

TAFT TALKS AT GRANT DINNER

President Principal Speaker at Banquet of Union League Club.

TRIBUTE TO HIS PREDECESSOR

Only Military Genius Who Understood Real Problem of War—People Now Appreciate Sentiments of Grant and Lee.

PHILADELPHIA, April 28.—President Taft tonight was the principal speaker at the Grant birthday dinner of the Union League in this city and paid a striking tribute to the soldier-president. Mr. Taft was sharply criticized a year ago because of certain of his references to General Grant, and he took advantage of tonight's opportunity to express anew his admiration for General Grant as a man, as a soldier and as chief executive of the United States.

The president reached Philadelphia at 8:30 p. m. There was a delay enroute from Washington of nearly an hour, caused by the breaking of a draught in the coupling of two of the cars on the regular New York express to which his private car "Independence" was attached. The train was not an unusually heavy one and the fact that the coupling gave way two cars in front of his own brought out considerable good-natured chaff for the president.

The president, accompanied by Captain Archibald Butt, his military aide, was met at Broad street by an immense throng. The way from the station to the Union League club was lined with thousands of citizens, who cheered the president vociferously. It was the most notable greeting Mr. Taft has experienced since his inauguration. He acknowledged the cheers and plaudits of the throng by constantly lifting his hat. At the club house the president held a reception for more than an hour, some 2,000 of Union league members shaking hands with him.

Speech of President Taft. The banquet hall of the club, where about 300 sat at the tables, was profusely decorated with flowers, flags and electric lights. General Horace Porter of New York and James F. Hope, president of the Union League, were among the speakers who preceded President Taft. The latter, following his almost invariable custom, spoke extemporaneously. Mr. Taft spoke at times in a half quizzical manner and there was frequent laughter, as well as applause, at his reference to political conditions in the south.

After making complimentary references to the Union League's patriotic support of the union army at the outbreak of the civil war and during its continuance, Mr. Taft said:

"It is peculiarly fitting that this club each year should celebrate the birthday of that man who then was coming into prominence and upon whom hung, it would seem, the whole destinies of this nation.

"It is not for me, in the presence of a gentleman who knew him, who served with him, who ran the risk of life and death with him, to descend upon his life, his peculiar virtues, or at length attempt to picture his character to this company. But there are certain things with respect to General Grant that today come back with reference to our civilian life. They said that Grant had not the military genius that other generals displayed in the war. To my mind his mind and brain represented the very genius of the war to suppress the rebellion, because it was his mind that grasped the thought that until we had fought it out with our brave opponents and met them in the field and fought them as soldiers; until we convinced them by our strength that the battle was hopeless, we could not expect to have a united country, and therefore from the time he began in Belmont until he accepted the surrender of Lee at Appomattox he fought not cities, not points of strategy, but he fought the enemy, and he fought and fought and fought until he wore out the opposition, because only by wearing them out could he hope to bring about the conditions in which there should be complete peace." (Applause.)

Spirit of Appomattox. "What I wish particularly to dwell upon tonight is the spirit of that peace at Appomattox, represented on the one hand by the magnanimity of Grant and by the self-restraint and courage and far-sighted patriotism (for that it was) on the part of Lee in bringing the struggle to a finish. That spirit at Appomattox is today, I trust, triumphant. Between the two leaders it existed when the terms of the surrender were signed, but it was impossible under the conditions that that spirit should control and make itself immediately manifest between the two sections. The conditions were such that that could not be. The remnants of

slavery, the distressed condition of the south and the feelings that had been wrought between the two sections could not be downed by the mere expression of two such leaders as Grant and Lee, as it would go through that thirty or forty years in order that the rent which was made to the foundations of our country and of our civilization should be healed in a common country with a common spirit.

Closer Union Possible. "But what I mean to point out is that that spirit we now rejoice in, as we find between the two sections no remaining bitterness, is a spirit that as between the two great commanders existed the day that they shook hands and signed the terms of surrender. It is a matter that I have very much at heart. I believe it is possible to make the two sections even closer together. The south is a more homogeneous people than we. Emigration into this country spread over the north and west, not into the south, and the south preserved its traditions longer than did the north. Added to that trait and quality of theirs was the fact that for a long time the traces of war and the sufferings from war were present to them and always they have present the colored race to bring back recollections of the strife.

All in Same Business Boat. "Prosperity has come to the south. Some changes, I fear are necessary, in fixed economic principles to promote the business of the south. We are all in the same boat in a more emphatic sense than we ever were before in the history of the country. I mean business boat and they the south, especially their business men are trembling in the balance of doubt as to just where they are politically (laughter). In that condition I feel certain that the next decade or two decades will bring about a change in their political views, not necessarily to qualify them for membership in the Union League club (laughter), but such as to fit them for independent action and at times to be winning when opportunity offers to vote for a different candidate from him who is supported by the solid south.

Not a Republican Speech. "I am not making a republican speech and I am not speaking from a republican standpoint; at least, I hope I can separate myself from that disposition natural to one who went through the last campaign. Speaking from the standpoint, I hope, of real patriotic interest in my country I look forward into the next decade, not with the hope that the south shall become republican and make the country all republican, I think a good opposition, a good strong patriotic opposition is necessary to make the republican party, if it is to carry out the government, useful to the people and a defeat at times would not hurt it. What I am looking forward to is a division in the parties in the south, so that there shall be tolerance of political opinion there, so that in their state government and in their national affairs, there shall be more than one political creed to be subscribed to and supported. I believe that generally through the south the men who are not actively engaged in politics would recognize that end as one devotedly to be wished.

Sly Dig at Critics. "In expressing these desires I am quite conscious that my motives are likely to be misconstrued, or at least, that I have attributed to me rather more political policy than patriotic desire, but nevertheless, I persist in expressing it, and while some of my friends from the south, who represent that section in congress and in the senate, are constantly throwing cold water on my attempts to encourage a little independence of political thinking in the south and saying that it is hopeless for me to attempt to bring about a change in that regard, they will excuse me if I attribute to them a little of that political prejudice that they think is actuating me (laughter) and it is possible they would not welcome that division of political opinion in the south with all the fervor of some other patriots in that section who do not hold now the position of representative and senator in Washington. But, however it is, I feel certain that the real spirit of Appomattox is marching on and that it is infusing itself in the people of the south as it was long ago infused in the people of the north and that we are growing closer and closer together and that it will manifest itself in political independence the country over, so that we shall know each other by sections in political matters, but by difference only in principles.

"Now, my friends, I had not prepared a speech tonight. I felt sure that when I got into this presence and felt the electric fluid of patriotism, of republicanism and of the sweet association that is handed down within these walls of the great men that have stood here and addressed you, that I should be able to say something to explain why I am here. I thank you."

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CARROLL TALKS OF LAWS

Iowa's Governor Comments on Many Enforcement Features.

EDUCATIONAL ACT IMPORTANT

Fire in Heart of Des Moines During Gale Close Call for Many Business Interests.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, April 28.—(Special.)—Governor Carroll signed the last bill enacted by the thirty-third general assembly today. He gave out the following interview: "The importance of the legislation of the recent session of the general assembly will be better appreciated a few months from now than it is at the present time. More bills have been passed by the thirty-third general assembly than were passed by the thirty-second, and some of them are equally important with any measures passed in recent years. Scarcely a more important measure has ever been enacted than the law creating the State Board of Education. It has a great bearing, not only upon the State university, the Agricultural college and the State Teachers college, but in a sense it affects our entire educational system, and the success or the failure of the measure is one of deep concern.

"No session of the legislature has ever passed so many statutes with regard to law enforcement as the session which has just closed. The law authorizing the district judge to remove officials for neglect of duty puts it within the power of every community to have the laws properly enforced, and I doubt not but that great good is going to come from this legislation. A matter of no small importance to the traveling public is the law providing for hotel inspection. This measure is perhaps not so popular among the hotel people, but the traveling men of the country, especially those who must necessarily spend a great portion of their lives in the hotels of the state, feel and appreciate the importance of this measure.

"I believe also that very much good will result from the establishment of the conservation commission, which has been provided for by recent enactment. Another measure of great importance to the farming interests is that of the establishment of a plant for the production of hog serum as a preventative of hog cholera. This is somewhat experimental as yet, but it bears about the same relation to the hog interests as the tuberculin test does to the cattle interests. Secretary Wilson of the Agricultural department is very much interested in this matter and believes that it is going to result in great good to the country generally.

Stringent Anti-Traff Law. "One of the most stringent anti-traffic laws enacted by any state in the union was passed by the recent session of our legislature and will doubtless go a long way toward protecting the people against the formation of these organizations.

"The entire military code of the state was revised and placed upon a plan in harmony with the national law pertaining to the regular army. The guard of the state will better appreciate the change in our military code than will our civilians, who are not so familiar with guard matters. The bill authorizing the executive council to remove officials for gross neglect of duty, for malfeasance or misfeasance in office, for corruption, etc., will also tend to give us better services and bring about a better regard for official positions.

"Statutes were also enacted looking to the better protection of the labor interest of the state, especially in the matter of the assumption of risks. The improvements in the drainage laws and the amendments to the primary election laws are worthy of notice and are of general interest.

"Many important matters failed to pass during the recent session of the general assembly, but public attention has been called to them and the ground work has been laid for effective legislation in the future. Among the more important ones and those which will doubtless be up for consideration at future sessions of our legislature are the bills for the establishment of a better system of road-making; the consolidation of various departments of the state government; the abolition of the per diem system of compensation wherever the same can be dispensed with; a revision of the school laws and of the tax laws of the state; the public utilities bill; the fixing of definite salaries in lieu of the per diem and other methods of compensation and the enlargement and beautifying of the capitol grounds, all of which will, and ought to, demand public attention during the next two years."

Narrow Escape for Des Moines. The people of Des Moines feel that the

city had a very narrow escape from a fire which would have laid waste a large part of the business section of the city. The miracle is that under all circumstances the fire department kept the fire under control. It started near Sixth and Locust in the Boody block about 2 o'clock at night. There was a fierce gale blowing in the direction of a business section completely covered with old buildings. The Boody block was eight stories high and very narrow. It had recently been occupied by a paint and wall paper house and there was a large amount of oil in the upper stories. Soon after the fire started this oil exploded, producing several fearful shocks which completely blew off the top of the building. The burning walls fell upon surrounding buildings and soon there was a great fire raging in almost all of a completely covered business block.

It was good luck that soon thereafter the wind slowed down so that it was possible to confine the fire to the half dozen buildings in the vicinity of the Boody block.

A number of persons living in an adjoining block narrowly escaped before the falling walls crushed in the roof over their heads. One fireman, Marilyn Pew, was injured rescuing a young woman from the building. The total loss is about \$150,000.

NEW ACADEMY FOR CLINTON

Franciscan Sisters Will Build Large Addition to Present Property. CLINTON, Ia., April 28.—(Special.)—A new \$100,000 academy will probably be erected here this fall for the Sisters of St. Francis, commonly known as the Franciscan Sisters, on beautiful Mt. Alverno, a large hall which overlooks the city. The constant increase in the number of boarding pupils has made the erection of the building necessary and permission to construct the academy was recently given by Archbishop Keane of Dubuque. When the structure is completed, which will be this fall or early next spring, the present academy will be converted into a mother house and the new building will take the place of the present convent. The order, for which Clinton is the headquarters, has convents in Vall, Tama, Harwarden, Rock Valley, Akron, Denison, Anthon, Lourdes, Cresco, Peteraville and Epworth, Ia.; St. Hilns, Rochelle, Taluca and Macomb, Ill.; Dixon, Neb., and New Straitsville, O.

IOWA W. C. T. U. WORKER DEAD

Mrs. Mary Aldrich, for Many Years Head of Union in State, Succumbs. FORT DODGE, Ia., April 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Aldrich, aged 75, died Wednesday at 6 o'clock at Sidney, N. Y., after many months' illness due to a general breakdown. She was one of the brightest women ever in Iowa and for many years was state president of the Woman's Christian Temperance union. She was a sister of Captain W. H. Johnston of Fort Dodge.

Philippine Veterans' Reunion. CRESTON, Ia., April 28.—(Special.)—The Fifty-first regiment of the Iowa National guard was in session here yesterday, over 100 veterans being present. The reunion was held in the court house and the business meeting in the afternoon was presided over by Captain Keating, commander of the Army of the Philippines. The Fifty-first was the only Iowa regiment that took part in the real fight during the Spanish-American war, and many reminiscences were recalled that made the reunion particularly gratifying to the members.

Telegrams from absent members who could not be present were received and read and the evening was given over to a camp-fire and smoker. A committee was appointed to compile a roster and history of the Fifty-first organization, composed of Adjutant General Guy E. Logg; Dr. Wilbur Conklin and Captain Brewer of Corning.

Red Oak was selected for the next reunion meeting place and Major Dan Turner of Corning was elected commander. Guy E. Brewer of Des Moines, vice commander; Ed Okey of Corning, corresponding secretary; Frank Grounds of Greenfield, recording secretary; W. S. Conklin of Des Moines, treasurer; Ed Merritt of Emerson, surgeon general, and H. H. Hubbell of Okaloosa, chaplain.

Dean of Women Resigns. IOWA CITY, Ia., April 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mable M. Volland, acting dean of women of the University of Iowa, has resigned, the resignation to take effect next September. The act came as a surprise to the many friends of Mrs. Volland. Many rumors have been circulated on the campus of changes in the college faculty this year, and it has been predicted that several of the prominent professors would leave the university this year. "Had Mrs. Volland's action, there was no verification of the numerous reports circulated since the making out of the budget by the Board of Regents.

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FIVE PERSONS ARE DROWNED

Fool Rocks Launch Near Oakland, Cal., and Three Lives Are Lost.

TUG RUN DOWN SMALL BOAT

Fisherman Fall Asleep and Two More Are Drowned—Railroad Automobile Strikes Dog and is Overturned.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 28.—Five persons were drowned near Black Diamond, according to advices received here tonight. A party of twenty-five excursionists was returning from a nearby resort when one of the party began rocking the launch and three were drowned. Later two men in another boat were fishing and fell asleep. They were run down by a tug and drowned. The excursionists drowned were: STEVE CROPPS, 22 years old; JACK LATIMER, aged 23; FRED SHAFANA, engineer of launch. Those who were not drowned: LOUIS GRILLAUD; SALVADOR GRILLAUD.

Automobile Strikes Dog. BONNE TERRE, Mo., April 28.—Herns Hobbitell was killed and two other men were badly injured when a railroad automobile struck a dog on the tracks of the Mississippi River & Bonne Terre railway a mile south of Plattin this afternoon. The automobile was overturned and the occupants buried under the machine.

R. R. S. Parsons, superintendent of the St. Joseph Lead company and second vice president of the railroad, and H. M. Faulquier, trainmaster, were the injured. The chauffeur and a guest of Mr. Parsons were uninjured. Hobbitell was a brother-in-law of Parsons, who owned the automobile.

GRAND JURY TO LOOK INTO RECENT LYNCHING AT ADA

Two Hundred Witnesses Will Be Examined in Effort to Catch Leaders of Mob.

ADA, Okl., April 28.—A special grand jury ordered by Governor Haskell in investigating the lynching here on April 19 of James Miller, Jesse West, Joseph Allen and W. T. Burrell, the cattlemen, for the murder of A. A. Bobbitt, a United States deputy marshal, convened here today. Attorney General West will conduct the examination of witnesses. More than 200 witnesses have been summoned and every effort will, it is said, be made to secure indictments against the leaders of the mob at large.

During the last twenty-four hours there has been talk of another lynching. This talk centered around the fact that Oscar Pellar and Edward and David Johnson, all three of whom were taken to Tecumseh jail for safe keeping several days ago have been returned to Ada.

Pellar, who is a young boy, is being held as an alleged accessory to the murder of Bobbitt, and it was his confession that is believed to have been the primary cause of the lynching of the quartet of cattlemen. The Johnson brothers are charged with the brutal murder of I. H. P. Inam, at Allen, last January, and up to this time there has been no trial in their case.

Jury Secured for Hains Case

Lunacy Commission May Be Appointed to Determine Mental Condition of Defendant.

Students Forced to Cut Cartoons

Drake University Annual Expurgated by Order of Faculty for Some Caustic Art.

FLUENING, N. Y., April 28.—The jury that is to try Captain Peter C. Haines for the murder of William E. Annis, his one-time friend, was finally completed today. It took just seven days to select the twelve men and in that time 49 takersmen were called and examined. The state will present its case, beginning tomorrow, and from that time on the case will move expeditiously. The jurymen are a tailor, real estate dealer, tinsmith, retired farmer, lithographer, contractor, electrician, printer, garment cutter and elevator man.

All of the jurymen are married except Otto Nicholas, who is 27 years old and the youngest in the jury box. The defense has fought all along for married men and peremptorily challenged the few bachelors who have qualified. Captain Hains has taken no part in selecting the twelve men who will decide his fate, and will remain silent throughout the proceedings. His lawyers contend that he is insane now, as he was for months before he killed Annis. The idea that a lunacy commission will be appointed to pass on the captain's present mental condition is dominant.

COLORADO TO PAY CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

Governor Signs Bill Requiring State to Contribute to All Political Parties.

DENVER, Colo., April 28.—Governor Shafer today signed the expenses bill passed by the recent legislature and the unique measure become a law in ninety days. The bill provides the state shall contribute for campaign expenses every two years 25 cents for each vote cast at the preceding general election, the sum to be divided among the political parties according to the vote cast for their respective candidates for governor.

PEACE IN HARD COAL FIELDS

Miners and Operators Expect to Sign Three-Year Contract Thursday Afternoon.

SCRANTON, Pa., April 28.—The tri-district convention of the anthracite mine workers, which will tomorrow ratify the proposed agreement that is expected to be signed by the representatives of the men and the mine operators in Philadelphia on Thursday, met this afternoon, organized and adjourned until tomorrow morning, when the committee of seven will lay the agreement before the delegates.

The leaders of the union fully expect the agreement will be signed by both sides on Thursday, then ensuring industrial peace in the hard coal fields of Pennsylvania for another three years.

ALLEGED SWINDLERS ARRESTED IN SEATTLE

Directory Gang Is Charged with Swindling Business Men Out of Millions Dollars.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 28.—The Chicago police say George B. Kerth and N. Lawrence, under arrest here, charged with swindling, are members of a band that has robbed eastern business men of \$1,000,000 by a fake directory scheme in the last ten years. Detectives Sauman and Zimmer of Chicago, arrived here today to take the prisoners back to that city.

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Florida House Endorses Bryan

Lower Branch of Legislature Re-bukes Congressman Clark for Criticising Nebraskan.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., April 28.—The Florida house of representatives today adopting a resolution endorsing the "democracy of the matchless and peerless leader of the democratic party, William Jennings Bryan." This was considered a rebuke to Congressman Clark of Florida, who recently criticized Mr. Bryan in a speech in congress.

Governor Gilchrist will entertain Mr. Bryan on the occasion of the Nebraskan's visit to Florida to make answer to the criticisms of Representative Clark. Mr. Bryan has accepted the invitation of the general assembly to address that body, but has not yet fixed a date.

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