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COULD HAY FORESEE?

Mr. McKinley was re-elected by an overwhelming majority. There had been little doubt of the result among well-informed people; but when it was known a profound feeling of relief and renewal of trust were evident among the leaders of capital and industry, not only in this country, but everywhere. They felt that the immediate future was secure, and that trade and commerce might safely push forward in every field of effort and enterprise. He inspired universal confidence, which is the life blood of the commercial system of the world. It began frequently to be said that such a state of things ought to continue; one after another, men of prominence said that the President was his own best successor. He paid little attention to their suggestions until they were repeated by some of his nearest friends. Then he saw that one of the most cherished traditions of our public life was in danger. The generation which had seen the prophecy of the Papal throne—NON VIDEBIS ANNOS PETRI—twice contradicted by the longevity of holy men was in peril of forgetting the unwritten law of our Republic: Thou shalt not exceed the years of Washington. The president saw it was time to speak, and in his characteristic manner he spoke, briefly, but enough. Where the lightning strikes there is no need of iteration. From that hour no one dreamed of doubting his purpose of retiring at the end of his second term, and it will be long before another such lesson is required.

Mark well the closing words for in them is the wisdom of one of the greatest men America has or ever will produce. They are from the address delivered by the late John Hay, Secretary of State, at Washington, February 22, 1907, when Congress assembled to honor the memory of the martyred President. These words are now called to mind by the continuous demands of charlatanic politicians and servile newspapers that President Roosevelt is his own best successor. Is it possible that the great secretary with his prophetic eye, could foresee the condition that has come to pass so soon? Is it possible that he was trying to forestall the violation of the cherished tradition. No doubt, Mr. Hay knew President Roosevelt through and through. No doubt he knew the temper of the American people. He could see that the President with his

picturesque impetuosity would catch the public eye for the moment, and while the people were temporarily unbalanced would set aside the wisdom of Washington. How else can we account for so much stress being placed upon such a little thing on such an occasion?

There is a sentence in those few words that force a comparison between Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt: "Where lightning has struck there is no need of iteration." When President McKinley made his simple, yet dignified statement that he would not accept another nomination or be a candidate, all talk was forever silenced. The people knew the man. They knew that no power on earth could force or sway him from his path. How vastly different with Roosevelt. His iterated and reiterated statement that he would not be a candidate does not in the least effect the public mind. Perhaps the people know the man. Perhaps John Hay knew the man. Perhaps he is such a man. Perhaps he can be influenced or persuaded to stoop for ambition's sake. And yet he is held up before us as the modern paragon by these same admirers. He is pictured as a moral Hercules, a political Moses and civic Cincinnatus, and yet they will not take his word at face value. President McKinley was frequently painted as a weak, vacillating man, ambitious without energy or determination, by the same Roosevelt sycophants. But they knew when he spoke, that he meant what he said. No attempt was made to change his mind. It would have been useless. Some may say that Roosevelt is more popular than was McKinley. We do not believe it. Some claimed that America has reached such a stage of moral and political degradation that there is left only one man who can save us. We do not believe that. There are thousands of Republicans just as brave, able, conscientious and patriotic as is President Roosevelt. But he has caught the public eye for the moment. Secretary Hay could foresee this. He tried to stem the tide. We think his words were not spoken in vain. Before another Republican convention the American people will have regained their balance. Before the people set aside a high tradition and the wisdom of our greatest men, they will think deeply. They will not do it.

SHOULD TAKE ACTION.

The suggestion in the last issue of The Tribune that the changing of the course of Indian Creek might solve one of the serious problems with which Caldwell is confronted, is meeting with marked public approval. The people are unanimous in the belief that this is the proper thing to do provided the expense is not prohibitive. Practical men who have given the matter some attention estimate that the course can be changed to that roughly outlined in our last issue at a cost of from seven to ten thousand dollars. A definite decision cannot be reached until a survey has been made, and estimates submitted by competent engineers. The people think that the city should instruct its engineer to make a preliminary survey before voting on the bridge bonds. The people will not support the bridge bonds if the other plan is practical, and yet they are in favor of the bonds provided it is not. We think we state the consensus of opinion in saying that the people of this city will insist upon the change in the course of the creek at some time. If they do the construction of bridges will be a wasteful and unnecessary expenditure of money. Caldwell's population in five years will exceed 10,000 inhabitants. At that time necessity will compel us to

build seven or eight expensive bridges across Indian creek, or else change its course. The question now is whether or not the time has arrived for making permanent plans. If the cost of diverting the stream does not exceed the cost of constructing two substantial bridges, i. e., \$15,000.00, it seems to The Tribune that now is the time to take action. Eliminating Indian creek will immeasurably enhance property contiguous to it; the beauty and appearance of the town will be greatly increased; the sanitary condition will be helped; and a continual and needless expense will be forever done away with. An investigation of the feasibility of the plan will cost little and with the immense advantages that might accrue, would be wholly justifiable. The city could well afford to order a survey made, and estimates submitted.

The Council Vs. Botany.

The late unlamented reform council passed an ordinance the intent of which was to encourage the citizens of this town to "Beautify and Adorn" their premises somewhere from the sidewalk towards the middle of the street. In accordance with this idea the writer procured a portion of some Eocene deposits that were being taken from the cellar of one of Caldwell's brick blocks and with it leveled out somewhere beyond the curb in compliance with the letter of the above mentioned ordinance. And to further carry out the idea of "beauty and adornment" the ground was charged with the seeds of such choice specimens of the vegetable kingdom as *Setaria*, *Setosa*, *Candata*, *Chenopodium Album*, *Boscianum*, *Rumex Crispum*, *Asclepias Cornuti*, and *Latua Scariola*. The fertility of the primeval soil, the unusually favorable season caused the seeds to germinate and produce a luxuriant growth, and now my Cordata was waving its gorgeous plumes in the gentle breezes, my Cornuti was filling the air with delightful fragrance, my Boscianum, *Crispum* and *Scalloia* with their beautiful foliage and blooms were resting the eyes of the weary passers by, when what should happen? Why our gracious, great and good Mayor, the magnificent, magnanimous, masterful C. O. The only "unconcealed by fate" Smith, sent around one of his hired men who with a great cruel scythe did cut, slash, lacerate and destroy my *Setaria*, *Setosa*, *Candata*, *Chenopodium Album*, *Boscianum*, *Rumex Crispum*, *Asclepias Cornuti* and *Latua Scariola*. They called my plants weeds. Shades of Linnaeus! Then what plants can be used to "beautify and adorn?"

We are willing any day to put our Boscianum alongside his Honor's Batchelor's Buttons, our Candata with his "widow's Tears," or our Cornuti with his "Black eyed Susan." Now that there was not to be further desecration and disappointment, it seems to me our progressive council should pass an ordinance specifying just what plants may be grown between our sidewalks and the middle of the street.

Believe me a peaceable citizen of Belmont street, Caldwell, Idaho.

Exceedingly Liberal.

Caldwell's generosity and liberality are proverbial. The cry of distress was never heard in vain in Caldwell. Our latest benefaction is for the benefit of the Capital News of Boise. The Caldwell Commercial Club has offered this worthy institution office rooms in the club. This is good. The local newspapers are particularly well pleased. The Tribune would suggest that office rooms be given the Falk Mercantile Co., the Idaho Dressed Meat Co., the Mitchell,

Lewis & Staver Implement Co., the Idaho Savings & Trust Co., the Booth Furniture Co. and such other business institutions of Boise as may desire Caldwell trade. With the advent of the electric railway, the people of Caldwell can very readily go to Boise. By affording Boise business houses office and sample rooms the Commercial Club will greatly help Boise—we should have said Caldwell. Let us all pull together to encourage Caldwell people to buy their clothing, dry goods, groceries, implements, newspapers, jewelry, drugs, hardware and postage stamps in Boise. Let us deposit our money in Boise banks. Let us patronize Boise pleasure resorts. Let us get together and work for Boise. Boise will appreciate our efforts. The Capital News is no doubt the official organ of the Caldwell Commercial Club. The Commercial Club is worthy of a high grade organ. We will now all join hands and pull for Boise and the Capital News.

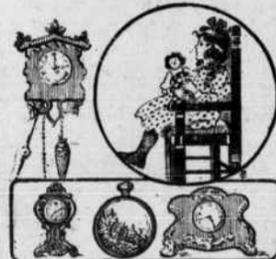
Canyon County Fair.

The premium list for the Canyon County Fair will be ready for distribution by the first of next week. The premiums will exceed any previous year by over \$1000. The directors are straining every nerve to make this year's fair a record breaker and the cash will not all go to the horse races, the man who brings the cattle, sheep and hogs will get a share and the agriculturist has not been forgotten. Preparations are being made in various parts of the county to carry off the big \$250 prize.

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