

A Hymn for Today

NEARER HOME

By Phoebe Cary



INSEPARABLY linked with the name and fame of Phoebe Cary, poet, are those of her older sister, Alice. Phoebe was born in Ohio in 1824, four years after Alice, and died in 1871, surviving the latter only five months. The early loss of their mother, their father's remarriage and the want of harmony with their stepmother induced the two sisters to set up a separate establishment in New York. They became prominent in Gotham's literary life. The poems of Alice Cary are somber and mournful, while those of Phoebe are generally sunny and hopeful. "Nearer Home" is probably the best known single poem of the latter. It has been set to music and appears in many hymnals.

NEARER HOME
O NEARER HOME thought
Comes to me o'er and o'er:
I am nearer home today
Than I ever have before.
Nearer my Father's house,
Where the many mansions be;
Nearer the great white throne,
Nearer the crystal sea;
Nearer the bound of life,
Where we lay our burdens down;
Nearer leaving the cross,
Nearer gaining the crown!
But lying darkly between,
Winding down through the night,
Is the silent, unknown stream
That leads at last to the light.
Closer and closer my steps
Come to the dread abyss;
Closer Death to my lips
Presses the awful chasm.
Oh, if my mortal feet
Have almost gained the brink—
If it be I am nearer home
Even today than I think—
Father, perfect my trust;
Let my spirit lie in death
That her feet are firmly set
On the rock of a living faith!

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Bank Deposits

Mr. Taft has undertaken to prove that a workingman who deposits his savings in a bank is not entitled to get his money when he wants it.

His arguments along that line will strike a responsive chord in the breast of every bank wrecker, in jail or out.

But it will take a heap of powerful talking to convince the average laborer that Mr. Taft's reasoning on that question is sound.

Human nature is peculiar. It is sometimes difficult to analyze men's thoughts and convictions. And one of the hardest tasks any statesman ever undertook was to convince a man who had worked hard and saved a little money that the bank in which he deposited it for safe keeping should not pay it back to him when he wants it.

Mr. Taft may be able to convince the people that they are unreasonable in wanting their money back, but we doubt it.—Chicago Journal.

Burton Green of Miami county and Henry Sicks of Boone county, candidates for re-election as Democrats to the legislature, should be taken off the ticket or defeated by the Democrats of their counties. Sicks, who claims to be a Democrat, has always given aid and comfort to Governor Hanly and his republican measures, but Green deserted his party after giving all kinds of pledges and promises that he would stand by the platform and his party associates. His vote was a surprise to everybody but Hanly and the republican ringsters. If the Democrats of Miami county can not find a better man than Burton Green to represent them they had better go out of business and turn the affairs over to the Republicans.

The county local option bill forced upon the people by Hanly's special legislature was made possible by the treachery of six Democrats—Sicks, Green, Hottle, White, McKinney and Pierson, who voted with the Hanly crowd and against the express declaration of the democratic state platform. Two of these men, Sicks and Green, are candidates for re-election. The Democrats of their counties should see to it that they do not return. Any man who is so much better than his party that he can not stand upon its platform for a party measure should either get off the ticket or go down to defeat. It is safe to say that either Sicks or Green would vote for J. Frank Hanly for senator before they would support a Democrat unless they could dictate the man.

All fair-minded people who know Senator Wickwire of Steuben and Representative Knisley of DeKalb best will not hesitate to believe the story of the attempted bribery by Wickwire and Hanly. Mr. Knisley is an honorable gentleman, his word is as good as his oath and his integrity has never been questioned. There is no doubt but that the attempt was made and that Wickwire was nothing but a go-between for Hanly. In the whole legislative history of the state there is no blacker chapter of dirty politics than the one written by Governor Hanly and the republican gang that forced the Hanly program down the throats of the legislature.

Since it is a well-established fact that there are localities where public sentiment demands the maintenance of places for the sale of alcoholic beverages, would it not be a part of wisdom to safeguard the community as the business itself by imposing an adequate license fee and limiting the number of saloons according to population? Experience teaches this to be the best method of handling the traffic in liquor in localities where prohibitory enactments would surely prove a dead letter. The inevitable result of such legislation would be placing the drinking places into safer and better hands and at the same time diminishing their number to proper proportions. This would be genuine, rational reform.—J. B. STOLL in South Bend Times.

The Milwaukee News speaks a timely word on the revelation of the standard oil corruptions that it were well to remember now and always. After premising that trusts and monopolies have been identified with the republican party and have used its leaders, it says:

Now the monopolies and trusts have found shelter in the republican party, not because Republicans are more dishonest than Democrats, but because the policies of the republican party have been and are of a character to insure to these monopolies protection, immunity, privileges and "reasonable profits" at the public expense. If the policies of the democratic party provided for encouragement to monopoly for Wall street control and manipulation of the treasury, for a railway bond-surety "currency" and "reasonable profits" to the trusts, the financial interests and the trust magnates naturally would be found in its support. But the republican party has bid the highest and it has got the goods.

The New York Evening Post (Taft) comments thus on Mr. Bryan's recent appearance and impression in Delaware:

Bryan, the assailant of republican fallacies and misdeeds, rises far superior to Bryan, the builder of fallacies and heresies of his own. He is on strong ground when he attacks the alliance between the protected interests and the republican party as he did yesterday in Delaware. He hits out from the shoulder when he insists that the president's tirades against swollen fortunes should be read in the light of the republican party's historic love for tariff and special privileges that go toward the creation of swollen fortunes. The trusts, which the Nimrod of the White House has been stalking these many years, are still in good health. Bryan points out what he would have accomplished in Mr. Roosevelt's place. Bryan does not specifically state and wisely, where the great testator failed, what are the chances of the rejected heir's succeeding? In any case this matter of setting the trusts' business is too large a one to be disposed of during one campaign. But once more Bryan climbs to firmer ground when he charges that the hated trusts are now backing Taft, and that the decision of the republican national committee to publish the names of the contributors to the campaign fund only after election day is confession of the fact. This policy of publicity that is not publicity will cost the Republicans many a vote.

The Brooklyn Citizen speaking of Mr. Taft's outgiving on bank guaranty, recalls its prediction that his managers would have to have him change front before the campaign was much older, and it recalls also that such financial authorities as the New York Journal of Commerce was against him, that paper calling his address stale and ill-informed. The Citizen goes on to say:

It is plain enough that Mr. Taft did not understand the subject when he entered on the discussion, and that his motive for attacking the democratic position lay wholly in the fact that the Democrats had taken it. This is the fourth of the questions upon which the two candidates have come into a sharp collision, and in all alike Mr. Taft has been driven from the field. He tried to defend the republican refusal to publish campaign subscriptions before election; he made an attempt to defend the republican tariff policy, and he put forward the best excuse he could think of for the refusal of the republican convention to favor the election of senators by the people. On each of these, as on the latest question, Mr. Taft suffered so badly that his campaign managers had to lay him up for repairs.

OUTRAGED VIRTUE

As leader of the Grand Old Party, Mr. Roosevelt is morally outraged by the thought that a person like Chas. Haskell can hold public office and be identified with the management of a great political organization.

Mr. Roosevelt himself was nominated for governor of New York by that eminent purist, Thomas Collier Platt. His nomination for vice president was forced by those equally single-minded reformers, Thomas Collier Platt and Matthew Stanley Quay. Mr. Roosevelt used to call Marcus Alonzo Hanna "Uncle Mark" and when that unselfish political philanthropist was not sufficiently enthusiastic over the Roosevelt candidacy the president used Joseph Benson Forsaker to club Uncle Mark into submission.

Standard Oil is a stench in the presidential nostrils; but the Standard Oil bank still maintains its intimate relation with the treasury department. Harriman is hateful; but Harriman has not yet been compelled to answer the question put to him nineteen months ago by the interstate commerce commission.

No presidential lightning strikes Uncle Joe Cannon for protecting the paper trust. John Dalzell still represents the steel trusts in congress, and Mr. Roosevelt lumps him among the republican candidates whose election is necessary to preserve the government from corruption influence. The virtue that cannot abide Haskell counsels freely with Aldrich Penrose, Elkins and Scott.

Elihu Root who was Thomas F. Ryan's personal attorney, remains in the cabinet as secretary of state. One of J. Pierpont Morgan's partner is Mr. Root's assistant secretary; another in collecting republican campaign tribute in Pennsylvania, and a third came back from Europe recently to express his great satisfaction with the election returns from Vermont. George R. Sheldon is still in Wall street divorcing the ruthless malefactors from their campaign contributions.

Surely it cannot be the Haskell corporation affiliation alone which so incenses Mr. Roosevelt. Neither can it be the sordid fact that Haskell has been caught with the goods. The author of the letter to "My Dear Sherman" in the matter of the Harriman \$260,000 campaign contribution would never repudiate a fellow statesman simply for being the victim of a little unexpected and undesired publicity.

Mr. Roosevelt has weighed the democratic Haskell and finds him more offensive than all the republican Haskells combined, except such as happen to be in opposition to "my politics." Can anything short of personal and partisan prejudice account for the intensity of this disfavor? Surely Haskell has given every proof that he, too, is a "practical man."—New York World.

A National Folly
The Boston Herald says that a net loss from business failures in this country of \$250,000,000 in a year would create a panic. Yet that is our fire loss—an absolute and complete loss—annually for four years. Among other causes it discusses the general recklessness of our people:

Unkept dumps, piles of tinder, fire traps exist in cities and invite the conflagration fiend, but people refuse to recognize the danger. The lack of individual responsibility is even more marked than is the absence of thoughtful and careful public opinion. The cigarette butt is still snapped away without regard to where it may light. The match is thrown down carelessly or its snapping head allowed to lie untouched until some boot heel may crush and ignite it. Men still hunt gas leaks with matches, women pour oil on fires to brighten the flame, money is wasted in cheap construction under the pretense of saving it. In scores of ways individual carelessness and recklessness aid the fire fiend.

Olney's Powerful Support

Richard Olney, who as secretary of state in Cleveland's cabinet, made a splendid record, in a long letter in the New York World strongly endorses the candidacy of William J. Bryan for president and contends that his election at this time would be the best thing that could happen this country.—Logansport Pharos.

Breeders and Distributors

The rat, so it has been determined in communities which have suffered from the bubonic plague, are both breeders and distributors. The task of prevention is thus reduced to killing off the rats.—Providence Journal.

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Good Class of People

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Sad Accident at Albion

The Albion street fair was the scene of a fatal accident last Friday evening in which Ethel Geneva Dale lost her life. Miss Dale who was known as Madame La Fere was about 25 years old and for several years had been performing the act that caused her death. A wire had been fastened to the court house tower and to the ground. The woman accended to the tower and fastening her hair to a wheel that ran over the wire, started down. When about half way down the wire suddenly parted, throwing her to the pavement, 40 feet below. She was picked up unconscious and died a few minutes later from her injuries. She was frightfully injured, both legs being broken. Her back was dislocated and several other bones broken.

The accident was in plain sight of the large crowd and caused a tremendous sensation. It almost stopped the fair. The woman had intended to make a ballou ascension, thought to try the other act on account of some misunderstanding. She had been doing this act for several years without accident. No cause is given for the breaking of wire.

Community Interests

The farmers and business men in many of our rural communities have yet to learn that the only way to build up a town and the only way to make the farms in the vicinity of that town more valuable is to co-operate. The writer is particularly in favor of co-operation among farmers, but we like to see the farmers surrounding a town co-operate with the business men in that town just as zealously as with their fellow farmers. Co-operative effort among the farmers should not lead to lack of co-operation with the other business men in the community. On the other hand it should encourage such action. Co-operation simply consists of unity of effort, and the principle underlying that business plan which actuates the citizens of a community where a good town is supported by good farmers. True co-operation in a locality is absolutely necessary if the community is to prosper as it might.—Northwestern Agriculturist.

Fine Man Tom Marshall is

Hon. Thomas R. Marshall, the democratic candidate for governor is making a splendid campaign and is greeted by enthusiastic thousands wherever he appears. The people of Indiana, regardless of politics, believe that Tom Marshall is honest and that he will give the state an honest economical administration in case he becomes governor. They have confidence in him. He is unhampered by any political alliances and will be guided by a clear conscience in the discharge of his duty. There are few men in Indiana who have led a purer life than Thomas R. Marshall.—Starke County Democrat.

Declared Preventable
It is coming to be very generally understood and appreciated that consumption is at times curable and almost at all times preventable. What is known as the white plague has brought sickness and sorrow to many homes and an active campaign against it is worth making, the more so because something of substantial value can be accomplished.—Utica Press.

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Mr. A. B. Guy, Walter Drollinger, I. M. Meroney, W. C. Meshier. Sent to D. L. O., Oct. 12, 1908.

The Way Out Of It

The American expect to vote, in November, for the betterment of their affairs as they are now, in the things that have been presented for betterment. The question is, which of the two parties presents the promise in its statement of what it will do of coming nearer to what the people want done. For example, as to reforming the tariff, Mr. Taft says he will use every fiber of his being to carry out honestly and decently the promise of his party platform. That promises is for revision with a reserve of "reasonable profit" for the protected interests, Mr. Taft himself has added to this the statement that such a program would mean that some schedules would be raised. Are the people satisfied with that? Is that the kind of tariff reform that they want? If so, they will vote in Mr. Taft and his party to get it. If they want the kind promised by the democratic platform which is to reduce the schedules on trust made articles and to make a reasonable reduction on other protected products that touch the necessities of life, they will vote in Mr. Bryan and the Democrats.—Indianapolis News.

Chanler's Nomination

Louis Stuyvesant Chanler, as The News has had occasion to remark before, is a pretty good sort of citizen and is the strongest man the Democrats of New York could have nominated for governor. With him leading the outs and Charles E. Hughes leading the ins New York is reasonably sure of a continuation of good government so far as the executive's chair is concerned. Mr. Chanler is in no sense a politician and is not allied with either Murphy or the McCarran faction, something that is greatly to his credit. His nomination like that of Hughes, was distasteful to the bosses, who would have preferred a tool to a real man, but these are times when the people are aroused and the bosses must be careful.—Wheeling News.

Were Intolerant and Abusive

Well after all, the professional lobbyists in legislative bodies do not precipitate riots. It is rather discouraging to lovers of order to read accounts like those of an incident at Indianapolis Tuesday, when the advocates of local option invaded the house and after its adjournment began a tirade of abuse. If argument will not win local option, violence should not do it.—Elkhart Review.

The lobby was intolerant and often times abusive, but it was not this that won the day. It was there public party lash welded not by Hanly but by the republican machine that was scared into support of the measure. It was Jim Goodrich, Jim Hemmaway and Jim Watson that welded the lash.

Don't Believe It

Congressman Pollard, who spoke here last Thursday evening, predicts that Bryan will be snomed under. He has traveled over the country some and finds no sentiment that would indicate Bryan's election.—Ligonier Leader, Sept. 24.

A WORKING-MAN.

Will Run on Independent Ticket
Henry W. Klick of Wolf Lake will be an independent candidate for commissioner in the southern district. It seems to us that Mr. Klick has been badly advised by his friends. He went into the democratic convention as a candidate and he should abide by the action of that convention. It is true that the methods used to defeat Klick were outrageous and wholly uncalled for but Mr. Stump was in no way to blame excepting that he allowed the use of his name which was in good faith as far as he was concerned. We believe that Mr. Klick should reconsider his action and withdraw from the race.

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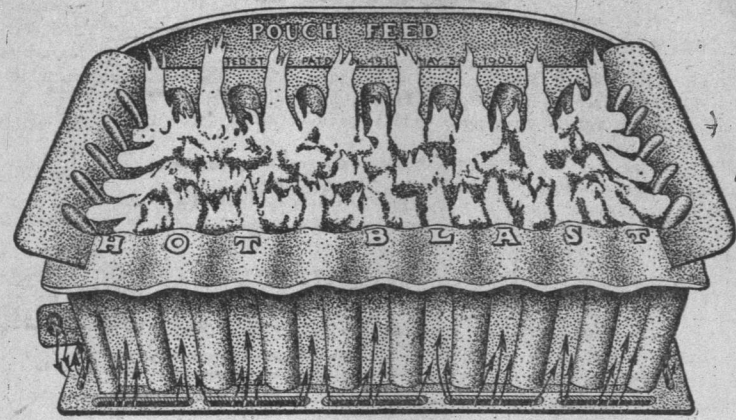
Will Stand Trial

Ex-Deputy Treasurer Roy Massena of Kosciusko county, charged with embezzlement and grand larceny, will have a hearing in the Kosciusko circuit court on Monday, October 5, provided no further delay in the case is made by Massena's attorneys. Judge L. W. Royce on Wednesday set the date for the second time after having secured Judge Vernon W. Van Fleet of the Elkhart superior court to act as special judge in the case.

Always Honorable

The two days race meet at Ligonier closed Wednesday and the attendance was so light that the gate receipts will not begin to pay the expenses. The management, however, pursued the honorable course and went into their own pockets to make good on the race purses.—Elkhart Review.

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A Splendid Affair
The reception given last Tuesday evening at the Elks parlors in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Simon was one of the most enjoyable and most elegant society events of the season. Nearly three hundred guests were present during the evening, and all paid their respects to the happy young couple.

The rooms were most tastefully and prettily decorated in green and white, presenting a most inviting appearance. Sack's orchestra rendered a splendid musical program during the festivities. Many beautiful costumes were worn by the ladies, but none were more attractive than the bride.

Refreshment were served at an early hour when the dancing program was begun. These festivities lasted until after midnight. Mr. and Mrs. Simon will leave for their home in Mobile, Ala. next Saturday.

Better Put a Stop to That

In many places Labor Day was converted into political occasions, but politicians are no respecters of the proprieties and if not checked will turn a prayer meeting into a rally to get votes for themselves. Labor Day was instituted by law for the especial honor of those who toil. It is upheld and participated in by people of all classes, irrespective of parties, and it is little short of an outrage that they cannot be protected from vote seeking politicians.—Indianapolis Independent.

The Newspapers Did It

The appeal of Mary Grim, aged 52 years, who for fourteen years has been a helpless inmate of Kosciusko county infirmary, that somebody find her daughter, has been answered. Mrs. Grim did not know her daughter's name, the girl having married a train dispatcher at Garrett several years ago. An article regarding the invalid and the girl to whom the mother referred as Lizzie, appeared in the papers of the state and last week the daughter, Lizzie Allen, was located at Gary.