

INSIDE HISTORY

Some Self-Explanatory Letters

Battle Creek, Mich., Jan'y 7, '11.
Dr. E. H. Pratt,
Suite 1202, 100 State St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

My Dear Doctor:

"Owing to some disagreement with magazine several years ago they have become quite vituperative, and of late have publicly charged me with falsehoods in my statements that we have genuine testimonial letters.

"It has been our rule to refrain from publishing the names either of laymen or physicians who have written to us in a complimentary way, and we have declined to accede to the demand of attorneys that we turn these letters over to them.

"I am asking a few men whom I deem to be friends to permit me to reproduce some of their letters over their signatures in order to refute the falsehoods.

"We have hundreds of letters from physicians, but I esteem the one that you wrote to me in 1906 among the very best particularly in view of the fact that it recognizes the work I have been trying to do partly through the little book, "The Road to Wellville."

"I do not sell or attempt to sell the higher thought which is more important than the kind of food, but I have taken considerable pains to extend to humanity such facts as may have come to me on this subject.

"In order that your mind may be refreshed I am herewith enclosing a copy of your good letter, also a copy of the little book, and if you will give me the privilege of printing this over your signature I will accompany the printing with an explanation as to why you permitted its use in publication in order to refute falsehoods, and under that method of treatment I feel, so far as I know, there would be no breach of the code of ethics.

"I trust this winter weather is finding you well, contented and enjoying the fruits that are yours by right.

With all best wishes, I am,
Yours very truly,
C. W. Post.

Dr. Pratt, who is one of the most prominent and skillful surgeons in America, very kindly granted our request in the cause of truth and justice.

Chicago, Aug. 31, 1906.

Mr. C. W. Post,
Battle Creek, Mich.

My Dear Sir:

"I write to express my personal appreciation of one of your business methods, that of accompanying each package of your Grape-Nuts production with that little booklet "The Road to Wellville." A more appropriate, clear headed and effective presentation of health-giving auto-suggestions could scarcely be penned.

"Grape-Nuts is a good food in itself, but the food contained in this little article is still better stuff. I commend the practice because I know that the greed and strenuousness, the consequent graft and other types of thievery and malicious mischief generally can never be cured by legislative action.

"The only hope for the betterment of the race rests in individual soul culture.

"In taking a step in this direction, your process has been so original and unique that it must set a pace for other concerns until finally the whole country gets flavored with genuine, practical Christianity.

"I shall do all that lies in my power to aid in the appreciation of Grape-Nuts, not so much for the sake of the food itself as for the accompanying suggestions.

"Visiting Battle Creek the other

day with a friend, Dr. Kelly of Evanston, Illinois, while I was consulting with Mr. Gregory, my friend visited your factories and came away greatly amazed, not only at the luxurious furnishings of the offices generally and the general equipment of the place, but with the sweet spirit of courtesy and kindness that seemed to fill the air with a spiritual ozone that was good to breathe.

"The principles expressed in the little booklet, "The Road to Wellville," I well know are practical and they work in business of all kinds, including sanitariums, as will be fairly tested before time is done.

"I know you will not regard this letter of appreciation as an intruding one. It is simply the salutation of good fellowship to you from a man who, although he has never seen you, feels drawn to you by the kinship of thought.

"The only thing that makes a man live forever in the hearts of his countrymen and his race is the good that he does. Your position in this respect is an enviable one and I wish to extend my congratulations."

Yours respectfully,
E. H. PRATT.

NEBRASKA'S NEW SENATOR

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achieved in progressive government by the laws of state and nation which have given us pure food laws which protect every family in the land.

"And in the matter of the protection of property consider what great advance has been made even within our own day by state and nation, in the passage of laws regulating the railroads and traffic associations of the United States. Only a few years ago the free pass evil was universal. A few years ago every railroad in the land was discriminating against the smaller shipper whom it was robbing and enriching the great trust. The people of the United States almost without regard to party in state as well as in national legislation have grappled with this evil and freed the public highways from this misuse.

"Then also in the matter of the protection of property interests and the individual rights, consider what great reform has been achieved and is still being struggled for in the passage of anti-trust laws, not only by congress but by the various states. The day of triumph has not fully come, but it is coming. Some day these anti-trust laws will suffice to stop the evil they are intended to meet.

"Consider also the great progress that has been made in our own time in progressive government by the reform of our election laws. First came the Australian ballot which tended to purify elections. It has done a great deal to free from the corrupting power of money and from intimidation at the polls the electorate of the country.

"Consider also what advance was recently made by the passage of laws providing for the publicity of campaign contributions and the corrupt practices act of the various states.

"Consider also what reform has been made by progressive legislation in the direction of tax reform. More than half of the states of the union today have laws providing for inheritance taxes whose beneficent effects are widely recognized. And within a few years our national congress in response to the amendment of the constitution, which the people will undoubtedly enact in time, will give us an income tax to place upon the wealth of the country, some of the burdens now borne altogether by the consumers.

"All parties have had a share in these and other progressive steps, the people have demanded them, and it is well upon this occasion which

represents an epoch in the history of Nebraska, to call them to our minds. We have recently secured only within a few years the inauguration of a great system of rural free delivery for the millions of farmers all over the country. Still more recently we have secured the establishment of a system of postal savings banks to encourage thrift and protect the poor people of the country in their savings. Only since this legislature met we have heard the good news from Washington that the law which Nebraska had passed for the protection of the savings and the deposits of the people which we call the guaranty bank law had been declared valid and been vindicated by the highest court in the land. Thus another great reform has been made. We have passed within our own recollection laws for the protection of child labor. We have passed laws for the limiting of the hours of labor in order to protect the classes of society not always able to protect themselves. We have passed laws establishing arbitration boards for the settlement of labor disputes.

"The men of all parties in this legislature are pledged to enact a system of initiative and referendum voting, which is a progressive idea tending still further to make the legislative body responsive to the popular will.

"And finally gentlemen, this state has taken only second place in all the union in putting into practical effect the popular demand for the election of senators by the direct vote of the people. So I say I am glad to be one of the actors today in this great ceremonial, and the great beneficiary of this occasion, which marks a new epoch in progressive government. I am glad at this moment to forget that I am a democrat, forget that I am a party man, and glory in that I am a Nebraskan and belong to the state.

"Mr. President, I am in every sense a Nebraska man. I was born here in this state fifty-one years ago. I am a son of Nebraska. I belong to her people. I am bone of their bone, flesh of their flesh, and it shall be my pride as her senator to be faithful to her interests and responsive to her wishes. I thank you."

WASHINGTON NEWS

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the interstate commerce and military affairs committees, protested against stripping the speaker of the power of selecting committees. Mr. Henry of Texas, conspicuously mentioned for chairman of the rules committee, made the formal motion outlining the order of business. His plan carried. This involved the selection of the personnel of the ways and means committee as informally agreed upon in advance by the leaders as follows: Underwood of Alabama, chairman; Randall of Texas, Harison of New York, Brantley of Georgia, Shackelford of Missouri, James of Kentucky, Kitchin of North Carolina, Hull of Tennessee, Dixon of Indiana, Rainey of Illinois, Hammond of Minnesota, Hughes of New Jersey and A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania. Mr. Foster of Illinois introduced a resolution providing for the election of the standing committees of the house committee. He proposed that democratic members of the ways and means committee chosen at the caucus be authorized to nominate the majority of members of these standing committees of the next house to the adjourned caucus. Under his resolution, democrats on the ways and means committee would be ineligible to serve on any other committee."

Senator Borah of Idaho strongly advocated election of senators by popular vote in a speech wherein he urged the unseating of Lorimer.

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