williams is on the sick list this week.

A V. S. & P. freight train wrecked Monday at noon at the crossing just outside of town. Much of the track was torn away, and the wreck was not cleared until late at night.

After a visit of ten days to their mother, Mrs. Chas. Hamner, Dr. and Mrs. Earnest Hamner left Tuesday for New York City, where they will locate. The opportunities offered, Dr. Hamner in the city are great and we predict fame for one so proficient in his profession.

Mr. John Crow and young bride, of Hanna, were guests of relatives here this week.

Mr. Montford Hull, of Baton Rouge was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. James Rhodes, for a few days last week.

Mr. Tillman Holoway and Miss Bonnie Bridges were quietly married at her home Saturday afternoon, Rev. B. Conant performing the ceremony. They left on the evening train for El Dorado where they will make their home. We extend best wishes for a happy life to the youthful couple.

Helen and William Stall were weekend guests of relatives in Arcadia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Baker left this week for Hot Springs, Ark., where they will spend awhile for the benefit of their health.

Mrs. Ruth Winlock's friends were grieved to hear of her death which occurred in the home of her mother in Pueblo, Colorado, last week.

Cas. Beardley, Jr., of New Orleans was a recent visitor here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sherman had the pleasure of a visit from their mother, Mrs. Studie Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bryan spent Sunday with relatives here.

Prof. L. M. Phillips was a visitor to Shreveport on Saturday.

Little Miss Bethel Knighton entertained her young friends last Friday evening by giving a tackey party. Such funny costumes and such a jolly good time! The lawn was brilliantly lighted and many out door games were enjoyed. As the guest arrived, they were served ginger cakes with buttermilk, later red lemonade and sandwiches. The judges declared Miss Marjory Patterson and Pitman Lawley the tuckiest and each was awarded a box of candy. Until a late hour these happy children laughed and played.

An Ordinance

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Whereas, the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana, is authorized by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana to levy and collect a five mill tax on the dollar of the assessed valuation on all of the taxable property within said parish; three and one-half mills of which is for general revenue purposes; and

Whereas, it has been found and determined and declared that the said constitutional tax will prove more than ample to pay all statutory, ordinary and necessary charges of said parish in and for the years 1921 to 1924, both inclusive, after payment of which there will be remaining a residue revenue in each of said years available for any lawful purposes;

Now, Therefore Be It Ordained: By the Police Jury of Bienville Parish, in regular session convened that the President and Clerk of the Police Jury of Bienville Parish, be and are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate a loan of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary in anticipation of the excess receipts and revenues from the Parish taxes, applicable and available for the purpose of the payment of the amounts now due by the parish of Bienville for indebtedness created heretofore in compliance with the law requiring cattle dipping and tick eradication in said parish, for the year 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924, said amount or amounts to be budgeted against the excess revenues over the regular budget of expenses for said years, and the said officers are further authorized and directed to issue certificates of indebtedness of the Parish of Bienville for the above mentioned purposes, to an amount not exceeding Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars each such certificate to be signed by the President and Clerk and countersigned by the Treasurer of the Police Jury of Bienville Parish.

On motion of Bert Davis, seconded by J. F. Allums, the above resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes.—Bert Davis, J. H. Thurmond, J. F. Allums, W. H. Bogan, A. G. Whitlow and J. H. King.

Nays.—None.

Absent.—None.

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PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF POLICE JURY

Arcadia, La., Mch. 14, 1921.

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NOTICE

The public is warned not to trade for or acquire any of the following described notes, all of which are payable to me, J. A. Butler:

One chattel mortgage note for \$201.00 signed by A. T. Black and due Nov. 1st, 1921.

One chattel mortgage note for \$307.74, signed by E. Black and due Oct. 15, 1921.

One mortgage note for \$48.50, signed by Henry Jackson and dated Aug. 18, 1920.

One mortgage note for \$30.75, signed by J. T. Black and due Nov. 1, 1921.

One mortgage note for \$191.55, signed by Harper Martin, and due Nov. 15, 1921.

One mortgage note for \$125.00, signed by G. E. Murphy and dated Oct. 23, 1920.

One mortgage note for \$89.25, signed by S. N. Kemp and dated Nov. 6th, 1920.

One mortgage note for \$92.50 signed by C. T. and C. L. Butler and dated March 5th, 1921.

One note for \$295.70, signed by C. H. Butler and dated March 5, 1921.

One mortgage note for \$293.70 signed by Benton and R. P. Vernon and dated February 21, 1921.

The above described notes were stolen or misplaced by the burglars who entered the Bank of Bienville on Monday night, March 7, 1921.

This the 16 day of March, 1921.

J. A. BUTLER,
 Bienville, La.

SHERIFF SALE

Union Mercantile Co., Inc. Vs. J. F. Spruick, No. 5376, Third Judicial District Court, State of Louisiana, Parish of Bienville.

Under and by virtue of a Writ of Execution issued from the above named Honorable Court and to me directed, I have seized and will offer for sale to the last and highest bidder for cash, with the benefit of appraisement, at the principal front door of the Courthouse at Arcadia, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, within legal sale hours on

Saturday, April 16th, 1921

the following described property, to-wit:

SW of SE, and S 1/2 of NW of SE, Sec. 26, Tp. 16 N., R. 7 W., containing 60 acres more or less, and all improvements.

The above described property seized as belonging to the defendant, J. F. Spruick, and will be sold to satisfy said Writ of Execution and all costs.

This the 29th day of November, 1920.

J. E. CURRIE, Sheriff.

Shoe Three Feet Long.

The latticed snowshoe resembles in a general way a large tennis racket, with the handle missing. The body of the shoe is two or three feet long and twelve inches or more wide at the broadest part, says the American Forestry Magazine. The rim is of ash, hickory or elm. The ski is made of beech, birch, maple, ash or spruce.



Why Keep Advertising?
 When Business Is Slack
 Why Advertise?

Did you ever notice that it takes time and persistence to accomplish anything worthwhile? You can't advertise today and expect to find your store crowded tomorrow, unless you have through constant advertising educated the public to read your ads.

The majority of people are slow to act. You have to tell them the same thing over and over again before they will heed your message.

Advertise now for the business you hope to do next month—it is the cumulative effect that brings results.

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We offer our entire Stock of Ladies' Spring Suits, Coats, Dresses, and Millinery at

One-Fourth off

Suits made by Bischof, Dresses made by Peggy Paige, of New York, Millinery Made by Gage, Fisk and Gaier, all are included. This is an opportunity you cannot afford to overlook.

Ladies' Stylish Pumps at \$7.45 Per Pair

For these three days we offer all our broken lot of this seasons best styles in Pumps and Oxfords at

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Included Satins, Black and Brown Kid and Novelties in Strap Effects, Pumps and Oxfords

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