

the undying marble of human mentality shall outlive the stone images of the Greek and the Roman. These mental images will loom up among the statesmen and benefactors of our race forever, reflecting and immortalizing the genius of those who carved and shaped and toned them in the plastic days of youth in the studios of the schools.

"The American educator carves a statuary out of the minds of the youth whom he instructs

**Mental Images.** which is co-immortal with the soul itself, a statuary which shall always stand in the pantheon of our country's history, and at last its symmetry and beauty and perfection be examined in the light of eternity by Him who first carved the mental man in the image of the divine mind. The schoolmaster in the humblest school building in Nebraska is quietly but certainly developing a statuary which shall outlive Parian marble and time itself—a statuary which, through the endless cycles of eternity, either in heaven or in hell, shall attest his fidelity to his trust and his comprehension of the vastness and delicacy of the work he has undertaken. We demand for Nebraska educated educators. We demand professional trained teachers, men and women of irreproachable character and well-tested abilities. We demand from our legislature laws raising the standard of the profession and exalting the office of the teacher. As the doctor of medicine or the practitioner at law is only admitted within the pale of his calling upon the production of his parchment or certificates, so the applicant for the position of instructor in our primary and other schools should be required by law to first produce his diploma, his authority to teach, from the normal schools.

"We call no uneducated quack or charlatan to perform surgery upon the bodies of our children lest

**Skill.** they may be deformed, crippled and maimed physically all their lives. Let us take equal care that we intrust the development of the mental faculties to skilled instructors of magnanimous character that the mentalities of our children may not be mutilated, deformed and crippled to halt and limp through all the centuries of their never-ending lives. The deformed body will die, and be forever put out of our sight under the ground, but a mind made monstrous by bad teaching dies not, but stalks forever among the ages, an immortal mockery of the divine image.

"The compensation for the services of a proficient teacher in the primary schools should be

**Pay.** equal to that of a competent physician or lawyer, or minister of the gospel. His salary should be sufficient to command all of his time, all of his abilities, all

of his efforts, and relieve him of any concern whatever as to his decent and comfortable maintenance. The professor in the high schools, the university, and the normal school should be paid so well that the best educators of the union may be attracted, as they have been, to our employ, and become personally interested in the educational development of the state. The people in every county should be alive and sensitive to the care of their schools, and to the fact that this university offers free access to the higher walks of science wherein the youth of Nebraska may attain the highest honors and distinction.

"If these facts be appreciated, if these precious advantages be improved, thirty years from today

**Forecast.** the alumni of this institution will have made their impress for the good, the true, and the ennobling upon every statute law in the state, upon every school district in every county; and the ripened fruits of this system of education will cluster richly in the legislative, executive, and judicial departments of the entire commonwealth."

The Lee-Miller **LEE-MILLER.** banquet at the Omaha club on Saturday evening, March 30th, 1901, was refreshing and instructive. Prominent and useful citizens of Iowa were present who responded to toasts in the most agreeable and patriotic style of oratory. And Governor Shaw did his heart and head infinite credit by the honesty and frankness with which he handled the Philippine and other perplexing questions. Nor was ex-Congressman Perkins of Sioux City less patriotic and sincere in his treatment of the tremendous problems now confronting American citizens, by reason of our insular dependencies and the complications in the far East which now threaten us.

The honored guest of the evening, the longtime intimate friend of Doctor George L. Miller, **Gen. Fitzhugh Lee.** Gen. Lee, was particularly happy in his response to his host and elicited round after round of applause. His remarks on the Cuban question, and in fact all the words he uttered were received with a fraternal and rejoicing unanimity that indicated how thoroughly and happily Virginia courage, loyalty and service to the flag of our common country were appreciated by Iowa, Nebraska and the whole republic.

The speech of Mr. James M. Woolworth was attractive and instructive, because like all the finished output of his remarkable mind it was solid and polished, a deft combination of the useful and the beautiful.

Numerous letters and telegrams, ex-

pressing to Doctor Miller disappointment at failing to reach his hospitable and most generous and delightful entertainment for General Lee upon his retirement from active service in the army of the United States, were read in a most pleasing and well-accentuated manner by Mr. Charles Green. They were from men in high places, political, social and financial in various sections of this great republic and evinced much consideration and kindness for the host and his distinguished guest.

There should be more and more such gatherings of citizens from the several states. There

**More.** should be an "Interstate Social Club." It could hold its meetings alternately at Denver, Omaha, Salt Lake, Fort Des Moines and St. Louis. There should be pooling of thought, incorporation of ideas, among the northwestern states as well as incorporated capital and the pooling of mere material and political issues. Who will begin the organization of an Interstate Club? Social intercourse, friendships and intermixture of thoughts, words and interests are essential to the welfare and contentment of the people. All honor to Doctor Miller, the host, and General Lee, the guest, for having inaugurated the era of fraternal regard and non-partisan love of home and country under such auspicious and elevating conditions.

It is a peculiar **SINGULAR** madness which prompts the man **MANIA.** who has twice been defeated for the presidency of the United States to constantly and mendaciously malign the man who has been twice elected president of the United States by the democratic party.

The small boys who attempt to batter down the walls of the National Capitol with mud balls **Assaulting.** will be just as successful as those peurile politicians who are assaulting with common vituperation and commoner blackguardism the record and patriotism of Grover Cleveland. To make a small puppy more insignificant have him bark at a lion.

#### AN ANCIENT CAMPAIGN.

EDITOR THE CONSERVATIVE:

Messrs. Wilson and Knowles have just been to see me about your coming Nebraska history. Such things are interesting to me and their coming has awakened in me recollections that may be of interest to you.

The first political speeches worth mentioning which I heard in Nebraska were made about the first of October, 1868, by you and Poppleton at Brownville. Dr.