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GROVER CLEVELAND.

The only surviving ex-president of the United States died this morning, Grover Cleveland, twice elected to the presidency, the second time with the largest majority received by any president up to that time, was one of the best known, most respected, and most typical of Americans.

In public life, his career was remarkable. It was the somewhat familiar story in American life of a rise from obscurity and poverty in boyhood, to the highest offices in state and nation at the maturity of his powers. As mayor, governor of New York and President of the United States, his record stands before the world untarnished—a vindication of the cause of a government for, by and of the people.

Notwithstanding the great division in his own party on the silver question, which finally led to its fall from power, when Cleveland was succeeded by McKinley, Mr. Cleveland's administrations were among the most notable in the nation's history.

The steady progress of the nation in the arts and industries of peace, the reform of the civil service, the beginnings of the national system of forestry, were all distinct achievements of the Cleveland administrations.

The great object on which President Cleveland's heart was set, however, the issue upon which he was once defeated, but a second time elected, that, namely, of a reform in the national system of taxation, and more specially of tariff reform, he has passed away without seeing accomplished.

The reform of the tariff, the most difficult undertaking ever essayed by statesmen in this or any other country was the leading issue of Mr. Cleveland's third race for the presidential chair, which he won by a very large majority. As his party was about to enter upon the reform of the tariff, certain grave questions arising out of the demonetization of silver, and of a world-wide money panic that swept over Europe, and North and South America, and affected also countries more remote, suddenly engrossed public attention; and tariff reform progressed but slowly.

The Democratic House at length framed a bill providing substantial reductions in tariff schedules, particularly in iron, iron and steel manufactures, and woolen and other forms of clothing. This measure was called the Wilson bill. When it was sent to the Senate, a curious fate befell it; the bill was altered almost beyond recognition, and its proposed tariff reductions were greatly lessened. In the Senate the Democrats had a bare majority; two of their members on most of the tariff schedules voted with the Republicans; and the general scheme of tariff revision outlined by the President was so greatly modified as to amount to at least a partial defeat of his plans.

Meanwhile the financial panic had culminated, about the spring of 1893, some months before the Wilson bill went into operation. The "hard times" were laid at the door of the Cleveland administration, and the popular majorities, reinforced, swung to the Republican side. But the President cherished the same ideals of reform to the end of his life.

He was very friendly with Utah and its people, and refused to join in the popular denunciation of the times against the "Mormon hierarchy," and State Constitution of Utah, adopted in 1895, was signed by President Cleveland on January 4, 1896, when Utah became the forty-fifth state in the Union.

After leaving the White House, the President practiced law and was very successful in his profession. His comments upon current events were always eagerly sought, and he continued to the end of his busy life to be one of the foremost citizens of all the world. In him the nation loses one of her best and mightiest men, a vast circle of personal acquaintances lose a steady friend, and the world at large a man of great powers of mind and body, and of the most rugged honesty and candor.

TO OUR CRITICS.

The apparent excitement caused by an editorial in the "News" on the Republican candidate for the Presidency, and the somewhat abusive criticism it has elicited in the columns of a local paper, are our excuse for submitting the following comments on Mr. Taft, culled from Democratic and independent contemporaries representing various sections of the country. The Boston Herald of June 19, independent, says:

"Mr. Taft, in ability, integrity and in every phase of his character, measures up to the high standard of American Presidents. He has been tried in responsible places and at no time has he been found wanting. He holds, as he deserves to hold, the confidence of the American people. There is no opportunity to challenge his past performance or to doubt the success of any future performance that may be required of him."

The New York Evening Post of June 19, independent and usually anti-Republican:

"Mr. Taft's equipment for the Presidency, all fair-minded men admit. The winning charm of his personality, no one who has met him can fail to have perceived. He is a hard worker, with a great range. No public man has more thoroughly looked over the plant as we have heard one business man express it. Compared with Mr. Bryan, he is steadiness itself. His private life is irreproachable. Yet all these qualifications may go for nothing in a Presi-

dential year like this, unless there is added to them a firm sagacity and an unyielding independence and courage in meeting the great issues."

The Atlanta Constitution, strongly Democratic, in an editorial entitled "How the South Views Judge Taft," quoted in the New York World of June 20, has this to say:

"And while the Constitution and the Southern States, speaking by and large, maintain a political alignment antagonistic to Judge Taft, we risk few contradictions in stating that the dominant element in this section will view this nomination as the wisest and most acceptable choice that could have been made by his party so far as the interests of the South and the nation are concerned. The affiliations of the Constitution and the Southern States are too well known to require elaboration. But should the Democratic party fail of success at the polls next November, we believe observant Southerners will regard the access of Judge Taft to the Presidency with complacence."

The Washington Herald, in an editorial in its issue of June 19, admits that "neither party can tell with certainty what is going to happen in November. It is to be a hard-fought campaign, this great national struggle now at hand, and it will be fraught with doubt to the very end." But in the same editorial it characterizes Judge Taft as:

"A man of clean personal life, of demonstrated capacity for doing things and a full-blooded American, his worthiness to carry the standard of his party in the coming quadrennial campaign is not to be disputed in any quarter. He is of Presidential stature. The great office is not belittled in his nomination."

The New York World, the leading Democratic journal of the nation, of June 11 has this to say:

"It is true that Mr. Taft could not have been nominated on his own merits without Mr. Roosevelt's support and the support of a great army of office-holders. But it is fair to admit also that they could not have nominated Taft but for Taft's exceptional record, ability and character."

The Worcester Gazette, of June 19, an independent journal, takes this view:

"Taft has been long tried in the public service. He has never been found wanting. His views on great public questions and policies he has often declared. In a word, the manner of man he is and the manner of things he is doing are well known. He is better known than any of the other candidates. This is why his choice at this time of business halting and uncertainty in the country is particularly fortunate. Confidence is felt in him, and who in all human probability will be the chief executive of this nation for the coming four years. That confidence can have but one result, which will be the inspiration of a fresh confidence in the people of this land—a thing much needed just now to turn travel on to the highway of prosperity."

If independent journals can with propriety express the views here quoted on the qualities of the Presidential candidate of one of the great national parties, is there any reason in denouncing as a crime almost, a word of compliment in the Deseret News, which also claims the distinction of being an independent, impartial newspaper? That denunciation is indeed one of the mysteries of local politics.

We have already stated, and now repeat, that the "News" is always pleased to say a good word for public men, no matter to what party they belong, as far as consistent with truth. In this we are pursuing no course different from that of other respectable, independent journals.

A GOOD DEED.

Doctors perform many an act of kindness and benevolence that never finds its way into human records. They have exceptional opportunities of doing good, and they embrace them to a larger extent than many are aware of. Here is a recent instance told in a letter to the "News" from American Fork.

Elder Heber Hanson returned a few days ago from the Eastern States Mission after an absence from home of about 18 months, being released on account of illness. Elder Hanson labored most of his time in the City of Philadelphia, and while there he met Dr. Hickey, head of a Medical College, in the City of Brotherly Love. Elder Hanson was taken down with a severe case of typhoid pneumonia. Dr. Hickey, learning of his illness, had him removed to the hospital where he and others of the best physicians the city afforded waited upon him. When finally the Elder was nursed back to life the Doctor advised him to return to his people, and personally accompanied him all the way from Philadelphia, to his home.

The Doctor, our correspondent says, spoke in several public meetings before his return east, and expressed his good feelings toward the people of Utah. The Elders are sometimes depicted as wolves in sheeps' clothing. If they were, they would not win the hearts of men who delight in doing the will of the Master.

A MUSEUM NEEDED.

Since the time of Prof. Bartoof, the former curator of the Deseret Museum, Salt Lake City has never enjoyed a place so full of interest, instruction, and wonder as that which was daily shown, and explained to delighted visitors by this venerable scientist of earlier days. Visitors who go to the University of Kansas admire the wonderful display of birds and animals shown in the museum of that institution. This magnificent exhibit is in part the realized dream of a man who began life as a poor farmer boy. This man has made twenty-one scientific expeditions, has hunted all over North America, from Mexico to Alaska and Greenland, and has placed in the University of Kansas one of the finest and largest collections of North American mammals in the world. He is Lewis Lindsay Dyche, professor of systematic zoology and curator of birds and mammals at the Kansas state university.

The beauties of unique wonders of the Kansas University collection make every Utah visitor yearn to see a similar permanent exhibition, especially of the wonders of the West, established in Salt Lake City.

As one enters the Kansas University museum, a magnificent panoramic view of animal life opens up before the delighted eyes of the sightseer. With the exception of the musk ox, a representative of every North American mammal may be seen. In the center, high up on dizzy crags and cliffs, stand big-horn sheep and mountain goats of all ages, looking so life-like that one breathlessly waits for the expected

spring across the intervening chasm. Down this mountain side a little spring trickles and forms a pool in the foreground, in which fish of various kinds lead a delightful existence, immune from the angler's hook.

The animal life of the West is amply shown. The monarch of the plains, the buffalo, gazes at the onlookers with royal indifference. Deer of all kinds stand in graceful and lifelike poses, looking as though they were ready to run at the first alarm. The jack rabbit is there, of course, and the humble polecat may be seen slinking into a crevice of rock. In another part of the collection Dyche's famous pair of fighting bull moose are seen. With their heads down and horns locked in deadly combat, they appear so lifelike that "one shudders and can almost hear them pant as they struggle for the mastery." They are nearly eight feet tall, and were killed in Manitoba, near the Lake of the Woods. Dyche was once offered \$10,000 for the pair, but the proposition was not considered.

In another realistic scene of the wilds, coyotes appear to roam discontentedly over the bleak prairie, wildcats snarl at one another, and savage grizzlies haunt the lonehorne canyons.

The state of Kansas is taking a great deal of interest in the display, since it is one of the finest of its kind in the world.

We have the nucleus of a fine collection in the Deseret Museum, which is at present stored away for safekeeping. The University of Utah has a similar collection of great scientific interest and value, scattered through its various rooms and departments, having no room large enough to contain its collections.

The bureau of commerce and industry has a collection, and many citizens possess beautiful or unique specimens that might be obtained, for public purposes if a suitable building should be provided and arrangements made for the public use and enjoyment of such a museum.

Here is an opportunity for some organization to render an immense public service by heading a movement for a state museum.

The really silent "ride" is the pick-pocket.

"The book of the words"—the campaign book.

The police should keep their eye on where the lid is off.

The high price of beef is giving people thought for food.

President Elliot of Harvard writes with a very sharp pointed pen.

Yale believes the man of '78 to be as great as any of the "men of '76."

Do the "Prominent Politician" and the "Stroller" do nothing else but swap lies?

The milkman never cries over spilt milk so long as there is plenty of water near.

They are having more son and heir in Spain just now than in almost any other country.

"Lots of people mistake dyspepsia for acidity," says a London paper. With the patient on the pile.

England is preparing to lay down a side arm for battleships. This will lay out all other builders of battleships.

Does it mean that the brewers have come in out of the wet because they are standing on a temperance platform?

The approved way of checking extravagance in public expenditures is to check out all bank credits and create a deficit.

The Provo strawberry festival recalls the remark of Dr. Boteler: "Doubtless God could have made a better berry, but doubtless God never did."

The London Times wants to know why the price of meat has been advanced. Because it hath pleased Caesar Armour to advance it.

A Philadelphia fool took a young lady out boating and began rocking the boat. He would not stop so she picked up an oar and knocked him senseless. That young lady is entitled to a Carnegie heroine medal.

An ancient authority enjoined the members of the church to "be kindly affectioned one to another in brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." But that is, possibly, "antiquated, insipid" doctrine in our advanced age.

Of a private letter from London we learn that since the Church bought the beautiful place in London in which the meetings now are held, the attendance has increased and a great deal of interest is manifested in the work of the missionaries.

Somebody has said that politics, after baseball, is the great American game. While it lasts a spectator might fancy that the opponents are in it to exterminate each other, but when the game is over the sun of friendship shines as bright as ever.

Los Angeles Times. Occasional news items and the infrequent letters of special correspondents give us warning that affairs in Portugal are not as they should be. We read, for instance, of the discovery that the crown jewels had been pawned by the King who was recently murdered, and of the pathetic resolve of the boy monarch to retrieve the disgrace of his father. At another time we learn that ready money in the palace is so scarce that the tradesmen clamor for payment. Still another dispatch informs us that emissaries of the discovery that the crown jewels had been pawned by the King who was recently murdered, and of the pathetic resolve of the boy monarch to retrieve the disgrace of his father.

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nor write, and that every one of the causes of discontent that produced the dictatorship of Franco and the assassination of Carlos is undiminished in its gravity.

WATER POWER FOR RAILROADS.

Pueblo Chieftain. In the Bavarian Alps there is found an abundant supply of water in the numerous lakes and streams. It is estimated in the government report that the existing fall alone will furnish 300,000 horse power and that a much greater supply can be obtained from the lakes and a system of storage reservoirs. It is also figured that 200,000 would be sufficient to meet the needs of the railroads until 1920, and that the amount of energy to be had from this source will always be sufficient to meet the needs of the country. It is figured that a lake with a superficial area of twenty square miles would be lowered only a fraction of an inch by supplying 3,000,000 gallons of water during the course of twenty-four hours. The first project to be undertaken by the Bavarian government calls for 15,400 gallons of water per second, and 50,000 horse power. It is estimated that this project will cost in the neighborhood of \$5,500,000.

JUST FOR FUN.

"I heard Miss Gadabout wondering the other day what sort of an electric she should get."

"I would advise her, if she wants something fitting, to buy a runabout."

"What's the matter, Match? You seem ill at ease. I thought you'd enjoy a home dinner."

"I thought I thoroughly Newaded, if I could keep my eyes on my hat and coat. Force of habit, you know.—Louisville Courier-Journal."

Knicker—Edison says four hours' sleep is enough for anybody.

Bocker—It would be if you could take it after it is time to get up.—New York Sun.

Church—Did you ever work for a railroad company?

Edgerly Bore—"Your face awakes a memory. When I look at you my thoughts are taken far away."

"How I long to follow them!"—Punch.

"I heard him behind the door pleading for just one. They must be engaged." "No, they're married. It was a dollar he was pleading for."

Old Gotrox—"What! You marry my daughter? I won't hear of it. Young Simpsone'll take good care that you don't hear of it till it's all over."

"Did the new foreman at the works give the men any inputs at the work?" "No, sah. Not a bit, sah. Said we'd have to wuk fo de same old wages, sah."—Baltimore American.

"Gee whiz! here's the rain coming down again and somebody's stolen my umbrella." "Somebody's stolen what?" "Well, the umbrella, I been carrying for the past two weeks."—Philadelphia Press.

"This business of giving people a lot of straps to hang onto in the cars is all wrong!" exclaimed the indignant citizen. "That's right," answered Mr. Duesin Stax, with sudden interest; "the public ought to be made to furnish its own straps."—Washington Star.

"Dod rot it!" angrily exclaimed the unsuccessful contributor. "I don't s'pose there's anything I could write that you'd accept." "I guess not," replied the country editor. "I don't suppose you could write a check for a year's subscription, could you?"—Philadelphia Press.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The North American Review for June presents a symposium upon the Democratic candidates for the presidency. The candidates treated are: W. J. Bryan, E. W. Carmack, C. A. Culbertson, John W. Daniel, Joseph W. Folk, George Gray, Judson Harmon, John A. Johnson, Henry Watterson and Woodrow Wilson. Among the writers of these articles are: Augustus Thomas, Thomas Speed Mealy, T. E. Bayard, E. B. Whitney and Mayo W. Hazeltine. Taft contributes an important article on the "Delays and Defeats in the Enforcement of Law in This Country."

"Anglo-American" replies to Baron Speck von Sternburg in the matter of "The Truth About German Expansion."

"The Development of American Waterways" contains a forceful article contributed by Senator Francis G. Newlands. In "The Justice of a Friend," Mr. William Dean Howells examines Sir George Otis's history of "The American Revolution." In "A Governmental Railroad Holding Company" William W. Cook presents a striking plan for government control of public service corporations. Edward Porritt writes interestingly on "The Collapse of the Movement Against the Lords." William W. Campbell, of the Link shears, explains "The Nature of an Astronomer's Work." Sydney Brooks contributes his fourth article in the series "The New Ireland," and Irving Bachelor contributes a poem entitled "The Sowers." In the literary department Payne's "The Greater English Poets" is reviewed by Thomas Walsh. Riley's "A History of American Poetry," by Charles Johnston; and Arberlin's "Worlds in the Making," by Carl Snyder. The department of World-politics contains communications from London and Berlin.—Frankling Square, New York.

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