ADAMS, JACKSON, AND CLAY.

Secretary Thompson's Personal Recollections and Anecdotes

He proposed to speak of three dead statesmen, with whom he had been personally acquainted, and whose public life he had witnessed. They were selected because they represented three distinct types of character and each of whom were great in their particular sphere. Whatever their contemporaries, in the heat and bitterness of party conflict, had said about them, now that we can view their character and deeds through this unbiased medium of history, their claim to the first rank among American statesmen will not be disputed. Adams, Jackson, and Clay, names which roused the fiercest passions and evoked the bitterest invectives from minds inflamed by the rancor of political contests. There is a point of difference, as well as resemblance, with these three men, arising from their dissimilar family and social relations. Adams descended from an old and wealthy family; in early life came under the influence of education and the associations of a well-regulated and law-abiding community. Jackson and Clay, born in poverty, without early advantages, were compelled in a wild, unsettled community, where the scenes shifted according to the passing passion, to seek that fortune which was not theirs by inheritance. They were all men of marked ability. Adams, of a cautious, deliberate nature, with almost the appearance of timidity. But it was only in appearance—that he was combatative his opponents had good reason to know. Outwardly cold, his passions were violent, smoldering within like the pent-up fire of a volcano. Jackson and Clay were men made in the same mould, men conscious that they were born to rule, and men who were inspired with such a sublimity of patriotism that they were ready to sacrifice their lives upon the altar of their country. I served with Adams in the House during the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Congress. I saw him die at his desk like a mediæval knight with his armor on. One scene in his life brings out fully the man's character. It was in that celebrated trial for treason in 1842. Adams was a firm supporter of the right of petition, and when he was asked to present a petition looking to the dissolution of the Union, he did so, because he held that all petitioners had at least the right to be heard. For this he was charged with treason and arraigned for tuial. Against him were arrayed Marshall, Gilmore, and Wise, men of pre-eminent and acknowledged ability as orators and debaters. In the long and excited debate which followed, Adams, with the mature ability of a giant, laid his opponents in the dust, and achieved the proudest triumph of his life.

The first time I saw Jackson was at the celebration of the battle of New Orleans, at Nashville, Tennessee. He then impressed me, as I saw him on horseback, as one whom nature had stamped as a nobleman. He was a great man with a kind heart, the truest of friends, unswerving in duty. If he committed errors it was not from a disinclination to do what was right. The number of persons now living who were personally acquainted with Clay is growing less every year, and his fame now rests with the historian. From a perusal of his speeches, it may be difficult to understand the power which he wielded. Even we, whose hearts were touched and played upon by his burning eloquence, can not describe his power to others. Clay never studied oratory; his eloquence was the blaze of an internal fire. Hence, his set speeches do not give a fair idea of his power. He needed the stimulant of a great occasion in order to rise to the full height of his power: The lecturer closed with an eloquent flight on the power of the orator.—*From a Lecture by Secretary Thompson.*

BAYARD TAYLOR.

Sketch of the New Minister to Germany.

Mr. Bayard Taylor, the well-known author and traveler, has been nominated by the President as Minister to Germany, and will doubtless be confirmed by the Senate. The Philadelphia *Telegraph*, in a complimentary notice of Mr. Taylor, says he was born in Chester county, Pa., in 1825, and when a lad was apprenticed to the printing business. He traveled in Europe, mostly on foot, in 1844-46, and on his return published an account of his travels. He then became editor of a paper at Phœnixville for one year, and afterward a contributor to the *Literary World* and the New York *Tribune*, subsequently becoming a member of the editorial staff of the latter, and also a stockholder in the association. On the breaking out of the gold fever he visited California, returning in 1850 by way of Mexico; and a year later left the United States on a third tour, from which he returned in 1853, having traveled over fifty thousand miles in Asia, Africa and Europe. In July, 1856, he set out upon a fourth tour through northern and eastern Europe, returning in 1858. In 1862 he became Secretary of Legation at St. Petersburg, and in 1863 Charge d'Affairs there. He had previously married a daughter of Professor Hansen, the distinguished German astronomer. Upon his return from Russia, in 1864, Mr. Taylor devoted himself to writing and lecturing. He revisited California, and made a somewhat protracted stay in Colorado and the region once known as the Great American Desert, in 1866-67. In 1871, with a party of friends he traversed the route of the Northern Pacific Railway, making an excursion into Manitoba. He had occasionally mingled volumes of poetry among his descriptive works, but until 1863 had never attempted anything in the way of fiction, in which year his first volume appeared, and has been succeeded by others, all of which have been favorably received. His principal works of travel have been translated into several languages, and have been widely read. Mr. Taylor has given particular attention to German literature, for which class of studies he had a natural bias. He will be at home in Germany, and no American who could be named would be more heartily welcomed at Berlin. It may be said, moreover, that while this will be called a Pennsylvania appointment, and while Mr. Taylor claims his home to be in Chester county, he is practically a New Yorker, though he may occasionally vote in this State. The appointment is one which does credit to the Administration, and is in the line of genuinely honest government.

The Marpingen Miracles.

The German Parliament has been discussing the Marpingen miracles. Three little girls in Prusssan Rhineland said that they had seen the Virgin, with the infant Jesus, sitting on the ground in a neighboring wood. The day following, after another walk in the forrest, the three little girls asserted that they had been again visited by the celestial apparition. On this occasion, one of the little girls, about seven years old, venturing to ask who the lady was, the latter graciously replied. "I am she who has been conceived without sin, and you should pray and pray forever." Subsequently the children were accompanied by a large number of the peasantry of all sexes and ages. The crowd reverently stood at a distance from the hallowed spot, the apparition being visible and audible to the three little girls only. The girls were constantly kept in the grounds to place the hand of invalids on the invisible Virgin's feet, and numerous cures were wrought by the Beningnant Being. After a few days, to extend the benefits of the miracle to those who could not put in a personal appearance, the little girls pronounced the water of a neighboring spring specially appointed by their lady saint to restore absent invalids. This announcement confidently enhanced the gratifying nature of the miracle, and there was much praying in the wood and no little reveling in the adjacent villages. The Burgomaster of Marpingen ordered the multitude to leave the wood, and, being set at defiance, had the grounds cleared by the military. This whole subject was discussed in the Prussian Parliament three weeks ago. A motion was made by an Ultramontaine member to censure the actions of the authorities. Her Lipke, a Liberal, said that the three little girls of Marpingen, when first examined by the magistrate, contended that they had not only seen the Virgin, but the devil too. On being asked how the devil looked, they said he was "black and white" (the Prussian national colors.) The motion was rejected after a heated debate, none but Ultramontaines and Poles voting for it.

Austria.

Our readers cannot have failed to notice that all the advices from Vienna indicate a curious diversity of opinion in regard to the position that Austria should assume in the great European quarrel now pending. This is partly due, we think, to what might be called the mixed make-up of the nationality. Austria has two political divisions: The German monarchy, or Cisleithan Austria, with an area of 5,216.50 square miles, and a population of 21,000,000; the Hungarian kingdom, or Transleithan Austria, with an area of 5,600.44 square miles, and a population of 15,600,000. At the last census the Germans constituted thirty-eight per cent. of the inhabitants of the Cisleithan part of the empire, and eighteen per cent. in the Transleithan part. The Slavonian race formed forty-nine per cent. of the population in the Cisleithan, and sixteen per cent. in the Transleithan division. The Magyr race constitnted thirty-eight per cent. of the population of Hungary, and one and one-tenth per cent. of the Cisleithan part of the empire.

Although these three races have lived under one government for centuries, dwelt side by side in peace and fought side by side in war, they never have been, and probably never will be thoroughly united in feeling. The Germans have small sympathy with Slavonians or Magyrs, the Slavonians quite as little with the Germans and Magyrs, and the Magyrs stand aloof from both the others. The Magyrs—and we may say all the people of Hungary—hate Russia with an inextinguishable hatred for the share she took in the suppression of the Hungarian insurrection of 1848; while the people of the German monarchy—proper—are rather friendly than otherwise to Russia. The hold of the Austrian government upon its Hungarian subjects has always been slight since 1848, and a severe shock from within or without would break it entirely. Since the establishment of the German empire under the leadership of Prussia the Germanic provinces have not been quite as certain in their allegiance to the House of Hapsburg as they once were; and it is among the not very remote possibilities that they will, sooner or later, transfer this allegiance to the House of Hohenzollern.

It will be readily seen, therefore, that Austria must move very carefully in the present crisis. She cannot join England against Russia; nor can she afford to let Russia appropriate European Turkey, because her own territory might suffer next. Austria is between the Russian and German mill-stones, and if she blunders, is liable to be ground as fine as poor Poland was. Her location, and the peculiar character of her population are sufficient excuse for her hesitating policy. But should Austria step into the ring of battle she will be a formidable antagonist. Her army numbers 800,000 men, and is in first-class condition in every respect.

Stock Gambling in in California.

Tuttle's Senate bill to suppress stock gambling causes quite a flutter in the circle it hits; but in proportion as it vexes them it raises a hope among their victims of such a radical reform in the stock business as will place it more nearly than it ever has been, on a par with honest and square vocations. The only complaints so far heard come from the worst class of dealers and those papers which have lived off of the illicit transactions. The bill may doubtless be improved by amendment. As to that feature of it the most obnoxious to the gambling fraternity, the tax on sales, it should not be struck out; but the rate of "one-half of one per cent. on all sales and purchases," is too high, and might be reduced to not exceeding one-eighth of one per cent. with advantage to the public. No good reason can be given why this business, when honestly and fairly conducted, should not be taxed. Every broker who sets up an office to deal in stocks enjoys a property in his right to buy and sell, and the law is invoked to protect him in its enjoyment. We tax the merchant for his privilege to sell goods; the saloon-keeper for his privilege to sell drinks; the cigar and tobacco vender for selling his wares. If an itinerant vender of goods comes along he is charged a license in every county. Here is a business that aggregates into the hundreds of millions a year, protected by the law like any other, and out of which the dealers realize large fortunes every year at the expense of the public. Why should not they help equally with others to support the State which gives them protection?

As stock transastions have been conducted hitherto, in this community, the business has hardly been distinguishable from any other species of gambling. It has ruined twenty times as many people as the "tiger" and "draw-poker" combined. And the worst phase of it is that the victims were generally of the better classes, whose bankruptcy is a public calamity, and a great drawback to the general prosperity. The revenues of the city and State suffer from it; and the State is in duty bound to take measures to reform and abate such an evil.

The bill in question, with such an amendment as is above suggested, and others that may appear necessary, will yield a revenue of something more than a quarter of a million a year, and divest the stock business of those fraudulent and purely gambling characteristics which have brought it into disgrace and driven so many honest, prudent people out of the market. The screams of the professional swindlers and the newspapers which thrive upon unlimited gambling, ought not to have the weight of a feather with the legislature.—*San Francisco Bulletin.*

How a Springfield Man Danced with His Wife.

This nice little incident of the Murphy campaign gets into print through the connivance of a Springfield correspondent of the Pittsfield *Eagle*. "We had a masked ball the other night, given by one of Springfield's well-known clubs, and thereby hangs a tale.' A business man told his pretty young wife, on the night of the above mentioned ball, that he was obliged to go out of town to one of the temperance meetings, and might not return till the following noon. The wife resolved, after he had left, to have a good time in a different way, so accordingly she procured a simple black domino, and went boldly to the masked ball. She had never done such a rash thing before, but her husband had been away very often of late, and she would mope at home no longer. She danced once, twice, three times, and nobody seemed to know her, yet she fully determined to see it over and unmask with the rest at 12 o'clock. Now a dashing young cavalier asks for her hand for the coming waltz, and she accepts. They whirl away, and she says, 'Do you dance often?' blushing behind her mask at her boldness. 'Very often,' replied the cavalier, and added, 'not often in Springfield.' 'You do not live here, then,' said the little domino, mustering up courage to say. 'I would live here, or at the ends of the earth, to be near a little black domino that I could mention,' said the cavalier. This was too much for the lady, but she was in for it, and would fight it out now come what would. They danced a waltz together, and when the circle formed, just before 12 o'clock, they unmasked, when, to the horror of Mr.—— he found that he had been dancing with his own wife. The scene that followed can be imagined, and we will drop the curtain on the lecture which followed, but will say that it was not on temperance.

An Eloquent Peroration.

"Leaving Solon, the great Athenian law-giver, and ascending the stream of the centuries a little farther, we reach a name which has come down to us thro' all the intervening ages, encircled with a halo of glory undimmed by time. I know that your vivid conceptions have outstripped my tardy utterance, and that you have already pictured in your minds Moses, descending from Mount Sinai, bearing in his hands the table of the law—the perfect law of liberty, while his face is gleaming with the radiance of heaven. But if I had the genius of a Raphael, I would paint still another scene in the life of Moses. I would throw him upon the canvass and fasten him there in undying colors, as he stands before the judges of Israel, charging them in loving words, saying: 'Hear the curses between your brethren, and judge righteously between every man and his brother and the stranger that is with him. Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man, for the judgment is God's; and the cause that is too hard for you, bring it unto me and I will hear it.' No one in any age or country has ever drawn a finer portraiture of judicial integrity, wisdom, patience and firmness.

If I had Milton's fervid fancy I would follow Moses as he goes up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo to the top of Pisgah; and I would crystalize him in immortal song, standing upon the top of Pisgah, with his eyes undimmed and his natural forces unabated, looking across the turbid Jordan, upon the sweet fields and flowery plains and fertile valleys, and verdant groves and vine clad hills and hoary mountains of the beautiful land of Canaan, until his far reaching vision takes in, in the dim distance, the blue waves of the utmost sea, as they roll in, and dash and break up the rocky shore. The deep sea and its tumultuous billows fittingly portray his grand and stormy life. The transporting, rapturous scene, spread out before him, is a type of his everlasting home. I would not wreathe his brow with a fading chaplet, for he wears a starry crown. I would not sound his praise with the music of cymbal or organ, for he strikes his golden harp in concert with the songs of the angels.—From a Lecture by Hon. G.W. Dunn, of Richmond, Mo.

Cleopatra's Needle.

Cleopatra's needle is at last safe on the bosom of Father Thames. In this age of incessant novelty, the old monolith does not create the sensation that its history and antiquity would seem to warrant, except of course among the well educated. The river population evidently regard it with something akin to contempt, think it, and its cylindrical case, ugly things to make so much fuss about. They would have laughed to scorn the notion that could the monuments have spoken it would have told of a time when even the remarkable Briton was no better than an American Indian, if so good. An amusing enecdote was told in one of our society papers last week, of the reply made by a flunkey, when told to stamp a letter for Egypt for his employer, which throws a light upon the cool reception of Thormes' pillar. "Egypt!" exclaims James, "why, that's the place where Joseph lived," as if any one in his mortal senses could believe in such a place now!" There is as much difficulty in arranging about a site for the "needle" as though we had Cleopatra herself to house. It and Temple Bar are the subjects of much searching of mind just now in this respect.—*London Letter.*

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