

that Government is merely an agent, delegated to execute the prescribed laws of the people.

In observing the business management of a private corporation, we will notice that due care is taken in the selection of those to whom the management is confided, and in proportion to the care and vigilance they exercise in the selection of their officers, so much does their confidence in the success of the business increase, and yet how little we observe this rule in the management of our government. This very negligence is the germ of our surrounding danger. From a window in one of the towers in the castle, Rebecca looked down and described the besiegers to Ivanhoe. Let us scale some heights of observation and gaze upon the host that lay sieze to our republic. Without the aid of the telescope we will discern an army drawn up in line of battle, led by a leader "Ignorance." In another direction we will see an army the most dangerous and most destructive of all, bearing a banner with the inscription "Indifference." These are the ghastly hosts that threaten us. Not from across the sea, not from the north or south, but from those that live in the midst of our own household. There is a beautiful proverb "that by the faults of others, wise men profit." We need no better source from whence to draw our lesson than the cause that led to the fall of the Roman Republic. Let us direct our thoughts for a moment to that republic and ascertain the cause of its fall.

History teaches us that the Roman Republic was at one time the greatest in the world, having subjugated during its regime almost the entire world then known to exist, and yet, how ignominiously it fell. Who caused its destruction? Was it accomplished by foreigners? No, it was the hand of its own citizens that caused the fall of its beautiful edifice. Through many causes, of which Indifference was the main, the people allowed the comitia to fall into the hands of the shrewd and cunning politicians, who, while professing to serve their country, were all the time serving their own selfish purpose, and, having accomplished their object, caused the very foundations of their institutions to be razed.

From the ruins of that great republic a most cruel Des-