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The Death of B. B. Heywood

THE death of ex-United States Marshal B. B. Heywood on Tuesday evening last was a mighty shock to the multitudes who were his friends. Only ten days before he was on the streets seemingly in perfect health and with the promise of long years of life and happiness before him. Most of his time for a month previous he had devoted to the work of making the encampment of the G. A. R. a success, and when the strain was over and all that had been hoped for the meeting had been realized, he was exultant over and proud of what Salt Lake had done.

But his disposition was to be joyous and hopeful. He was a giant physically and bouyant in health and strength, generous and great-hearted and always genial.

He was born and grew up in this city, many of his early surroundings were crude and rough and a little of these surroundings always attached to him. He was a child here when fanaticism ruled this region, when prejudices were fierce and vindictive and when there ruled a hate which knew no forgiveness.

Amid it all he was strong enough to grow up an intense American, the bands of superstition early burst from around him and he stood forth emancipated and disenthralled. But he kept in close touch with all his old friends; there was neither vindictiveness nor coldness in his nature—deep in his heart he wanted to see Utah in full accord with her sister states and to hold in friendship all who had ever been his friends.

From the hardships of his childhood he advanced into a manhood of rough work, and a trace of his rude early surroundings always attached to him in the manner of his speech and his pithy way of reaching conclusions. But he was loyal

to the core, and to do a thing because it was right, was a fixed principle of his life. So he walked among men without reproach and if sometimes, his impulses swayed his judgment, the motive behind it all was always high, and those motives were always generous.

If he had possessed the power he would have had all men in accord, and would have had Utah the very banner state of the Republic.

His death is a crushing blow to his friends, an overwhelming blow to his family and other relatives, and when they think how strong and how full of life and hope he was but a few days ago, they cannot see why the calamity should have come to him and to them.

Among the trees in the forest of men he was a great oak which waved its strong arms exultingly while the tempest and the hail smote it.

But when the winds were all laid and not a cloud was in the sky, suddenly it fell and all the forest is trembling before the mighty ruin. God comfort those who sit helpless in their sorrow for him, and may the peace that came to him with the final coma, fold him in everlasting rest.

Abraham Lincoln

THE new book, "In the Valley Of the Shadows," is filled with reminiscences of the great men that stalked before the people in Illinois sixty years ago, such men as Fremont, General Sherman, General Lyon, Douglas, and others. They are brought in in conversations, but the great charm of the book is the vivid portrayal of life in that region when the log hut was the rule. In the course of the book he gives a little picture of Mr. Lincoln as he appeared in the great debate with Douglas at Ogden. A singular thing is that these descriptions of Mr. Lincoln never came in his day, and yet certainly this is the truthful impression which he gave the writer of the book, because the book has every appearance of truthfulness, and reveals a splendid memory of what happened in the long ago under the writer's eye. One can see the sunlight shining through the rude window upon the rag carpet on the floor, he can hear the voices of the birds as they sang on the prairie before the prairie was broken, and when mingling with the song of the birds there was the far-off hoot of the owl, and the knowledge that only a little ways from the cabin the wild beast was lying in wait for victims.

The description of Mr. Lincoln's speaking is as follows:

"Abraham Lincoln * * * rose from his seat, stretched his long bony limbs upward as if to get them into working order, and stood like some solitary pine on a lonely summit, very tall, very dark, very gaunt, and very rugged, his swarthy features stamped with a sad serenity, and the instant he began to speak the ungainly mouth lost its heaviness, the half-lidless eyes attained a wondrous power, and the people stood bewildered and breathless under the natural magic of the strangest, most original personality known to the English-speaking world since Robert Burns. * * * There were moments when he seemed all legs and feet, and again he appeared all head and neck yet every look of the deep-set eyes, every movement of the prominent jaw, every wave of the hard-gripping hand, produced an impression, and before he had spoken twenty minutes the conviction took possession of thousands that here was the prophetic man of the present and the political savior of the future."

That speech is well known to many readers, and save for the irresistible logic of it, there is nothing remarkable about it. It was not the speech that impressed the hearers,—it was the man, and that impression was given to thousands of others. They never could describe it except by saying that Mr. Lincoln was great. The trouble is that the awkward man, while he was talking, revealed to shrewd eyes a depth greater than that expressed by his words. He never did come to himself fully until under the experience and the anxiety of the first years of his presidency, and among the mighty events with which he was surrounded, at last his soul found full expression. It was not until that speech was delivered that anybody knew just how great Abraham Lincoln was, but since that speech when anyone has doubted his essential greatness and charged his fame to the tragedy of his death, all that is needed is to present that speech to such a one and ask him to add to it or take away from it one word to give it more power, and he stands dumb.

It was very much the same way with General E. D. Baker. He was a wonderful orator; he could sway audiences even as a master musician touches the keys and stops of an organ, and yet he always seemed greater than anything he said until he was elected senator, and then made major general in the army, and after having been out one morning drilling his regiment, he went at noon to the senate, went into a cloak room, dropped upon a lounge, still dressed in his full uniform, and fell asleep. Charles Sumner, at that time was jealous of any new man who

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