

A Democratic Estimate of President Grant.

It is the mistaken idea of some persons to belittle General Grant's ability, to run down his qualifications, and underrate his mental acquirements. Instead of being the stupid senseless individual that these persons would have the public suppose, he is one of the shrewdest managers of the day. Not only as a leader in the way to which he first gave a favorable turn, but as a manipulator in politics he has shown remarkable skill. The rebels continually took the same view that the Democrats are taking now, and denounced the Union General as an ignoramus every time he won a victory over them; and the more effectually he crushed their armies the more clearly they proved that he was utterly incompetent as a military commander, and entirely unequal to the task which he had assumed. There are soldiers in the south today who can clearly establish the fact that Gen. Grant was the poorest officer that the world ever saw; that he ought to have been beaten in every battle, and that he was only saved from utter ruin by incredible luck. So also with the Democrats; they prove conclusively as a politician every time he scatters their best laid plans for his overthrow, and while he has so demoralized his adversaries that they hardly have a candidate against him, they insist that a weaker politician never lived.

One of the greatest of follies is to underrate an adversary and necessary as the defeat of the Republican party is to the welfare of the nation, it will never be brought about by contemptuous revilings of its candidate, or a failure to appreciate the desperate nature of the struggle which must be won, and the reverses at the command of the great leader who intends to be a candidate. That General Grant will fail, by any contingency, of a renomination, there is not the remotest likelihood; he has entire and absolute control of his party, and he uses his power with a wisdom and discretion which are sure to effect the end in view. Opposition in his own party is practically crushed. He never was a favorite of party chiefs, who originally accepted him on compulsion, but he had a hold on the people which they dared not ignore. He has lost a part of his popularity. Americans dread military usurpations and love constitutional law; they have not forgotten the fate of Mexico, and do not yet love sovereign or permanent masters; but as his popular strength has diminished, his political strength has increased. Then he held the people, now he holds the politicians. He has outflanked the latter as he once outflanked the rebel Generals, and at present grasps them as firmly as he held Lee in Richmond.

People who do not know President Grant intimately, describe him as a "sphyx," "wooden man," a silent, unsocial person, and deduce from this an underlying stratum of stupidity. Nothing could be farther from the truth, and here is where the series of blunders commences. Grant is eminently social; he is jovial, merry, talkative, full of fun and a right pleasant companion. His reserved manner is his shield of defense. His natural temper would have him a hopeless prey to bores and place-seekers and other enemies of public men, and herein comes a display of his peculiar tact: no sooner does one of these appear than Grant recognizes him and retires into his shell of impassibility, and like a tortoise frightened by some noise, never comes out till the danger is past. He will stop in the midst of the liveliest conversation if he finds that his interlocutor has a purpose under his pleasantness, and if he suspects some object is to be attained, he assumes the air of stolidity at once. Before any brilliant gentleman belittles the President for this habit, let him think how much annoyance it has saved him. He is kind hearted and saving, totally unaccustomed to reserve, he would have had difficulty in maintaining his position without resort to some such plan as he has adopted. He was elevated suddenly by a combination of accidents, and he had ability to make the most of these accidents, until almost at a single leap he was advanced to the highest position in the Nation. To keep up the decorum of his station, it was essential to change many of his modes of action, and to assume a reserve which was not natural. Instead of being an evidence of stupidity, this in reality is proof of his shrewdness. Out of respect for the Nation, he was determined that the office of President should lose none of its prestige in his hands, and he has certainly made good his resolution. If in doing so he has earned the name of sphyx, a silent riddle, a dumb mystery, he has cut off the dangerous presumption of old acquaintances, and has forced respect from all classes, high and low, friends and enemies.—*N. Y. Citizen and Round Table.*

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Having just closed the entire large and good will of Messrs. CHASE & CO. in the CITY SHOE STORE, we make our best bow to the citizens of Bloomington, and Monroe and adjoining counties. We are offering bargains in all departments of the present stock, in order to make room for a superior Spring stock, which has already been brought, and will soon arrive.

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—"I wo'n't be baptised to-day for a fifty dollar bill," was the remark of an unregenerated sinner, at Lafayette, on Sunday, while standing on the ice watching the ceremony of baptism being performed, and just after, by a mis-step he was plunged through an air hole up to his neck in the water. He was rescued with considerable difficulty and a rope.

—The Franklin College property is to be sold to pay an indebtedness of \$12,000. In commenting on this deplorable event the Jeffersonian says: "With the amount of wealth the Baptists in Indiana have, and with the outside aid that has been proffered them, it is really a burning shame that they will not sustain one college in Indiana. But the secret of the whole matter is that the Baptists of the State are fighting each other more than they are the devil, and Dr. Wayland, its President, it seems joined the Devil, as he was the foremost in breaking down the institution, having discouraged its friends by resigning, and talking as well as voting to break it down."

—Early in December a child living near Union City, while eating boiled corn, drew several grains into its windpipe, from which time it was peculiarly and painfully affected, and under medical attendance until a few weeks ago, when death ended its suffering. During this time the child would often choke, cease to breathe and be to all appearance dead, when, infusing the lungs, it would revive and become quite sprightly. A post mortem examination disclosed the presence of a whole kernel of corn and parts of others in the right lung, causing great inflammation, and, as a consequence, intense suffering.

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