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**SPEECH OF CONGRESSMAN LAIRD.**  
MR. CHAIRMAN AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: It goes without saying that it is a pleasure for me to be here and look you in the face and render some sort of an account of the way in which I have performed the duty which is yours, and which you have, from time to time, clothed me with the authority to execute for you. I believe this is the first time in the course of my office that I have had the opportunity of meeting an audience at this place and discussing the questions of public interest. You may ask why I am here, since the congress of the United States, or what is left of it, is now in session. The fact is that the condition of public business is such that it is absolutely impossible for the performance of any legislation except by unanimous consent, and I am bound to say, from my experience, that there is just as much prospect of securing the unanimous consent for the taking up and passage of wholesome laws by the congress of the United States at the hands of the democratic party, as represented at present in the House, as there would be a chance of getting a bulky mule to pull down one of the spurs of the Rocky mountains. It is absolutely impossible to get any legislation except by consent and I fancy before I get through with this discussion you will discover that even when there is a sufficient number of representatives present, there would be a chance of getting a bulky mule to pull down one of the spurs of the Rocky mountains. It is absolutely impossible to get any legislation except by consent and I fancy before I get through with this discussion you will discover that even when there is a sufficient number of representatives present, there has not been for four months and there will be none until after this election.  
This much I perhaps owe to you as explanatory for my presence here at all. I am frank to say that my mind was divided as to my duty in the premises, and it was only after long consideration and urgent invitations from my constituents to come home, that I concluded to leave.  
No man can ally himself to a party that excuses him from the responsibilities that go with manhood, with citizenship, with the sovereignty accorded him to govern himself and participate in the government of the nation. It is a cardinal proposition that the citizen owes to the government his life, his loyalty, his willingness to defend it, and to defend it at no time so willingly as in its times of danger; and, the counterpart of this, it is the responsibility of the government to watch over and care for and defend the citizen, the nation, and these obligations meet the best requirements of citizenship.  
Two gentlemen are presented to the people of the country for their suffrages: One is Mr. Cleveland, and the other is Mr. Harrison. (Applause.) I submit that the proposition which I have laid down is as old as Christianity, and that is that the hard condition running with greatness is the condition of the man who seeks it, to sacrifice himself for the good of others. Whoever aspires to greatness, to take upon himself the mantle of power, must have led a life which will make it impossible for those who inquire concerning it to find that he has not met these responsibilities; that he has been willing to sacrifice himself for the good of others; that as a citizen, he has been willing to defend the government that protected him. This is no new theory, born of the heat of the canvass. From Christ hood to knight-hood it has constituted the glory of mankind and has entitled its possessor to the immortality of history. Judged by this rule, how stand these men in the estimation of the public? There was a time when duty called, when the day of sacrifice in this country dawned. There was a demand that spoke from the awful peril of the nation, and the blow falling, how were these men, and how did these men acquit themselves upon that occasion? (Applause.) Harrison answered under the rule and submitted himself. He went to work in defense of the republic. He represented the nation and represented himself. Mr. Cleveland, hearing the same call, was deaf, so far as his personal responsibility was concerned and he hid himself, in the hour of the immortal peril of this republic, behind the convenience of a substitute. (Cheers.)  
Gentlemen, it is perfectly proper for us to inquire concerning the manner in which the men offered for our suffrages have met the responsibilities that have been incident to citizenship. The issues are not personal and it is not my purpose in any way to attempt to degrade them to that. They are wide, and universal and national. They are as comprehensive as the continent. They touch everyone of us and the concern not only the well-being of to-day, but of to-morrow.  
In coming home I passed from Washington to Philadelphia, Philadelphia to New York, and New York to Chicago and so on. I traveled two thousand miles, one fourth of the distance through the diameter of the earth, one third of the circumference of the globe, and the abiding place of three millions of denizens of New York and Brooklyn and one million and a half in Philadelphia, and I have ridden across the portion of the continent where abide the greater body of the sixty millions of population of the United States. In making this trip I looked upon the greatest cities, traveled their streets and mingled incidentally with their population. I looked upon the homes of hundreds of thousands of the population of the United States. I am able to come here tonight and say truthfully that nowhere, from one end to the other of my journey, from the cities on the eastern seaboard to this corner portion of the continent, did any man come out to his hands and ask me for alms. Nowhere did I see any person pursuing the avocation of a beggar; nowhere did I see any man undergoing suffering as a result of punishment for conviction for crime; nowhere did I see revolt, nowhere did I hear the rattle of the chains of a slave or crack of the lash of a master. From one end of the country so far toward the other I am able to say that I looked upon people who seem to be possessed with the means of maintaining themselves decently and in order. They were subject to the peaceable rules of law. I saw neither debauchery, crime nor poverty nor was I challenged by any one end of the land so far toward the other. Where, gentlemen, in the world, else than here, under that flag, can that story be told with truth? The rate of pauperism to your rate of population is 7. The rate of those who are compelled to rely upon government for sustenance in England is 67 and from that to 76 actual paupers to the thousand. Seven in your country to the thousand subject to public support; sixty-seven to seventy seven in England to the thousand subject to public support. In your land nowhere are we torn and rent with strife and strikes between capital and labor, happily now. To-day, in England, seven hundred thousand are without ability to earn their daily bread. Eleven million men in the United States achieve their daily bread by toil or the ownership and management of farms, agriculture. Eleven million or more secure their daily bread by work for wages. Is it a desirable policy which invites an entire change of conditions which surround you into the conditions which surround those to whom the portion is shared?  
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