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REPUBLICANS GATHER AT THE FESTIVE BOARD

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of Versailles or St. James, but with a profound knowledge of men and contemporary issues, and that indefinable power which pulses in the heart of him who bears a divine commission. His whole life cheers us and spurs us on with the assurance and proof that there are no circumstances so thwart that they may not be transfigured by a strong will and a noble patience.

"He lived in a period when bombastic speech ruled the rostrum. But he had none of it. His style was the opposite pole. A master of pure English, he anticipated and surpassed the eloquence of the gentle but potent voices which have molded Anglo-Saxon political thought in our own time—McKinley, Hay, Root, Roseberry, Balfour and Asquith.

"At the Gettysburg dedication there were two speakers, Edward Everett and the president. Everett's rounded periods were received with tumultuous applause. Today they are all but forgotten. Lincoln's address ended in silence. He was chagrined and hurt. With all his knowledge of humanity he did not then realize that that silence was the perfect tribute, and that in posterity's report his utterance would mark one of the highest levels ever touched by human eloquence.

"By whatever shore his great soul carries this night, he knows that his countrymen love him, and that we pray the God of Nations, in every future hour of the republic's peril, to give us other leaders like him.

"His political tenets have controlled and guided this country for fifty years. They will continue to control and guide us for many years to come.

"In the executive mansion today sits a worthy successor. In point of preliminary training in the intricacies of statecraft, no man ever entered upon the duties of the office who is the peer of William H. Taft. He is wrestling with delicate complex problems such as have confused no president since the days of '61 and '65. Next November let us send him a word of encouragement from the old Sagebrush state. 'We are with you Mr. President. We ratify, we approve; we confirm all that you have done and all that you are trying to do.'"

Judge M. R. Averill was then called upon by the toastmaster and in his address told of the occasion when Lincoln's birthday was embodied into the statutes of the state as a state holiday. It may be said that Mr. Averill was the cause of this action. His address follows:

Mr. Toastmaster and fellow republicans:

"It affords me the greatest pleasure to be present here at this meeting, because I feel that the events that led up to it have been in a measure due to the creation of our state holiday known as Lincoln's birthday, in which events I had a humble part. I was once a teacher in this state, having begun my experience in that profession at Glenbrook, on the edge of Lake Tahoe, where I had fourteen pupils of such mixed grade that they formed thirty-four classes. After some years I became principal of the high school at Virginia City. I had been an admirer of Lincoln above all other men and had, with other teachers and principals, endeavored to have his birthday made a school

holiday, at least in Nevada, because of the peculiar relation of the state to the man. I failed for the reason that a male teacher never accomplishes anything till he gets out of a job, an idea that dawned upon me after many years and caused me to quit that kind of employment. I had no notion then that I would ever have anything to do with the making of Lincoln's birthday a holiday. But in 1902 I was nominated by the republicans of Esmeralda county, for assemblyman. There were thirteen republicans then in all Esmeralda county and the same number in Nye.

"I am happy to note this evening that the number has increased in Nye. Well, somehow I was elected by the splendid majority of five. I reached the legislature in due time and about the second day I was there Lem Allen, who had been either assemblyman or senator from Churchill at every session for nearly thirty years stepped up to me and said, 'I believe your name is Averill.' I answered, 'Yes, it is.' He said, 'Are you related to the Averill who was here in '75 or '77?' I said, 'I am his son.' And then Lem told me of the things the republicans, among them my father, had done to the handful of democrats at that session and promised me that the same thing would happen to the few republican assemblymen of that session then present. And it happened. We were jumped on from the start. We were told what a falling off there had been in the kind of republicans since the days of Lincoln, compared with whom we were the most insignificant of shrimps. We fought back, contending all along that we were true followers of Lincoln, and then we were told about ever fifteen minutes of every day how little we resembled the great Lincoln and how the republican party had deteriorated.

The session of 1903 was the workingman's session. Legislature after legislature, both republican and democratic had turned down the bills that the workingmen wanted most. The legislature of 1903 passed them all, and those statutes today, with a very few exceptions, constitute the legislation of Nevada favorable to labor. All five of the republicans in the lower house supported and worked for all the labor bills of that session.

"So, you see, our attention was mostly devoted to Lincoln and labor.

"It was 'Labor and Lincoln,' 'Labor and Lincoln,' 'Labor and Lincoln' every day and nearly every hour. Toward the end of the session Assembly bill No. 112 was introduced making Labor Day a holiday. It reached its last consideration in the assembly on March 6, the minutes of which day read in part as follows:

"Assembly bill No. 112. Mr. Averill moved to amend by inserting after the words 'Washington's birthday,' in line 3 the words 'Lincoln's birthday,' and then the fight began. We rubbed it into that bunch of Democrats until opposition was silenced. We repeated to them again and again all the fine things they had said about Lincoln. The amendment was adopted the bill put upon passage and passed, every man present voting for it but one, the speaker of the house."

The Hon. P. M. Bowler Jr. was referred to as the "old-time republican war horse" and that the title is deserved can be seen from his address which is as follows:

Patsy Bowler also responded to the call of the toastmaster as follows:

Mr. Toastmaster and brother republicans: Those of you who are expecting an oratorical fireworks will be disappointed for I was not aware that I should be expected to address you on this occasion, hence I have no prepared stereotyped

speech for delivery and can but feebly supplement what has already been said, and by way of preface to my remarks I will relate a story. When Abraham Lincoln was practicing in the old Sangamon court house, a tall, slim lawyer, noted for wearing a short coat, slid along the seat, to be nearer the advocate addressing the jury. A protruding nail tore the seat of the lawyer's pantaloons. Obligated to follow his opponent immediately, there was no time to sew up the rent in the garment. A legal wag present wrote a subscription: "We the undersigned, agree to pay the sums opposite our several names for the purpose of purchasing Brother Jones a new pair of pantaloons." Several of the lawyers put down sums ranging from ten to fifty cents. The paper was presented to Lincoln, who sat opposite the rear of the advocate, who bending over in gesticulating, made quite an exposure. Lincoln took out his pencil and wrote upon the paper: "I have nothing to contribute to the end in view."

Why shall we not be indulged to commemorate the birth of the savior of the union of states and of this nation, as well also the leader of a party which whatever the faults and weaknesses of its members, has made a history, the glories of which can perish only with the English tongue. Though February, the smallest month in the year is ornamented by the two greatest birthdays recorded upon our continent, those of Washington and Lincoln, one the father and the other the savior of our country, and how commendable and fitting is the place for such a meeting here in Nevada, the "Battle born state," which merits the distinction of casting its first presidential electoral vote for Abraham Lincoln for president of the United States. The nation had never before witnessed the birth of a state under such circumstances and within ten days of its advent it found itself marching in conflict. This infant prodigy slew the many headed and many horned dragon of the rebellion with as much ease as the stripping of Israel slew the giant of Gath. I rejoice that we meet for such fitting commemoration of the birth of our first martyred president. His Gettysburg speech, of but a few minutes' duration, is immortal. The words that then fell from Lincoln's lips smote the souls of his hearers, like the blast of a trumpet and before five minutes of its delivery had elapsed there was not a heart in that vast throng but what was stirred to its innermost depths and at its conclusion every eye of that multitude was streaming with tears and all over the country that speech was instantly hailed as the most perfect eloquence that had ever fallen from the lips of an American.

This liberty-loving, God fearing, generous, bountiful, enlightened and closely scrutinizing people lost no time in accepting the invitation and assuming the responsibility of statehood, which was transmitted to the president as soon as possible. This action was taken to lend our aid in upholding the country and assist the nation in its civil strife at a time and in a way most material, by pouring the fabulous wealth of gold and silver, the product of our mines, amounting to hundreds of millions into the lap of the nation, thus enabling it to carry on the war to a triumphant termination, the redemption of its outstanding debt and the resumption of specie payments. Desperate were the efforts of the opponents of free institutions to grasp the control of this state government. It was a fierce battle, they were defeated and their forces demoralized and we tonight are justified in glorying over the result.

The Hon. Oscar Smith of Reno, who was transacting legal business

in this city yesterday, naturally was present at the banquet and when called upon for a talk referred to the fact that he was the only republican present who was out for an office, but as to the name of the office, he was yet undecided and could tell more definitely after he had consulted with his friends. Mr. Smith made mention of the Jeffersonian banquet held some weeks ago at Reno and stated that during the entire proceedings the name of Jefferson was mentioned but once, while the glories and teachings of Lincoln were constantly referred to by the democrats. He advised the adherents of the prosperity banner to keep on the watch or the opposition would surely claim Lincoln as their own when the fall election arrived.

W. W. Booth answered to the toast of "The Press," and dwelt at length on the usefulness of the newspapers as educators. He further stated that the upbuilding of the state of Nevada was due to the press, and when the coming census was completed, it was his belief that an increase of 150,000 from a mere 40,000 of ten years ago would be noted. This increase would be due to the press of Nevada that have informed the world at large of the opportunities to be found within this state.

Throughout the evening music was furnished by Professors Tatro and Ish and the singing of patriotic songs was intermingled with the courses.

The menu served was as follows:

- MENU.**
Martini Cocktail.
Ripe Olives. Celery.
Queen Olives.
Sauterne.
Consomme en Tasse.
Anchovie a la Dennis
Stuffed Young Bishop Creek Turkey.
Cranberry Sauce.
Cauliflower au Gratin
New York Potatoes
Dessert.
English Plum Pudding.
Hard and Brandy Sauce
Roquefort Cheese.
Bent's Water Crackers.
Cafe Noir.

Temperature Report

Yesterday's hourly temperature record at the weather bureau office was as follows:

5 a. m.	37
6 a. m.	37
7 a. m.	37
8 a. m.	36
9 a. m.	39
10 a. m.	42
11 a. m.	46
12 (noon)	48
1 p. m.	49
2 p. m.	52
3 p. m.	52
4 p. m.	51
5 p. m.	49
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