

A Poem for Today

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

[Extract.]

By Richard Henry Stoddard.

COOL should he be, of balanced power,
The ruler of a race like ours,
Impatient, headstrong, wild,
The man to 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.

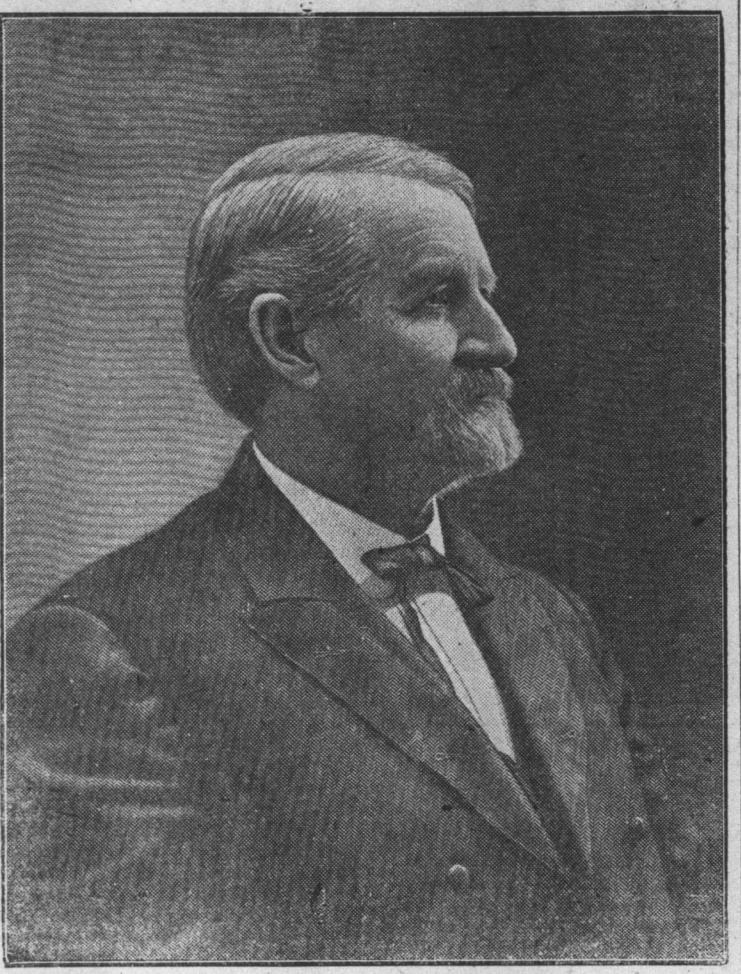
Doubting, was not ashamed to doubt,
And, lacking presence, went without;
Often appeared to halt
And was, of course, at fault;

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

He here of this Roman mold,
Nor like our statesmen 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 a few!
O wonder of the age,
Cut off by tragic fate!

Judge Joseph W. Adair For Congress



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 a 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 patroon 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 severe 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 fire 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 highly gratify if he would receive a nomination at the hands of the party.

He is not alone a man of superior legal attainments, but is equally strong in other respects. He has been a close student and a great reader all his life and has given much thought and attention to political, social and religious subjects. He is endowed with a keen, analytical mind and possesses a temperament that is the envy of all men. He is not easily disturbed and has never been known to become angered or provoked to an extent that would lead him to speak hastily. Cool, collected and deliberate, he is always master of the situation. He mingles with all classes of men and there is no coldness between him and them. He has spent his life in the midst of the common people and knows their needs and can sympathize with them. The impression prevails that Judge Adair is one of the great men of the northern part of the state and there is no mistake about it. He is one of the great men, and the district would be honored by sending him to Washington as its representative.—Columbia City Post.

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 of the Twelfth district. 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 approach 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 pounced 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 slim, and gaunt starvation, grow some grim, 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 go for that hawk so grim, who got to work on each woodland limb, and placed a trust on the bugs of them? I'm like a farmer gaunt and grim, who gets surrounded by a ring 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 no legal 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.

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 946 sanitary inspections were reported. Of these 661 were first inspections and 284 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; 54.81 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.

Had Good Reasons

The withdrawal of James M. Robinson from the congressional race will make the nomination of Judge Adair all but certain. Mr. Robinson steps out of the way for good and sufficient reasons. His friends insisted upon him making the race, and it was only after much importuning that he announced that he would accept if it were the wish of the party. But now that there are a number of avowed candidates in the field of fine ability there was no longer any necessity for Mr. Robinson to again seek an honor he had already enjoyed for a longer time than any Democrat, living or dead, in the district. The publisher of this paper never had a better friend than Jim Robinson and believes there are no truer, manlier or better Democrat than he. In his letter to the Democrats of the district he shows himself to be one of the right metal.—Columbia City Post.

Assist the Carrier

Postmaster Dunning desires to call attention to practice of some patrons of rural delivery of placing loose coins in their boxes each time they desire to dispatch letters instead of supplying themselves with postage in advance of their needs.

This practice imposes undue hardship on rural carriers in removing loose coins from boxes and delays them on the service of their routes.

The postmaster, therefore, urgently requests that patrons of rural delivery provide themselves and keep on hand a supply of stamps consistent with and in advance of their needs. It is also very desirable that rural patrons place in their mail boxes small detachable cups of wood or tin in which to place coins, when necessary, in purchasing supplies of stamps.

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J. L. DUNNING, Postmaster.

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5-room house and lot on north side, formerly owned by Mrs. Phoebe Moore.
100-acre farm with good house and barn, situated two miles east of Ligonier, formerly owned by C. R. Graves.
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