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WHAT DID CLEVELAND MEAN?

In his letter accepting the nomination for the presidency, Mr. Cleveland wrote as follows:

"When we consider the patronage of this great office (of president) the allurement of power, the temptation to retain place, once gained, and more than all, the availability of a party finds in an incumbent whom a horde of office holders, with a zeal bordering on fanaticism, have fostered by the hope of favors yet to come, stand ready to aid with money and trained political service, we recognize in the eligibility of the president for re-election a most serious danger to that calm, deliberate and intelligent political action which must characterize a government by the people."

The interesting question arises—What did Mr. Cleveland mean when he used this language? Clearly he must have meant one of two things. His words are properly to be regarded either as committing Mr. Cleveland to a declination of a Presidential nomination, or they are to be regarded as banishment. A doctor who refuses to take his own medicines is looked upon the world over as a fraud.

It is understood on all sides that the President is a candidate for re-election, and yet so far as we have observed no one of the mugwump organs has pointed out that he cannot take the field again without stultifying himself. It might have been thought that these newspapers, which love to attitudinize as the only genuine exponents of the political prophecies, would have come between Mr. Cleveland and his ambition for a re-nomination with a club. Why have they refrained from reminding him that he is pledged, by the terms of his letter of 1888, not to allow his name to go before the Democratic National Convention of 1888?

If the truly good Mugwumps do not insist that the idol of their hearts, their beau ideal of ethical statesmanship, shall keep his pledges, expressed or implied, what is the country coming to? Turning from the Mugwumps to the Democrats, we find here and there a disposition manifested to hold the president to his word. Smith Weed has been reported as asserting that he believed Mr. Cleveland would adhere to his letter of acceptance and refuse to be a candidate for a second term. "I am of the opinion," Mr. Weed added, "that he will write a letter to that effect to give the public a clear understanding on the subject."

Commenting upon what Mr. Weed had to say, the Rochester Union, one of the leading Democratic newspapers of western New York, remarked: "The declaration of the letter of acceptance asserts principles and propositions that by inexorable logic eliminate the President from the field of succession. He will not bring upon the country 'a most serious danger to that calm, deliberate and intelligent political action which must characterize a government by the people.'"

The interview with Mr. Weed in which he gave expression to the views in question, and the Rochester Union's article on the interview, were printed a year ago. Of late we do not remember hearing either from Mr. Weed, the Union, or any other trustworthy representative of Democracy on the point; and although the time draws nigh when the national Democratic convention will be called to order, it is not even rumored that the President has written or is to write a letter declining a re-nomination. What is the explanation? "Those are my convictions," exclaimed a western candidate for office to his constituents at the close of an eloquent speech, "and if they don't suit they can be changed." Mr. Cleveland's convictions in favor of a single presidential term do not suit his ambition. Hence he changes them.—New York Tribune.

As a president-maker the Globe-Democrat is in the lead, with a new ticket at the head of the editorial column every morning.

How Men Die.

If we know all the methods of approach adopted by an enemy we are better enabled to ward off the danger and postpone the moment when surrender becomes inevitable. In many instances the inherent strength of the body suffices to enable it to oppose the tendency toward death. Many however have lost these forces to such an extent that there is little or no help. In other cases a little aid to the weakened lungs will make all the difference between sudden death and many years of useful life. Upon the first symptoms of a cough, cold or any trouble of the throat or lungs, give that old and well known remedy—Boschee's German Syrup, a careful trial. It will prove what thousands say of it to be, the "benefactor of any home."

Now that Blaine is out of the race, what's the matter with Judge Walter Q. Gresham? The contrast between Gresham and Cleveland would be very marked, not only on account of the difference in ability, but on corporations as well. While Cleveland has been an abject tool of the corporations, Judge Gresham has surprised the country by denoting out even handed justice to the corporations and people alike. His decisions in the celebrated Wabash railway cases, are bold and honest.

The London press have recently assured their readers that Grover Cleveland can not be defeated for the presidency; very sad if true, but there is a lingering opinion in the mind of the non-partisan here, that with the London journals "the wish is father to the thought" and that the distance from headquarters has led them into this error.

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THE MISANTHROPE.

Let me go on in my own way. I feel and am not troubled by no honeyed speech of yours, nor ought that lips can say. Can smooth the path I tread. The world goes on and priests preach—But hope is dead!

SECOND HAND FALSE TEETH.

Quite a Trade Driven in the Artificial Adjuncts of the Human Frame. One of the hoariest chestnuts in the circus cloven's and minstrel man's barrel of stock jokes is that which relates to second hand false teeth. Any allusion to second hand false teeth is, to this day, certain to elicit a guffaw from most of the audience, yet there is a quiet trade driven in these artificial adjuncts of the human frame, unless the advertisements play us false. It seems to have begun in London and to have reached New York, as most London fashions do, a year or two late. In one advertisement I read that Mr. and Mrs. X, "wardrobe purchasers to any amount, have an unlimited commission to purchase for ready money any kinds of ladies', gentlemen's and children's left off clothes of every description, miscellaneous articles; window curtains and every description of household linen, etc.; "full value given for artificial teeth."

And in another column of the same paper, under a cut of a set of ivory teeth that grined lamely at me, as if appreciating the joke, this pathetic appeal: "Old artificial teeth bought. Persons wishing to receive full value should apply to the manufacturing Dentists instead of to wardrobe buyers. If forwarded by post the value per return." The sets, I am told, are broken up, and the teeth used over again in new plates. What wears out about artificial teeth is the plates. The teeth themselves remain sound, and may be made to serve any number of owners which must be an agreeable reflection for persons who are compelled to substitute art for nature in these very necessary accessories of the complete human body. One thing that struck me in the matter was the enormous demand there must be for artificial teeth when it can be found profitable to trade in them in this way. But this is a progressive and inventive age, and nothing is wasted, from second hand building materials to worn out shoes, for I see by a scientific weekly that a process has been invented and put in practice for extracting vinegar from scrap leather and old boots, harness or whatever else leather is made a part of.—Alfred Trumble in New York News.

Manufacture of Locomotives. The Baldwin locomotive works, in Philadelphia, last year turned out 653 locomotives, the greatest number ever turned out by any shop in the same time. The highest previous record was at the same establishment in 1882, when 563 were turned out. Three thousand men worked 304 days to make the 653 locomotives, and they completed one for every four hours and forty minutes of working time. If stretched in a straight line the locomotives would reach five miles. Since they were established in 1831 the works have turned out 8,975 locomotives.—New York Sun.

A Petrified Buffalo. It is reported from Kansas that workmen, sinking a coal shaft near Belleville, came upon a petrified buffalo in a remarkably good state of preservation and completeness.—New York Sun.

Tramps Never Bald Headed. "I never saw," said an officer who has done duty for a long time, "a bald headed tramp. Whether they stop tramping when their hair falls out, or whether those who tramp never lose their hair, I can't say, but tramps are never bald headed."—Grand Rapids Eagle.

Indian Corn in Russia. It is reported that the culture of maize or Indian corn is rapidly increasing in Russia. It is now used for fattening hogs, and the prospect is that large quantities of it will soon be exported to countries in western Europe. It is now an imperial regulation in Brazil that persons who die from yellow fever shall be cremated, the state bearing the expense. New York's Fifth avenue is declared the richest street in the world.

PROGRESS IN BALLOONS.

WHAT THE NATIONS HAVE DONE FOR WAR PURPOSES.

Steerable Balloons a Necessity in the Wars of the Future—France Ahead of England and Germany—Her Recent Appliances Kept Secret.

The scientists have discovered nitro-glycerine, dynamite, melinite, rabrute, and lotinite, with which armies can be destroyed and fortifications blown to atoms; they have invented methods for the wholesale annihilation of everything and everybody, but they have not yet devised ways and means for the employment of the same, except in certain cases, which do not always present themselves. Mines sometimes are exploded at the least opportune moment, and are only practical when they can be laid without let or hindrance during a siege, or on the supposition that the enemy will present himself exactly at the proper instant, while as charges to projectiles, they occasionally disconcert those who use them. And supposing even that they did invariably come up to great expectations, the field of their usefulness is necessarily limited, and must necessarily remain so until somebody does contrive ways and means by which they can be worked with as easily as ordinary common powder.

Reckless and heedless, you must know, are the particular desiderata of present-day course, I mean balloons and rockets that will go in the right direction and not behave eccentrically—and so far nobody has hit upon any method for their direction which has stood the test of practical experience, although "the man who is well informed" has learned that at last a solution has been found to the very interesting problem of aerial navigation.

With directable balloons we shall be invincible, sing in chorus the big newspapers, for let a Frenchman—he has an Italian name, but was born Transalpine—a patriot who has refused the most tempting foreign offers, is about to endow his country with a "blessing." Where will an enemy but what can he do if we sailing aloft, can learn and so forestall his every movement, not to speak of the dismay and terror sown in his ranks, decimated by the explosives which we will shower down upon his head? I should say, effectively, that the enemy would be nowhere, only I am very incredulous still, having studied pretty attentively all that has been as yet accomplished in aeronautics, which, if it is to be of any use, must be similar to those made now a twelve-month ago, had even then been reduced to a positive certainty by Capt. Krebs at the aerostatic laboratory of Menden.

That steerable free balloons will be very useful in war cannot be questioned, judging from what was accomplished with the Capt. Krebs' dirigible, the "Zepherus," which, under Antwerp in 1874, Venice in 1879, at Richmond in June, 1882, at Paso-Pasco, in Paraguay, twenty years ago. On the 5th of September, M. Jaurel, an apothecary of Metz, attempted to communicate with the National Defense government by means of small aerostats, and in the course of the following day, he sent, safely, to their destination about two-thirds of the 700 messages sent out from the beleaguered city, and during the siege of Paris, thanks to MM. Von D'Artois and the brothers Godard, 155 persons, 268 carrier pigeons and 3,000,000 of letters reached the provinces by means of balloons between the 23d of September, 1870, and the 28th of January, 1871. But these results, although encouraging, only proved that communications might possibly be kept up aërially; they were not absolutely satisfactory, as the aerostats were always exposed to aleatory risks dependent upon atmospheric circumstances, so that there never could be any certainty of where they would land.

I suppose, however, that the Menden people have accomplished something serious in the course of the past three years, as the French army has now a regular balloon train, with two officers, ninety-four men and seven vehicles, including a "hydrogen wagon," for field service, and a fortress service of five officers and 142 non-commissioned officers and privates, who organization has been taken as a model by Italy, Russia and Belgium, the countries in which, next to France, most interest has been manifested in this question.

In England military aeronautics only began to be developed in 1878, when a series of experiments were made at Woolwich under the direction of Capt. Noble, assisted by Capt. Lee, Elphinstone and Tupper, an aeronaut of acknowledged competency. But their experiments were only with captive balloons—the Saracen, the Talisman, the Crusader, the Pioneer, etc.—and did nothing to advance the solution of the most important problem, how to steer balloons, which problem still remains as it was when balloons were used in Afghanistan, Zululand and Egypt.

In Germany the balloon question is still less advanced, although France's powerful enemy has spared no effort to get at her neighbor's secrets. There was an attempt made not long ago, at the sham siege of Mayence, when one balloon was lost altogether and the other shot to pieces, destruction which, still more recently, the staff officers who, near Berlin, undertook to calculate from a balloon the distance between the two armies, not only failed to do so, but were obliged to give up the job altogether, as their machine could never be raised to the required altitude. In spite of all the money spent the German aeronautic corps is hardly provided with the apparatus and is as inexperienced as it was in 1870, when a detachment, trained at Coblenz, could only attain an altitude of 135 feet at Bischeim, when it was desired to obtain a bird's eye view of Strasbourg.

And the conclusion is that the French are still a long way ahead of all other nations, although there is reason to suppose the probability of a disagreeable surprise on the part of Belgium, by which, as Belgium is accused of philo-Teutonic proclivities, the Germans will profit. It is somewhat singular that, given the inventive genius of our countrymen, America should have given birth to nothing more important than those balloon top-boes which were so much talked about early in the year 1880, and which are by no means an originality, as in 1812 a German inventor proposed a balloon system to the Russian government, by which Napoleon and all his staff were to have been eliminated. What the French have now succeeded in doing is impossible to know, as they keep it a profound secret, and no longer admit even native reporters to witness their experiments. Perhaps they have quite succeeded, perhaps they have not; and for the reason that they keep their secrets to themselves, the public remains skeptical.—Paris Cor. New York Times.

Too Free Perspiration. Many persons are much troubled from too free perspiration. It is a cause of annoyance to many very neat people, and a certain preventive of any odor arising is the simple use of common cooking soda. Wash in strong solution of soda, and then the soda and put a little under the arms. This will be found invaluable to some people.

LOST.

The sunlight is shining through woodlands up-hill. Their merry green parklands beside the blue sea. The songs of the jinggy young reapers are drifting. Out over the harvest fields hither to me.

Once in a while morning together. This landscape was painted in our eager young eyes. While over the sea cliffs, all fringed with heather, We saw a white sail blow out of the skies.

It goes to our beautiful nurse, a bright stranger, An handsome young man on a throne, And, fool that I was! I was dreamless of danger, Believing your tender heart was my own!

Did I reproach you, oh, wonderful woman! When you understood your soul to his last? Never! For, knowing your passions were his heart. I thought you were where you lay in the dust!

I think your soul had kissed and departed. Again to a world that was worthless to me—Forever from rest and from tenderness parted. A poem and a passion has come to me!—Will Hubbard-Ferriss in New York Mercury.

rept on staying guns. A firm of gun dealers down town got a consignment of beautiful cast-iron shot-guns from England. They were of that singular pattern which you can sell at about \$4 and make a profit, the government test mark thrown in. They look well, but it is better not to fire them. The barrel may fall off or the charge come out the wrong way. But they look beautiful and solid. A seedy looking individual came in one day and bought one. He came back next day and bought another. He kept coming and buying them one at a time, and still he did not seem to look any less seedy or have much more capital. The gun dealer began to wonder what he was doing with all these guns. He might be preparing a revolution or a riot or something. He followed him one day. The fellow took the gun to a pawnshop and got \$4 on it. He got \$4 and he kept on buying those guns until he had loaded up all the pawnshops in town with them and almost drank himself to death with the profits.—San Francisco Chronicle.

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