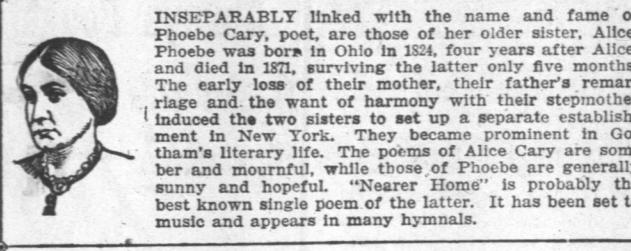


A Hymn for Today

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 1832, her years after Alice, in 1837, but the latter died five months earlier. 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. There became prominent in George's early life the poet Alice Cary, who was somewhat more popular than 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.

O NEARLY solemn thought
Comes to me e'er and e'er:
I am nearer home today
Than I have ever been 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 shore of Abram;
Closer beneath to my life's brink
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 feel in death
That her feet are firmly set
On the rock of a living faith!

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 and Ida the president used Joseph Benson Foraker 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 corporation influence. The virtue that cannot abide Haskell counsels freely with Aldrich Pollard, Elkins and Scott.

Elwin Root who was Thomas F. Ryan's personal attorney, remains in the cabinet as secretary of state. One of J. Pierpont Morgan's partners 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 \$200,000 campaign contribution would never repudiate a fellow-statesman simply for being the victim of a little unexpected and undue 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—rarely for four years.

Among other causes it discusses the general recklessness of our people. Kept traps exist in cities and invite the conflagration blend, 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 is carelessly disposed of. Some foot 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.

Oinely'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 to 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

Of all the foreign immigrants to come to us, none are better than the sons and daughters of Sweden. All their traits are peculiar to the thrifty and the frugal, and the honest and contented. The great numbers of them in the northwest attest this and nothing but good comes about them from that section of the country. At home they are moral people as statistics prove of all the people of Scandinavia, save their own failing has been the abundant use of strong drink, which has possession of the classification of the population which cannot get out of their station and get into the upper world, so-called. Last year many of these Swedes, who had long ago settled in the northwest and had accumulated competence, were coaxed back to the fatherland, and the allurements of home pursued them to dwell there. Now they are on their way or preparing to come back to their new home in this country, which by contrast has given them so much more to live for than they have been able to find at home in the fatherland. Here is a strong testimonial of the kind of citizenship this country offers and the kind of men who once experience will not exchange for what they have ever known. It is the sense of being a part of the great whole and a sense of responsibility to each other for what all do.—Dayton Journal.

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 ascended 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 balloon 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 buildup 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.

Don't Believe It

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

If Mr. Pollard had counted the number of voters in his audience that evening, and after deducting the number of Democrats, curious to know how badly he would distort and color his one side of the story, deduct that sum total from the number of voters living within, say a radius of two or three miles, he would have found sentiment all right, and of a sort, doubtless, not to his liking.

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 except that he allowed the use of his name which was in good faith as far as he was concerned.

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.

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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.

Chandler's Nomination

Louis Sussevant Chandler, 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 continuation of good government so far as the executive's chair is concerned. Mr. Chandler is in no sense a politician and is not allied with either Murphy or the McCarron 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 to its adjournment.

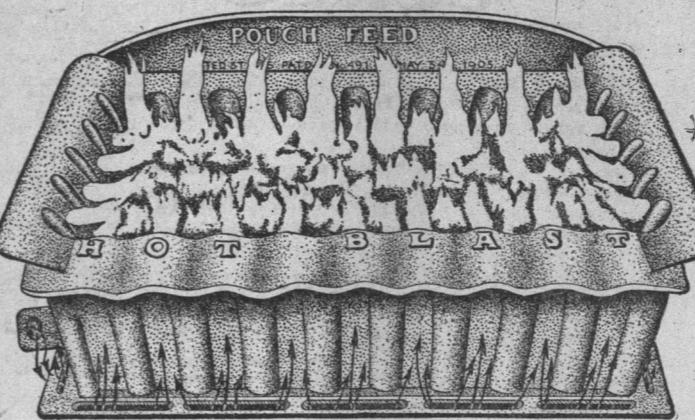
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A Splendid Affair

The reception given last Tuesday evening at the Elks parlor 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.

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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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