

ENGALLS ON POLITICS

Washing Criticism of Men Who Class Politics with Poner and Pugilism.

THE CLAMOR OF IGNORANT DEMAGOGUES

Men Elevated to Positions of Trust Are as Good as Their Constituents.

AMBITION FOR OFFICE IS A LAUDABLE ONE

The Legislative Fabric Has Depended Upon the Ability of a Chosen Few.

GOOD GOVERNMENT THE CONCERN OF ALL

Political Millionaires Under the Ban—Poor Men May Become Great—An Epidemic of Moral Typhus—Rewards of Politics—The Great Forum.

As a representative democracy we have a sovereign and the will of the majority is supreme, every citizen should be a politician, not necessarily in the selfish sense of being an aspirant for office, but in the broader sense of more patriotic view of public affairs.

There is no dynasty, no reigning family, no prerogative nor hereditary governing class, no inherited privilege or power. The only national government is the president and the congress, chosen periodically by a majority of the people, and the judiciary, nominated by the executive and confirmed by the senate.

The "nationalization of our industries," stripped of its euphemisms, means merely the substitution of the tyranny of a mob for the tyranny of a monarch; the taking by force from those who have, and giving to those who have not; the obliteration of the organic distinctions between the few and the many; the attempt by laws of congress to abrogate and repeal the laws of God.

We hear much recent denunciation of bad government in the United States; loud declamation against corruption in congress, municipal boodism, ring rule, legislation for corporations, monopolies, plutocrats and millionaires. Much of this clamor is manufactured by ignorant and dishonest demagogues, and is both ignorant and insincere, but if it were true in terms the appropriate reply is that the people of this country are supreme, and that they have just as good government as they deserve to have.

Every community there are more intelligent, industrious, upright and patriotic men than rogues and scoundrels. If there were no society in which their virtues would perish by its own infirmities. When the honest, thrifty majorities upon any project neglect their political obligations, omit their duties to the community, and the conventions and the polls, they abdicate their sovereignty. They wear the crown and hold the scepter, and if they choose to lay them down it is purely to the discredit of the government.

The corollary of suffrage is office, executive, legislative and judicial. One is the complement of the other. Both are indispensable parts of the system. As there are no electors, so also must there be magistrates, legislators and judges. It is as much the duty of the citizen to hold office as to cast the ballot.

That political activity is honorable as well as essential to the perpetuation of democracies must be admitted. Whether politics is a vocation is a desirable is quite another question. It depends. Probably it would be just to say that existing conditions of public life are not favorable to happiness. The pseudo-reformers, who have contempt for popular self-government, who are more exacting, stigmatize all aspirants for public employment, except themselves, as ambitious and place-hunters.

narrower simplicity of life, the most rigid economy of expenditure and the highest success in public affairs.

Public Affairs. Mandall's career was coincident with the epoch of profligate profusion and extravagance that followed the war, the carnival of vanity, the golden age of the parvenu, the bloated aristocracy, the riotous display. The Credit Mobilier, office brokerage, whisky rings, pension syndicates, the sale of pardons sprang like toadstools from national decay.

But the scope is broader and the opportunity more tempting. Government affairs concern every citizen, and the legislator with sword and quill, the executive with pen and original and striking language, has an assured audience of as many millions as there are voters in the republic.

It might perhaps be of greater advantage in some respects that the institutions permitted the preparation of men for legislative, diplomatic, statesmanship and administration by the study of history, political science and the sciences that relate to international law, as they are instructed and trained for service in the army and navy and for the professions.

Public service being a duty or obligation which the state demands of its citizens, since it can be performed by one else, should be honorable and desirable. It is like service on the jury or in the army or navy in time of war. Without it the state would be helpless and its interests would not be protected, and it is lamentable that many, being serious and defined in their province, political careers are so random, helter-skelter and uncharted.

Aside from the considerations of pride and patriotism, there is nothing that more intimately concerns the selfish personal interests of the American citizen than the management of his money, his lands, his income, profits, education, commerce, industry, agriculture, money, comfort, prosperity and the security of life, property and liberty.

A most distinguished and eloquent citizen of New York in a recent interview advised young men to take no active interest in politics till by business or professional activity they had secured competence or fortune, so as to be able to resist party vicissitudes. This was well meant, but no instruction could be more deleterious to democratic institutions.

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Episcopal church recently married at Sner-north, to Mrs. L. B. Kirk, president of the North West Fair, a young lady, about 20 years of age, is said to be the finest looking of the Southern Methodist bishops.

A woman without arms has been married at Christ church, New Zealand. The ring was placed on the bride's finger by the bridegroom, a similar marriage to this was performed at St. James church, Bury St. Edmunds, in 1832.

A Boston jury has granted a woman who has just divorced her husband another woman \$10,000 damages. The verdict is directed, not against the errant husband, but the woman who succeeded to the first wife's place in the home.

The gossips of the national capital are telling a pretty story about Secretary of the Navy Herbert and Mrs. Manning, widow of Daniel Manning, secretary of the treasury under Mr. Cleveland's first administration.

A New York clergyman preached last Sunday on the topic, "How Shall We Spend Our Money?" He said that a man who is a scholar or a gentleman, the presidency is the supreme goal of political ambition, but to one acquainted with the life of the public life it is difficult to conceive why any man should desire to be president of the United States.

Censure of the senate is always popular. When icicles hang by the wall and news is scarce the purveyor of public opinion finds his function in the most profitable manner in material in denunciation of the American House of Lords, its millions, its methods, its expenditures, its bay rum, bath rooms and banners.

It was at a late quarterly meeting of Seventh Day Baptist churches in Wisconsin that two clergymen were to present papers on the same day, and the question of precedence was raised.

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