

A Poem for Today

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

[Extract.]

By Richard Henry Stoddard.

COOL should be, of balanced powers,
The ruler of a race like ours,
Impatient, headstrong, wild,
The mango guide the child.

And this he was, who most unfit
(So hard the sense of God to hit)
Did seem to fill his place,
With such a homely face.

Such rustic manners, speech uncouth
(That somehow blundered out the truth),
Untried, untrained to bear
The more than kingly care.

Ah, and his genius put to scorn
The proudest in the purple born,
Whose wisdom never grew
To what, untaught, he knew!

The people, of whom he was one,
No gentleman like Washington,
(Whose bones, methinks, make room
To have him in their tomb!)

A laboring man, with horny hands,
Who swung the ax, who tilled his lands,
Who shrank from nothing new,
But did as poor men do.

One of the people! Born to be
Their curious epitome;
To share, yet rise above,
Their shifting hate and love.

Common his mind (it seemed so then),
His thoughts the thoughts of other men;
Plain were his words and poor,
But now they will endure.

No hasty fool; of stubborn will,
But prudent, cautious, pliant still,
Who, since his work was good,
Would do it as he could.

Doubting, was not ashamed to doubt,
And, lacking presence, went without;
Often appeared to halt
And was, of course, at fault;

Heard all opinions, nothing loath,
And, loving both sides, angered both;
Was not like Justice, blind—
But watchful, clement, kind.

No hero this of Roman mold,
Nor like our stately sires of old;
Perhaps he was not great,
But he preserved the state!

O honest face which all men knew!
O tender heart but known to few!
O wonder of the age,
Cut off by tragic rage!

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The withdrawal of Hon. James M. Robinson from the congressional race was a surprise to Mr. Robinson's many friends in this county as well as to his opponents. He gave no hint of such action but evidently had it under consideration for several days before taking the step. The letter of Mr. Robinson in another part of this paper fully explains his reasons, which are easily understood. His elimination makes the contest between outside candidates as it was two years ago and Allen county will likely be a fair and open field for the men who are now seeking the honor. It is hardly probable that Allen county will have a candidate at this late day and the vote will likely be divided among the other aspirants.

The candidacy of Hon. Jos. W. Adair, of Columbia City, for congress, is meeting a most enthusiastic response everywhere from democratic voters. All recognize the splendid qualities of Judge Adair as a citizen, his excellent record as a judge and his sterling Democracy. All concede that he will make a strong candidate before the people if nominated, and an able representative in congress. He will add strength to the ticket in every county in the district.

The Republicans have called their state convention for April, 1st. Has the day any significance? They have been fooling the people a good many years. This time they are going at it systematically.

Judge Joseph W. Adair, of Columbia City, has finally, in deference to many requests, consented to stand for the democratic nomination for congress in the twelfth district. This makes four avowed candidates, including former Congressman James M. Robinson, of Fort Wayne. Judge Adair has been on the circuit bench for many years, and could probably remain there six years longer if he so desired. His willingness to make the race for congress may be accepted as an indication that the Democrats intend to redeem that district next November. When a man like Judge Adair consents to enter a congressional race it is a sure sign that political conditions are approaching a healthy condition and that public sentiment is in quest of first-class timber. The twelfth district would honor itself by electing Judge Adair to congress.—South Bend Times.

The common people are realizing some of the inconveniences resulting from recent legislation against railroad corporations. In some states the authorities have been notified that reduced profits caused by rate legislation and reduction in passenger fares has compelled the roads to reduce the number of trains and a reduction of wages will quite likely be the next action. In the changes on the Lake Shore which took effect last Sunday, nineteen passenger trains were taken off and the inconvenience will fall the heaviest on local traffic from the smaller towns. Apparently the only trains that come anywhere near paying expenses are the through trains, and those who travel on them would seriously object to having the trains stop at all small stations, hence local traffic is cut out. The people may learn the lesson that law makers have gone too far in their attempt to regulate the railroads of this country.—Waterloo Press (Rep.).

Over at Columbia City the merchants and property owners in the business district are making a big protest against the high rates demanded by the insurance companies. The same objection will obtain in Ligonier. The Post in discussing the question says: "Isn't it rather strange that the rates of fire insurance in this city, on some properties at least, should be forty per cent higher now than they were when the city relied wholly upon the little fire engines for protection? We still have the engine and with it a water works system that has never yet failed in a single instance in time of fire. Does this look like a square deal on the part of the man who rates the cities of Indiana for fire insurance? For twenty years Columbia City has not had a disastrous fire, although it has a number of fire traps, or rather did have, during the greater portion of that time. Property owners have just grounds to complain of the rates."

Just at this moment the writer of this paragraph can think of nothing in the domain of politics that would be more pleasing than the election of Henry Watterson to the United States senate. The mere thought of such a gracious act coming within the range of possibilities sends a thrill of joy through the writer's heart.—J. B. STOLL in South Bend Times.

Notwithstanding the efforts of William Jennings Bryan and other national leaders the defeat of ex-Governor Beckham for the Kentucky senatorship seems to be assured. In common with thousands of Democrats everywhere we hope that some other Democrat will be selected in the place of the political upstart Beckham, who has sacrificed the democratic party of Kentucky upon the altar of his over-weening ambition. There is a lesson in the Kentucky situation that the Democrats of Indiana can study with considerable good to the party. Mr. Beckham thought to ride into perpetual power upon the temperance wave. His party was overwhelmingly defeated, and he should share the same fate.

The Philadelphia Press notes that militarism is driving the great powers of the world toward bankruptcy. Japan has incurred debts and increased taxation for wars and the development of its fighting force that is making a political crisis and may entail industrial misery. The Boston Herald carries out the comparison.

Prussia is facing a military deficit, and the support of the ministry may break under the burden of taxation. France has finally rejected the demands of the militarist party. Russia checks naval increase because of financial stress, and the smaller powers of Europe have found it necessary to abandon the military program in order to save their treasuries. The United States and England are the only two solvent powers maintaining strong navies without deficits. England is increasing her debt. The U. S. alone is not. Shall the United States retain that distinction? If some of the proposed naval and military programs are carried out it certainly will not.

To the observer it is plain that Republicans are getting into the same throes of disaster the Democrats experienced some years ago when they were accused of being responsible for the panic. The Republicans are all split up with factions from national to township leaders and the newspapers are filled with sensational reports of quarrels among party leaders. It all comes from the one wing of the party catering to graft and the other demanding reform. Roosevelt is accused of bringing on the panic by too much radical talk against the big grafters who have kept the Republican party in power for years in consideration for favors that enable them to rob the people at will. The Roosevelt faction accuses the other of conspiracy against public welfare and Teddy is liable to call the whole opposition a bunch of liars at any minute.—Columbia City Post.

A COMMON CASE

A case recently brought into court is a suit for the annulment of deeds of property given by old people to their children and grandchildren. It seems that the couple, finding their powers failing, had given their property to their heirs with the understanding that the children and the grandchildren would insure them proper care and comforts in their declining years. They had faith in the love and respect of their children, but the children, loving property more than parents, soon like Lear's heartless daughter, thought it a hardship to provide what they had promised.

We do not know the merits of the present case, but similar charges are pitifully common. Parents give their property to their children in full confidence that these will in return never relax in filial duty and loving care; that they will always keep the divine commandment to honor father and mother; and then, too often, they find later that all the children wish is the property, and when the parents no longer have anything to give they treat them unkindly and perhaps cruelly.

Many a parent, particularly a mother, left with a little property, has been nagged and coaxed by her children until she has surrendered that little. The plea usually is made that the children know better how to take care of the property or how to invest it than she can know. With the plea comes, of course, the promise that the children will see that she is tenderly cared for as long as she lives. But hardly are they in possession when their manner changes, and the poor mother begins to feel how sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child. Too late the mother realizes that in order to receive the consideration her children should give her, she should have held on tight to her property, no matter how little it might be. Many a parent thinks he will divide his property with his children in order to see them enjoy it while living. It is far better for all that the parents remain independent.

In the case mentioned above the father is eighty-seven and the mother a few years younger. They are old, but they are not the first to give away their property and then to rue their act. Alas, theirs is a common case—a pitifully common case. During the recent distrust of banks, a depositor, a woman of middle age, entered a bank, and seeing a man approached him and asked if he thought the bank was safe for her money. He told her he thought it was. She grew confidential and said she had some money there on deposit, but her children had been telling her it was not a safe place, and she had better take it out and let her son take care of it for her. The man said it was safer in the bank than it would be with her son. The woman replied: "I have been wanting someone to say that to me. I shall leave the money where it is," and she turned and walked out. She knew how other children had "cared" for their parents' money.—Indianapolis News.

A Sad Story

The following sad tale from a republican paper shows the far reaching effects of trusts and of misplaced confidence: "A woodpecker sat on a knotty limb; his head was red and his temper grim; for the world was out of whack with him. He had hammered the stumps till his head did swim; he had looked for worms till his eyes were dim; he had punched each tree and knot and limb, and darn the bug there was for him. Not a song he sung, not a woodland hymn, for how can a bird with hunger, and gaunt starvation grow some grin, looking right into the eyes of him, get up a voice like a cherubim, and with melody make the welkin swim? His crop was vacant, and only a whim, was in the stomach of him. Then he flew to the river and drowned him, and never made an effort to swim. His last words were 'Oh, birdie trim, why did you vote for that hawk so prim, who got to work on each woodland limb, and placed a trust on the bugs of him?' I'm like a farmer gaunt and grim, who gets surrounded by a rim of trusts that fill him to the brim with wind till there's naught in the stomach of him." The woodpecker then was out of breath, and the fish that ate him starved to death."

Unfair Methods

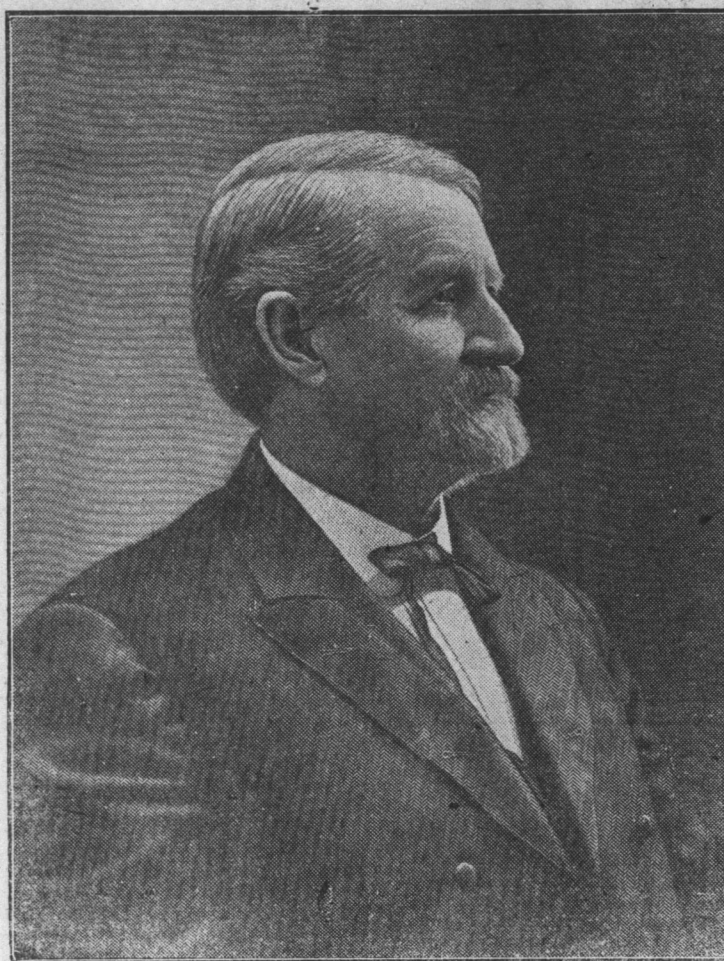
The report comes from Butler that the farmers in that community are threatening to boycott the business men of the town who refuse to sign the remonstrance against the saloon. No good fight was ever won by disputing tactics and the anti-saloon forces of Butler cannot be too harshly condemned if this boycotting story is true. It is only fair for them to assume that the business men are actuated by decent motives and that those who refuse to sign the remonstrance are honest and sincere. This is a free country and men are privileged to entertain any opinion that appeals to them, and to act on such an opinion insofar as a lawful barrier is broken down. The boycott is not only cowardly and an illegal weapon but it is one that is most directly and viciously antagonistic to the spirit of our free institutions. It is coercion of the most sinister character and loses nothing of its criminality when employed by supposedly respectable men to fight what they contend is an evil.—Fort Wayne News.

Collie Pups for Sale

I have several fine full blood collie puppies for sale at reasonable prices. Call and see them.

HUGH LUNDY.

Judge Joseph W. Adair For Congress



Judge Joseph W. Adair has authorized the Post to announce that he will seek the democratic nomination for congressman of the Twelfth district. He arrived at this conclusion after being importuned to become a candidate by many friends, personally and through correspondence, and the announcement will not only be hailed with pleasure by the Democrats of this county, but in all the counties in the district. Judge Adair needs no introduction to the democracy of the Twelfth district. He is already well and favorably known, both as a man and jurist. He has been tried and stood the test, and when his name is mentioned in connection with the office of congressman there will be none to say he does not measure up to the standard.

Judge Adair enjoys the distinction of being one of the most learned and popular judges in Northern Indiana. He has won this recognition, first because of his profound knowledge of the law, and second by his uniform courtesy and gentle bearing both on bench and in everyday affairs of life. His great popularity is attested by the fact that he has been elected three times as judge of the Thirty-third circuit in a district normally republican, and at the present time there is a strong sentiment in favor of making him a candidate for a fourth term. In this movement Democrats are not alone, for many Republicans are outspoken in support of him.

Judge Adair was born in Noble county, his father settling there in 1837. The son attended the common schools and began teaching at the age of seventeen, thereby earning means with which to pay his way in higher institutions of learning. He was a student in the Methodist college at Fort Wayne and later spent two years in Wabash college. He read law under Judge Wilson, he was admitted to the bar in the early '70s in this city. He made rapid strides in his professions and was soon recognized as one of the strong men of the bar in this county.

Better Look Out

The food and drug inspectors of the state board of health were busy during the month of November as shown by the report of H. E. Barnard, state food and drug commissioner, in the bulletin just issued by the state board. During the month 945 sanitary inspections were reported. Of these 681 were first inspections and 264 were second visits.

The second inspections show a decided improvement in sanitary conditions. While only 3.47 per cent of the places visited for the first time were in excellent condition, 4.57 per cent of the places visited the second time were so listed; 30.71 per cent of the places were listed as good on the first visit and 53.8 per cent on the second visit; 54.31 per cent were listed as fair at the time of the first inspection, but the second inspection shows only 36.9 per cent in this class due to the fact that the places first classed as fair have so improved that they are now classed as good.

In the month nine cases brought by the inspectors for violations of the law relating to foods and drugs were tried and in six of these conviction was obtained.

Trying to Revive a Dead One

A. A. Weist, jr., of Indianapolis, who acted as superintendent of the Indiana, Huntington, Columbia City & Northwestern Railway Co. before the construction was stopped by insolvency, is trying to interest capital and to get aid from people along the route to save the property before it is sold at receiver's sale at Warsaw on Feb. 1. He hopes to reorganize the company and complete the road, of which the six miles between Syracuse and Vawter Park is already for use. Considerable grading has also been done south of Goshen. A subsidy of \$25,000 was voted by Goshen in case the road be completed in two years. This is now void, but a subsidy for the same amount, voted by Columbia City, can still be collected.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Charles Nathan, of Fort Wayne, is here the guest of his sister, Mrs. S. J. Straus and family.

Mrs. D. Weingarten, of New York, arrived here this morning for a short visit with her father, Mr. Jacob Straus and other relatives.

Straus Bros. & Co. have added another stenographer to their already large office force. Miss Elizabeth Kavanaugh, of Fort Wayne, has accepted the position.

Several of our young fellows went to Wawaka last Friday night to attend a dance. It is said that a row was precipitated in which a Wawaka patriot came out second best. The services of a surgeon were required.

The library reading room is open from 2 p. m. until 5:30 p. m. and from 6:30 until 9 p. m. instead of 8 p. m. as heretofore. Readers will find most of the magazines for February on the tables, and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

Four special trains will pass over the Lake Shore today carrying soldiers and equipment enroute to San Francisco and the Philippines. One of the trains contains ammunition and army supplies while the other three carry the soldiers.

Joseph Krupp, of Goshen, has purchased through A. W. Ritter, real estate agent, the H. M. Zook residence property, south of the Wabash tracks in Topeka. Mr. Krupp is a contractor and builder and will move there in a short time.—Goshen News-Times.

It is seldom that we have to apologize to anyone for mistakes in these columns, but we certainly owe an apology to Miss Wickliffe, of the office force at the Citizens Bank. We had it Mrs. Wickliffe in a late item and the friends of the young lady say that this is an injustice.

The renomination of Judge Vernon Vanfleet for the superior judgeship from St. Joseph and Elkhart counties seems to be assured. There was a possibility of strong opposition from South Bend, where several candidates were expected, but so far no move has been made, and it looks as if Vanfleet would have a clear field.

Guy Stanley, an Albion young man, is in the hospital at Garrett, suffering from serious injuries received in falling or jumping off a train near Avilla last Monday. Stanley struck on his head and it is thought that his skull was badly crushed. He was unconscious when picked up and his scalp was badly torn.

Folsom & Co. of South Bend, have just completed the installation of a complete set of fire escapes at the Hotel Goldsmith. The escape is outside of the building and it is all iron and substantial in construction. The changes entailed a big expense on Mr. Goldsmith, the owner of the building but he put in the best that could be found.

Inspector Here

The new pure food law carries with it a system of inspection upon the part of the State Board of Health that is rapidly correcting many evils that have heretofore existed. For several days Frank W. Tucker of Peru, the inspector for this part of the state has been in Ligonier looking after conditions. He visited nearly all of the groceries, meat markets, bakeries etc and says that the general conditions in Ligonier are most creditable and that he finds little to complain of excepting in minor instances.

He found the meat markets in good shape but called attention to at least one slaughter house that will have to be improved immediately. He made an examination at the dairy barns and took samples of the milk but has so far made no report of conditions. He says that the law will be enforced and that any flagrant violation will be prosecuted.

A Sure Winner if Nominated

Judge Joseph Adair, of Columbia City, is announced as a candidate for the congressional nomination on the democratic ticket in the Twelfth district. Judge Adair has been for about seventeen years judge of the circuit court in Whitley and Noble counties. He is one of the ablest judges in the state and a Democrat of the staunchest type. Judge Adair has often held court in this county and is well and favorably known by many of our citizens who would be highly gratified if he would receive a nomination at the hands of the democracy of his district. His nomination in that district this year would mean almost certain election. We wish Judge Adair success.—Huntington News-Democrat.

Not Profitable

Experience has proved that the employment of tax ferrets is neither desirable, nor profitable, says the Goshen Democrat. In counties where such individuals have been given the privilege of nosing about the county offices but little has been accomplished outside of making a whole lot of trouble. If any money is recovered it is usually spent in paying costs and in remunerating the ferrets for their valuable services. The Democrat has no word to utter in defense of tax dodgers, but there are officers in every county whose duty it is to look after that and what they cannot get is usually not worth getting. The fact is tax ferrets find little favor where they have been employed.

Installation of Officers

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. held a joint installation of officers Friday evening, Jan. 24th, at the G. A. R. hall. Past Commander Sailer, of Elkhart, installed the officers of the G. A. R. and Mrs. McKomb, of Warsaw, acted as installing officer for the W. R. C. The installation services were impressive, and the many guests manifested much interest in them.

After installation, several addresses were made, followed by music and other forms of entertainment. Much credit is due those having the evening's entertainment in charge.

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