

GROVER CLEVELAND-- Living and Dead.

Some years ago, when Mark Hanna died, The Chronicle made the lesson of his life the subject of editorial discussion, pointing out how those who knew him best had proved that he whom men called a conscienceless, scheming, unscrupulous politician was a kindly, generous man, with many splendid qualities as a citizen. It took death to reveal the real Mark Hanna, or, rather, when passion and prejudice were still in the presence of death, men for the first time saw him as he was, and spoke of him in moments of calmness with the words of fairness and truth.

Much of what was said of Mark Hanna might well be said with reference to Grover Cleveland, albeit the two men were, in their leading characteristics and methods of thought and ideas of public duty as far asunder as the Grover Cleveland, in his sphere, was a big man, as in his field and range of action--lower as it was--Mark Hanna was also a big man.

Grover Cleveland, in his rise to eminence, became very near being a phenomenon. Not even the careers of Lincoln and Grant were more remarkable.

General Grant had received the benefit of military training, while Lincoln had been a member of congress and gained a national fame by his debates with Douglass; but Grover Cleveland rose from almost absolute obscurity, like a rocket, to the most exalted office on earth. He had no war record, because he was teaching school during the war, and twenty-five years ago avar record meant much. Yet, unknown beyond the mayor's chair to the presidency of the earth's greatest republic. There is no parallel for rise to fame and fortune in all the annals of history, and it was a commentary upon then existing political conditions and public sentiment to say, though it is true, that Grover Cleveland won because he was honest and would not share in, or permit boodling or grafting in municipal government, which was so common then as to be looked upon as a matter of course.

He was the most stalwart of Democrats, and he was honest, yet no president for half a century has been more cursed and denounced. Why? Simply because he held to his convictions, and never sought or even desired compromise.

He did not believe all the offices of the government should be held at the behest of political leaders and spoilsmen and he said so, and a system of civil service, based on merit, which had been a theory, became a reality and politicians became his enemies.

He did not believe in free silver at any ratio, and he said so, and when he said anything no in-

terpreter was needed to tell what he meant.

He did not believe in a tariff for protection, but only for revenue, with protection but an unavoidable incident; and, believing the people were being robbed to enrich manufacturers, he sounded a call to battle against the tariff, and did so though his own partisans cursed and abused him as a fool, if not a traitor; and he in turn denounced their action, in passing a compromise bill, as political perfidy.

To save the national credit he sold bonds and was charged with profiting personally to a large extent by the deal--an absolutely baseless charge, but such a charge was in line with many equally as unjustifiable.

However, nothing daunted him. He followed his convictions, and in 1892 won the presidency again without recantation or apology.

The vocabulary of denunciation was poured upon him while he lived; the lexicography of praise has been exhausted to pay him tribute since he died.

How foolish, how unjust, how unjustifiable was the abuse heaped upon him when the passions of men ran high!

A little calm reflection would have shown that the charges were not true, and that the American people never elected a dishonest man or party traitor president.

BRAG IS A GOOD DOG.

By Emma Jane (Goodridge) Diety.

Though clothes are much finer,
And your "grub" is more rare;
Your prospects are brighter,
And plans appear fair,
Remember the words, that are true to a letter,

"Brag is a good dog, but Hold-fast is better."

Don't let a long tongue,

Your own praises boast;
Nor sound your loud trumpet,
Lest your honor be lost--

Remember the words, that are true to a letter:

"Brag is a good dog, but Hold-fast is better."

Though the path may seem smooth,

There is hidden a snag,
That will flip up the heels
Of a chap that will brag;

Remember the words that are true to a letter:

"Brag is a good dog, but Hold-fast is better."

But rather help wretches
To climb to your side;
Then they'll sing your praises
Around, far and wide;

And ever remember this line to a letter:

"Brag is a good dog, but Hold-fast is better."

On the Altar of Charity
Selfishness burn;

To poverty's children
Your back never turn;
You may be ashamed of their
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They are equal, I think, to the
person who brags.

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But remember this line, that is true to the letter:

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So when you are tempted,
Self praises to blow,

Don't forget, if deserving,
Your neighbors will know.

Remember the line, that is true to a letter:

"Brag is a good dog, but Hold-fast is better."

MY FRIEND.

He claimed to be my friend;
That's why he would
Desire to stab me deep--just for
my good.

With pleasure ill concealed he
held his dart,
Felt its keen edge, and aimed it
at my heart.

Keen was the thrust; and then
with rapid stride
He hastened toward me and,
when at my side,

The weapon grasped within his
hand. Around
He turned the sharpened edge
and larger wound

Was made; and then, as if to
make amend,
He smiling said--"Consider me
your friend!"

Guthrie, Okla.--John R. Obernathy, United States Marshal and former hunting guide to President Roosevelt, marries Miss Elvina Purviance. Mr. Obernathy was a widower and has six children by a former marriage.

Louisville, Ky.--Chas. Smith and Leon Balley are killed by lightning while working in the suburbs of the city.

Washington, D. C.--Enrique Creel, Ambassador from Mexico, consults with the State Department in connection with the enforcement of the neutrality laws during the unsettled conditions now being experienced in Mexico.

Hot Springs, Ark.--Investigations show that Mrs. Ada Reishers of Fort Worth was murdered in her cottage here by a man who roomed next door to Mrs. Reishers. On the day of the murder the man took her two little boys and year old daughter to a suburban park, where he deserted the boys. He and the girl were seen in Little Rock. The husband of the dead woman is a brick contractor, and her father is J. N. Young of Terrell, Texas.

Chicago, Ill.--During a revival meeting Rev. George Lewis prays that the amusement resorts of Irving Park be burned on account of the liquor traffic indulged in. Twelve hours later some one set fire to buildings in Excelsior firely consumed. The latter park is Park, which resulted in their being ensituated only a few blocks from where the meeting was held.

New York, N. Y.--E. H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, makes the statement that business during the past two weeks has been better than at any time since October.

Wetletka, Okla.--The Snake Indians threaten to go on the war path if they are not given their allotment certificates immediately. Up to this time the Snakes have refused to accept the certificates.

Rochester, N. Y.--Counsel for the Standard Oil Company appears before Judge Hazel to argue for a new trial in the rebate case in which the company was recently found guilty here. The verdict of guilty ended a ten days' trial in which the Oil Company was charged with an alleged violation of the Interstate Commerce Law in accepting concessions from the filed tariff on shipments of oil from Olean, N. Y., to Rutland and Bellows Falls, Vt. There were forty counts on the indictment. If the verdict of the trial court is upheld the company may be fined a total of \$800,000.

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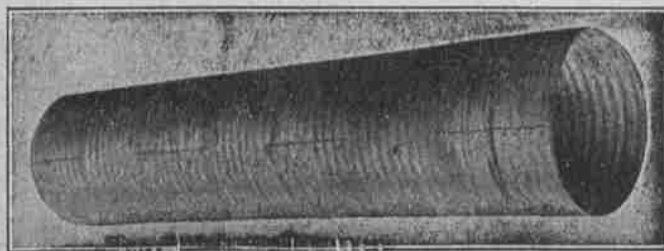
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