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Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting-place of those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.—Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

TODAY'S BIT OF VERSE

THE HAND OF LINCOLN. Look on this cast, and know the hand That bore a nation in its hold; From this mute witness understand What Lincoln was—how large of mold. The man who sped the woodman's team, And deepest sank the plowman's share, And pushed the laden raft astream, Of fate before him unaware. This was the hand that knew to swing The axe—since thus would freedom train Her son—and made the forest ring, And drove the wedge, and toiled again. Firm hand, that lofter office took A conscious leader's will obeyed, And when men sought his word and look, With steadfast might the gathering swayed. No courtier's toying with a sword, Nor mistress's laid across a lute; A chief's, uplifted to the Lord, When all the kings on earth were mute. The hand of Anak, sinew strong, The fingers that on greatness clutch; Yet lo! the marks their lines along Of one who strove and suffered much. For here in knotted cord and vein I trace the veyring chart of years; I know the troubled heart, the strain, The weight of Atlas—and the tears. Again I see the patient brow That palm erewhile was wont to press; And now 'tis furrowed deep, and now Made smooth with hope and tenderness. For something of a formless grace This molded outline plays about; A plying flame, beyond our trace, Breathes like a spirit, in and out. The love that cast an aureole Round one who, longer to endure, Called mirth to ease his ceaseless dole, Yet kept his nobler purpose sure. Lo, as I gaze, the statured man Built up from your large hand appears A type that nature wills to plan But once in all a people's years. What better than this voiceless cast To tell of such a one as he, Since through his living semblance passed The thought that bade a race be free. —Edmund C. Stedman.

The severest justice may not always be the best policy.—Abraham Lincoln.

OUR USELESS SHIPS.

How much we have heard of late about the need of carrying our own goods and our citizens in our own ships; and what billions of money we have spent or wasted in the attempt to build up a merchant marine. But now that we have it we find it a white elephant on our hands; since laws unwisely passed do not permit the use of it to advantage in competition with the vessels of other powers.

Certain German passenger liners came to us through the war, and these were about the only things we did get except the sandspit out in the Pacific said by the few bold navigators who have seen it to be called "Yap" and to be big and solid enough to hold a cable end if we should ever want to lay one there. But our government recently sold these German vessels dirt-cheap and apparently was glad to get rid of them; though only the inner officials knew why until Chairman Payne, of the national shipping board, had let the cat out of the bag. We could not make them pay, he explained,

being unable under our laws to carry on them the liquor travelers want and often need. Tourists and travelers on business—our own citizens and those of other countries—canceled their bookings on our ships whenever there was any other line or way to get to South America or wherever they desired to go. Nobody would sail upon them unless compelled to; they could not be run at a profit, and hence were sold. Surely it is an interesting state of affairs when every American who can afford to travel, or is compelled to, wants to get away from under his flag as soon as he can.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Today the people of this country are paying tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln. They do so because Lincoln was a typical American, because of his career and because he stands in history as the restorer of the union of states.

As time passes on the fame of Lincoln becomes greater. His contemporaries could not appreciate in full his merits. That appreciation has been left to history. Today we see much more clearly than did those with whom he was associated that he had the genius of patience. When he became president he took into the cabinet men who had been his rivals for the nomination for president. Their ambitions created antagonism among themselves. He endured these ambitions because of his patience. His secretary of war a few years before had heaped epithets upon Lincoln and had refused to appear in court on the same side with him. This secretary was often exasperating in his relations with the president but the latter withstood all attacks on his temper because he felt that the country needed the executive abilities of the secretary. Beginning with McClellan, general after general flouted Lincoln. Nevertheless the latter kept himself under control and gave them all the aid they required in their work until their proved incompetence compelled him to replace them.

Never in history has there been such an example of the genius of patience. Temper and personal consideration were subordinated by Lincoln to the work of restoring the union. That he placed above all other considerations. He did more. He made it the only consideration. Never had an American a greater career. Born in a Kentucky cabin with no floor but the earth, brought up among people that were sturdy but ignorant, self-educated, he became a national character, known, however, only to a limited extent among the people, and in 1860, more through accident of politics than by deliberate plan, was made a presidential candidate. The outbreak of the rebellion; the four awful years of Lincoln's trials; his final triumph and his life taken by an assassin are all written in history. He went from the lowest place in the country to the highest. All through his life his quality was equal to the work that came to him. Almost unknown and altogether untried he entered upon the presidency and when he was translated from life his story went around the world. From great trials he wet into the temple of fame to hold a place there while the world endures.

GIVE US THE FACTS.

Every time Samuel Gompers attacks profiteering as a great source of evil, he couples his attack with reference to coming demands for more wages. It is high time that profiteering be either unearthed or stopped or that it cease being made the pretext for coming demands for more wages. If Mr. Gompers is right in declaring that profiteering is the rule, not the exception, in our business conduct, then specific instances should be easy to find. Instead of this futile belaboring of a practice, it ought to be possible to get at the practitioners. Labor declares it wants lowered living costs, not more wages. That is what the public wants also. But lowered costs will only come when the cause of high costs is eliminated. If profiteering is one cause, get at it and end it. But allegations unsupported by actual evidence will not do this and Mr. Gompers is quite wise enough to know it.

A bulletin from the government health bureau argues that schools should be kept open during epidemics; that the children are less likely to exposure in schools than on the streets and in public gatherings and that an intelligent supervision of them results in prompt attention to ailments, segregation where necessary and protection to the great body of children and public. The experience of the larger cities during the influenza period last year supports this argument. But it would seem just that if the schools are kept open some measure of freedom from compulsory attendance should be granted, since parents in epidemic periods are better influenced by argument than coerced to disposition of their children.

A horned dinosaur is reported from Africa, but there is a steady lessening in the accounts of pink pteranodons and cerise brontosaurus in America.

The goal of the six-hour day movement seems to be the making of a living by taking in each other's washing and then leaving it to the elements.

DOLLAR DAY SALES

February 14, 1920

For Dollar Day We List a Few of Our Many Bargains for This Special Sale

- Waldemar Chains, Soldered Links \$1.00
Cuff Links, for either Soft or Stiff Cuffs \$1.00
Belt and Coat Chains, values up to \$2.50 \$1.00
Scarf Pins, many patterns, extra special \$1.00
Leather Bill Folds \$1.00
Tie Clasps \$1.00
Emblem Charms—Elk, K. of C., and Masonic \$1.00
Locketts with black guard chains, special \$1.00
Bracelets—these are sure to be stylish a gain—values up to \$10.00 \$1.00
Baby Locketts and Chains, many patterns \$1.00
Baby Rings, solid gold \$1.00
Fans, several patterns \$1.00
Stationery, special \$1.00
Neck Chains, several patterns, special \$1.00

Silver-Plated Ware

- Silver Plated Teaspoons, set of six \$1.00
Silver Plated Gravy Ladles \$1.00
Silver Plated Soap Boxes \$1.00
Silver Plated Berry Spoons, each \$1.00

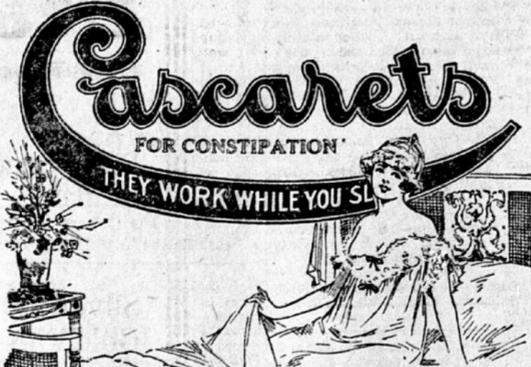
On Dollar Day we will refund \$1.00 on every \$10.00 purchase. Established priced goods not included.

We will show many articles at this sale that are not listed here.

A Dollar will surely do its duty in purchasing power at this time. Watch our windows for \$1.00 bargains.

T. R. J. Ayres & Sons

KEOKUK JEWELERS SINCE 1863.



"Cascarets" act on Liver and Bowels without Gripping or Sickening you—So Convenient! You wake up with your Head Clear, Complexion Rosy, Breath and Stomach Sweet—No Biliousness, Headache or Upset Stomach.

IOWA PRESS COMMENT.

Davenport Democrat: Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, suggests that if print paper is scarce, the news papers should cut the sporting pages. O. Knute! Knute! How old are you, and where have you been living? You talk like a multi-centenarian. and a dead one at that. Probably a majority of Americans could get along without the news from Washington easier than they could get along without the sporting page.
Hampton Chronicle: "Treat 'Em Rough" Havner is not setting the parties of Iowa on fire in his gubernatorial contest. He does not seem to be getting beyond the fireside stage.
The earliest English bible printed in the United States was produced in 1782.
—Don't forget the Keokuk merchants are going to have a real bargain sale Saturday, February 14.

BLISS NATIVE HERBS TABLETS

Lack of exercise, poor food, improper digestion, and mental worry often cause SICK HEADACHE, BILIOUSNESS, DYSPEPSIA, CONSTIPATION and STOMACH DISORDERS. Lessen the danger of bad results from these causes by taking each night one BLISS NATIVE HERB TABLET. Each box contains a GUARANTEE coupon, and is sealed with a blue seal bearing signature of ALONZO O. BLISS. For sale by all leading druggists in boxes containing 200 doses for \$1.00 and a smaller size for \$0.50. Made by A. O. BLISS CO., WASHINGTON, D. C. 4

TO PEEL OFF BLOTCHY, ROUGH OR CHAPPED SKIN

To remove roughness, chaps, freckles, blotches, or any complexion difficulty, the best thing to do is to remove the skin itself. This is easily, painlessly and inexpensively done by the application of ordinary mercerized wax, procurable at any drug store in the original one-ounce package. The wax absorbs the defective outer skin, a little each day, gradually bringing the second layer of skin to the surface. The pores are unclogged and the face breathes in the life-giving oxygen. The new skin is beautifully soft and spotless, bearing the healthy glow of youth. Just apply the wax as you would cold cream, only not rubbing it in. In the morning wash it off with warm water. It's the most effective complexion treatment known.

NOSE CLOGGED FROM A COLD OR CATARRH

Apply Cream in Nostrils To Open Up Air Passages.

What relief! Your closed nostrils open right up, the air passages of your head are clear and you can breathe freely. No more sneezing, snuffling, mucous discharge, headache, dryness—no struggling breath at night, your cold or catarrh is gone. Don't stay stuffed up! Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from any druggist now. Apply a little of the fragrant, antiseptic cream in your nostrils, let it penetrate through every air passage of the head; soothe and heal the swollen, inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief. Ely's Cream Balm just what every cold and catarrh sufferer has been seeking. It's splendid.

Cocoon Oil Makes A Splendid Shampoo

If you want to keep your hair in good condition, be careful what you wash with. Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle and is very harmful. Mulsified cocoon oil shampoo (which is pure and entirely greaseless), is much better than anything you can use for shampooing, as it can't possibly injure the hair. Simply moisten your hair with water and rub it in. One or two teaspoonfuls will make an abundance of rich, creamy lather, and cleanses the hair and scalp thoroughly. The lather rinses out easily and removes every particle of dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. Your hair dries quickly and evenly, and leaves it fine and silky, bright, fluffy and easy to manage. You can get Mulsified cocoon oil shampoo at most any drug store. It's very cheap, and a few ounces is enough to last everyone in the family for months.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. CHICHESTER'S PILLS, for 50 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.