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## Principle in Everything.

That no one should perform any act otherwise than upon principle will scarcely be denied. That no unprincipled sentiment should be either spoken, written or printed, no honest man will deny. That to arrive at such a perception of government and society is the aim of all honest men, none dare dispute. How many, and who are they readily inclined to act upon principle!

Does a careful consideration of the affairs of every description in this country disclose any such adherence to the higher principles of life? In all relations, whether social, religious, political or otherwise, do we witness that abnegation of self, and persistency for the common good, which is the adopted theory of our Republican society? If so, we have not been able to discover it. Every man knows what is good for all, but his neighbor knows, or he insists he knows, better.

In this way arise collisions, and by the public a general estimate, in the end, of all persons active in efforts to influence public opinion. The public is very apt to arrive at correct conclusions upon such matters. It is as safe a barometer as anything you can find, because it is acted upon by every influence, and its decision is generally the mean or average, as influenced by every extraneous power. If this rule shall be accepted as correct, there are those who may learn valuable lessons; and having learned them, by acting upon them, do the public service as well as redress their own errors.

## The Humorous in Newspaper Literature.

We were taken to task on yesterday by an esteemed subscriber for inserting in our columns matter which tended to create laughter and amusement rather than confirming every paragraph to subjects sedate and directly instructive. We could not agree with our friend, although we confess the possession of small, naïfve humor, but a lively appreciation of that quality in others. It appears to us that the most salutary instructions, and the pith of wisdom, are often conveyed in a witty repartee which begets a temporary laugh, but is quite sure of inducing an after reflection.

There is as much or more wisdom frequently conveyed by a well told anecdote, as in a long and labored essay; and the anecdote has the advantage of securing ten readers, while the essay will have but one. It is not unimportant to have a person applaud as a "good hit"—"a telling hit"—some brief trick of the brain or pen; but it is seldom that any one applauds the most labored and serious discussions of which any writer may be capable. Most people forget that the newspaper must be adapted not to any single standard of taste, but, so far as possible, be made to reach the varied tastes of a mixed public sentiment. While we never sacrifice our principles for the purpose of catering to the various opinions of mankind, we do hold it proper and expedient to adopt every style of writing necessary to attract attention to any subject matter in hand.

## The Coming City Election.

Notices have been published in both the city papers, as advertisements, signed by "many citizens," calling a meeting at the Turner's Hall at 8 o'clock next Saturday night. The object of the call appears to be to secure a concert of action among the tax-payers of the city, and all those interested in its good government, irrespective of party, in putting in nomination the best men for the city offices to be filled. As a rule, we believe such attempts have proven failures; but there have been marked exceptions. New York, Chicago, and several other cities, relieved themselves from unquestionable burdens and bad government, by such combined action of their citizens. We have not been afflicted of late by bad city government, and for that reason there would seem to be no real necessity in ignoring politics; but,

the late election has shown us that both political parties are so divided and split up on local affairs as to almost obliterate every former distinction—and further, that the local questions which divide us possess no political significance, and cannot be made political issues; and, therefore, there would seem to be a marked propriety in the call we have alluded to, as well as a hearty response thereto. Further than the column of the Express have already shown we have had no hand in the movement; but we earnestly urge every one interested in the good government of this city to be present at the meeting of next Saturday night, feeling confident that a genuine *citizens' meeting* will be able to put in the field a ticket which every honest man may and will support.

## Notes from Washington.

Report of the Postmaster General—Extraordinary Increase of Business—The Revenue more than double in ten years—Mail Routes—The Free Delivery System—Dead Letter Department—Postal Money Order System—Franklin Privilege—Postal Telegraph—Post office Saving Banks—Postal Cards.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30th, 1872.

LARGE INCREASE OF BUSINESS. The rapid expansion of American industry is significantly indicated by the increase of business in the Postal System. The report of the Postmaster General for the last fiscal year will be reported to Congress on Monday. It says:

"The ordinary revenues of the Department for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1872, including revenue from Money Order business, were \$21,915,426.37." Up to 1869 the revenue had never reached, in a single year, ten million dollars. In 1869 the revenue was \$9,012,049.56. The development of the Post-office department of the Government, in all its other branches is in the same ratio.

The Department is not yet self-sustaining, but it is yearly approaching nearer to that condition. The expenditures during the last fiscal year, of all kinds, amounted to \$65,668,192.31. For the year ended June 30th, 1871, the ordinary revenues were \$90,037,045.42, showing the increase in 1872 to be over 9 per cent. The increase of 1872 over 1870 is 16.0 per cent. These facts indicate a rapid increase of business, and they are conclusive in proof of the extraordinary development of the country.

CONTRACTS AND MAIL ROUTES. There were in the service of the Department on the 30th of June, 1872, 5,544 contractors for the transportation of mails on public routes.

Of public mail routes in operation there were 7,850, aggregating in length 261,396 miles, divided as follows: railroad routes 57,911 miles; steamboat routes 18,600 miles; other routes on which the mails are required to be carried with "certainty, certainty and security," 174,697 miles. Increase over the preceding year 12,039 miles, of which the increase on railroad routes was 8,077 miles.

RAILWAY POST-OFFICES. This branch of the business has been largely extended during the last fiscal year, and "the improvements effected during the year have been most gratifying." Eight new lines have been established, with an aggregate length of 9,300 miles. The daily service has been increased 6,004 miles, and the annual service 8,004,310 miles, making necessary the appointment of 126 additional postal clerks, of various grades, at an annual cost of \$179,300.

THE DEAD LETTER DIVISION. The whole number of letters received at the dead letter office in Washington, during the last fiscal year, was 4,841,374, classed as follows: ordinary 3,926,019; drop 542,804; unanswerable 279,084; hotel 24,465; fictitious 35,006; registered 5,152; returned from foreign countries 53,128; foreign letters 244,660.

Of domestic letters not registered 15,828 contained money amounting to \$50,388,000, in sums of one dollar and upward; and of the registered letters 1,271 contained \$7,982.50—making a total of 17,100 letters, containing \$67,371.50. Of these, 14,195 containing \$67,371.50, which could not be returned to the owners, were filed for reclassification. The number enclosing sums less than \$1.00 was 14,406, containing \$4,390.30, of which 10,736, containing \$3,203.83 were delivered to the writers or persons addressed, and 2,670, containing \$867.70 were outstanding as on hand for disposition. Besides money there was received at the dead letter office 19,119 letters containing bank checks, drafts, deeds, &c., of which 18,245 were delivered to owners; there were 8,416 letters containing jewelry, books, and other property, of which 5,468 were delivered to owners; there were 42,003 containing photographs; \$6,050 containing receipts, bills of lading, etc., and 38,270 containing postage and revenue stamps and other articles of small value. The average number of all of which found owners, and the balance are filed for reclassification.

## POSTAL MONEY ORDER SYSTEM.

The number of money order post-offices in operation during the last year, was 2,452—324 being added and one discontinued during the current year, bringing the total number at the present time up to 2,778. The number of domestic money orders issued during the last fiscal year was 2,032,249; of which the aggregate value was \$2,515,529.72; net profit to the office \$20,600.40.

## APPOINTMENTS MADE IN 1872.

The number of appointments made during the year was 5,260, classified as follows: Our resignations 4,691; on removals 509;

on changes of names and sites; on deaths and postmatters 329; on establishment of new post offices 2,703. The appointments pertaining to the post-office department, made by the President, is only one to thirty made by the Postmaster General. The total number of officers, contractors, postmasters, agents, clerks, letter-carriers and other employees connected with and employed by the General Post Office Department is 44,755.

THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE. In the present, as in his three previous reports, Postmaster General very urgently recommends "the immediate and unconditional repeal of the franking privilege," and gives his reasons therefor.

Fifteen pages of the reports are devoted to arguments in favor of putting the entire telegraph system of the United States under the control of the United States Government, as "a measure of immediate public necessity."

POST OFFICE SAVING BANKS. The Secretary renewes his recommendation of last year for the establishment of post office savings banks. They work well in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to save a sum revenue to the Government.

POSTAL CARDS. The postal cards will go into operation as soon as Congress makes an appropriation to defray the cost of printing the cards.

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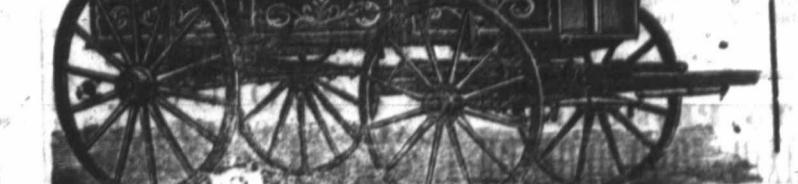
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