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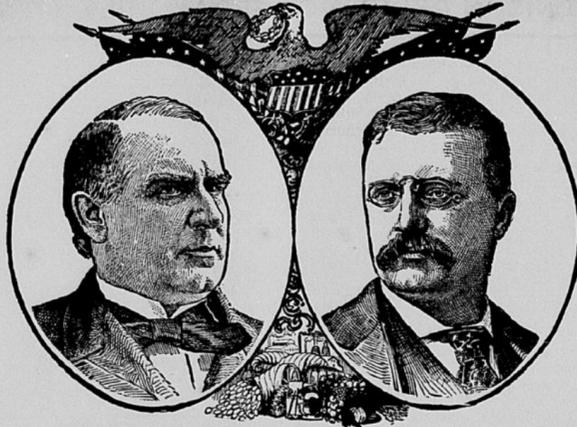
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SENATOR GEAR.

The death of Senator John H. Gear has caused a vacancy in the United States Senate which the Governor or a special session of the legislature can fill, but it has caused a vacancy in thousands of hearts which no officials can fill, no other man replace. It can only be stored with tender memories of the great and good friend, and of his thousands of deeds of kindness and loyalty and fidelity. It is as a friend that John H. Gear will be chiefly mourned, other public men may be mourned for their great performances, for their executive or legislative ability, but Mr. Gear is mourned not only for these attributes of statescraft, but more than all as the true-hearted, faithful, ever-loyal friend.

"Bless your soul, boy," he said to us years ago when we expressed astonishment at his familiarity with the people of the old First District, "I know every man, woman and child in Henry county." And know them he did, not as so many votes and influences, but as so many friends. He knew their wants and ambitions; their strength and their weakness; he knew their first names; he knew when they were married and when the baby came and when the father died and how the mother's health was. No Iowan was ever afraid to go to Gov. Gear. No matter how lowly, no matter what his politics, no matter if he had opposed him, no man but who felt sure of kindly and considerate treatment. He was not a soldier, but the soldiers of Iowa never had a better friend. Other and younger men in congress might be too busy or too self-important to listen to the needy veteran, but John Henry Gear never was. Gov. Gear always kept his promises, always stood by his friends, and always forgave his enemies.

The people of Burlington adored him. For years Burlington could be accounted a democratic city save and except when Senator Gear's interests were at stake, then politics were dropped and democrats and republicans touched shoulders in upholding their friend.

We are heartily glad that Senator Gear was re-elected by the last legislature, glad to know that he was not called upon to feel the bitterness of defeat and the ingratitude of friends. Those who stood by him in that memorable contest have nothing to regret; they are proud that nothing moved them from their loyalty and that the Grand Old Man, the noblest hearted, the most generous spirited, the most loved and most lovable statesman of them all, was able to die in the harness and to die feeling that Iowa had been as loyal to him as he had been to her.

To Mrs. Gear we offer our most sincere and most heartfelt sympathy. No wife was ever more of a helpmate, more tender and more true, and no wife was ever more respected, more trusted and more loved.

THE CHINESE ATROCITIES.

The situation in China is growing more serious every day. At present we know that the German Ambassador has been assassinated, the Russian Minister tortured and boiled to death, his wife outraged and killed. The fate of our own Minister and those of other countries has not been learned, but no one can tell but that the atrocities which they have suffered have been equal, if not surpassing in ferocity those endured by the representatives of Germany and Russia. The whole of China seems to be on the eve of a rule of fanatical mob violence. The city of Pekin is in the hands of the mob and the international forces are virtually besieged and held captive in the city of Tien Tsin. It would seem that the great and inevitable struggle between the civilizations of the East and West is at hand. The world is growing smaller as the means of communication are perfected, and the result is that we are much closer neighbors to China today than we were to Canada one hundred years ago. As a further result, it has become apparent that neighbors holding such absolutely different views of life, such radically opposed methods of thought and living, cannot dwell in harmony. It is an old saying that "No house is large enough for two families," and the world is becoming too small for more than one kind of civilization. Either the Mongolian or the Caucasian will triumph in the coming conflict, one or the other will be subdued and made subject. By this we do not mean the dismemberment of China, we do not mean the actual political control of that country, but we mean that the strength and vitality of one of the civilizations must succumb. The conflict between these civilizations has been inevitable. Scholars and statesmen have prophesied it for years. It is but a part of the universal plan, a figment of that great scheme of the universe which involves the survival of the fittest and the amalgamation of all the peoples of the earth in one great world-wide government.

For the present, while we may speculate as to the future, there is but one thing left for us to do, the representatives of this government have been sent to China in the same way that the representatives of China have been sent here. They went under assurances of good will and protection. The Chinese government has either violated its pledges by encouraging and secretly co-operating with mob violence, or it is too weak and too impotent to restrain and control its own people. In either event it is the plain duty of this country, as well as of every European nation, first, to protect the lives of its representatives and citizens if possible. Secondly, to restore peace and order, and to establish such a strong government that a similar outbreak will not occur in future, and third to inflict such drastic punishment as will be a lesson to the Chinese people for years to come. Naturally we feel the spirit of revenge. In this instance the atrocities in China appeal to us personally. We knew Edwin H. Conger and his wife and daughter, they were personal friends. We feel that the lives of a thousand of those heathen Chinese would not be just retribution for the harming of a hair of their heads. When we think of them sacrificed to the fury of a mob, our blood boils and we feel that the whole power of the United States government, even to the enlistment of every

fighting man of the republic, ought to be enlisted to wipe out the insult to the flag, and to avenge the death of as noble a citizen, as true a man and as grand a woman as this country ever produced.

We can but admire the statesmanship of Secretary Hay in forcing upon the powers the declaration that China is to be left intact, and that no dismemberment of the Empire will be allowed. We hope that the allied powers will act, and act quickly. For the once they should lay aside all jealousies, all struggles for supremacy and unity in teaching the Chinese an awful lesson—a lesson that will be remembered for centuries to come. They should learn that sacred pledges cannot be violated, that the citizens and representatives of other countries cannot be ruthlessly murdered, that the civilized nations of the world will not stand idly by and see their noblest women outraged and their grandest statesmen killed without wreaking a vengeance, terrible and sweeping, without demanding "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth."

We do not wish to lapse from patriotism to partisanship, but we cannot restrain ourselves from expressing our utter contempt of that portion of the Democratic National platform in which the troubles with China are mentioned with such scorn, and in which the efforts of the administration to protect the lives of American citizens are labeled as 'intriguing in the East.' There is no intrigue, the American government simply stands upon its rights. It simply says that it desires no territorial aggrandizement in China, that it does not wish the dismemberment of the Empire, that it is going to protect the lives of its own citizens, and if that fails, to avenge their death if every infernal Chinaman in the Celestial Empire has to die.

THE EDITORIAL CONVENTION.

The editor of the REVIEW was in Des Moines last week to attend the semi-annual meeting of the Upper Des Moines Editorial Association. The meeting was of value chiefly, as it gave opportunity of meeting those engaged in the same line of work, comparing notes with them upon some of the difficult and perplexing problems of country journalism, and forming bands of friendship with those of the craft.

While the Des Moines people, and especially Des Moines printers, were extremely kind and courteous, we must say that we do not believe that a large city is the best place for such a gathering. There are so many things of interest, so many other attractions of various kinds, that one loses that close intimacy and contact that is the best result of such gatherings. Several good papers were read before the association, but too little time was devoted to the real business of the association and too much to the social side.

Personally, we wish to express our thanks to Mr. Kenyon and to Mr. Fitz Hugh of the Kenyon Printing Company, for their many courtesies. We have known them for years and are always glad to note their continued success. Another Des Moines printer in whom we are much interested, is Frank Armstrong. Frank is a rosy-cheeked, bright-eyed boy who is making a success. We knew him when he was a reporter for the "Daily Capital", and have since followed his career with interest and pleasure. If any young man deserves success it is he and we were glad to learn while in Des Moines, that his business venture is prospering and that he is becoming recognized as one of the leading men of the craft in Des Moines.

The next meeting of the association will be held in Forest City and in behalf of the Denison newspaper men, an invitation has already been extended to the association to meet in Denison next summer. If the association thinks fit to visit our city, there is one thing which we wish to pledge it, the work and business of the association shall be first and foremost; while we will endeavor to entertain our editorial friends, and while we know that the hospitality of Denison will be unexcelled, we shall endeavor that the social feature shall be made subordinate and that the entertainment shall be hurried or crowded out to conform to the work of the association, rather than that the work shall be hurried or crowded to conform to the plans for entertainment.

We believe that the country

newspaper men have much to learn from their city brethren, much less however, in the newspaper line than in the line of business methods. There is not one newspaper in Des Moines, save possibly the "Daily News," which fills its particular niche, that lives up to its opportunities. The "Register" is the poorest excuse for a newspaper that we have ever seen published in a town of Des Moines' size. The "Leader" is better, but none too good, if it persists in its present policy concerning its news it will soon find that its news service about the state will grow small indeed. The "Capital" as a personal organ of Mr. Lafe Young, fulfills its mission. The truth is Des Moines could go into almost any other county seat town of the state and get valuable points on journalism.

While the Editorial Association as it exists, is a thing of pleasure and some profit, we believe that partisan editorial associations would be much better. We say this without any disrespect to our democratic brethren of the press. We can meet them socially with cordiality and pleasure, we can discuss the generalities of journalism with them, but it is a fact that politics and newspaper work are intimately associated. No man wishes to obosom his business secrets to an audience in which his direct competitor is seated, and it is these business secrets, these inner business methods, the imparting of which would be of value to others. We are not opposed to the non-partisan Editorial Association, but we do believe that the republican and democratic editors of the state should have their separate organizations in which the members can speak with perfect freedom and frankness, in which plans for party helpfulness can be arranged and promoted. Iowa should have a republican press association. It would be a mighty factor in elevating republican politics and in securing the success of the party. The REVIEW will move that such an organization be formed and awaits a second from its republican contemporaries.

THE SENATORIAL SUCCESSION.

Through the death of Senator Gear, Governor Shaw has placed upon him one of the greatest responsibilities that a governor of Iowa is ever called upon to bear. The appointment of a United States Senator is a matter of the utmost and gravest importance. There will undoubtedly be many whose claims will be pressed and it is to the credit of Iowa that she has so many men who measure up to the senatorial standard.

It is not probable that the east end of the state will be considered as it already has one senator, has had two, and the senatorship naturally belongs now to western Iowa.

Among the names that will doubtless be considered are those of Hon. J. P. Dolliver, Hon. W. P. Hepburn, Hon. Geo. D. Perkins and Hon. J. A. T. Hull. Mr. Hepburn has the geographical advantage of not only living in western Iowa but in the southern Federal District of the state. It is needless for us to compare these men; each is great in his own way, and each would make a satisfactory Senator. Were circumstances other than they are, were any other man in the Governor's chair, we should insistently urge the appointment of that peerless leader of Iowa republicans, that bold champion of sound money and good government, that man, who in a few short years, has made his name famous throughout the nation—the Hon. L. M. Shaw.

We believe the Governor to be the choice of the majority of the republicans of the state, and we frankly state that we know of no one who is better qualified to succeed that great Iowa Senator whose death all republicans so sincerely mourn.

NOTICE IN PROBATE.

STATE OF IOWA, Crawford County, 1888—In Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Rosa P. Flint late of Crawford County, deceased.

Notice of Appointment of Administrator.

To Whom it may Concern:
You are hereby notified that on the 13th day of July, 1900, the undersigned was duly appointed administrator of the above entitled estate, and all creditors of said estate are notified to file their claims in the office of the Clerk of the District Court, in and for Crawford County, Iowa, within one year from the date of this notice, according to law, and have the same allowed and entered upon by the said court, or stand forever barred therefrom.
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