

CONSERVATISMS.

Imposed obligations are slavery.
 Self-control is self-righteousness.
 Reform is intelligent self-preservation.
 To serve others at the cost of self is suicidal.
 There is neither liberty nor freedom in inability.
 Patriotism is neither gush, moonshine nor insanity.
 Individualism is intelligent self-preservation.
 Intelligent self-love is the highest man can attain to.
 He who loves God wisely loves himself intelligently.
 Ability succeeds by intelligently studying inability.
 Obligations are self-assumed, not the imposition of others.
 Utility to self is the measure of man's fitness to serve others.
 Only he who is free in his own might is free to serve others.
 As no man ever made himself no man can unmake himself.
 There is nothing higher or nobler than intelligent self-control.
 The struggle for existence provides no place for unfits and misfits.
 Missions are the creation of an emotionally diseased brain.
 Ignorance upholds missions, but wisdom seeks to maintain itself.
 Egotism is the assumption of ignorance. It is always impudent.
 He who serves himself wisely is truest to humanity, God and country.
 Truth to self is the acme of an intelligent, conservative utilitarianism.
 True manhood demands freedom and denies the right of others to bind it.
 The brotherhood of man is the endeavor of ignorance to mate misfits.
 Egoism is the positiveness of self-knowledge and is always controlled.
 Self-sacrifice is superstitious suicide—unless exacted by utilitarian necessity.
 No man is responsible for the acts of another unless he assumes the obligation.
 He who conserves himself the best is he who serves others the wisest and most completely.
 Truth is immortal but the sappers and miners of truth often die of neglect and damnation.
 Man follows his strongest tendency. When self-preserving it is moral—when self-destructive, immoral.
 Altruistic socialists resemble a teamster who hitches the best horse back so as to make him pull the whole load.
 It is always wise to look a gift horse sharply in the mouth; otherwise he may prove a costly and burdensome gift.
 True nobility conserves its energies intelligently; ignobility destroys them

or sacrifices them to ignorant superstition.

There is no such thing as love of humanity or truth to country. There is such a thing as intelligent self-hood and truth to self.

"No legislature (or government) has a right to absolute arbitrary power over the lives and fortunes of the people."—Sam Adams.

If the government exceeds the limits of the powers conferred on it by the constitution it becomes tyrannical and treasonable.

He who asserts that he loves God, humanity, country or ought else better than self is a self-deceiving fool or a hypocritical liar.

Taxation is one of the powers delegated to the government by those forming the social compact for their individual preservation.

"The fool hath said in his heart there is no God," simply because he did not know himself. He hath fallen down before the graven image of ignorance.

Political common sense or patriotism is the intelligent comprehension of the relations between self and the whole and serving the whole for self-benefit.

Taxation for any other purpose than that implied in the compact is treasonable and usurpation of powers not delegated by the members to the compact.

"The supreme power cannot justly take from any man any part of his property without his consent in person or by his representatives."—Sam Adams.

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POLITICAL.

"The people are ready for the definitive adoption by express law of the single gold standard," declares the Chicago Evening Post (rep.). "The business community demands it, and the next congress must carry out the pledges of the party now in power. There is no excuse for further hesitation or delay."

"If the republican majority in congress knows the prevailing sentiment in the country and is disposed to be directed by it, it will promptly adopt legislation unequivocally fixing the gold standard and protecting the gold reserve," says the Omaha Bee (rep.). "Every republican convention of the year has pronounced in favor of such legislation. It is desired by all sound-money men, who unquestionably constitute a large majority of the people."

"The next presidential campaign will not be fought upon an issue made to order by any body of managing politicians," warns the Philadelphia North American (rep.). "That much the machine bosses may as well take notice of early. The day is long past when a

cut-and-dried issue can be foisted into a campaign and burning questions of immediate public importance thrust to the rear. The printing press and the public school have wrought ruin to the trade of professional national platform building."

"The only true conservatism that commends itself to patriotic Americans and to men of business sense is that which conserves financial stability and public confidence," says the Chicago Times-Herald (rep.). "As we are now doing business on a gold basis and as the people have twice repudiated the 'double standard,' the failure of congress to enact a plain, unequivocal gold statute, declaring the gold dollar to be the fixed, permanent monetary standard of the United States, would be the legislative blunder of the century."

Discussing the question as to who will be the republican candidate for vice-president, "if Mr. Hobart doesn't care for a renomination," the Milwaukee Sentinel says that he must be one who would be a vote-getter, and who would give strength to the ticket. "He mustn't, in short, be colorless," it concludes, but "at the same time, his color must not be so high that the head of the ticket will look pale by comparison. Governor Roosevelt, unless we are much mistaken, would have this fault." Quite complimentary to President McKinley!

Commenting on Senator Thurston's remark in a speech at the Nebraska republican convention, that President McKinley will be reelected on the don't-pull-down-the-flag issue, the Buffalo Express (rep.) remarks: "President McKinley cannot come up as a candidate for reelection till the fall of next year. If the Filipino insurrection is not ended before that time, it will not be a pleasant subject for republicans to talk about. If it is ended, the necessity of supporting the government while it is at war cannot be an issue. The president will hardly thank Senator Thurston for so short sighted an attempt as this to define the issue on which he is to stand in 1900."

Colonel Bryan's denial of that silly slander to the effect that he had said he was in politics for the money there is in it—circulated by Sterling Morton—is flat-footed and emphatic, and calls for Mr. Morton to promptly show his hand. He has had his fun for several weeks—now let's hear him talk turkey awhile.—Nat Snail's Fremont Herald.

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