

the great political parties, and at last, the plant he had nourished and watered, had greened and grown and he saw the fruit upon the tree, ripening to its fall, at the time he died. He lived to see the American people making ready to enjoy again their wrested inheritance. It must have been gracious to his soul that he had headed the phalanx that was to give the land back again to its own.

Mr. Overmyer had none of the characteristics of a politician. He was of too great fiber and mind to be possessed of guile, machination or scheme, and too true and ruddy dropped to be recreant to a pledge. With so many instances of man's ingratitude and treachery, as a part of his experiences as a lawyer in big practice, there was no word of warning, advice or caution that ever made him wary, or one whit forego his absolute confidence in man. He was not only too big to be a politician, but his chosen profession had limitations for his usefulness. He was a great lawyer in every phase of the profession, advocate, counsellor and jurist. Lawyer that he was, Nature turned him out of its workshop a statesman of heroic mould, who stood for high ideals, the land, the people and the common weal, that no defeat could embitter, nor victory inebriate him with the impulse of sinister ambition.

It was the fond hope of his friends that some day he would stride down the aisles of the United States senate commissioned by his splendid state to represent her there. He was not to fire its embered hearth with the flame of heroic thought or action.

A lover of books, a thinker, a philosopher. He enjoyed history, and down the chronicled ages, he drew to his side every great warrior and made him fight all his battles over again. He was a patriot of the intenser sort, and the one especially tender spot in his composition was his high regard for the valor and glory of American Arms. The story of the commonest soldier,

he listened to with the eagerness of a child.

Of all men, what a loving husband and father. His hearthstone was his shrine; its doors opened to him a rare content and peace, and when they closed they shut out the turmoil of life. Here he worshipped, here were his altars, and here the humblest could come and shake a hand that had no chill, hypocrisy or greed.

It is not intended here to give a chronology of his life. It is known of all men, and is a permanent archive of the state.

This Memorial would be without purpose did it not suggest the lustrous path he trod to those who feel the impulse of ambition, to those who aspire to a career of usefulness.

It would be meaningless did it not tender all human sympathy to his family in this their direst affliction, and it would not reflect our hearts, did we not drift our love to him across the darkened space.

GERMANY'S POPULAR VOTE

The victory of the German kaiser in the recent elections, on examination, proves to be one of those misleading affairs of which the politics of most nations give illustrations. While the emperor has a majority in the new reichstag, it is based not on an increased popular vote, but apparently on a gerrymander of the constituencies. For example, the socialists, who have lost thirty-six seats, have gained 240,000 in their popular vote. The clericals, who gained but four seats, have made a gain of 400,000 in their popular vote. The socialists and clerical centers now cast 5,500,000 votes, or considerably more than half of the vote of the empire, but they have only 151 out of the more than 360 seats in parliament.

The explanation of the result is to be found in part in the fact that there prevails in ordinary elections the system of utopposed returns. In these cases the dominant party in the district, having no incentive to bring out its full vote, is content to return its member with the vote of the regular political hacks who always attend elections. The same condition prevails in dozens of districts in the south in this country. The republicans in many districts do not oppose the democrats and very few votes are cast. In the state of Mississippi last year 51,000 votes elected eight congressmen. In Minnesota, it took 253,000 to do the same thing. Presumably, in the last German elections the government opposed the socialists and other hostile groups wherever they could get candidates, and have won some of the close districts, while the socialists, being opposed in their own districts, have retaliated by putting up candidates where they could not hope for victory. Thus they have increased their popular vote while losing parliamentary strength.

But the government groups being opposed everywhere must have had open to them the same source of increased vote. Why should they have so much the better of the greater turnout of voters? The reason seems to be that the constituencies are arranged so that it takes a greater socialist vote to elect a member than it does a national liberal or a conservative. The same thing is true of Great Britain, where a bigger vote is required to elect a liberal or labor member voted for in the cities.—Minneapolis Journal.

WORTH ALL IT COST

A guest who had just registered at the Shirley hotel a day or two ago was approached by a boy with a telegram. It had \$1 charges on it. "What!" said the guest, before opening it, "A dollar charges! I won't pay it. Anybody who cannot pay for his

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"It's all right," he said. Then he threw the message on the counter. "Read it!" he said to C. T. Newton, the clerk. The message read: "Papa's little girl sends him fifty bushels of love, and wishes he was home to kiss her good-night, Nellie." —Denver Post.