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THE LESSON OF THE WAR.

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Mr. A. K. McClure, of Philadelphia, was the orator of the day at Washington and Lee University, on Commencement. His address to the literary societies was on "The Lesson of Our Civil War," and in the course of it he said:

"Will it startle you to be told that the germ of discord, that ripened into civil war after two generations had nourished it, was planted by the two most illustrious men of our history? They were George Washington and Thomas Jefferson: men who made the grandest records of unsullied patriotism, of loftiest heroism, of wisest statesmanship. They differed widely, radically as to the true theory of popular government.

"Had the Constitution been any less a succession of compromises it would have been rejected;—and it was by the supreme necessity of compromise, even to the extent of ambiguous definition of what later proved to be most vital questions, that an acceptable fundamental law was framed. From the day of adoption of the Constitution and the organization of the Government the sovereignty of the state as against the nation and the sovereignty of the nation as against the state were both taught with equal ability and earnestness, and the high warrant of the fundamental law was claimed with equal positiveness by disputing statesmen.

SLAVERY NOT THE ISSUE.

"You are often told that slavery was the issue that plunged the North and South into fratricidal conflict. Slavery was not the source of the war. Its interests happened to be most intimately interwoven with the fundamental dispute that estranged the two sections; but the slavery issue never could have assumed disturbing proportions had the founders of the Republic clearly decided the supreme question of the scope of our nationality. It was the broader and deeper issue of the constitutional power of state and nation that defied peaceful adjustment. For three-quarters of a century the question had been asked: Are we a nation or a confederation at will? and it had been answered with equal ability, integrity and patriotism, and in nearly equal numbers, affirming each. What more beautiful or attractive theory could be presented to a free people than the sovereignty of the state? It was the bulwark of safety against the despotism of centralized power, and it quickened every instinct and impulse of a free people.

"You naturally ask: 'was there no middle ground on which the new nation could have been founded?' No. There was no middle ground then: there is none now; there can be none in the future. The sovereignty of the state made slaves property; the territories were the common property of all, and equal rights for the Northern and Southern property of every kind were demanded and obtained. Then came the logical demand, from the new standpoint of the sovereignty of the state, for the right of transit in the free states, and finally came the Dred Scott decision, that crowned the South with victory. It had sectionalized freedom and nationalized slavery.

WHY COMPROMISE WAS IMPOSSIBLE.

"In vain did sincere men plead for compromise. Over and above all the follies of sectional disturbance were the wisest and bravest men of both sections, who saw and accepted the inevitable, while ceaselessly but hopelessly striving to avert it.

"The sovereignty of the state then summoned its last prerogative, to sever the Union and end the pretense of nationality. Peaceable dismemberment or the civil war: such was the only choice presented, and civil war was inevitable. Do you inquire why it was inevitable? Let me answer in a single sentence. I am sure that peaceable disunion would have brought anarchy to the North; I believe it sooner or later, and soon at the [illegible] it would have brought anarchy [illegible] whole continent.

"It is a reproach to American intelligence and heroism to assume that mere sectional agitators could lead the most peace-loving, the most cultivated and the most prosperous people of the earth into the bloodiest war of modern history. There was not a great soldier of either north or south who did not draw his sword with painful reluctance; there was not a great statesman in either section who did not profoundly deplore the resort to arms. I saw tears jewel the eyes of Winfield Scott the morning after the surrender of Fort Sumter, as he stood in the President's room and looked across the Potomac to his mother commonwealth. 'I fear Virginia—I fear Virginia,' was the sad and tremulous exclamation of the hero of the two wars and the great captain of the age. I then, for the first time, understood how deep and implacable were the opposing convictions of allegiance when state and nation gave opposing commands.

THE GLORY OF THE DEAD.

"The battle thus begun could end, short of the mastery of the sword, only by the absolute surrender of the parent Government or of the Confederacy; and where, in all the history of American effort, was there a precedent for such a solution of the dispute? No; there was, then, no peace possible but by war; and on the hills of Gettysburg the decisive struggle came. Thus came, thus ended, civil war; and the matchless grandeur of American citizenship was as sublime in peace as in the flame of battle. Who saw the emblems of victor or vanquished at Appomattox? A swordless chieftain met the chieftain whose warriors had fought against overwhelming numbers until it was no longer heroic to die in fragmentary and hopeless struggle. They met for peace. The defeated insurgent was welcomed to the bountiful supplies of the flag that was his enemy an hour before, speeded to his home, and he bore with him the hearty fellowship of his late deadly foes and the guaranteed protection of the nation.

"As we turn back to Washington and Jefferson, and to Jackson and Clay, as exemplars of American character and achievement, so will the people who come after us turn to the two foremost exemplars of opposing greatness in our civil war. One name will leap up from the love of every northern heart—one name will be lisped in tenderest affection by every son and daughter of the South. They met in mighty conflict for the mightiest issues, and yet gave the world no utterance or token of resentment; they taught to friend and foe, above the fiercest passion of civil strife, the lesson of duty and of sacrifice for duty. The dust of one rests in these college halls, in the tomb of Robert E. Lee; the dust of the other rests in his own and loving Prairie State, in the tomb of Abraham Lincoln. They taught by word and deed, in the greatest action of our greatest conflict: 'With malice toward none, with charity for all.' That ends the office of eulogy."

PROSE AND POETRY AT FUNERALS.—They had the poor woman in a fifty-dollar coffin. The beautiful bunch of white roses in one hand that was exposed did not conceal the marks of toil on her fingers, the calloused places, the distended joints, and the rough skin. Her iron-gray hair was neatly brushed down on the sides of her wrinkled forehead, and the black silk gown, folded so gracefully about her, was full of luster, new, and evidently expensive. There were ten hacks for friends of the family, and the hearse was driven by a man in livery, and had eight costly plumes on top.

'How natural she looked, and what a lovely funeral,' said a woman who had known the family.

'How unnatural she looked, and what an inhuman thing that funeral was,' said a male cynic who accompanied her.

'Why?'

'Because. There was a good woman, a hard-working wife and mother who never had a ride in a hack, whose fingers never pressed a flower, and who never wore silk. She didn't have any time and didn't have money. Now look at her. Flowers rare and sweet in her dead hands, lots of carriages following her hearse, and a costly shroud for a body which in life was deemed none too good for a thirty-cent worsted. A queer world this, which ignores fashion in life and falls a blind votary to it in death.'

She lay in her lonely coffin,
With her wasted fingers pressed
Over the fair, full roses
They had placed upon her breast:
And the head, that ached no longer,
And the pitiful, haggard face,
They had pillowed with gleaming satin.
Had shaded Minister to Turkey,
Then I said—
Recalling [illegible]ction to Congress, and
"Let none lady naming his suc-
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sor.

Although the President has received some very beautiful invitations, the one which was recently presented him by Senator Stanford, in behalf of the citizens of California, to visit the Grand Army Encampment in August, eclipses them all. The text of the invitation is engraved upon a gold plate six inches long by four inches broad, and as thick as a silver dollar. At the left hand corner of the plate is a solid gold G. A. R. badge. The plate rested upon an American flag worked entirely in California silk, and the whole was inclosed in a blue velvet case.

Among the many odd trinkets possessed by the White House bride, which has attracted much attention, is a live bug about an inch and a half in length. Around the insect's body is a tiny gold harness to which is secured a fine chain. The lady fastens the chain to her left shoulder, and the bug wanders about as far as the chain

BUT FEW ENTIRELY SANE PEOPLE.—I have observed a good many peculiar forms of insanity and can say frankly that there are few entirely sane people in this world. Of course modern science has classified and found names for a number of specific mental disturbances that the older practioners were inclined to include under single heads, but there are also, without a doubt, an increase in this form of disease. There are plenty of crazy people whose peculiar form of mania happens never to be discovered, even by themselves, and pass through life as staid, steady, even balanced citizens. I have been more than once shocked at the discovery that some old friends showed undoubted signs of insanity on certain topics. The great trouble in knowing who is sane and who is not, is in finding some perfect criterion of sanity. Everything is measured by standards you know, and when we think we have found that standard he is only too apt to exhibit some defect himself. It almost prompts one to exclaim with Puck: 'What fools these mortals be!'—Dr. Charles K. Mills.

EASIER THAN A POLITICAL JOB.—"Well, Pat, what are you doing now?"

"Sure, an' I play in the band anyhow."

"What instrument do you handle?"

"Faith an' I bla the big droom."

"Isn't it pretty hard work?"

"Ah, no. I jist hold the drum up, an' another feller duz all of the pounding."—Detroit Free Press.

☞ "Are you going to make a flower-bed here?" said the Brooklyn girl to her father's gardener.

"Yes miss, them's the orders."

"Why, it'll spoil our tennis grounds!"

"Can't help it miss. Your pa says he's bound to have this plot laid out for horticulture, not husbandry."

☞ "Good morning, Mrs. Gilligan; how is Patrick this morning?"

"Sure he's no better, sir."

"Why don't you send him to the hospital to be treated?"

"To be treated, is it? Faith an' it's the delarium trimmins he has already."

☞ An Irishman who was sleeping all night with a negro, had his face blackened by a practical joker. Starting off in a hurry in the morning, he caught sight of himself in a mirror; puzzled, he stopped and gazed, and finally exclaimed:—"Begorra, they have woke the wrong man?"

THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF LIFE.—The Popular Science News asserts that the average length of life is constantly increasing, and the time may yet come when persons 100 years old will excite no more curiosity than one of 80 years at the present time.

☞ An original way of answering two questions at once: "Here, Biddy, what's the time of night, and where's the pertaty pudding?" 'It's eight, sor.'

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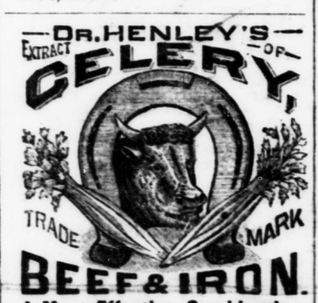

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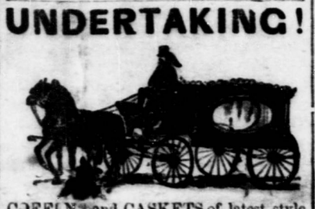

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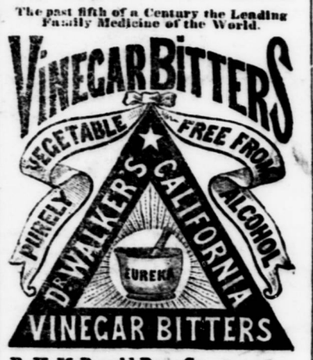

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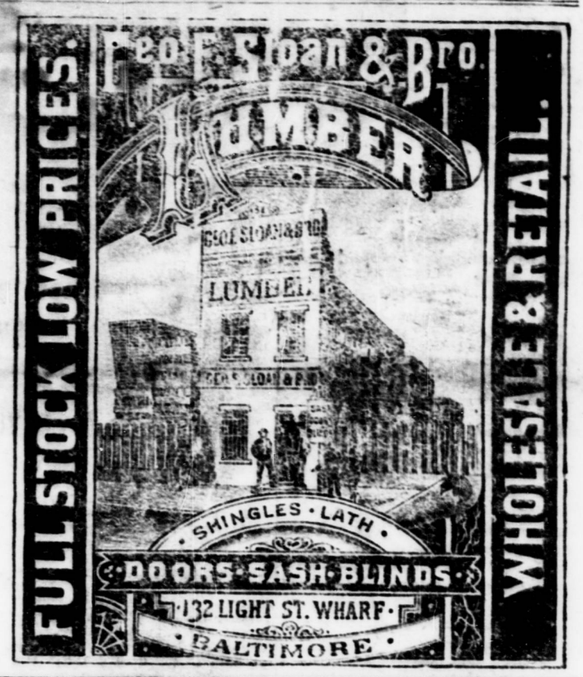

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