

THE CALAMITY ORATION.

Delivered by Hon. D. McCall at Calamus, Valley County, July 4th, 1891.

[Concluded from last week.]

Slavery was hardly for the purpose of "establishing justice." It could not be to promote the general welfare! It certainly was not to secure the blessings of liberty! It was not in furtherance of the principles that "all men are created equal." It did not endorse the theory that all men were equally endowed by their Creator with the right to "pursue life, liberty and happiness." No, it was uttering the truth in the Declaration of Independence and violating it in the every day life and business of the nation.

It is the opinion of some that only our great achievements are to be commended on this the anniversary of our independence. My own opinion is that we should show our fealty to the principles of the declaration. It is true there is ample material for the brief talk that we shall make in the military and civic achievements of this country. Take the revolutionary war, what valor and patriotism were exhibited, what sacrifices, what devotion, what enduring courage. Take the campaign of Burgoyne. More than 10,000 men well equipped were sent against Gen. Schuyler's little army. Crown Point and Ticonderoga were taken and all seemed well to the enemy. But two small engagements were disastrous. The British—then came the battle at or near Saratoga, and Burgoyne and his armies were prisoners. Freedom dawned. The English were disheartened.

The God of heaven who is the friend of the widow and orphan, who hears the cry of the down-trodden and oppressed, had held the grandest contest before us for 5,000 years, evidently to permit a nation to be founded where the right of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" should be implanted in the organic law and allowed every where. The struggle of the revolution continued but finally Cornwallis surrendered.

Shall we recount the achievements of revolution of 1812, of the Indian wars, of the Mexican war? There are records to enlist the pride of every American. Shall we recount the success of the inventive genius of our people. In it are the greatest successes known to the world, either in mechanical skill, in science, in literature, in art or in military achievement. What of electricity, of steam, of agricultural implements, and of invention.

We have subdued a continent, covered it with cities, gridironed it with railroads, colored it with telegraph wires, and transformed it into homes of the most intelligent, heroic and patriotic people on the globe. The mines and forests have been transformed into things of beauty and utility. Even the occult forces have been harnessed and do man's bidding. Fields abundant with abundant material, rich and inviting, open everywhere. But we are invited to consider some of these things wherein we may have drifted from the safe moorings established by Jefferson and the patriots of 1776. We have asserted that Jefferson was a kaiser. If we ourselves have become kaiser, it is our duty to fail to consider and correct! Shall we not strive to hold fast to that which is good?

During all great wars money is careful. Whenever the nation's life is imperiled gold and silver are awarded and hide away. Governments are forced to find other and more patriotic money. In 1861 specie payment was suspended. State banks asked an exorbitant rate of interest for their so called money. Lincoln said we will use the credit of all the people. Sixty millions of treasury notes, known as demand notes, were issued and served the purpose of money as well as gold. Shylock was alarmed. He knew that if the government was to utilize the credit of all the people instead of paying tribute to Shylock for a credit less ample that prosperity would visit the masses and the classes would have their profits under special laws and money was abated. When the houses of representatives had matured and passed a bill to issue one hundred and fifty millions of treasury notes upon the credit of all for the benefit of all, Shylock by intrigue and importunity caused the senate to make exceptions and to say such exceptions, "hot air," "hot air," money was abated. When the houses of representatives had matured and passed a bill to issue one hundred and fifty millions of treasury notes upon the credit of all for the benefit of all, Shylock by intrigue and importunity caused the senate to make exceptions and to say such exceptions, "hot air," "hot air," money was abated.

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the laws under which they were contracted were payable in currency, the credit strengthening act made payable in coin, adding 25 cents to the value of each individual dollar of debt or \$200,000,000 of value. All the land west of the Mississippi river cost the government \$50,000,000, and congress gave to Shylock twelve times this amount in one gracious act of congress. Is it not possible that they were too liberal with the money of the tax payers. And then said to Shylock, "we will exempt you from paying taxes, these old soldiers' brave, heroic and energetic; we will exempt you and double up the taxes on them; if they complain we will cry disloyalty and they will be easily silenced." Shylock said, "most noble government."

Shylock said, "another special is needed; there is too much money; the people are too prosperous; reduce the circulating medium two-thirds." It was done from 1866 to 1873. Shylock said, "these specials will make all my people millionaires. It is gaining by indirection. The small business firms are rapidly failing. My people absorb all they lose. What a glorious government."

"Coin payment is greatly to our advantage, can we not induce congress to change the unit of value from silver to gold?" It was done in 1873. "Can we not demote silver and leave only gold a legal tender coin?" It was done in 1874. Jay Cooke failed. Then failures were common. Shylock had laid plans and took the plum. Shylock in Europe and Shylock in America had induced congress to grant these "special" favors, and the masses, true, brave, loyal, industrious, frugal, were put up on the road to the poor house, 9,000,000 mortgaged homes are found in our fair land on this year 1891. They were largely placed there by special privileges to Shylock. An expedition clause was put into the law that provided the money that made the exchanges of this country from 1861 to 1890. National banks were granted a monopoly of the government sovereign right "to coin money and regulate the value thereof." One-half of the coin money was shorn of its authority to cancel debt. \$1,200,000,000 of currency was in eight years withdrawn from circulation. Times were made hard by special legislation in the interest of Shylock.

We go back to the foundation principles of "equal and exact justice to all and special privileges to none." We demand that the general welfare shall be regarded and maintained. We claim that securing the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity is not subserved in this special class legislation. We claim that there was an injustice in paying soldiers in money of half the value of the solemn contract made with him, and paying Shylock in money of double the value of the contract money. We claim that the soldiers were the grandest of our institutions, and were the most intelligent, noble, patriotic, valorous and heroic soldier that ever kept step to martial music north the shining sun, and they with there must now bear a double burden because of Shylock's special privileges. Nor do the wrongs under which we suffer stop with national legislation. The state is run largely in the interest of corporations and combines. The mention of transportation will suffice. Our freight rates are known to be excessive. Last year the people made an heroic effort to get the state on an equality with Iowa. The Union Pacific had received an empire of land and \$64,000,000 in money from the general government and had the best natural route on the continent. The B. & M. were greatly favored. Well, the Newberry bill passed both houses, but boodles and bootlers defeated it. Boyd claimed that business of the railroad was so small this year that the law would ruin the roads. What is the fact? The law coming into operation Aug. 1st, would be just in time to handle Nebraska's immense crop of 1891. The railroads would have been all right and the people could have reduced their debt. But the corporations still rule and the people mourn.

We have named some of the causes of Millionaires and paupers. We have briefly hinted at the cause of 9,000,000 mortgages. We have shown you why Shylock is so powerful and the people in bondage, and Shylock still owns his pound of flesh and is bound to have it. Daniel Webster said, "liberty cannot long endure in any country when the tendency of legislation is to concentrate wealth into the hands of a few." Shall we not arouse to the dangers that threaten our homes, our liberty and the perpetuity of the government of our beloved country? There are other matters of which we would like to talk but we must soon close. We ask your careful attention to some short articles we will read: One is a letter of Edward Rosewaters, "What is the path of salvation?" Another a response to the same by Ex-attorney Gen. Leese. "The honest dollar" is the third, and "Justice not charity" by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, and last a song "Freedom's land."

In conclusion, to my comrades I would say, our time is fast passing away and when our day eyes catch the last glimpse on earth may be the cross of the Prince of Peace, and just beneath the Stars and Stripes.

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ABOUT THE YOUNG FOLKS.

MATTERS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE YOUNG.

What a Freight-Master Did—Silent—Toddy Drawers—How to Play Menagerie—The Clock Was Dead.

What a Freight-Master Did. An engine bumped against some empty cars in the early dawn of a winter morning. A boy who had been asleep in one of the cars was thrown, dazed and bewildered, against the door, which he had pulled to when he crawled into the car the night before.

Just then a brakeman thrust his head into the car, and reached for his jacket, which he supposed was hanging where he had left it. He was somewhat surprised to find a boy on it, and took it from him without ceremony. "Now get out of here!" he said, thrusting the boy from the door. "If I catch you in one of these cars again, I'll give you to a policeman!"

"What's he been up to, Bill?" said a man who was putting freight into the next car. "Up to my coat," he said giving it a vigorous shake as he walked off. The boy looked dirty and dejected, as he limped along by the side of the track. The man who had spoken called after him:

"Hallo, there! Do you want a job?" The boy turned back quickly. "If you'll help me to load them fire-irons, I'll pay you for it; but you'll have to work s'p."

The prospect of a little money brightened the boy, and he set to work in earnest, though he was stiff and cramped and hungry. "Do you live round here?" asked the man.

The boy shook his head. "In case we should want to hire a boy about your size, can you give me any recommendations as to your character?"

The boy's face flushed, but he made no answer. The man watched him narrowly, and when the car was loaded, handed him twenty-five cents, saying: "We're short of hands in the freight-room. Do you think you'd like the job?"

"Yes, I would like it." The boy's face was almost painful in its eagerness as he followed the man into the freight-room. "Now," said the freight-man, seating himself on a box, "we'll have a bit of talk before we get to business. I don't know anything about you, except that you are cold and hungry; you look that. But I think it is likely that you've got into some scrape, for if you hadn't, you wouldn't be loafing about stations and sleeping in freight cars. I'm not going to ask you if you have done anything wrong, but I am going to ask if you've got a mother."

"No, she's dead." "Got an father or folks that belong to you?" "I've an uncle and some cousins."

"Well, now, if you had a mother, I'd send you to her in no time, for there is nothing that a mother won't forgive; but uncles and cousins are different. If I recommend you at the office, they'll take you but mind, if I do it, I'm going to watch you as a cat does a mouse. You'll have to spend your evenings and Sundays with me, and I'll want your myself when I was no older than you are," lowering his voice. "An' if it hadn't been for my mother—Well, that was a long time ago. You've got switched upon the wrong track I am very sure, and as you haven't any mother to help you get on the right one, God help 'em, I'll do it, if you'll let me."

"Prechin' isn't in my line, but there's just one thing you don't want to forget, and that is liegodd fathers giving you a chance now to get back where you can do right and feel right. Are you going to take it?"

The boy answered faintly that he would try. He was taken into the freight-yard, and was under his new friend's eye constantly and it was not long before the man had so won his confidence that he told him his story. There was trouble and dishonesty connected with it, but for two years the lad proved himself faithful and trustworthy in his new occupation. He was then advanced to a more responsible position, but there was something almost pathetic in his devotion to the man who had befriended him, and in his respect for the religion he professed.

Here was practical Christianity, worthy any man's emulation.—Youth's Companion.

Silent. After the death of the great Prussian, General von Moltke, some of the Berlin newspapers published the following anecdote of him: When a very young man, holding the humble position of second lieutenant in the Danish army, he wrote a letter of resignation to the King himself, full of pompous self-conceit. The King accepted his resignation, briefly adding that the Danish army would try to get on as best it could without Lieutenant von Moltke. The young soldier, who had been unconscious of his vanity, was deeply mortified. "You talked too much, Moltke," a comrade said to him. "I shall talk no more," he sternly replied. His reticence therefore was so great that in his old age he was known throughout Germany as the Silent One. Since his death a prominent clergyman in Pennsylvania has given an account of a vision which he made to the scene of the decisive battle in the Austro-Prussian war. He found there a group of German officers, one of whom, in a carriage, was driven at a snail's pace into every part of the field. A box beside him was filled with maps, with which he studied each minute detail of the battle, fighting it over again moment by moment.

It was Moltke with his staff. The pains-taking accuracy which brought him back after years had passed, to study again his own mistakes and successes, made him the great master of the art of war of his century, while his dumb self-control gave him prestige in the eyes of the masses, who in Germany, as elsewhere, are apt to believe that silence means strength. We live in a volatile age, when almost every intelligent man has a pet theory or pursuit to which he wishes to get on as his neighbors. The able man who knows how to hold his tongue in even one language will probably be credited with more wisdom than if he could maintain his opinion with clearness or eloquence.

"The easiest thing for a great man to do," said John Randolph, "is to make a speech; the most difficult to do is to keep silent."

If any young reader wraps himself in reserve, and becomes reticent and cold among his fellows in order to gain respect, he must remember that Moltke, dumb without his ten languages, his accuracy and mastery of strategy, would have remained a sub-lieutenant all of his life.

An old Spanish proverb says, "None speak better than the ant, who says nothing and works."

Toddy Drawers. The luxuriant groves of cocoa palm which clothe the seaboard of the southern shores of Ceylon are in the hot, dry provinces of the north-east in a great measure replaced by an incalculable multitude of Palmyra palms, which form a belt of dark green all along the coast, flourishing even on the brink of the salt coral sand, where at high tide the blue waves bathe the roots of their sturdy black stems, which stand like regiments of well drilled soldiers, faultlessly upright and unbendingly stiff.

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