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FREEMAN'S SPEECH

THE State of Maine will not sell its birthright.

Would that the men who guide the destinies of every state in the Union had the rugged courage of the governor of Maine.

What ground is there for believing that the surrender of state privileges to the federal government will bring us greater ease; will bring any economy of administration; will produce a more efficient class of executives or a better government?

Are not the executives of the nation bred by the states? Why do you expect that the atmosphere of Washington will make them supermen? Cannot the same men be as broad-minded legislators and able statesmen in the state-houses at Salem, or Springfield, or Sacramento?

They can, at least for the present, but how long they can is a question. The constant emasculation of power so drains the dignity of the state, that even its highest position is becoming a rubber-stamp job, secondary to the bureaucratic pomp of a federal department head, and men of merit soon will cease to aspire to such purely clerical positions as the state can offer, if the drift toward paternalism goes on.

In calling on the governors of the states to aid in evolving a plan for the enforcement of the prohibition law, the federal government has abjectly confessed failure. In 1906 the government had on its payrolls less than 200 special deputies, agents and inspectors, yet the country was law-abiding and self-respecting far more than it is today when an army of more than 20,000 special agents is abroad in the land.

What do you make of it? We see in it the inherent American spirit of liberty aroused and fighting against the paternalistic encroachments of a centralized government at Washington. Many are fighting blindly, instinctively. They feel the coils crushing, and though not fully awake to the cause, their instinctive emotion is protection of hard-won freedom. Thus we see all about us men of the class we designate as leading citizens, scheming to avoid the taxes that are nominally imposed by law, but which they repudiate because they feel they had no hand in the imposing; violating the constitutional amendment that again is the law and should be obeyed, but which they scorn and deride in speech and action because they feel they had no hand in the making.

It is a situation that must be viewed with alarm by every thinking American. It indicates democracy in danger.

Paternalism, well-meaning but misguided, has the nation in its gripping coils, and the spirit of centuries of liberty-loving ancestors is instinctively battling against the subtle, seductive influences that are slowly breaking the heart and the spirit of all American enterprise.

The bribe offered by the federal government for the relinquishment of the freedom of internal control and decision by the states are fair on the surface, but each will bear the closest scrutiny beneath and within.

The offer that called forth the ringing protest of Maine was wrapped around the Sheppard-Towner maternity bill, designed to protect mothers and infants, a most worthy object—but who should have more closely at heart the safety of their women and the welfare of their children than the citizens of the states.

The men of Maine are strong,

enough to protect their own, declared their chief, tearing to tatters the cloak of promised benefits that wrap the true inwardness of the bill, in a new declaration of rights that is entitled to a place in history beside the original declaration of American independence.

Here is what he said: I believe the time has come for the states of the union to hold to a principle and to scrutinize carefully all offers of federal aid before accepting them. Having no doubt as to what my duty is in this matter I decline to accept the Sheppard-Towner bill and this state for the time being will stand with New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the three states that have rejected it.

The state of Maine will not sell its birthright. Principle, not expediency, has been the determining factor with me in the solution of this problem. The financial aspects of federal aid are interesting.

The proffered \$5000 has been returned to as a free gift to the state of Maine, while in reality the federal government is taxing the state to raise this money, and now in order to help our mothers and children, offers to pay back to the state the trivial sum of less than two-thirds of one cent for each inhabitant.

At the present time more than \$18,000,000 is annually taken in taxes by the federal government from the people of Maine, and less than \$1,250,000 is returned to the state in the form of federal aid. This \$18,000,000 of Maine money is paid into the federal treasury at Washington, a large portion being absorbed in heavy administration expenses at the federal capital, and a small fraction being returned to the state.

During the world war the power of the federal government over the states of the union was extended beyond precedent. The time has now arrived, however, when the states should be restored to their former status and should guard against further encroachment.

The people of Maine are willing and able to care for their own mothers and children and have faith to believe that Maine men and women will do this rather than accept so-called gratuities from a federal bureau. Already we are overburdened with federal interference and control and our citizens and industries are hampered by federal inspectors and other officials from Washington.

In years gone by the state of Maine has not hesitated to stand for great principles and it is well for the 44 states that have accepted the Sheppard-Towner bill to know that Maine neither asks nor for the time being accepts federal aid for its mothers and children.

WELL DONE

NOT the least pleasing feature of Christmas holiday, now past, was the prompt and efficient manner in which the great volume of Christmas cards, letters and parcels was handled by the local postoffice.

Postmaster McCall modestly disclaims credit for himself, saying that the swiftness with which the flood of Christmas mail was kept moving was largely due to the fact that trained clerks were available. Such modesty is admirable and we would not spoil it by heaping any fulsome personal praise on the postmaster.

Probably the demand made on the postoffice during the past few weeks was the heaviest ever known. It was certainly gigantic.

But everybody got their Christmas gifts and Christmas greetings on time, because of the system and skill with which the great mounting pile of mail was handled.

McCall and his staff did a big job well and are entitled to the thanks of the public.



Moore's poem "The Night Before Christmas" has been filmed. But they call the picture "Nothing Stirring."

If every day was Sunday there would be no insomnia.

Father always learns what his Christmas present cost.

Near West Rumney, N. H., a man caught an eagle in a skunk trap, much to the eagle's disgust.

The sewing machine was patented in 1790, and neighbors have dropped in to use it ever since.

A Washington man has paid \$500 for 20 eggs that haven't been laid, so this must make the hen nervous.

Seattle auto driver ran into a new building going up, and may claim it was on the wrong side of the street.

A bird sang over the Detroit News radio. Why not broadcast chicken frying in some country kitchen?

There are so many wild baseball figures flying around you can't tell who has bought the 1923 pennant.

Skirts are longer so they can be

Pre-Inventory Sale

In going over our stock before taking inventory we find many articles on which we are overstocked. In order to turn this stock into money before taking stock, we are marking it at ridiculously low prices.

For Friday and Saturday Only

- 75c Dazira Talcum 43c
Frosted bottle
\$1.00 Cara Nome 69c
Talcum Powder
50c Lemon Cocoa Butter 33c
Cold Cream
60c Violet Dulce 37c
Cold Cream
50c Jonteel Cold 33c
Cream
\$1.00 Harmony Toilet 59c
Water
\$1.00 Septone 59c
Hair Tonic
25c Rexall 13c
Baby Talcum
25c Puretest 15c
Zinc Stearate
50c American 33c
Castile Soap
25c Rexall '93' 15c
Shampoo Paste
\$1.50 Jonteel 98c
Toilet Water
\$1.00 Gold Edged 59c
Correspondence Cards
50c Syrup White Pine 33c
and Tar
\$1.00 Mineral Oil 69c
Russian Type, pint
50c Rexall 37c
Liver Salts

Candy Sale
A few packages of Haas' Candy at Cost
\$1.00 Haas' Milk 73c
Chocolates
\$1.20 Haas' Home Made 89c
Specials
60c Haas' Home Made 43c
Specials
\$1.00 Old Fashioned 73c
Chocolates
\$1.25 Haas' Half and 89c
Half

Ladies' Hand Bags
Real leather hand bags \$7.50 values
only 14 bags in this lot.
Special
\$3.98

- \$1.25 Truflor 79c
Toilet Water
50c Lord Baltimore 33c
Writing Paper
\$1.50 Symphony Lawn 89c
Writing Paper
\$6.00 Pedestal 33.98
Smoking Stand
\$3.50 Pedestal 11.89
Smoking Stand
\$4.50 Ladies 22.69
Hand Bags
\$2.00 Maximum Hot Water 11.19
Bottle, 2 quart size
65c Ross & Ross 49c
Bag Dolls
35c Rexall Toilet Cream 23c
for chapped hands
\$1.00 Syrup Hypophosphites 69c
pint bottles
75c Vanity Cases 43c
with powder puff
\$1.00 Vanity Cases 53c
with powder puff
\$1.25 Vanity Cases 63c
with powder puff
\$1.50 Vanity Cases 73c
with powder puff
75c Books for 49c
boys and girls
\$1.00 Books by 69c
popular authors

Palmolive Soap 7 Cakes 50c
STAR DRUG CO
The Rexall Store
5th and Main Sts.
English Walnuts 3 pounds \$1.00

Ohio Princesses to America



Princess Anastasia, the Cleveland-born wife of Prince Constantine of Greece, is shown here arriving in New York on the Olympic with her royal husband.

Social Problems to Come Before Meeting

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Social research, rural sociology, training of social workers and social theory and evolution are among the subjects to be discussed at the annual meeting of the American sociological society here today and continuing through Friday. The membership is composed of persons interested in the scientific study of social problems. The Rural Sociology and social research section will discuss among other things, the distribution of poverty and philanthropy in a large urban community, a study in rural community organization, a survey of the farmers' standard of life and the family as an environment for child development. A report on the study and preliminary organization of a neigh-

berhood of 20,000 negroes, will be heard at the session on social theory and evolution together with a discussion on rural sociology as a college discipline.

COMING EVENTS

- Dec. 29.—Christmas tree at Old Fellowship Hall.
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Dec. 31, and Jan. 1.—Elks' watch night party.
Jan. 1.—Mask ball, Scandinavian hall.
Jan. 3.—Chamber of Commerce Forum.
Jan. 5.—Meeting of Directora Women's Relief Corps.
Jan. 8.—Regular meeting of Klamath Sportsmen's Association, Chamber of Commerce rooms.

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