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Eight and forty years ago Monday ocurred the greatest tragedy in the history of this republic-the assassination of war. In the midst of the relief and re- which once seen, rarely deceives us. joicing the nation's leader was stricken and redoubled in fury.

An intimate account of the tragedy and attending circumstance is given in General Roeliff Brinkerhoff's "Recollections of a Lifetime." His account follows: An Omlnous Sign.

The morning paper of April 14, had are sunced the arrival of General Grant in the city and the evening papers made the further announcement that in company with the president ne would be at Ford's theater that night. For want of nclination, or want of time, I had never been much of a theater-goer myself, but had a couple of friends who had never seen General Grant. Therefore, for the lirst time in Washington, I concluded to go with them. We went early in order to select our position. The night was dark, for there was no moon until after 19. for there was no moon until after h yclock, and my recollection, also, is that it was cloudy, with a gloomy mist in the WILSON AT GRIDIRON DINNER air. At any rate, as we came down from the war office and passed E street, we noticed in front of Grover's theater, a large transparency, and as it was the only one visible, we gave it attention; but as rific struggle, but is slain in a duel by the air was misty or emoky we could Underwood. The safe arrival of the not make out the inscription distinctly. At Platform is announced, but, alas, on board each end, however, there was a separate was none of the democratic cargo; not inscription; that on the left was "April. "tariff revision" nor "currency reform," inscription; that on the left was "April, Sil, the cradle." That on the right was nor the "seven sisters," nor 'April, 186, the grave."

"Rather ominous, that." said one of the party, "They must be rebels," said service reform," but only 15,000 officeanother. Of course it meant the cradle and grave of the rebellion, out its instinctiveness confirms my recollection of the mistiness of the night. We remembered it afterward as an omen of evil.

We passed on to Tenth street, and having entered the theater, we took seats scuttle it." diaganally opposite the president's box, and upon the same floor. The president's box was upon the second floor, which was twelve feet and eight inches above the stage. The two boxes upon that floor had been thrown into one by removing the partition between them. The box wag festooned with flags, so that we knew it was the president's.

setting for the Tragedy. was greeted with a storm of applause as tion of the candidates in reportorial he passed on to his box. He was accom- work. panied by Mrs. Lincoln, Miss Harris and Major Rathbun, General Grant had con

way to Philadelphia. near the center of the box, and Miss Har- grass." ris at the further side. Major Rathbun was seated on the sofa near Miss Harris | where?" a little back from the front. Mr. Lincolt. "Yes, in the Book of Hosea; "They are seen him often during his presidential and they shall reap the whirlwind." term, commencing with his inauguration In 1861, and a sadder face I never saw away. He seemed to enjoy the play very siew the fattest of them." much. The play was the "American

Coustn" and Laura Keene was the star

Everything passed on very pleasant unwas in the third act, in the milkmaid scene, when one of my friends called my man standing at the door of the president's box, with his hat on and looking down upon the stage. Presently he took out a card case, or something of that kind, from his side pocket and took out a card. It is said that he showed it to the president's messenger outside, but I saw nothing of that kind, in fact, I saw no other man there aside from those seated in the audience. He took off his hat, and put his hand upon the door knob, and went into the little hall or orridor, back of the box. I then turned to the play, Presently, I cannot say how soon, it may have been two, three or five minutes, I heard a pistol shot, I turned to the president's box and saw a man flash to the front, with a face as white as snow, and hair as black as a

The Leap and the Shout. My first impression was that it was part of the play. The man put his left hand upon the front railing and went over, not with a clean sweep, but with a kind of scramble, first one leg and then the other. It evidently was his intention to swing over as we swing over fence, but his spur, as afterward apeared, caught in the flag, hence the

As he went over, or possibly after eaching the stage, he shouted very clearly and distinctly, "Sic semper ityand then for the first time it flashed upon me that the whole thing cant breassination. The Virginia coatf-arms, with its device, had been familiar to me from thildhood, and of course "Sto semper tyrannis" ringing slearly through the hall, I understood it at once. The man struck the floor, and sunk down partly, but immediately rose up and bradishing a double-edged dagger. which glittered in the gaslight, he passed Siagnolly across the stage, with his face to the audience, and went out. He did not run, it was a swift stage walk, and everything else he did for effect. It is saw no evidence of it in his gait.

For a moment there was a stillness of to sound whatever came from the box leard no shrick. Major Rathbun testi-

heard nothing of that kind, and I believe I could have heard a whisper. saw Mr. Lincoln sitting in his chair with his head dropped on his breast, but in all other respects he retained the position he had before he was shot. Quite a little interval passed before anything was said

or done. By interval I mean twenty, thirty or forty seconds, which under such circumstances seem a long time. Then some of the audience rose up, others wat still. Here and there inquiries came as to whether the president was hurt., In company with Major Rotter (a paymaster in the army) I started for the box, but before we got there others had found

that it was barred inside. In the meantime Miss Keene had gone into the box President Lincoln in Washington. Cir- from the stage entrance, and perhaps cumstances surrounding the tragedy of one or two others; at any rate an inquiry April 14, 1885, lent to it a force that can- was made for a surgeon, and a crowd not be measured at this distance of time, gathered around the box. There was no The civil war had been fought to a suc- uproar or confusion at any time. After a cessful close. Joy over the conclusion of few moments the door was opened and the desperate struggle was universal in Mr. Lincoln was carried out along the the north and hearts strained to the back side of the dress circle and out at breaking point, overflowed with grati- the front. I was close behind, and as we ude and reverence for the greatest presi- went downstairs I noticed a spinsh of dent who guided the destinies of the na- blood on every step. His face was very tion through four years of devastating pale, and the stamp of death upon it,

As we reached the street the news beunto death. The next instant joy changed gan to come of other assassinations. The into grief, hopefulness into gloom, and vice president had been killed; Mr. Sewthe waning passions of war were revived and had been murdered, also Mr. Stanton. In fact the air was full of rumors of blood and for a short time it looked as if there might be a second St. Bartholomew in progress. I immediately passed down Tenth street for a sight of the signal station upon the Winder building, and soon saw signals to the army, and answers from the fortifications, and knew that any uprising would be quickly suppressed. Mr. Lincoln was taken into a dwelling house across from the theater. April 15, and then died. This closing stanza of his favorite poem illustrates his ending: 'Tis the wink of an eye-'tis the draught

of a breath

(Continued from Page One.) ship, overcomes Keeper Bryan in a terindependence," nor "revised Sherman law." nor "free canal tolls." nor "civil

seekars. Keeper Bryan: "Mr. President, what shall we do? President Kauffman (after whispering

with President Wilson: "President Wilson says take the sldp to sea again and Hryan: "God pity the poor office-

seekers on a night like this," Two Novitiates Present. Scarcely had the guests settled back to dinner before disorder arose through the imperative and noisy demands for admission into the hall and into membership into the Gridiron club of two reporters-Robert H. Patchin of the New York Herald, and Thomas F. Logan of the Philadelphia Inquirer. In accordance with custom they were initiated in the progress quite a while, perhaps half an presence of the company, the ceremony hour, when the president came in. He taking the form of a practical examina-

Testing his general information, one was asked where the democratic party cluded not to come and was then on his is mentioned in scripture, to which he replied: "In the Book of Psalms, The Mr. Lincoln took a seat in the armchair wild asses did stand in high places, they (a recking chair) at the side next to the snuffed up the wind like dragons; their audience. Mrs. Lincoln was at his right, eyes did fall, because there was no

"Are the progressives mentioned any-

for the first time during my knowledge of all hot as an oven, and have devoured him, seemed cheerful and happy. I had their judges, they have sown the wind,

"As to the republican party?" "In the revised version, prepared by But now the load seemed lifted and every Dr. Roosevelt, the psalmist says: "The

Also the Becoming Poets. The musical feature of the evening was a parody upon the "Chimes of Normandy," in this instance, replaced by chimes this bell was supposed to ring out only upon the return to his castle attention to the president's box, with the (in this case the White House) of the remark, "There's a reporter going to see Father Abraham." I looked and saw a cracy, something of a philosopher, something of a political economist, something terian (of course, the likeness being to President Wilson), but above all the patriot, who loves the libery bell of 1776." In musical rryme it was told how the liberty bell had become silent and vigil- ment remains steadfast today." ance slept while men chased the dollars.

> What the Ghosts Say. These ghosts spoke for themselves, too

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Though they have consigned me Often to the pond. Somewhere they will find me, Always hanging round. POURTH GHOST (Imperialism): Once a spectre hearty, Now I'm on the shelf; Bryan told his party He'd boss the job himself.

And the bell pealed, and the ghosts shrunk away, and the chorus sang: We think we've found the man to ring Woodrow

UPHELD CEMETERY SANCITY Virginia Court Puts Sentiment fore, arrived at Elizabethville on Sepand Poetry Into a Ruling.

Ground was conveyed to a town to be used as a graveyard and was dedicated to the public use as such, relates the briers and brush, and it became in bad sold it to one Couch for \$1,000 because it that I heard. It is said in the various was no longer of any use and was a conaccounts that Mrs. Lincoln shricked. I stant expense to maintain in a present able condition and had become a repies that he shouted "Stop that man." I desvous for immoral purposes.

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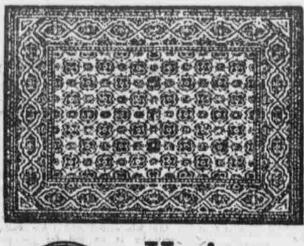
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from removing or obliterating the graves stood. "Oh, yes," he replied quietly, of his relatives or the stones or monuments marking them. The relief prayed for is granted, and the conveyance to good to eat." til about 10 o'clock or a little later. It the "Liberty Bell." Like the original Couch is held invalid, the supreme court. At this place there are two tribes of

ing: "If relatives of blood may not defend and the latter men." the graves of their departed, who may? Always the human heart has rebelled against the invasion of the cemetery preof an orator and something of an his- cineta; always has the human mind contemplated the grave as the last and enduring restingplace after the struggles and serrows of this world . . . Everything else has changed; but that senti-

Further the court says: "The briers and around gathered the grim spectres and weeds grew up in it. What of that? who would not depart until they heard The blackberry's flower is as sweet to the dead as any. The weed, though so called, spreads 'its perfume on the desert They, too, are nature's tributes to

'Above the graves the blackberry hung. In bloom and green its wreath: And harebells swung as if they sung The chimes of peace beneath."

WOMAN IN CANNIBAL COUNTRY Plucky English Matron Penetrates Congo Wilds, Cures Ills

and Dodges Lions. An English woman who has the pluck to travel alone over 3,000 miles in the ambitions. "Fortune favored me," she years we probably shall have double the wildest parts of the Congo and yet see the comic side of cannibals and life generally, is something of a rarily, even in the forest. There were three lions there. those days. Mrs. Marguarite Roby, who I had the great opportunity of my life ts one of the most traveled wemen of today, has just returned to England after a journey from Roma to Ellnabethville, nearly 3,500 miles in distance, accompanied only by a few native servthat beit, companied only by a few native serv-odrow Wilson, you're the many to ants, and tells the story of her travels ring that bell. to the London Mirror.

She left Boma on January 34 last, and, after passing through districts where white women have never been seen betember 14, taking a train from there to Cape Town.

At one time she nearly died of blackwater fever, while at another she narrowly escaped being gored to death by Docket. Many years thereafter, and a buffalo. One of the most humorque was evidently studied beforehand, like when many dead had been buried therein, and yet ruther grewsome incidents of the cemetery was abandoned for a new the journey, said Mrs. Roby, occurred ones. The town still controlled the old near Madiba. She arrived at a village cemetery, but suffered it to grow up in where no missionaries. Helgian officers rose to 106.2 degrees. She could ear team to nineteen members. or white women had ever been seen be- pothing. If she once gave in and redeath. The audience seemed paralyzed, condition in appearance. Later the town forc. Her appearance caused great excitement, and eventually the chief came forward with a present-the leg of a

black man who had been killed the day

many blood relatives, to enjoin Couch with a dry sense of humor, misunder- her sense of humor. "I have heard of the white officers. DAY OF SKYSCRAPER PASSING They are nice and fat! They will be

of appeals of West Virginia in part say- natives, the Babundas and the Bapendas, said Mrs. Roby. "The former eat dogs

As a means of getting on good terms with native chiefs Mrs. Roby found that her slight knowledge of medicine and power of performing minor operations were most valuable. At Salata this knowledge practically saved her life. She had just crossed a native bridge when a number of men rushed toward posed work of the commission to be apher armed with spears. Her boys (servants) called out "Medicine lady!" and the crowd of natives at once stopped and size of buildings throughout the and became respectful. The chief of greater city. In this connection he said badly swollen with toothache,

managed to lance the abscess very suc- next decade. a lion has always been one of her great said." for we had not some far before a boy pointed excitedly to an opening in -but did I do". I was afraid. I turned round and ran as fast as I could for the camp."

During part of the time Mrs. Roby wore her hair in a plait down her back When I was staying in a village sitting down resting native women would come up and stroke my hair," she said. "They would come up very quietly, touch the plait and sigh deeply. I found that they envied my soft hair. Women are the same the world over." Once, when in camp at night, this plucky woman explorer heard a noise, she says, like "an army crashing down through the trees." It was an elephant passing through the of Estimate to formulate a code for the

In July Mrs. Roby caught the blacklapsed she knew that she was almost Mrs. Roby was horrified. She made 106.2 Think I shall peg out."

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constully. The chief was delighted and "New York has not only lagged behind gave me several presents. On other many foreign cities, but even behind occasions I was able to help atives American cities as to correct city planwho had had accidents or were iti. On ning." President McAneny said. "We another occasion, at Kimpuki, Mrs Loby suffer today from lack of proper planwent out on a search for lions-to shoot ning, due in part to the configuration of old Manhattan. In fifteen to twenty population and there is still time to meet future conditions by taking care of the surrounding districts. "If we do not set to work soon we

shall pay many millions for the delay and lack of foresight. One example of this is seen in the making of a new thorpughfare by the cutting through of the Heventh avenue extension at a cost of \$6,000,000. We must pay two to three millions more for bridge plazas and approaches. The opportunity is open to us to remedy these mistakes in Queens the Bronx and Richmond by building park systems, providing for street rall ways and the grouping of buildings an advancing industrial development."

The commission to work with the Boar regulation of the size and height of buildings would be named in a few days water fever. Her temperature gradually he said, and would be composed of fif-

"I am convinced that this start will meet the approval of the people of New certain to die. And on July 6 came the York," he continued. "It is a wedge into erisia Mrs Roby showed this entry in the problem of city planning. I am frank her diary, written in a stranging hand: to admit, now that I have obtained the "July 6. 1913-Kyembe Makula. Temp. appointment of the commission. The legislative commission to follow will have

The case of Ritter against Couch, 76 the man understand that white africers Even when threatened with such a similar influence in the city planning Southeastern Reporter, 425, is a suit, by with soldiers would come and punish tragic death thousands of miles from and beautifying that the art commission vestige of care and anxiety had passed wrath of the people came upon them, and one who had buried in the said graveyard him for it. But the chief, a cannibal, home, Mrs. Roby seems to have preserved bears to the city in its particular field." -New York Times.

> Whittled to a Point. Opportunities always shrink with old

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