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THE KING AND CIVIC LEAGUE.

Wayne county has the prize! It drew him in the last election. He was elected with the green and sweet smelling garlands of the Civic league hanging around his neck. He was anointed by the prophets. The King can do no wrong.

Yes, Walter has all the circus riders and the loop the loop artist very much put to shame. None ever turned a flip-flop with more surpassing grace than when in the course of a few hours he voted for the Tomlinson bill and the ward and township bill. It is probably also true that Walter would just as soon vote for county option again. It seems to make no difference what he votes for. The King can do no wrong.

Perhaps Mr. Ratliff has the assurance of his supporters now that the county has voted wet that county local option is not needed. There is however no getting around the fact that he made certain declarations before his election. Very probably Walter has made so many declarations that he has a set for every emergency. But what would you think if you had gone on his bond and gotten him out of quarantine as did the Civic league? There is only one thing for the Civic league to do now. That is to sponsor W. W. Zimmerman for mayor. No doubt that will also come.

In the meantime our Walter having done all his contentions and gone through his repertoire is looking around for the applause and is ready to shower kisses on the audience. The King can do no harm? What about the Civic league? The garlands which they hung on our Walter's neck are wilted now. Watch the India Rubber Man.

WHAT THE DAY SHOULD MEAN.

Lincoln's centenary is no ordinary day. Its occurrence is one fraught with meaning. It is a day of hope. It should mean to every child in the schools that they have greater opportunities than had the backwards boy and that no excuse of better training on his part stands between them and splendid performance.

It should mean to the matrons of the land that they, too, are under a responsibility to bring forth children who shall not only be a pleasure to their old age, but who must serve the nation and be steadfast at any crisis. They have no excuse to hide behind in the shape of bad home conditions or shiftless husbands.

To the business men of the country it means that they have the ideal set before them a man who threw his own interests to the winds that he might serve his country. Our next crisis is to be one rather of a business conflict than a bloody war; a struggle in which ideals must either be discarded or retained; it is a call to the finer instincts and good citizenship which they must display to save the country.

It has a message of tolerance for our churches. Let them not condemn the man who stands without their gates. Let them recognize that all men are sinners and that they are human. And yet let them remember that somewhere among the poor there may be another Lincoln who must be saved from the maw of the great cities. The message of Lincoln is the story of the poor.

But above all is a great feeling of responsibility for the future. Those last words of the Gettysburg address should sink deep into the hearts of all Americans.

"That the nation shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

FORUM OF THE PEOPLE

John the apostle who once was so intimate with his Lord as to have been permitted to recline on His bosom tells in one short sentence the secret of the love he had for his Master. He says: "We love him because he first loved us."

As much as Abraham Lincoln is venerated for his integrity, for his honesty, as a man incapable of deceit and insusceptible of corruption, yet on, and beyond this is that love that the American people have for him, because he first of all loved

them. He seemed not at any time to have thought of himself as a ruler of his people. In the midst of strife and the days that his enemies were many he never lost sight of that golden day when once again would the nation be a community of brothers. Misguided men were the objects of his regard. He was a little circumscribed by creed and party, caste and color as any man who has ever graced the presidential office.

From the dark days of the rebellion until now it has been the pride of humble hearts that once they were permitted to speak to Lincoln. It was Lincoln's way to make even the humblest feel at ease in his presence. It never occurred to him to have himself hemmed in from that larger constituency that he so admirably served. He lived in the days when it was less difficult to find a place at the president's side, and tradition, the exact history, credits him with the aphorism that "God must have loved the common people for He made so many of them."

How unassuming, how artless, how humble was this great man! He had no assumptions save as he gave himself to his duties. In the midst of the artificial and gilded life into which his office introduced him he remained to the last unaffected, simple-hearted and true. His life was so transparent as to be easily understood by every one except by that company that yielded to the persuasions of treacherous malignity. When Lincoln spoke to the people, the people believed him. It is no wonder that those who knew him best and loved him most called him by the title of "Honest Abe."

The course that leads out into a consideration of the man's greatness in the remarkable achievements of his administration is most tempting, and yet this we must forego in that pleasure of thinking of his love for the people. It is hard to stifle the impressions that rise in one's bosom as we think of the wanton cruelty of his destruction. It is futile to hope that justice was done when the felon was finally captured, and the president's death avenged. It is no fair exchange to give the life of a McKinley for a Caligula, nor a Garfield for a Gaius, nor a Lincoln for a Booth. We forbear uttering what our hearts are instinctively prompted to speak in the presence of the forbearance he himself displayed at every part of the great conflict that raged in the days of his administration. Lincoln has left us three great literary compositions—the Second Inaugural, the Gettysburg Speech and the Bixby letter. The first of these is of too great length to reproduce in these columns, the second is soon to be placed on a tablet and erected in our beautiful park at the eastern end of the city, while the third will in itself demonstrate the proposition which we have advanced that Lincoln is beloved of the people because he first loved them. While the Magna Charta lives, the Declaration of Independence endures in the memory of man, and the Psalms find a place in the hearts of devout men and women, they will cherish the memory of him who even while the war was raging sent the following message:

"Executive Mansion, Washington, Nov. 21, 1864.
Mrs. Bixby, Boston, Mass.
Dear Madam:—I have been shown in the files of the war department a statement of the adjutant-general of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic that they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

Yours very sincerely and respectfully,
ABRAHAM LINCOLN."

This is the man, the beloved of the people, whom we are seeking to honor today. One hundred years ago today he first saw the light in LaRue county, Kentucky. For less than three score years he lived his life true to the highest instincts of his great nature, and out of that mortal career he has stepped into immortality, there to be held in everlasting remembrance in the hearts of his country men. The world will never cease to need such a life as he lived. We need it now, to free us from the giant wrongs that press us down.

A READER.

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This prescription comes from a physician who has made a special study of men, and I am convinced it is the surest-acting and most effective for the cure of deficient manhood and "nerve-failure" ever put together.

I think I owe it to my fellow man to send them a copy in confidence, so that any man, anywhere who is weak and discouraged with repeated failures may stop dragging himself with harmful patent medicines, secure what I believe is the quickest-acting, restorative, rebuilding, SPOT-TOUCHING remedy ever devised, and so, cure himself at home quietly and quickly. Just drop me a line like this: Dr. A. E. Robinson, 3607 Luck Bldg., Detroit, Mich., and I will send you a copy of this splendid receipt, in a plain ordinary sealed envelope, free of charge.

Does it do any good to worry? It does. It gives the doctor a chance to earn the price of a meal ticket, the maker of dyspepsia dopes a chance to work off his truck upon your system, and eventually it gives the grave digger a job. Of course it pays to worry. —Los Angeles Express.

The Sunday Church Services

First M. E.—Rev. R. J. Wade, pastor. Morning service 10:30. The Men's Bible class will be in attendance to hear the Lincoln address to be given at this service. Epworth league 6:30; evening service 7:30. Special music by choir.

First Presbyterian—Thomas J. Graham pastor. At the morning service 10:30 Rev. Albert T. McGarsh of Grove City, Pa., will preach the sermon. Evening worship 7:30. Preaching by the pastor. Sabbath school 9:15 a. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m. The public invited.

First Baptist—H. Robert Smith pastor. Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. m. Subject: "God's Providence." and at 7:30 p. m. "Judea and America." Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.; Juniors at 2:30 p. m.; Brotherhood at 2:30 p. m. addressed by Mr. Geo. L. Goodwin; B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m. Come and worship with us.

First Church of Christ Scientist—Masonic temple. Sunday services at 10:45 a. m. Subject, "Soul." Wednesday evening experience meeting 7:45. The public invited. Reading room No. 10 North Tenth street. Open 9 to 4.

Whitewater Friends—Corner North Tenth and G streets, Theodore Cantler pastor. First day school 9 a. m. A. L. Ellis superintendent. Meeting for worship 10:30 a. m.; evening service 7:30; Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m.; mid-week meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m.

North Fourteenth Street Mission—Sunday school 9 a. m.; J. Ward, superintendent. Preaching service 7:30 p. m.; Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m.

Grace M. E.—W. M. Nelson, pastor. Sunday school at 9 a. m. Dr. Geo. H. Hill will preach at 10:30, when the Woman's Foreign Missionary society will observe their annual thank offering. Class meeting at 11:45 a. m.; Epworth league 6:15 p. m.; preaching by the pastor at 7:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to each service.

St. Paul's Episcopal—Corner Eighth and North A street. Rev. David C. Huntington, rector. 7:30 a. m. Holy communion; 9:15 a. m. Sunday school, Mr. H. R. Robinson, superintendent. Rector in charge of Men's Bible class. Prof. Geo. Hamilton in charge of Young Men's Bible class and Miss Alice Test in charge of Women's Bible class. 10:30 a. m. morning prayer and sermon; 7:30 p. m. evening prayer and sermon. The public invited.

South Eighth Street Friends—H. R. Keates pastor. 9 a. m. Bible school, John H. Johnson, superintendent. Topic: "The Apostles Imprisoned." Acts 5, 17-32; 10:30 a. m. meeting for worship; 2:30 p. m. meeting of ministry and oversight; 6:30 p. m. Young People's meeting. Topic: "Life Lessons for Me from the book of Job." A cordial invitation is extended, especially to any who may be without local church affiliation.

COUNTY OPTION LAW

It will be a welcome relief to the public to have the matter finally disposed of either one way or the other, and without further delay.—Lafayette Courier.

If the democratic majority in the state legislature is wise they will keep their hands off that repeal bill, as there is a general desire to give the county option law a thorough trial. And it seems to be working admirably too.—Greensburg Standard.

In the face of such overwhelming temperance sentiment in this state a senator or a representative must be a thoroughly calloused politician of the variety that does not care a continental what the public thinks if he votes for the repeal of the county option law.—Greenfield Tribune.

Those who are protesting most vigorously in the legislature now that the saloon question is a party question are the same who pretended to be in the greatest glee last summer when protesting that the saloon question was not then an issue in the campaign—because September preceded January on the calendar.—Martinsville Reporter.

If Representative Ratliff was awaiting the result of the special election in Wayne county on the option question before determining on which side of the question of the repeal he would sign himself, the opponents of local option have gained a recruit and it will not require a great number of recruits to bring about the repeal of the county local option measure.—Columbus Republican.

The democratic leaders in Indiana have joined with the tremors to secure a repeal of the county option law. It will be a pretty fight, but the law should not be repealed. If it should be repealed it will be a great victory for the brewers, but only a temporary one. The next legislature would be republican and a new law would be passed in harmony with the aroused public sentiments in our state.—Hamilton County News.

The option forces were certainly unwise to tempt fate in a county containing such a large city as Richmond, and yet the fact that Wayne went wet is not the slightest reason for repealing the county option law. The saloon men should be satisfied to leave well enough alone, knowing that there are still some places in Indiana where they can continue in business.—Crawfordsville Journal.

As to the disagreement that may arise between our democratic friends and their old time allies as the result of this business of getting campaign funds under false pretenses, this is no republican funeral. If the results in local option elections up to this time are an indication of what is to follow, the distillery and brewery influence in Indiana politics will be a negligible quantity before another campaign rolls around anyhow.—Mario Chronicle.

Twelve counties have gone dry and one wet. Some are democratic counties and some republican. If the legislature is to be guided by the vote of the counties why should not twelve

Universalist Church—In Rhoda Temple. Sunday, Feb. 14. Rev. Leon P. Jones will preach at 10:30 a. m. on "What Profit for Serving God?" And at 7:30 p. m. "Unbelievers Are Condemned Already." Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Junior Y. P. C. U. 2:30 p. m. Everyone welcome. The subject for Bible study Wednesday and Thursday is "The Hebrews in Egypt." The Wednesday meeting will be at the home of Mr. Ellis Thomas, 104 N. 19th street, at 7:30 p. m. The Thursday meeting at home of Mr. Jesse Woods, N. Ninth St., 7:30 p. m. Everyone invited.

United Brethren—Corner of Eleventh and North B streets. M. Hobson, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Y. P. C. U. at 6:30 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Second Presbyterian—North Nineteenth street. Robert H. Dunaway, minister. The Sabbath morning service begins at 9:15 and closes at 11:00. Let all who can come for the sermon only be present promptly at 10:30. A Christian Endeavor service for devotion and study is held from 6:30 to 7:00. The popular Sabbath evening service begins at 7:15. The Rev. Mr. McCarrath of Grove City, Pa., will deliver an interesting and important address at this service after which he will be pleased to meet all adult members of the church. The pastor will have charge of the next Thursday evening meeting. The attendance last Sabbath morning was the largest for the new year.

Earlham Heights—Public school building. Robert H. Dunaway, minister. The Sabbath afternoon service begins at 2:15, and closes at 3:30. Suitable classes can be found for all and a short sermon can be enjoyed. The Tuesday evening Bible class will hold its next meeting at Mr. Beane's. More money is needed immediately for the new building which is now under roof. Enough said, for those who know the field and have the means to help.

First English Lutheran Church—Corner Eleventh and South A streets. Morning worship at 10:30. Evening service at 7:00. Rev. E. C. Harris of the American Lutheran Mission at Chirala, India, is expected to be present during the day and address the congregations. The pastor will speak on "The Elemental Lincoln." The choir will render helpful music at both services. The Sunday School convenes at 9 a. m. Lee B. Nussbaum, superintendent. All who have no church home elsewhere in the city are cordially invited.

East Main Street Friends—Allen Jay, pastor. Bible school, 9:10 a. m. Prof. A. M. Charles, Supt. Meeting for worship, 10:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Next fifth day, 10 a. m. Whitewater monthly meeting. Business of importance. All members requested to be present.

count for more than one? If the law makers want to see the drift of public opinion on this question let them wait a little longer and see how the other counties vote. It is safe to say that eighty-five out of ninety-two counties of the state will vote dry. Richmond had forty saloons to work the wet campaign. It is expected that the beer soaked cities will go wet.—Hamilton County Ledger.

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HONEYED WORDS FALL FROM ORATORS' LIPS

Banquet Served With Creole
Eloquence and Mr. Taft Re-
iterates His Great Regard
For the South.

New Orleans, Feb. 13.—New Orleans in the highest of her gay midwinter season, bent all her energies yesterday to the entertainment of her distinguished guests. President-elect Taft and his party. Mr. Taft's morning was devoted to the negro race, his afternoon to leisure and recreation, with the tension of entertainment as light as possible, but with the shades of evening there gathered about him a more genial host, multiplied by eminence, rank and distinction.

The entertainment feature last night was a creole banquet, where the fattened oysters, the savories of the cuisine, with its hundreds of years of perfection and reputation, blended with the honeyed words of compliment and oratory, music and floral tribute into a scene of animation and vivacity, tempered with respect and dignity. Louisiana's masters of oratory fairly outdid themselves.

Mr. Taft was toasted by the governor, the mayor, by citizens of prominence and speakers of reputation.

A feeling invocation was pronounced by Cardinal Gibbons, who is in the city visiting his brother.

Mr. Taft responded in the spirit of the occasion. He talked of his desire,

as the chief executive to represent the whole country; of his intention to make the representatives of the administration in the South represent the best element of the communities in which they lived; of his visit to the isthmus of Panama, with a repetition of the hope for the completion of the canal within his administration.

A Thousand Contribute.

The dinner was given in the newly decorated banquet hall of the Grunewald hotel where Mr. Taft is quartered. A thousand citizens paid the assessment of \$25 each for places at the board, and considerably over half of these were present.

From the early beginning to the corridors of the hotel presented a brilliance and animation. The spacious corridors of the hotel presented a brilliant scene during the evening, being the assembling place of the many who could not attend the dinner.

Handsome gowned women with

their escorts thronged the corridors and Mr. Taft graciously consented to an informal reception, which gratified the desire of hundreds to meet him personally.

Although conferences in the day were had between Mr. Taft and Mr. Hitchcock, his postmaster general, and treasurer Upham of the national committee, nothing definite was obtainable regarding the undecided place in the cabinet.

Mr. Hitchcock furnished certain information desired by Mr. Taft, but the attitude of the president-elect to refrain from discussing what may be in his mind on this subject was not unchanged, and no definite information was obtainable.

In his speech to the negroes who greeted him by thousands at the ball park yesterday Mr. Taft reiterated his heretofore well-defined principles regarding the development of the negro race and the settlement of the race question.

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