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M'KINLEY HAS WON HIS PLACE THROUGH STUDY OF THE TARIFF.

You Must Study and Work Hard to Win at Washington as Elsewhere - Octogenarian Senator Morrill-Senator Allison-A Contrasting Picture.

[Special Correspondence.] the greatest political issue at the national capital, as it is the most common topic of discussion throughout the country. An old member of congress said to me legislation known to the history of this



M'KINLEY'S TRIUMPHAL JOURNEY. But the tariff we always have Just now Mr. McKinley is the central figure of the tariff world. The rise of this man to power and influence is a splendid example of what may be done with a specialty in public life. Mr. McKinley has never bothered himself very much about anything but the tariff.

During all the years he has been in congress the tariff has been his constant companion.

While he was still a law student at Canton, O., the question of protection of things. They have brought to bear upon out to Broadway and jumps into a dingy American industries came up for discussion in the town Lyceum. An old lawyer represented free trade, and to young McKinley was assigned the de-fense of protection. The old lawyer, keen and experienced in debate, overwhelmingly defeated his young antagonist. This stung the young man's pride and brought out the good qualities that were in him. He determined to be a master of that question. He studied political economy with even more zeal than he studied law; he read speeches and sat up o' nights with statistics and government reports. McKinley's first start in public life was as county attorney. He was a good officer, but all the time continued to make headway as a champion of protection. When speeches were wanted he was called upon to make

them, and presently his devotion to that idea won him an election to congress.

A few days ago I saw McKinley riding from the Capitol to his hotel. He was on the rear platform of a street car. Fifteen minutes before this he had won the great triumph of securing passage by the house of representatives of a tariff bill bearing his name. This was the climax of his ambition. And yet here he was returning from the scene of his victory in the most common of public conveyances. There was something plain, American, democratic about that nethod of travel on that occasion which

I confess to having an admiration for.

Perhaps McKinley chose the common public conveyance because of its cheapaess. He is comparatively a poor man. Probably he was as rich in this world's goods when he first came to congress as

he is now after thirteen years of service. Before entering congress he made a little money in his profession and investd it in a building in his town; but for the revenue that has brought him he would at times have been sorely pinched for ready money. McKinley leads a very simple life in Washington. It is principally a life of work. He occupies two small rooms in a down town hotel. One is his wife's room, the other his work-shop. Mrs. McKinley is an invalid, and her husband tenderly spends with her every moment that can be taken from his work. The two rooms adjoin, and even when busiest he is constantly going from one to the other. All winter and spring the ways and means committee has had almost nightly meetings. These were held at McKinley's room, that the chairman might be near his charge. So we see that even in a tariff bill, and in the life of a man who gives all his energies to taxing legislation, there may be some-thing of sentiment.



WAITING FOR HTR ADMIRER. Some people think members of congress do not work hard. They ought to see the ways and means committee mak-ing a tariff bill, or the members of the ate finance committee dealing with the same question. A member of the former committee assures me that for four months be and his colleagues worked an average of eighteen hours a day, Sun-days included. Almost daily they were at it, individually or collectively, from 9

ing at the Capitol from 10 in the morning till noon, executive meeting later in Men Who Have Endured the Bush of the day, another meeting at McKinley's rooms in the evening, was the daily belated newspaper men have seen five or

in the morning till past midnight. Hear-

routine. Often at 1 or 2 in the morning six weary gentlemen leaving the Ebbitt house, walking a half mile or mile to their homes. They were members of ways and means who had been in conference on the great taxing bill.

Men who want success must work for WASHINGTON, June 5.—The tariff is it in Washington as elsewhere. The very afternoon that I saw McKinley riding homeward on the platform of a street car, one of the noted men of his times, I also saw a handsome equipage standing the other day that a greater number of | in a secluded spot under the trees which statesmen had made their reputation out surround the Capitol grounds. A pretty, of the tariff than out of any other line of stylish young woman sat in the cart. Evidently she was waiting for some one from the Capitol, and presently this gome one appeared in the person of a member of congress who has a wife and said in hearty tones, "you shouldn't be family. Thus was explained the wom-an's selection of a shady, out of the way nook for the trysting place. Men who have wives and families must be prudent pan, how old are you? if nothing else. This man is in the prime of life, well to do and talented. He entered congress a few years ago with brilliant prospects, but he is still one of the army of congressional unknowns. Soon he will be forgotten. As he stepped into the cart and drove away with his charmer I could not help noting the contrast formed between him and the man who was journeying on the platform of a Pennsylvania avenue street car to his sick wife.

McKinley's personality is an interest-

ing one. He is one of those men who set out in life with a purpose, and who bend every effort and circumstance to ous, but white haired man strides into the end in view. He is also one of the few men who can be earnest, firm, undeviating, and at the same time suave and genial. He is a man who knows how to have his way about things, to ride over other people when necessary, without making them his enemies. As chairman of ways and means, constructor and manager of a tariff bill, he has been at the focus of much selfishness. A thousand men of influence and importance have wantel a thousand him all the pressure which lawyers and lobbyists, politicians and capitalists waiting, and is driven to his residence on know so well how to bring. Whether Twenty-third street by a weather beaten one agree or disagree with McKinley's public Jehu, whose long blue coat is there is something admirable in the manner in which he has borne himself through this ordeal. Where other men would have become nervous or irritable he has grown in graciousness and courtesy. Where others might have been sharp spoken or imperious, he has been deferential and pleasing. But he has age. Nearly every morning of his life been turned neither to the right nor to he takes a horseback ride in Central the left. He has smiled and smiled, and had his way still.

wrestling with this question of taxation. Perhaps the most picturesque of them



SENATOR MORRILL.

all, though not the most powerful, is Senator Morrill. This fine old man makes a picture worth looking at as he sits at the head of the table in the committee on finance. The oldest man in congress, and the veteran in service, he represents in his career three or four distinct eras of his country's history. He Kansas and slavery extension were the overwhelming topics of public interest. He was chairman of the house committee on ways and means in the early years of the war, when the expenses of the government were increasing at the rate of millions of dollars a day, and the great problem was the procuring of revenue with which to carry on the war. Nearly thirty years ago he wrote a tax-ing bill which carried his name to every hamlet in the land, and here he is yet, an octogenarian, at the head of the senate committee which is at work upon another revenue act. Though chairman of the committee Senator Morrill is not much more than a figure head. His days of law making are nearly run. Yet it was the tariff that gave him prominence and laid the foundation for his fame.

The real head of the senate committee is Senator Allison. Here we have still another example of the value of specializing one's efforts in a public career. Allison, like McKinley, has made the tariff his distinct field. On these lines he has approached the presidency, and may yet win it. Like McKinley, too, he is a comfortable sort of person, smooth, velvety, soft of touch, likable. It seems that in dealing with the revenues of a government and the thousands of men whose interests are affected by the manner in which those revenues are raised. it is the man who can say no smilingly who does best.

In this Allison is even more skillful than McKinley. It has been said of him that, if a judge and under the painful necessity of sentencing a malefactor to the gallows, he could do it in such manner as to make the unfortunate quite happy and content. As'x Allison to do this or that for you, and he will comply if he possibly can; but if he cannot he will put his arm about you, lead you off into a corner and whisper his refusal so sweetly and with such charming mysteriousness of manner that you like him in spite of your disappointment.

And since revenues and taxes are necessary features of this business of carrying on a great government, and many unpleasant things must be done in their name, we are lucky to have two such pleasant, sagar coated statesmen to do the work.

Walter Weilman. that, if a judge and under the prinful

LONG LIVED NEW YORKERS.

the Metropolis for Many Years. [Special Correspondence.] New York, June 5.—There appears to

be a popular impression that the hurly burly of the metropolis and the strain to which the rush and dash of its business methods subject men's minds and bodies are not conducive to longevity. Life insurance statistics show that this is a fallacy, and, besides, there are many striking instances of the erroneousness of the idea. In a well known down town resort a few mornings ago, when rain was pouring down most energetically, ex-Mayor Wickham, a frisky lad of about 70, was accosted by a gentlem ... of erect bearing and whose eyes and skin were clear. He had just finished a hot apple said in hearty tones, "you shouldn't be out a day like this. The weather is too rough for a boy like you." The ex-mayor laughed and then inquired: "Mr. Tap-

"Ninety-five," was the proud reply.
"Will you have another toddy?"

"Don't care if I do." The elder gentieman, who confessed to being almost a centenarian, is the father of Frederick W. Tappan, president of the Gallatin National bank. Every morning except Sundays he travels down town and diligently attends to his own business affairs without any assistance. He is still considered in the commercial world a man of great shrewdness and keenness of per-

Exactly at 4:30 o'clock to the second every week day afternoon a tall, vigorthe Astor house rotunda and when he reaches the mahogany, without a word being spoken, a glass containing a lump of sugar and a spoon is placed before him and he is further provided with a small pitcher of ice water and a bottle of whisky.

With the aid of the water and the spoon the sugar is dissolved thoroughly and then the whiskey is added with an air of great solemnity. When the toddy has been disposed of, the tall man strides "night hawk" cab, which is always in public Jehu, whose long blue coat is economic views, it must be admitted faded, and whose high silk hat has long ago lost its gloss. The occupant of the rattle trap vehicle is Dr. Norvin Green, president of the Western Union Telegraph company. At 80 years of age he finds himself as frisky as when he was a country boy.

David Dudley Field is only 82 years of park, and afterwards walks all the way from his residence in Gramercy park to Now at the senate end of the Capitol his office on lower Broadway. In his a number of distinguished statesmen are ninth decade he is still engaged in the active practice of the law.

Instances such as these could be mul-tipried almost indefinitely to show that the mad pace at which they are going agrees with the modern New Yorker as well as did the stolid gait of the broad backed burghers who settled on Manhattan Island act in harmony with the lethargy of their times

LOUIS N. MEGARGEE.

JOEL CHANDLER HARRIS.

The Quaint Genius of the South-His Literary Career. [Special Correspondence.

ATLANTA, June 5. - Joel Chandler Harris, the only man who has sung the songs of the plantation as they are worthy of being sung, may be said to have begun his literary career when he was scarcely 20 years old. Shortly after the war ended he became assistant to the editor of a monthly magazine, then published in New Orleans.

He worked diligently on the magazine and there completed the first period of was a well known man in the days when his professional education. When he left New Orleans and went to Savannah to accept a position on The Morning News, a position which his growing good fame and repute as a hard worker had won for him, he was a good, "all round" newspaper man, ready to take any post, from local reporter to that of managing editor. And he was still a very young man. On The Morning News he had a long and successful career, and there found time amid the multiplicity of the duties imposed upon him to fall in love with and marry the gracious lady who now presides over his elegant home, and who has been to him his true helpmeet and the source of inspiration of some of his best work.

It was in 1876 that Mr. Estill, of The News, parted with him with great regret to see him take the train which was to bear him to the sanctum of The Atlanta Constitution and to enduring fame, for it was not until he had been firmly seated in his chair in The Constitution office that he began to draw upon the hoarded stores of his youthful plantation experience in those marvelous dialect sketches which laid the foundation of his success, and which have placed him almost without a peer as a faithful delineator of negro life, manners and talk.

From the first appearance of his dialect sketches, his rare portrayals of the folklore of plantation life, the preeminent success of Mr. Harris as an author was assured. Thousands read them eagerly. They were so true to nature, so replete with that quaint plantation humor which has now forever gone, save when it lives in the talk of Uncle Remus and his friends, that it required no eye of prophecy to see what garlands would crown the brow of him who had preserved these precious "flies in amber." These sketches of "Uncle Remus" Mr. Harris collated into a volume, which had an immense sale, and the widespread popularity of this volume induced him shortly thereafter to issue another, entitled "Uncle Remus" Songs and Sayings," which struck the fancy of the reading public with equal force, and served to solidify and advertise the author's rare popularity.

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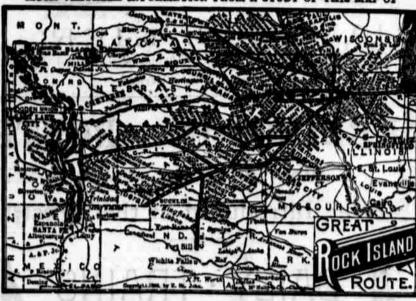
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