

GARFIELD ON LINCOLN.

Speech on the Anniversary of the Assassination.

On the night of the 14th of April, 1865, J. Wilkes Booth, creeping from behind President Lincoln, discharged a pistol-ball into his brain. A year afterwards, on the anniversary of that tragic event, immediately after the house of representatives was opened by prayer, Gen. Garfield "moved that the house do now adjourn." The words of eloquence in which he urged the motion will long be remembered by his countrymen. He said:

This day, Mr. Speaker, will be sadly memorable so long as this nation shall endure, which God grant may be "till the last syllable of recorded time," when the volume of human history shall be sealed up and delivered to the omnipotent judge.

In all future time, on the recurrence of this day, I doubt not that the citizens of this republic will meet in solemn assembly to reflect on the life and character of Abraham Lincoln, and the awful tragic event of April 14, 1865—an event unparalleled in the history of nations, certainly unparalleled in our own. It is eminently proper that this house should this day place upon its records a memorial of that event.

The last five years have been marked by wonderful developments of individual character. Thousands of our people before unknown to fame have taken their places in history, crowned with immortal honors. In thousands of humble homes are dwelling heroes and patriots whose names shall never die.

But greatest among all these great developments was the character and fame of Abraham Lincoln, whose loss the nation still deplores. His character is aptly described in the words of England's great laureate—written some thirty years ago—in which he traces the upward steps of some—

"Divinely gifted man,
Whose life in low estate began,
And on a simple village green;

"Who breaks his birth's fabled bar,
And grasps the skirts of happy chance,
And breaths the blow of circumstance,
And grapples with his evil star;

"Who makes by force his merit known,
And lives to clutch the golden keys,
To mold a mighty state's decrees,
And shape the whisper or the throne;

"And moving up from high to higher,
Becomes on Fortune's crowning slope
The pillar of a people's hope,
The centre of a world's desire."

Such a life and character will be treasured forever as the sacred possession of the American people and of mankind. In the great drama of the rebellion there were two acts. The first was the war, with its battles and sieges, victories and defeats, its sufferings and tears.

That act was closing one year ago to-night, and just as the curtain was lifting on the second and final act—the restoration of peace and liberty; just as the curtain was rising upon new characters and new events, the evil spirit of the rebellion, in the fury of despair, nerved and directed the hand of the assassin to strike down the chief character in both.

It was no one man who killed Abraham Lincoln; it was the embodied spirit of treason and slavery, inspired with fearful and despairing hate, that struck him down in the moment of the nation's supremest joy.

Ah! sir, there are times in the history of men and nations when they stand so near the veil that separate mortals from the immortals, time from eternity, and men from their God, that they can almost hear the beatings and feel the pulsations of the heart of the Infinite. Tho' such a time has this nation passed. When 250,000 brave spirits passed from the field of honor through that thin veil to the presence of God, and when at last its parting folds admitted the martyr president to the company of the dead heroes of the republic, the nation stood so near the veil that the whispers of God were heard by the children of men.

Awe-stricken by His voice, the American people knelt in fearful reverence and made a solemn covenant with Him and with each other that this nation should be saved from its enemies, that all its glories should be restored, and on the ruins of slavery and treason the temples of freedom should be built and should survive forever. It remains for us, consecrated by that great event and under a covenant with God, to keep that faith, to go forward in the great work until it shall be completed.

Following the lead of that great man and obeying the behests of God, let us remember that—

"He has sounded forth a trumpet that shall never be silent;
He is stirring up the hearts of men for His judgment seat.
Be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant in feast;
For God is marching on."

The Idleness of Girls.

Another great mistake that many of our girls are making, and that their mothers are either encouraging or allowing them to make, is that of spending their time out of school in idleness, or in frivolous amusements, doing no work to speak of, and learning nothing about the practical duties and the serious cares of life. It is not only in the wealthier families that the girls are growing up indolent and unpracticed in household work; indeed, I think that more attention is paid to the industrial training of girls in the

wealthiest families than in the families of mechanics and of people in moderate circumstances, where the mothers are compelled to work hard all the while. "Within the last week," says one of my correspondents, "I have heard two mothers, worthy women in most respects, say the first, that her daughter never did any sweeping. Why, if she wanted to say to her companions, 'I never swept a room in my life,' and take any comfort in saying it, let her say it; and yet that mother is sorrowing much over the shortcomings of that very daughter. The other said she would not let her daughter do anything in the kitchen. Poor, deluded woman! She did it all herself instead!" The habits of idleness and helplessness that are thus formed are not the greatest evils resulting from this bad practice; the selfishness that it fosters is the worst thing about it. How devoid of conscience, how lacking in all true sense of tenderness, or even justice, a girl must be who will thus consent to devote all her time out of school to idleness, while her mother is bearing all the heavy burdens of the household! And the foolish way in which mothers themselves sometimes talk about this, even in the presence of their children, is mischievous in the extreme. "Oh, Hattie is so absorbed with her books, or her crayons, or her embroidery, that she takes no interest in household matters, and I do not like to call on her," as if the daughter belonged to a superior order of beings, and must not soil her hands or ruffle her temper with housework. The mother is the drudge, the daughter is the fine lady for whom she toils. No mother who suffers such a state of things as this can preserve the respect of her daughter, and the respect of her daughter no mother can afford to lose. The result of all this is to form in the minds of many girls not only a distaste for labor, but a contempt for it, and a purpose to avoid it as long as they live by some means or other. There is scarcely one of these letters which does not mention this as one of the chief errors in the training of our girls at the present day. It is not universal, but it is altogether prevalent. And I want to say to you, girls, that if you are allowing yourselves to grow up with such habits of idleness and such notions about work, you are preparing for yourselves a miserable future.

Wonderful Wyoming.

Bill Nye, writing to the Salt Lake Tribune, under date of June 10, says: "It has snowed a good deal during the week and it is discouraging the planters of cotton and tobacco very much. I am positive that a much smaller area of both these staples will be planted in Wyoming this year than ever before. Unless the yield this fall of moss agates and prickly pears should be unusually large, the agricultural exports will be very far below preceding years and there may be actual suffering.

I do not wish to discourage those who might wish to come to this place for the purpose of engaging in agriculture, but frankly I will state that it has its drawbacks.

In the first place the soil is quite coarse and the agriculturist before he can ever begin with any prospect of success, he must run his farm through a stamp mill in order to make it sufficiently mellow. This, as the reader will see, involves a large expense at the very outset. Hauling the farm to a custom mill would require a large outfit for teams and would delay the farmer two or three hundred years in getting his crops in, thus giving the agriculturist who has a pulverized farm in Nebraska, Colorado or Utah a great advantage over his own which has not yet been to the reduction works.

We have, it is true, a large area of farming lands now lying on the dump, but they must first be crushed and then treated for alkali, in which mineral our Wyoming farms are very rich.

Then again, the climate is erratic, eccentric and peculiar. The altitude is between 7,000 and 8,000 feet above high water mark, so that during the winter it does not snow much, we being above snow line, but in the summer the snow clouds rise above us and thus the surprised and indignant agriculturist is caught in the middle of a July day with a terrific fall of snow, so that he is virtually compelled to wear his snow shoes all through his haying season.

This is annoying and fatiguing. The snow shoes tread down the grass ahead of him and make his progress laborious, besides, he tangles his feet up in the winnows and falls on his nose nine times out of a possible ten.

Again the early frosts make close connections with the late spring blizzards, so that there is only time for a hurried lunch between.

Aside from these little drawbacks and the fact that nothing grows without irrigation except white oak clothes pins and promissory notes drawing two per cent. interest, the prospect for the agriculture future of Wyoming is indeed gratifying in the extreme.

Twenty years ago the republicans nominated "Old Abe" at Chicago. In 1880 they nominate Garfield, whose middle name is Abraham. "Young Abe" will do.

A Mother's Love.

Just before the circus opened yesterday afternoon a woman, accompanied by her son, a boy about sixteen years of age, appeared on the grounds and was the first at the ticket wagon. When the window was opened the mother said to the ticket-seller:

"If you will be so kind as to let a poor widow woman's Johnny into the circus he will carry water to the elephant."

"Stand back, madam, stand back!" he cried as he took the half-dollars over her head.

She took her boy by the hand and marched to the entrance of the big tent, explaining to the man at the door:

"My Johnny is going to carry hay to the camels."

"You and your Johnny carry yourselves right out of this!" was the very emphatic reply.

"Couldn't we both go in for ten cents if we set on the ground?"

"No, ma'am! Stand back, now; you are in the way!"

"They fell back for a consultation. The boy had tears in his eyes and the mother looked determined.

"Don't cry, Johnny dear—your mother loves you and will get you in," she consolingly remarked, as she led him again to the ticket wagon. Crowding and pushing her way in, she called out:

"This boy's father was a preacher, and you ought to let him in free."

"Stand back, madam, stand back!" was the answer she got.

"Can't you let us in for ten cents?" "No! no!"

She drew the boy out of the crowd and took a walk around the tent. There was a spot where the canvass was raised a little, and as she halted there she said:

"Johnny, a mother's love can surmount every obstacle. I'll stand here and you crawl under the tent."

She spread her skirts as far as possible and the boy made a dive and disappeared. In about ten seconds he reappeared in the shape of a ball and he didn't stop rolling until he had gone thirty feet. The mother straightened him out, lifted him up and inquired what had happened.

"I—I don't exactly know," replied the boy as he looked back at the tent, "but I guess I don't care for any more mother's love—I'll take pink lemonade in place of it!"—*Detroit Free Press.*

"Great Majority Garfield."

The personal qualities of Gen. Garfield, as shown through all the struggles and excitements of the convention, made him the candidate at last. Hearty and genial in treatment of all who come to him with fair cause or honest purpose, he is inflexible in his convictions, a staunch friend and a splendid fighter. As the leader of the Sherman forces he did his full share in defeating the unit rule and the third term, and represented better than any other man on the floor the spirit of the anti-Grant majority. But from the opening of the convention to the end he did not a thing and uttered not a word to increase the bitterness of personal feeling, or to place a straw in the way of the election of any candidate whom the convention might finally nominate. The rare good sense and gentlemanly courtesy of his speech in behalf of Mr. Sherman, and especially its earnest advice that nothing should be done to impede the election of the candidate to be nominated, impressed the convention strongly, because they revealed to it a man of unusual worth and merit. When all others had hesitated he had been the man to protest against the attempted expulsion of three delegates from West Virginia, and by that step had shown both his wisdom and his courage. When the anti-Grant forces found that combination upon either of their former candidates was impossible, it was most natural that they should turn to the delegate who had shown himself their own ablest leader and wisest adviser. The qualities which made him strong in the convention, as they become appreciated throughout the country, will make him strong to unite the republican party and to defeat democracy once more.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

They Met and Parted.

"Now then," says tramp No. 1 to No. 2 as they turned into Montcalm street from Woodward avenue the other day, "here is the game, you walk down the street and ring the bell of some house, when the lady answers you tell her that you haven't had anything to eat for three days. If she says she don't care tell her that you are desperate and ready to commit any crime. If she starts to slam the door on you hold it open with your foot and roll your eyes and look savage. I'll arrive just about then, and I'll take you by the neck, slam you around and pitch you out of the yard. I'm the lady's protector and the hero of the hour, you see. I'll be very modest and clasp off, but I'll tell her I'm a stranger and need a quarter by foot. She'll hand it over, and I'll join you around the corner and divide. See!"

"Magnificent!" replied No. 2. "You ought to be in the United States Senate! Well, here I go."

He passed down the street and selected a house, and the programme was carefully followed out until he

reached the point where he said he was desperate. At that instant the hall door was pulled wide open, and a six-foot husband shot out with his right hand and knocked No. 2 clear off the lower step. No. 1 was just rushing in, and six-footer thought he might as well kill two birds with one stone, so he gave him one on the jaw, and when tired of walking around on their prostrate bodies he flung them over the fence. The tramps limped down to the corner, looked at each other in deep disgust and then separated forever.—*Detroit Free Press.*

A Hint to Young Husbands.

Love and appreciation are to a woman what dew and sunshine are to a flower. They refresh and brighten her whole life. They make her strong-hearted and keensighted in everything affecting the welfare of her home. They enable her to cheer her husband when the cares of life press heavily upon him, and to be a very providence to her children. To know that her husband loves her, and is proud of her, that even her faults are looked upon with tenderness; that her face, to one at least, is the fairest, face in all the world; that the heart which to her is the greatest and noblest, holds her sacred in its utmost recesses above all other women, gives strength, and courage, and sweetness, and vivacity which all the wealth of the world could not bestow. Let woman's life be pervaded with such an influence, and her heart and mind will blossom and sweeten, and brighten in perpetual youth.

Mutton the Meat for Farmers.

The cheapest meat for the farmer is mutton. It may safely be said to cost nothing, as the fleece from a sheep of good breed will amply pay for its keeping. Then, for additional profit, there is a lamb or two, the pelt of the animal if killed at home, the excellent manure from its droppings, and the riddance of the pastures from weeds, to which sheep are destructive foes. With the exception of poultry, mutton is also the most convenient meat for the farmer. A sheep is easily killed and dressed by a single hand in an hour, and in the warmest weather it can be readily disposed of before it spoils. Science and experience both declare it the healthiest kind of meat, and a foolish prejudice alone prefers pork, which, whether fresh or salt, is the unhealthiest of all.—*Christian at Work.*

Reading for children should be selected mainly with a view to interest and at the same time instruct and improve their minds. Many children are allowed to select their own books for reading without direction from anyone. In such cases story books of various kinds are generally chosen—many of them of the wildest, most extravagant and sensational sort. Interest in the narrative absorbs all the attention of the child and he hurries over it in headlong haste, to arrive at the conclusion. Such reading fosters the formation of habits of carelessness, haste, inaccuracy, and weakens and enfeebles the mind, besides implanting a morbid taste for sensational reading and a distaste for instructive books.

Gossip is always a personal confession either of malice or imbecility, and the young should not only shun it, but by the most thorough culture relieve themselves from all temptations to indulge in it. It is too frivolous and too often a really dirty business. There are country neighborhoods in which it rages like a pest. Churches are split into pieces by it; neighbors made enemies by it for life. In many persons it degenerates into a chronic disease, which is practically incurable. Let the young cure it while they may.

A man, his wife and daughter went into a Hartford lawyer's office recently to arrange for a mutual separation. The man had some education, but the woman was evidently illiterate. The lawyer asked what the difficulty between them was. The man replied, "incompatibility of temper." The wife and daughter fell back in their chairs, threw up their hands and exclaimed, "Good God, only hear him!"

SINGULAR PALLIATIVE FOR TOOTHACHE.—A little horseradish scraped and laid on the wrist of the side afflicted will in many cases give speedy relief. A better way is to place a little scraped horseradish in the mouth or the tooth, and just around the gum. It relieves rheumatic pains in the gums and face also. The mouth may afterwards be rinsed with a little camphorated water lukewarm.

The British Medical Journal says that garlic has always had a great reputation among anti-hydrophobia remedies, and is found as a principal ingredient in a large number of formulae long kept secret. A young man bitten by a mad dog was shut up in a loathsome cell. In his delirium he seized upon some bundles of dried garlic, ate greedily of it, fell into a deep sleep, and awoke calm and cured.

West Philadelphia has a woman who admits that her baby is not half so pretty as her neighbor's. She has been sent to an insane asylum.

Nebraska.

Two brief articles have been prepared and published, and left standing in the JOURNAL, relative to Nebraska, its advantages and products. One more short article must close the series for this season.

To persons who never saw a prairie country, to look over it is rather an interesting sight; as a general thing the appearance of waste and barrenness to those who are accustomed to live in a timbered country. Timber of every kind common to the prairies of Nebraska. Near the water courses and river bluffs a large quantity of trees are generally found growing in great luxuriance.—Among the varieties found in such localities are cottonwood, box-elder, buckeye, maple, locust, ash, hickory, oak, willow, poplar, sycamore, walnut, pine and cedar. The shrubs include common juniper, pawpaw, prickly ash, sumac, red root, spindle tree, plum, currants and gooseberries, dogwood, butter bush, buffalo berry, mulberry and hazelnet. Cedars are found on the islands of the Platte, and along the Loup, and on the Niobrara there is a large quantity of pine.

But the interesting point we want to make is the fact that all this variety of trees will grow and flourish on the prairie, and that as much timber as may be needed by each farmer can be raised on his farm.

It is not a little surprising to know that the early travelers, and, among others, Gen. Fremont, should have formed the opinion that the prairies of Nebraska are a sandy desert, unsuited for farming purposes, when in these times it has been examined by competent judges and pronounced without any hesitation to be a region which is to be the great grain and stock-producing area of the continent. Men don't make bread of sand, and they don't, as a general thing, settle in such localities. The United States cover 23 degrees of latitude; away to the frozen north, and down to the semi-tropic south. With all this choice, from the beginning of western settlement the great current of movement has been within a central belt five or six degrees in width, and nearly corresponding with the latitudinal length of Illinois, which lies between 36 degrees, 56 minutes and 42½ degrees. This is the belt in the United States in which industry obtains the most certain and highest rewards. It is temperate in climate—and a man can work up to his best notch. The land is fruitful, and bears in great abundance those products which are necessities of life, and which therefore have a steady commercial value.

The population of Nebraska is most beautiful in production; with fair cultivation the yield is from 50 to 60 bushels per acre. Wheat from 15 to 25 bushels per acre. Barley from 30 to 40 bushels. Rye 25 to 30 bushels. Oats 40 to 50 bushels. A country which is adapted to the raising of corn; small grains; good for grass and hay, and has at all times a favorable climate, must be a good location for stock-raising. Live-stock is in great demand the civilized farmer finds a great deal of his wealth. It has been demonstrated among the Nebraska farmers that mixed farming is the most profitable, therefore every farmer should combine grain and stock raising. In fact every farmer that has carried cattle upon his farm and handled them with judgment for any length of time is now enjoying the rich profits of his investment and labor. Look around among your neighbors and in every case where money has been invested in stock and handled with care it has brought the largest increase in dollars and cents to those who have invested. And there is room in Nebraska for hundreds of thousands more farmers.

Wisdom for Boys.

Do you wish to make your mark in the world? Do you wish to be men? Then observe the following rules:

Hold integrity sacred. Observe good manners. Endure trials patiently. Be prompt in all things. Make few acquaintances. Yield not to discouragements. Dare to do right; fear to do wrong. Watch carefully over your passions. Fight life's battle bravely, manfully. Consider well, then decide positively. Sacrifice money rather than principle. Use all your leisure time for improvement. Attend carefully to the details of your business.

An exchange says that a lady who edits a paper in one of the western states says that "the popularity of her journal is due to the fact that people are always expecting she will say something she ought not to."

The Ink Stand—A few cloves added to ink will prevent it becoming mouldy and imparts a pleasant perfume. Be sure to cover up the ink stand when not in use.

The silent man broke his silence at once to congratulate Garfield, and the soldier who forgave Lee at Appomattox will not find it hard to forgive a republican convention for having been over-zealous of the safety of the republic.—*Globe-Democrat.*

Some newspaper men have discovered that, in 1851, Chester H. Arthur taught school at North Platte, Wt., in the same room in which, two years later, James A. Garfield, then then a young man at Williams college, established a writing school.

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