

PRESIDENT'S MES- SAGE IN BRIEF.

McKinley eulogized as "the most widely loved man in all the United States;" his assassination deplored as a blow at this government and all governments; anarchy arraigned as a crime against the whole human race; recommendation that federal courts be given jurisdiction over any man who kills or attempts to kill the president or anyone in line of succession. "Anarchy should be made an offense against the law of nations and should be so declared by treaties among all civilized powers."

Consolidation of capital recognized as a natural and legitimate development of modern business; reckless anti-corporation legislation condemned; possible evils in great combinations admitted; recommendation that "corporations engaged in the interstate commerce should be regulated if they are found to exercise a license to the public injury;" publicity urged as an available remedy for trust evils; national regulation of corporations advised on lines similar to those applied to national banks; belief expressed that such legislation is possible without constitutional amendment, but such amendment advocated if in the judgment of congress it be deemed necessary.

New department of commerce and industries recommended.

Re-enactment of Chinese exclusion act, strengthened to make its enforcement entirely effective, recommended.

Legislation advised in connection with interstate commerce law to do away with competition of convict labor in open market. "Fair" treatment for government employees urged.

Revision of immigration laws suggested to exclude anarchists and increase standard of intelligence and "economic fitness" among immigrants.

Results attained by protective tariff policy earnestly commended; general revision of the tariff at this time opposed; reciprocity endorsed as the handmaiden of protection; extension of reciprocity urged "so far as it can be safely done without injury to our home industries;" natural line of development of reciprocity declared to be "in connection with those of our productions which no longer require all of the support once needed to establish them upon a sound basis, and with those others which either because of natural or economic causes are beyond the reach of successful competition;" attention of senate directed to pending reciprocity treaties.

General endorsement given the idea of encouraging the American merchant marine.

Suggestion made of need for a more elastic currency.

Attention directed to recommendations of secretary of the treasury in relation to surplus revenues.

Economy in expenditures advocated.

Conservative extension of powers of the interstate commerce commission recommended.

Work of department of agriculture commended.

Work done in direction of forest reserves endorsed, and recommendation made that bureau of forestry shall be placed under jurisdiction of department of agriculture; game preserves advocated in connection with forest reserves.

Emphatic endorsement given to the theory of government control of the general problem of irrigation; suggestion made that government should construct and maintain reservoirs in the arid regions of the West, as it does other public works.

"Traditional American lines" advised for the development of the territory of Hawaii.

Porto Rico reported to be thriving as never heretofore, with need only for legislation concerning its public lands.

Substantial reproduction in the tariff duties upon Cuban imports into the United States, apart from the general subject of reciprocity, advocated.

Legislation authorizing granting of franchises for limited terms of years in Philippines declared a necessity; recommendation made that some pension system be devised for benefit of Macabebes who have fought with Americans in the Philippines.

Immediate steps urged for construction of Pacific cable, either by the government or contract with private company.

Isthmian canal project endorsed.

Monroe doctrine defined as not opposing foreign interest in these continents provided acquisition of territory is not contemplated.

Further expansion of navy emphatically commended; organization of national naval reserve advocated.

Elaborate attention given to army affairs; more mounted riflemen recommended; merit system in making promotions advised; creation of general staff suggested; national militia system declared a necessity.

Merit system in civil appointments, particularly in insular possessions, commended; extension of classified service to cover District of Columbia urged.

Reorganization of consular service advised.

Commissioner Jones' Indian policy endorsed.

Congressional support for St. Louis

and Charleston expositions solicited.

Smithsonian institution and public library work commended.

Establishment of permanent census bureau advised.

Work of postal department in direction of rural delivery and second class matter reforms commended.

Chinese settlement approved; "open door" endorsed.

Hope expressed of beneficial results from Pan-American congress; recommendation made that Mexico be reimbursed for Well and La Abra awards, declared unjust by the courts.

Deaths of Queen Victoria and Empress Dowager of Germany declared to have aroused the genuine sympathy of American people.

"In the midst of our affliction we reverently thank the Almighty that we are at peace with the nations of mankind; and we firmly intend that our policy shall be such as to continue unbroken these international relations of mutual respect and good will."

Long and Short Hair.

Homer wrote of the long haired Greeks by way of honorable distinction. Subsequently the Athenian cavalry and all Lacedaemonian soldiery wore long hair. The Parthians and ancient Persians wore long, flowing hair. The Franks and ancient Teutons considered long hair a mark of high birth. The Goths looked on long hair as a mark of honor and on short hair as a mark of thralldom. So did the Gauls, for which reason Julius Caesar, when he subdued them, obliged them to cut their hair short in token of submission.

In England judges, the speaker of the house of commons and at one time the bishops wore long hair, while criminals and paupers wore short hair. On the other hand, Jewish priests during their time of service had their hair cut once a fortnight, and Roman slaves wore their hair and beard long, but shaved their heads when manumitted.

Sailors who escaped from shipwreck shaved their heads as if manumitted from the sea. In Ezekiel v. 1, there is mention of a "barber's razor," with instructions to "thou, son of man, take thee a barber's razor and cause it to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard."

Poetry and Hags.

This particular practical wife looks like a dream, but she is right up to the mark in business. One day just as the frost was on the pumpkin he came in. "Darling," he began, "I have just been thinking this is a most memorable day in our lives, both yours and mine. Do you know what it recalls?"

"No," she declared.

"What! Not remember this particular date?" he asked in horror and reproach. "Oh, surely you must."

She said again that she didn't, though to oblige him she would if she could, and he bowed his head and looked sorrowfully out of the window at the swaying trees loaded with red leaves.

"Don't say it!" he exclaimed. "Don't tell me you have no recollection of the serious import of this day. Think! See how I am impressed by the recollection. Surely you recall it."

A dawning light spread over her face. "I believe I do," she cried joyously. "Yes, it was just this time we killed hogs last fall."

He gave a hollow groan and left the room of his too, too practical wife. It was their wedding anniversary.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

No Word For Love.

In comparison with the English tongue foreign tongues seem parsimonious in some ways of expression and wasteful in others.

For instance, it is impossible to "kick" a man in French. You must give him a "blow with the foot." The Portuguese do not "wink" at one; they "close and open the eyes."

In the languages of the American Indians there is no word with which to convey the idea of "stealing," perhaps because the idea of property is so vague. It is related of one of the early missionaries that in attempting to translate the Bible into Algonquin he could find no word to express "love" and was compelled to invent it.

A Spelling Bee.

Some of you who think you are well up in spelling just try to spell the words in this little sentence:

"It is agreeable to witness the unparalleled ecstasy of two harassed peddlers endeavoring to gauge the symmetry of two peeled pears."

Read it over to your friends and see how many of them can spell every word correctly. The sentence contains many of the real puzzlers of the spelling book.—London Tit-Bits.

His Everyday Suit.

Dixon—I don't believe young Shortleigh is half as extravagant as people say he is.

Hixon—Perhaps not, but I've noticed that he has a suit of clothes for every day of the week.

Dixon—Is that so? Why, he has always had the same suit on every time I met him.

Hixon—Well, that's the one.

No Climbing.

"Ah, my friend," sighed old Skinflynt, who was dying, "I'm going a long, long journey."

"Never mind," replied the friend, who knew him. "It's all down hill."—Philadelphia Record.

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STORIES OF SINGERS

TIMES WHEN THEIR VOICES WERE OF MORE WORTH THAN MONEY.

Santley's Adventure With a Band of Mexican Bandits—Some Experiences of the Tender Marie—How Lablache Put a Bear to Flight.

Many years since, when traveling with some friends in Mexico, Charles Santley was captured by halfbreed bandits and, being unable to pay the large ransom demanded, carried off to the mountains. Over supper the singer, by no means weighed down by his mishap, chanced to break into song, which so delighted the brigand chief that he demanded an encore.

Santley saw his chance and expressed his willingness to comply on condition that he and his companions were granted their release. The suggestion was accepted, and for over two hours was the singer's voice raised in such exquisite melody that the bandits, true to their word, allowed him and those with him to depart.

The late Joseph Maas had a somewhat similar experience. Years back, when with a companion buffalo hunting on the American prairies, he was captured by Indians and carried to their camp. When at his wits' end how to extricate himself from the dilemma, his friend suggested the power of song. Fortwith he commenced an operatic selection that so delighted his captors that they loosened his bonds and urged him, at the point of their spears, to continue.

Luckily his voice had a soporific effect upon the Indians, who one by one dropped asleep until, just as he was on the point of stopping from exhaustion, the last passed into the realms of dreams. Then he and his companion quietly stole away.

His wonderful voice on one occasion placed the great tenor Mario in a somewhat invidious position. When traveling with some companions in Spain, he fell into the hands of a party of marauding gypsies, who demanded the customary ransom. Mario, tickled at the situation, answered their request in impromptu song, which he delivered with such exquisite mock dignity that his captors with unanimous acclamation elected him captain of their band. The singer diplomatically acquiesced in their decision, but in the course of the following day contrived to make his escape with his friends.

On another occasion in Madrid the same singer, as he was returning late one night from the theater where he was engaged, was arrested by the police in mistake for a political discontent. In vain he asserted his identity. He was carried before their chief, who likewise smiled incredulously at the captive's asseverations.

Greatly angered, Mario vehemently demanded that his friends should be forthwith communicated with, but the official shook his head and remarked that if indeed he were the great tenor he possessed in his voice a sure means of proving the truth of his words. Ten minutes later Mario was bowed out with many regrets and profuse apologies.

When traveling to Paris with some other ladies, Mme. Grisi had a thrilling adventure. At a small wayside station a man entered the carriage, and it soon became evident from his threatening gestures and eccentric behavior that he was a dangerous lunatic.

Though her companions were panic stricken, Mme. Grisi retained complete presence of mind and with the utmost composure began to sing. At once the maniac was quiet; his whole attention was riveted on that magnificent voice, and he remained the most appreciative of listeners until the train reached the next station, where he was secured. It transpired subsequently that he was a maniac with homicidal tendencies who had escaped from an asylum.

An amusing story is told of Lablache, the celebrated bass singer. One day as he was strolling leisurely through a French fair a cry was suddenly raised that a bear had escaped from the menagerie. The crowd fled in every direction—all save the singer, whose massive proportions precluded the idea of rapid motion. Amid the general commotion he among them all stood unmoved, calmly awaiting the advent of the ferocious beast, which sure enough came slouching rapidly toward him. When within a few feet, it halted as though to gather itself together for a final rush, when Lablache stepped forward and from the lowest depths of his immense chest sent forth such a thunderous roar that the terrified animal turned and fled.

When Will a Man Be Too Rich?

What will eventually be the limit of individual wealth? Half a century back "ten thousand a year" was considered to be a vast fortune. Then "fifty thousand a year" was the phrase commonly used to describe the income of fabulously rich men or women. Later we took to speaking of "millionaires." In quite recent times the "multimillionaire" with twenty millions had reached the limit of private wealth; then forty millions. Now the limit has risen to a hundred millions, and already the word "billionaire" has come into use in the United States. Will the multimillionaire ever replace the multimillionaire?—London Standard.

The Birthplace.

No matter where a man was born, he swells up and claims to be proud of it. There is no way of knowing if the favored spot reciprocates the feeling.—San Francisco Bulletin.

Painful All Around.

Dumleigh—It was an awful trial for me to make that speech tonight.

Mildmay—Don't mention it, old boy; just think what the rest of us suffered.

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