

Cyclone Davis in Washington.

Ever since Congress convened, I have been waiting to read the maiden speech of Cyclone Davis, elected Congressman-at-Large at our last general election. Cyclone has always been one of my closest friends—whom I like very much personally—and whom I always have voted against with great regularity and extreme pleasure. He knows me, and even chides me for it. My earliest recollection of Cyclone was many years ago, when he made his debut as a country politician. He claimed to be a Democrat—and I believed he was—but somehow or other he became dissatisfied with Democracy, and, turning a hand-spring, suddenly landed in the camp of the Populists. A Populist is not always a bad man by any means. Many of my best friends are Populists, and are pretty good fellows even if they are nutty. A Populist is a man who is generally dissatisfied and disappointed. He has an idea that there is always something wrong—that somebody is getting the best of it—and although he may eat the hash, he always imagines that there is a fly in it somewhere, even if he can't see it. Although Texas was considered overwhelmingly Democratic, the State suddenly became infected with this Populist fever, and the earth resounded to their cry. From the noise they made, one would have thought that there wasn't half a dozen Democrats left in Texas. Politicians are always a very nervous class men—so it need not seem strange many of them turned tail and followed what looked like the entire show, hand wagon and all. Cyclone fell for it, and out-popped all the Populists from Cape Cod to the head waters of the Pecos. He was the Big Noise—the self-appointed representative of old Man Boreas himself—and when during one of his exhibitions of aerated atmosphere some amused reporter dubbed him "Cyclone," his cup of joy sloshed over and wet the planks. The name appealed to him—just as a new noise-maker appeals to a small boy—and the name that was given in ridicule he still cherishes a valuable asset. It sounds big—listens like a great racket—and suits him exactly, for Cy can make more unnecessary noise on less provocation than the steam whistle on a country gin, or a gong beater at a railway lunch counter. It pleases him, however, so I see no reason why anyone else should object to this harmless, though somewhat silly amusement. While Cyclone was leading the Populist hosts of Texas in a deadly onslaught on the Democratic trenches, all international—or political—rules of war were absolutely cast aside. No quarter was asked or given, and the charges by the Allies that the Germans originated attacks with gas, are untrue and libelous. They got the idea from Cyclone—who was the first and sole inventor. The only difference seems to be the fact that while the Germans generate their gas by machinery and chemicals, the original plan was to secure the necessary supply solely by the mastication of peanuts and sweet potatoes in a raw state. Authorities differ as to the deadliness of the two gases, but all agree that any person subjected to the fumes generally moves out at once—if a move is possible. During one of these battles I heard Cy declare that so long as he lived, he would "never vote another Democratic ticket and that he would teach his children to fight Democracy after he was unable to keep up the battle". But he was elected Congressman by the Democrats of Texas—for the Populist force has dwindled to practically nil in this State—and his big, good natured son (whom Cy declared to would teach to fight Democracy) is his private secretary. O tempora! O Mores! O Rats! While everything is counted fair in love, war, and politics, I have always been a stickler for consistency—which I claim is next to decency—in everything. The man is not to blame for following the dictates of his own conscience in everything, including politics and religion. I have never blamed, or questioned the motives that prompted a man for deserting (or resigning, which is a better word) the Democratic Party, and transferring his allegiance to another. Especially is this true of the layman, who cannot possibly receive any special remuneration from any party, no matter which is in power. But with the professional politician—the man who makes a business of it—the man long for office as the small boy longs for circus day—those things are entirely different. At least, that's how I figure it out. Therefore when a wave of dissatisfaction sweeps over a people and old parties begin to disintegrate and threaten dissolution or defeat, as a rule you will find that those office-seeking spell binders (who have yearned for a soft political job and never got it) are the first to join the ranks of the disgruntled element, and wage the fiercest war on their old-time friends. Cy carried out this maneuver with all the vigor and energy of his nature, not only eulogizing the merits of the Populist propaganda, but belittling, sneering and deriding the claims to

patriotism and sincerity of those old Democratic veterans who had stood by their guns when all cowards and traitors had fled in search of greener fields and better grazing. It was not so much his vicious denunciation of successful Democratic politicians to which I vigorously objected, for abuse of officeholders (by those who want to hold office) is nothing uncommon. But in his multitudinous speeches Cy did not hesitate to skin every man fore and aft, who refused to desert the good old Democratic ship and board the Populist raft. These are facts known to all men who ever heard him speak. Had he continued a Populist, I would have respected his sincerity, even if I did doubt his judgment. But after failing to get in office as a Populist, and on realizing that the party had practically made an assignment and was on its knees—and also on its assignments—Cy suddenly turned a back hand-spring intending to land right back into the Democratic ranks. Unfortunately he jumped too high and hit the ceiling where he stuck (head and heels pendant) but later on he managed to wiggle loose and the next thing I knew he was in the Democratic band wagon blowing the bass horn, beating the snare drum with both hands and kicking the bass drum with both feet. To an outsider he seemed to be the whole orchestra—and he kept on playing until last year when there was a scramble and free-for-all race for Congressman-at-Large, when to the utter astonishment of everybody—probably himself—he was nominated for Congress on the Democratic ticket—which means an election in Texas. Had the Democrats followed his own example (deserted the ticket and scratched his name) he would have been beaten world without end. However, Cy finally got a job, and accepted it gracefully at the hands of the very men he had lambasted and defiled on every stump in the state. He made his first speech the other day, and I am ashamed he didn't make it the day Congress convened. Here is what the Washington correspondent says in regard to it:

"Cyclone" Davis, champion political welterweight of Texas, went three fast rounds in the House today with the Republican Party and various National issues. The "Cyclone" was in pink of condition except for his voice, which had developed a pronounced tremolo. He had no difficulty in controlling his windmill swing and his haymaker punch which he used continuously. A large attendance gave a unanimous decision that the bout was a draw. Clad in his accustomed uniform, including his gray spade-whiskers, his collarless shirt and his woolen muffler, the "Cyclone" entered the arena jauntily and confidently for his maiden effort. The "Cyclone" first tackled the Republicans, and with a shower of Biblical quotations, home made poetry, Billy Sunday epigrams and illiterate invectives asserted that in applying a blister plaster to the Republicans he was not acting in hate but following divine example in "chastening those he loved." Whenever a verbal blow went home the Texas champion swung his arms and emitted a sound that was a cross between a laugh, a chuckle, a cluck and cackle. It sounded sarcastic and it brought a laugh from the spectators every time. Occasionally it was varied by a long draw out whistle.

"After flaying the Republicans the "Cyclone" spent a few quiet moments with the farm credits proposals of the administration, landing several body blows. Then the real bout began as he went after preparedness. The contest was bitter and bloody and ended in a shower of poetry that put the National defense to rout. The deciding blow was a stanza of amateur poetry which sounded like this: "Shall gun thunders never cease, And dying millions moan While we feed the dogs of war On human flesh and bone?" There is no doubt but that Cyclone will make his mark in Congress, whether Congress wants him to do so or not. I know he will make it unless they hide the chalk and tear down the blackboard. The Democrats of Texas can console themselves with the assurance that this state will come in for its full share of notoriety, and that the luster of the Lone Star will grow dim beneath the oratorical brilliancy of its defender in the Nation's Capital. Go to 'em Cyclone. You have longed for a chance and you may never have another. Go to 'em.—K. Lamity's Harpoon.

Men Without a Country
Asserting that the war has shown us that we have in our alien population a great political weakness, the Packard Motor-Car Company of Detroit takes a patriotic lead among American employers by giving practical effect in its own works to a measure of industrial preparedness. Hereafter promotions will be confined to native-born or naturalized citizens, and a purpose to acquire citizenship will be prerequisite to employment. This is not nativism. It is Americanism. Moreover, it is a sharp departure from the policy long pursued by our greatest manufacturers. Solemnly obligated by promise and by Congressional favor to uplift American labor, they have in most cases filled their shops with foreigners by direct importation. Once here, these unhappy people have been left to their own resources. At work, they have been forced to accept low wages. At home, they have been consigned to the slums. They are in the Republic but not of it. The extent of this evil was shown by the census of 1910, when male aliens over twenty-one years of age numbered 2,226,535. This means that one-twelfth of the white men of voting age in this country refuse or are indifferent to citizenship. Making due allowances for exceptional cases, such a population as this is a political and social as well as an economic menace. To perpetuate such an unassimilated mass of men without a country is to belie the first principles of democracy.—New York World.

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To Young Ladies Only.

Which will you do, win your own independence or marry a two-bit man? You are at the cross roads of life. There are two paths open to you. One leads to your independence, the other to dependency. You are to choose, which of these roads you prefer to travel. One requires effort, the other indifference. To travel one, you must have real back bone and determination, the other, a string for a back bone, and indifference will do. Some girls say "The lion is in the way." "These girls lack gumption, get-up-and-get, they reason that is so and so and such and such a thing had not happened they could have made a great success. The lion is in the way. Fear and indifference has entered into their daily life and robbed them of their vim and courage. It's our life work to train people to determine to get up and do things, develop their late talents, quicken their perception that they may lead a higher and more useful life. Our thorough practical training in bookkeeping, business methods, shorthand, stenotyping, telegraphy, business English, business law, business arithmetic, spelling, business writing, rapid calculation, money and banking, corporation finance, taxation and public finance, private secretaryship, salesmanship, advertising, real estate, commercial history, higher accounting, economics, parliamentary law and managership, together with the use of the most modern office appliances, gets the lion out of the way, gives the girl her independence, places her where she can make an honorable living, in any city in the land; command the respect of the very best people. If in after life, she is left a widow with plenty of money or property she knows how to care for it. If upon the other hand, she is left and has to support herself she can do so by accepting a good salaried position in some office.

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We should dedicate ourselves anew to the maintenance forever of the vital forces of the Bill of Rights, was largely due to the wisdom of Jefferson and Madison that the first ten amendments to the Constitution of the United States were added; in fact they were adopted almost concurrently with the Constitution itself, and for these amendments the Constitution would probably never have been ratified by a sufficient number of the states to put it into effect. These ten amendments are often referred to as the Bill of Rights, because they are a guarantee of the maintenance of human liberty under a representative government under our federal system, as well as in some respects constraining the Constitution itself as to the character of government created under it and the principles to be maintained by it.

In them we have religious freedom and freedom of speech or of the press, and the right of petition; protection against unreasonable searches and seizures; no person to be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law; the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury; the enumeration of the constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people. This tenth amendment to the Constitution, which is one of the most vital things in all the Bill of Rights, so far as the maintenance of the autonomy and independence of State Government is concerned, has been the victim of more assault by political quacks than all the other provisions of the Constitution combined.

From the beginning of the government there have been those of the type of Alexander Hamilton, aristocratic in their tendencies and without faith in the capacity of the people for self-government, who have advocated a strong central government, concentrating its powers at Washington City and controlling the liberties, properties, rights and habits of the people from this great central power house. And likewise there has been another school of political thought in this country holding the principles of Thomas Jefferson who preached the doctrine of individualism, who held that all men were created free and equal, that all governments derived their just powers from the consent of the governed, and that the people were abundantly able to direct the energies of government in every department thereof and could be safely trusted to do so. Jefferson's theory of the separate independence and capacity of the states. He believed in local self-government; in the selection of the people of representatives to carry on the affairs of government, legislative, judicial and executive. He fought with all the power of his great brain the Hamiltonian idea of a centralized power to direct the affairs of the people, especially in local state matters, and believed earnestly in the efficiency and wisdom of both the ninth and tenth amendments to the Constitution.

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"I pledge you that, God helping, I will keep the nation out of war."—President Wilson at Milwaukee.

Senator Gore, the blind Oklahoma statesman has introduced a bill appropriating \$62,500.00 for the construction of public highways throughout the country.

Innuendoes and insinuations only show the small calibre of the gun from which they were fired. To waste ammunition on small game is a foolish and profligate proposition.

"The trouble-makers have shot their bolt. They have been loud but ineffectual. Their talk caused nothing."—President Wilson at Milwaukee. "Howdy" Mr. Bryan.

When a fellow is continually knocking his home town it is high time that everybody else was handing him a few. Not as revenge, however, but just to let him know how it feels when the tables are turned.

Those who failed to pay their poll tax in time will possibly miss more than a dollar and six bits worth of cigars when the candidates get busy. The women folks, however, can still enjoy seeing their babies kissed.

Congressman Dies from the Beaumont district says he will stand pat in fighting President Wilson's preparedness plan. Mr. Dies has the right to his opinion and honest convictions. So have the voters of his district when the time for the primary rolls around.

"Shall the business of the west be paralyzed in order to permit some men in the East to grow rich off this damnable trade in war munitions?" asks a Bull Moose congressman. Colonel Roosevelt is neither deaf nor tongue-tied. Let the sage of Oyster Bay answer.—Fort Worth Record.

The farmer who raises his own meat and bread will only have to buy for his table only sugar, coffee, salt, pepper, and if he is thrifty he will have a surplus of garden truck, or some eggs, or a few chickens that he can trade for these, so that at settling time in the fall he will not owe a dollar for food.

A British editor who shapes the policies of the London Morning Post is fearful that if Germany conquers Europe she will in due time proceed to Swallow South America without the slightest regard for the Monroe doctrine or other doctrines. John Bull swallowed the South African republics. John Bull swallowed Australia and he swallowed all the islands of the seas. Why should he cry "woof!"—Fort Worth Record.

The time is rapidly coming, if not already here, when the farmer must use the same business sagacity to prosper, as does the business man in mercantile pursuits. Slipshod methods are being relegated, and the man who does not read and think is no more fit for a farmer than he is for a civil engineer or a physician. It takes up-to-date business methods on the farm to make it a success, and who stays in the ruts and refuses to see the light will suffer for his folly.

Wall street has suffered some losses in stock and lays the blame to the utterances of President Wilson. Wall street has never boasted of sending forth any advocates of free speech, it seems to interfere with their business, which is gobbling up all they can get and keeping all they gobble.

Judge Seay of Dallas was vigorous in his denunciation of the liquor traffic. He charged the probers to see that as far as possible no liquor is sold outside of the prescribed limits in the city of Dallas. "I wish every drop of liquor could be destroyed, and I wish that man's mind was so constructed that he could not think out or work out a formula or prescription for liquor. When you see what I have seen you will be of the same opinion. If there were no such thing as a bottle of liquor Judge Crawford or I would lose our jobs." Regarding the illegal sale of certain drugs Judge Seay declared conditions were better since the United States government has taken a hand. "We must be on the alert," he said, "and see that the laws are still enforced."

Judging from the late events it seems that school teachers should arm themselves before attempting to apply the rod to disobedient students. Not long ago a teacher in the schools at Stamford was stabbed while whipping a boy, and just last Friday a teacher at Newport, in our neighbor county of Clay, was shot while administering corporal punishment to a boy. The former recovered from his wounds but the latter died Sunday. Such occurrences as these should afford food for thought for some of the sentimentally inclined, who have been advocating abolishing corporal punishment in the school room. Time was when this writer was inclined to disapprove of the custom of allowing teachers to whip the children in their school but our enthusiasm along this line sank to the zero mark years ago while attempting to teach a rural school in another state composed of about seventy-five children ranging in age from five to twenty. 'Twas then that we learned that a visible symbol of authority of the blackgun variety prominently displayed in the school-room was a "very present help in time of trouble."—Burkburnett Star.

The above is not all of the tragedies that occur from the promiscuous carrying of the six-shooter and the deadly dirk-knife. When a young boy of 18 years has a pistol in his hip pocket—which if it should accidentally be discharged while resting in that receptacle would shoot what little brains he had out—we may expect to hear of killings frightful and often. Those who commit crimes on the least provocation are either insane or so full of devilry that they cannot resist the temptation to take human life. Such a class should be given a speedy trial and be placed where discipline would hold them in check—the asylum or the penitentiary—preferably the latter.

Peace and Prosperity. Representative Americans have been telling the Scrips-McRae newspapers what they would do to bring about peace. But all admit that it is impossible at this time to predict what the outcome will be. Charles W. Elliot sees no signs of early peace in Europe; Cardinal Gibbons still indulges the hope that peace will come soon; Elbert H. Gray declares that the war will not be so protracted as many predict; Senator Cummings of Iowa says there is no hope for an early peace among the warring nations of Europe; Dr. Scott Nearing says peace cannot come until one side of the other is exhausted in men or credit; John Sharp Williams says there is no reason to hope for the termination of European hostilities in the immediate future; Jane Addams believes the fanatical patriotism in the warring countries cannot endure and that the wave will have to come down; W. J. Bryan says there is nothing at present upon which to base a hope of an early peace; William Marion Ready says prospects of peace are poor; Victor L. Berger is positive that unless peace comes in the spring war will last until both sides are exhausted; Billy Sunday is of the opinion that if God could have His way, there would be no war, but in all ages of history God has permitted man to have his way; Lyman Abbott hopes that it will not take more than two years to overthrow the divine right of the sword; Eugene V. Debs says the belligerent nations would all welcome peace even if they could not all dictate its terms.

Robert M. Johnson, professor of military history at Harvard university, must be a very wise man. He says "peace must be a matter of time." His logic is unanswerable. George M. Reynolds, the noted Chicago financier, has information which points to an early peace, but Rudolf Spreckles, one of the foremost capitalists of the Pacific coast, can see no present prospects for peace in Europe. Charles Edward Russell, the economist, volunteers the information that peace talk at this time is chimerical and Frederick Conder, famous international law authority, does not see any indications of an early peace.

Texas agriculturists are very much interested.

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Fifty-six per cent of the population of the civilized world is engaged in war. Forty-four per cent is neutral. The neutrals must feed and clothe the world.

So why glut the cotton market? Why not an organization to control the price of cotton and to provide for common sense marketing?—Fort Worth Record.

Punishing the Family.

It was Charles Dickson who exposed the absurdity of sending a man to jail for debt, where he was placed beyond the possibility of restitution. It was Wilkie Collins who showed how easy it was to "railroad" a man to jail on a trumped-up charge and keep him there while others dissipated his property. It was Thomas Mott Osborne who demonstrated to us that men who get into the penitentiary are not necessarily human debris, but have the instincts of good in them that respond to proper treatment. All these have taught us many useful facts that we were in the habit of overlooking and all have been instrumental in bringing about certain measures of reform. But there are problems we have to face that are nearer home than any of these, and whose solutions have never even been suggested. The new public defender of Pittsburg was moved to ask, after his first day's work in that office: "What is the use of sending to jail a man who ought to be with his family? What's the use of giving a man a bad name when a good word will set him right?"

So far as we know, nobody has volunteered a logical answer to these questions. We are all ready to concede that there is something wrong about our present system of dealing with the petty offenders and the incontinent criminal, but no one has evidenced the wisdom to formulate a plan that is free from these objections. We know that it is not right that a man's wife and children should be subjected to destitution and disgrace because the husband and father has transgressed the law in some minor particular. We all know that a workingman ought not to be confined in jail while his dependents are looking to him for their support. We all know that a man ought not be classified as a criminal and a suspicious character because for one time he has transgressed the law. We all believe that man a man who has made a start on the wrong road can be recalled to paths of sobriety and honesty if subjected to the right influences, but that punishment and disgrace are ore apt to drive him to other unlawful deeds. We all know that many a man who might otherwise have had a bright future before him has lost ambition and self-respect through being confined for a time with degraded and hardened lawbreakers. But what are we going to do about it?

Public welfare must be guarded and respect for the law enforced. This law makes no distinction between grades of depravity, nor does it take into consideration the circumstances of the individual who incurs its penalty. If the law is broken, the breaker must pay the price, unless a kind-hearted and discreet judge takes it upon himself to deal out mercy and good advice in the place of a fine or jail sentence. The law must be respected. That is what we have policemen and judges for. The welfare of the public must be protected, and he who imperils that welfare must be apprehended and punished. There are officers, and there are judges, who have a human sympathy that impels them under certain conditions to deal with men on a higher plane than the duty of their office demands. This is taking big chances, however, and the officer must be a good judge of humanity as well as possessed of a kind heart. There are not many of these. We cannot expect it. The first instinct of a policeman is suspicion. His business makes him so. And there is no way provided for dealing with petty offenders except the jail and the fine. Some day, perhaps, we will get away from the idea that jails were designed for punishment, and learn that their proper use is for the confinement of those freedom would be a menace to society. But in the meantime, the Pittsburg's questions remain unanswered. What are we going to do about it?

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Stand Up For Texas.
There was a time when Texas was regarded as perhaps the most lawless state in the union, but the state has undergone a wonderful transformation during the last few years, and no state can show a more law-abiding and progressive citizenship than that of this state at this time. Law and order prevail in every community, and if Texas was trimmed down to the size of the average state there would not be enough crime happen within her borders during any current month to attract even passing attention.—Weatherford Herald.

Texas was never entitled to the reputation for lawlessness it had abroad. There was a time during the early settlement of the state, probably, when it was made a place of refuge by those who had committed crime in another state and were fugitives from justice. They were not harbored in Texas; but by adopting another name they took up the thread of their lives and lived, so far as our laws are concerned, absolutely within the law. Occasionally one was detected and turned over to the state whence he came, to answer for his crime. The worst blows Texas has received has been from those loyal, but misguided citizens who, on going abroad, don the habiliments of frontier life and adopt the ways of the early-day cowboy and rough-neck, just attract attention. It has caused the people—many of them—who knowing nothing of the progress of the state has made, to imagine that all Texans are of the stripe and character delineated by those who are merely puffing on a show. No state affords better society, than is to be found in all portions of Texas; no parlors are visited by more refined ladies and polished gentlemen. Our laws are enforced with reasonable exactness and our people glorify God in churches and tabernacles that represent the very latest in architecture and beauty. Surely the time has come when we can lay aside the symbols of early day life when we go abroad and especially so since thoughtless people are disposed to regard such displays as indicative of disrespect for the more refined tastes and as evidence of a general spirit of lawlessness.—Denison Herald.

Missionary Program For Monday, February 14.
Subject—"What Woman Owes to Christ."
Song.
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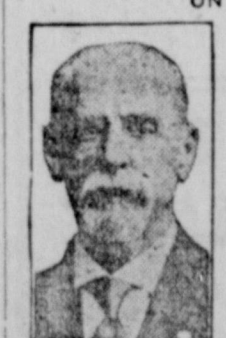
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OUR PUBLIC FORUM

Peter Radford
ON THE LIBERTY OF JEFFERSON.
It is one of the luxuries of an American citizen to be permitted to discuss government and it is likewise a necessity if the United States is to hold its position among the powers of the earth, for in our system of government the destinies of the nation must rest upon the patriotism and wisdom of the citizen. We need efficient citizens, as well as efficient soldiers, for it is better to settle problems of government and society at the ballot box, and around the fireside, than on the battle field. It is as important that we understand the Declaration of Independence and Constitution of the United States as that we know how to point a gun or build a ship. To prepare for War requires an act of Congress for citizenship requires only the act of the individual, and it is definitely the duty of every citizen to study government.
The Declaration of Independence declares that all men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, and that the government is formed to insure these rights to ourselves and our posterity, but what is liberty, liberty is freedom of one person, class, sect or section oppression to Liberty and Tyranny are the same substance. They are the north pole of freedom. No man can be oppressed except by the oppressor and no man can have civilized liberty without the consent of the governed.
Jefferson told King George that liberty was a divine gift and that government was instituted to protect the rights of the people; that all men were created equal and must get their rights from the people—not the people from the government. Then proceeded to form a government by the people that could give a larger amount of liberty than any other nation on the globe. A pirate has more liberty and an outlaw more freedom possible for a government to grant its subjects.
I believe in giving God Almighty a free hand in making men, the liberty of any person or persons clashed with that of the majority must rule. He was willing to trust all the people, but unwilling to trust it to any part of them. The Constitution is not for the people as a whole, but nowhere does it give any part or section liberty to subordinate the welfare of the commonwealth to their selfish interest. It is always "the people" who are guaranteed the rights of the people. Our government was formed by men in hyphenated liberties and to subdivide liberty is tyranny, and is offensive to Republican institutions. It is only the man who respects the rights of the people, Federal, State and Community, in the order named, who is entitled to enjoy the liberty of Jefferson and the Americanism of

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ON THE AMERICANISM OF WASHINGTON
In these days when men earnestly inquire what true Americanism is, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States afford a convenient touchstone for the citizenship. These documents promise the citizens the rights endowed upon them by their Creator, and among these rights are mentioned life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It is God-made and not man-made liberty that our government proposes to give its citizens. Our government denies man the right to create liberty or grant special freedom. We can only define and equally distribute them. Thomas Jefferson in writing the Declaration of Independence was so confident of the unity and patriotism of the people that he uses less than ten per cent of space in laying down principles of government and the remainder is devoted to complaints against King George. Our forefathers in framing government spent almost their entire time in constructing machinery for preserving and distributing liberty to the people and spent very little time in defining it, although we have since added fifteen amendments to the Constitution, each specifically defining human right.
The Declaration of Independence was signed and the Constitution of the United States adopted by men who had dedicated their lives and their property to their country. Patriotism ruled the day and indifference to the public welfare was an unthinkable crime. But in this age, we have become so absorbed in business affairs that we have little time to kiss the bible, salute the flag, read the Declaration of Independence or study the Constitution of the United States. The question uppermost in the minds of the patriots who founded the government was "what can I give to my countrymen?" But the predominant question of this commercial age is "what can I get from my countrymen?" These instruments of government have been compelled to do duty under both regimes. It is true we have had to re-write the Constitution, fought a war interpreting it and have placed fifteen patches upon it and have filled libraries with laws expounding it, but it has stood the test.
The Americanism of Washington places unbounded confidence in the people and trusts them and them alone with government and we elect men to serve, not rule, us. The citizen is made the sovereign and we have now almost twenty million kings—and a large number of queens—sitting upon the American throne and the responsibilities of government rest heavily upon their royal shoulders. The conditions now confronting the citizenship of this nation require that the traditions of Washington and Jefferson be fulfilled and that every citizen render allegiance to government, for when rulers abandon the scepter, fools hold court, and when a citizen of this nation neglects his duty to government, he abdicates a throne, surrenders his rights to the blessings of citizenship, mocks the patriots who followed Washington to victory and tramples upon the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.



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GOODNIGHT'S POULTRY HOUSE

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Winter Freezing of Oats.

The winter killing of oats frequently brings many surprises as well as disappointments. They will withstand severe freezes provided the weather has been continuously cold enough to keep them in a dormant condition. A period of warm weather that puts the oats in a growing state followed by a sudden freeze, will most likely prove destructive, even though the mercury may not fall but a few degrees below the freezing point. Sudden changes are the weather conditions to be dreaded in winter oat growing in the south. Many farmers will observe during the freezing of the present winter that the oats on a northern exposure remain unharmed, or but slightly damaged, while those on an opposite southern exposure are either killed outright, or seriously injured. A difference of one or two days in seeding, a difference in the preparation of the

soil, the different kinds of crops on the land the preceding summer, frequently make a great difference in their resistant powers.

The oat crop is too important to be neglected or abandoned altogether because there is an occasional winter killing. Farmers should be slow about deciding immediately after a freezing to plow up their oat crop. Frequently when the crop seems to be totally destroyed, it will develop that a fair stand has been left when the warm weather brings them out again. What may seem a poor stand may eventually prove a fair or even a normal stand from the great tillering habits of oats when given plenty of space.

Even in case of a total winter killing, the oat crop should not be abandoned even for the present season and the land devoted to other crops. While, as a rule, fall sown oats out yield spring sown oats, yet with favorable spring and early summer weather

large yields may be expected from spring sown oats. A red rust proof variety sown the latter part of February may be expected to do practically as well as if sown in the fall. Later the Bert, of 90 days, variety can be sown with the expectation of profitable yields. The large oat crops grown in the northern half of the Mississippi valley in the corn belt are spring sown oats altogether.

The lands now seeded to oats should not be reverted to some other crop. It will tend to destroy the rotation established on the farm. Another severe winter killing may not happen again for years. After the spring sown oats have been harvested the land can be sown to cow peas and with a favorable summer season a forage crop harvested in the shape of pea vine hay. In case the summer droughts do not allow sufficient development for hay, there will be some growth for hay pasture, and the roots and stubble will improve the soil.

Convicted of Bank Robbery.

Arkadelphia, Feb. 8.—W. D. Cooper who, when arrested, was employed on a ranch near Antlers, Okla., today was convicted in circuit court of aiding in the daylight robbery of a bank at Amity, this county, last August. He was sentenced to five years. His alleged companion, W. T. Smith, half-breed, Indian, previously pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six years.

Two men held up the bank early in the afternoon. They locked the cashier in the vault and fled with \$14,000. Poses pursued them for a week, following them into Oklahoma. Smith was arrested as he lay asleep by the roadside, and Cooper at the home of a friend near Antlers.

Germany's False Flags.

International law recognizes the right of a merchant vessel in danger to use a neutral flag and of a warship to display neutral colors, providing it runs up its true ensign before taking hostile action. Such trickery as this has long been regarded as a justifiable ruse of war.

Nevertheless, on the 4th of last February, when Germany proclaimed its lawless submarine zone and warned neutral ships off the high seas where no German flag floated above water, the excuse was made that British ships were using the American standard. It is worthy of note that

three months before this the German cruiser Emden, soon afterward destroyed, entered the Harbor of Penang under false colors and gained what in Berlin was regarded as a victory.

The latest German naval triumph appears to have been achieved in the same way. Escaping from the Kile Canal into the North Sea, the Mowe, armed and equipped as a commerce-destroyer, managed to elude the British and French patrol by exhibiting the Swedish flag and painting the colors of that nation on her sides. We are to infer, therefore, that when Great Britain misuses a flag the offense is so diabolical as to warrant an enemy in running amuck, but when Germany does so the whole world is to applaud its superior cleverness.

DAVIS WARNS FARMERS OF GRAIN SECTIONS

Asks Them to Resow Grain Crop and to Guard Against Increasing Cotton Acreage.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 8.—Reports to Fred W. Davis, Commissioner of Agriculture, are that the continued unfavorable weather conditions in nearly every county of the grain growing sections of Texas have practically destroyed the oat crop, presenting a serious problem for the farmers of the state unless, according to the opinion of Commissioner Davis, they can be induced to co-operate and the business men can be induced to co-operate with them in restoring the lost acreage for a later harvest.

Mr. Davis' advice to the farmers is to diversify, replant the grain crops and cut the cotton acreage 20 per cent in addition to last year's cut. The Commissioner today issued the following warning to the farmers of Texas:

"If we are to avert the calamity that threatened us at the beginning of last year, and which we were enabled to do by the co-operative diversification of the permit the acreage threatened, to revert to a restoration and increase of cotton, but must resow the destroyed grain as soon as they can get to the ground. It is not too late to replant by prompt action, and to get as good, and as against this misfortune, a better priced crop than we have lost—at least per bushel. Oats can be sown as late as March 10, and mature a good crop. That has been

demonstrated more than once and can be again.

"It is absolutely certain that a crop of cotton at all increased over last year's would be as disastrous as a full yield of last year's acreage would have been—and it is equally certain that a failure to restore the grain crop would result in loss that could, in every possibility, be recouped by promptly resowing. If we made a smaller yield we would get a better price, for whatever be the course of the European war the millions of the belligerent countries will have to be fed for a year, even in the event of peace, before they can gather from the fields, and they can not, under present conditions, obtain cotton if they may want it.

"The most probable outcome of devoting the abandoned grain land to an increased cotton acreage is too apparent, even if it should grow but the acre yield of last year. With the increased acreage we would have a surplus, and the yield of last year was not small enough to yield us the price of the smaller crop of 1910. We are more in danger of a surplus than we have ever been and it is useless to talk or think of anything like a valuable price with a crop larger than last year's. Failure, as a matter of fact, to diversify in all lines as we did last year, and restore the grain, will destroy absolutely the source of prosperity of which we boasted six weeks ago, and not only leave us destitute of what we raised for home consumption, but require us to pay for our supplies with cheap cotton money."

STATEWIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TO MEET

Adult and Teen Age Classes of all Denominations in Texas to Meet in Dallas, February 24-27.


The first annual State-wide Convention of Organized Sunday school classes in the Adult and Teen Divisions, of all denominations, will be held in Dallas in the First Presbyterian church, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 24th, 25th 26th and 27th, 1916.

Worldwide noted leaders and many Texas leaders and specialists will speak and conduct conference and outline a forward campaign among all classes of men and women and of older boys and girls for greater efficiency

in reaching, teaching, training souls for the Kingdom.

The plan is to bring the so tested methods. The program will be full of interest and vital phase of activity. Noted leaders and speakers will know and do things well, they will give expert suggestions for solving the problem. The purpose is to resow the school in Texas, through the Home Department in the school in Texas, through the Respected and sent by the Respected Mr. F. M. Mr.

Railroads have been special convention sessions in Texas. Local committees are daily making plans for the great large delegations from Every Sunday school many delegates from the teen age classes departments as may be. Certainly the teachers, retarys, officers, chairmen and workers in each attend. In addition pastor, general superintendent of the should attend. Delegates their own lodging and and boarding houses.



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