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"If There is Not a Way, Cut a Way."

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The 1924 Parable

THERE was a certain man who was very rich and who had many servants. And he called unto him two of them and said unto them: "I desire to go into a far country to be gone many days. Unto you I give the oversight of all my people and my possessions, my corn and my oil. Have great care to my property that it be neither despoiled nor diminished for it belongs to all the people."

And he made the one the chief steward and the other second steward, and the two servants were greatly rejoiced. And the chief steward said unto the master: "Oh Master, the honor which thou bestowest upon me, I am unworthy of it. Neither am I able to look to the welfare of thy people and to thy possessions. This will I do, I will have under me ten of the best minds who know well of thy people and the care of thy property. And this, thy second steward, he also shall sit in our council and shall advise with me. So that, if perchance anything should befall me, thy servant, he may be able to fill my place. But the second steward said nothing. And they took an oath, both the chief steward and the second steward with him. And the speech of the chief steward pleased the master greatly so that he went on his way rejoicing.

And the second steward said no word. Now there were among the people certain wicked men who cared nothing for the authority of the master nor for the rights of their fellow servants. Many times had they sought to get for themselves the richest treasure belonging to their master and to the people, but the servants had prevented them. And it was so that when the master was a little while gone, the wicked men came to the counselors who had been placed in authority and said unto them: "Give unto us such and such property belonging to the master and to the people their corn and their oil. And the counselors replied: "We cannot give it thee. The chief steward, he alone can give it thee." And the wicked ones said: "Have no fear, for the people are busy each with his own affairs. As for the master, he will never require an accounting." But the chief steward was astonished and he called together all his counselors and the second steward with them. And they counseled long concerning the matter, for indeed, it was much property which the master had jealously kept for all the people. But the counselors who were servants of the wicked men said unto the stewards: "Hear you, this is our affair. Was it not we who artfully brot you before the master when he was seeking for stewards to look after his affairs, and before ever the people had heard thy names? Deliver over this property."

But the second steward said nothing. And the evil counselors were greatly pleased at the silence of the second steward for they had feared that he might create a tumult and defeat their purposes. And they said among themselves: "Would that he were the chief steward, for he is discreet in all things and detests unseemly words."

And the chief steward went out among the people to make friends with them, and they received him joyfully for they knew not that they had been betrayed. But as he journeyed, suddenly he fell sick with a strange malady and in a little while he died. And the second steward ruled in his place.

Now there were among the people honest servants who discovered how that evil men had contrived to rob them and the master of the corn and the oil and they accused the evil men and the counselors and the second steward with them. But the second steward was now in authority and had much power so that he would not even so much as answer the accusations made against him by the people, nor would he talk in any manner about the matter.

But he procured rich and powerful friends who went throught the land telling the people that he was in no wise to blame for the evil which had befallen, but that he was a prudent man, cool and self-contained. And they spoke cunningly of the wisdom of the steward, how that he had kept silence even from his youth up. And the land was filled with the praises of the second steward, so that the people were perplexed and they said among themselves: "What will the master do upon his return? Will he say unto the second steward: 'Thou didst well to keep silence while these evil men made away with my property and despoiled my people of their corn and their oil. Thy silence was a golden opportunity unto them. For this I will greatly reward thee, and will continue thee in thy high position,' or will he say unto him, 'Thou wicked and unprofitable steward who seekest to hide thy sins in the tomb of another, why didst thou not make a noise and arouse the people, when thou saw them being robbed of their possessions? Begone from before my face, for I will get an honest steward to fill thy place.'"

A Woman's Party

A WOMAN influential in national politics says that there is no need for a woman's political party; that

the political parties formed by men and in existence for years are sufficient for their needs.

Women generally have come to realize this fact, altho many were of the opinion, when first granted suffrage, that a woman's party was the only means of expressing themselves.

With their increased knowledge of politics, gained since the suffrage amendment was adopted, women recognize that there must be two great political parties and that unless you belong to one or the other of them, your vote is wasted.

They know that to be an independent voter is to throw your vote away for no candidate can succeed unless he has an organization back of him. They know that to scratch your ticket is "to give aid and comfort to the enemy," since the candidate on the ticket you do not believe in will stand by his party for the things you do not believe in.

Suppose you were in a battle and across from you in the ranks of the enemy, was a woman of whom you had only the greatest respect; while fighting for the same principles you were fighting for was a woman for whom you had only the utmost contempt. Would you rain your guns on the woman who stood for your cause?

Parties are bigger than individuals. They represent ideals and policies which live long after individuals are dead. If we want to help with their program, we can not afford to damage our cause by throwing our influence to the enemy or putting into power those who will do all they can to hinder the things for which we stand.

Candidates are human and are temporary, but party aims are bigger because they are permanent and can be carried on by succeeding generations. We do best by aligning ourselves with the party going in the direction we want to go.

Lieut. Gov. George R. Lunn

LIEUT. GOVERNOR GEORGE R. LUNN was born on a farm just outside of Lennen, Iowa, June 23, 1873. He was graduated from the University of Omaha in 1897. He was a volunteer in the Spanish American War, he made his home in New York State, graduating from Union Theological Seminary in 1901. Lieut. Governor Lunn won renown in the ministry before he entered public life, filling pulpits in Brooklyn and Schenectady, N. Y.

He was elected Mayor of Schenectady four times, his plurality in each case increasing. His election four times established a record there as no man before had been able to succeed himself. He was elected to Congress in 1917 as member of the War Congress, where as a member of the all-important Military Affairs Committee he was able to make a name for himself. His work in Congress in the interest of the worker is best explained in the words of Frank Morrison, Secretary of the American Federation of Labor, who says:

"Mr. Lunn, while in Congress, was active and very able in representing the cause of the wage-earner and the masses of the people in the country in committees of which he was a member and on the floor of the house."

Governor Lunn combines splendid executive ability and convincing eloquence as a speaker together with rare personal charm.

He has served as Lieutenant Governor since January 1st, 1923. In these two years he has loyally supported Governor Smith's progressive program and these who have seen him preside over sessions of the State Senate recognize that he wants things to be as they should be and insists on having them so.

Lieut. Governor Lunn has served as Chief of Staff to the Department Commander of the State of New York Spanish War Veterans. He is a member of the National Press Club, the National Democratic Club, Fort Orange Club, Albany, N. Y., Albany Sovereign Consistory, F. & A. M., B. P. O. E., Loyal Order of Moose, Knights of Pythias, Redmen and Protected Home Circle.

He has served as President of the State Fair Commission for the past two years. The 1923 fair was recognized as the greatest fair ever given by New York State. The attendance figures established a new high record while the exhibits and other features were far superior to those of other years.

Because of his ability as a public speaker, Lieut. Governor Lunn's time for the past two years has been taken up according to the demands from all parts of the state for his service as a speaker. He has always evinced a decidedly keen interest in progressive legislation and altho his duties in the senate were only those of presiding officer this interest was displayed by the many conferences held before and after sessions of the senate concerning bills before the legislature. His ideas are always decided and he is a man who will fight to the limit for any principle or idea which he thinks is right.

Lieut. Governor Lunn was married in 1901 to Mabel Healy of Brooklyn and has five children, two boys and three girls. While serving as Lieut. Governor, he continues to make his home in Schenectady.

Of "Slush Funds"

REGARDLESS of party, because the custom is general, the expenditures made for the conduct of our national elections have reached the proportion of public disgrace. It is little less than shameful when millions on top of millions must be spent properly before the public candidates who ask their suffrage. Once let our men of great wealth withhold financial support and no candidate, no matter how worthy or well fitted for office, has a possible chance of election. This can mean only one condition—that the candidate must be half, if not wholly, hamstrung before he enters the race.

When the Harding campaign expenditures became public it was found they amounted to some four millions of dollars. When the campaign ended it was found that, plus this sum, approximately three millions of debts had been piled up. It needs little imagination to sense the plight in which a president finds himself with such obligations.

The election of a president is a national and not a party concern, and the expenses of such campaigns should be paid by the government. Congress should appropriate a reasonable sum of money for each legally nominated candidate. Each party could have assigned for its use a fitting sum to present its arguments in frankly signed newspaper advertising which would strip every campaign of any semblance of underhanded propaganda. Our present system is an outrage to public decency. It should be brot to an end without delay.

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EXCLAIMS THE FOOTBALL FAN

AS THE COLD, FALL WIND

TRICKLES DOWN THE SPINE



The Overcoat Season is on!

We have just the coat you are looking for. Plaids and herring-bone weaves—heather mixtures—soft, warm and well cut. They will suit the most particular. Those new "powder-grey blue," you know the color, that so many men are wearing this season. We can supply you with these also, in styles that range from raglans to ulsters \$15 to \$45

STRIKING STYLES

The new Oxfords and Pumps for Women, received this week, are the "hit" of the season

The "Maxine," a sporty nut-brown blucher Oxford, and also a gun-metal with plain toe, SPECIAL \$4.75

Women's "Shirley" Cut-out Strap Pumps, Cuban heels, in velvet or patent leathers, SPECIAL \$3.45

James P. Cannon Company

SHALL WE HAVE FOUR MORE YEARS OF THIS ?



IMPORTANT NOTICE

To Persons Having Claims Against Allegany County.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Allegany, N. Y., will hold its annual session at the Court House in the village of Belmont on Monday, November 10, 1924. All persons having claims against said county are hereby notified to present the same to the Board not later than the THIRD DAY of the session, as no bills will be audited if presented after that date.

L. C. ALLEN,

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Belmont, N. Y., October 16, 1924.

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