

ought to be punished as any other theft. I believe that public prevarication is public lying, and bears the stamp of any other lie. I believe that public palaver is public soft-soap, and is just as slippery. "If I attend to principles," said one to Epictitus, "I shall be a pauper like you, with no plate, no equipage, no lands." Third plank, *Patriotism*. Not that cheap kind that consists in buncombe orations, in flying flags, and singing songs, and perpetually feasting like vultures upon dead grievances and long-remedied wrongs. But patriotism that exalts, ennobles the country by a noble life, that lives a sober, honest, industrious life. A patriotism that does its duty like the old Danish hero, "to dare nobly, to will strongly, and never to falter in the path of duty." A patriotism that conserves free institutions and is loyal to the throne. And now I sum up this political speech in these three P's: *Progress, Principle, Patriotism*; and who will join my "Party of the Future."

Take then, in life, *patience* that endures disappointment and rises into nobler achievement through disaster; *perseverance* that has push in it, and like the English drummer lad does not know how to beat a retreat; *prudence* that knows when to draw the rein upon the fiery steed; *punctuality* that does everything in the right five minutes and does not waste everybody's time by being a little behind time, and finally *piety* that as a religious faith sanctifies all that is noble and good in life and fits for an eternal destiny.