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SAMUEL J. TILDEN.

Somehow or other thoughtful men, many of them gray haired, have the name of Samuel J. Tilden on their tongues these days. Young men, to whom he is but a name, might do well to pause for a moment and listen with respect as their elders tell the tale of a crisis in American history and of how a great man cared more for his country's welfare than he did for his own personal ambition.

Samuel Tilden was born in New York, February 9, 1814. As a young man he studied law and soon won prominence by his force and ability.

If he had done nothing else he should be remembered gratefully for his courageous acts in fighting, exposing and punishing the Tweed ring which had plundered New York City of millions. This resulted in his election as governor of New York just as Charles Evans Hughes' exposure of the insurance frauds resulted in his own election as governor of New York. He then drove with full speed against the Erie Canal ring which was also dishonest and drove them from control.

The nation rang with the praise of Tilden's ability, courage and integrity. So in June, 1876, he was honored with the Democratic nomination for president. In the election Rutherford B. Hayes had 4,033,295 popular votes and Tilden 4,284,265 votes. They tell the story that the Republican national campaign manager was about to throw up his hands and concede the election when a newspaper reporter—Murat Halstead if we remember correctly—told him that he had heard of an election contest in Florida which might help out Hayes. The Republican manager took courage and kept on claiming everything and immediately started contests in every state possible. Doubt was cast on the vote of South Carolina, Louisiana, and Florida on account of alleged intimidation of negro voters and on Oregon because a Democratic postmaster had been elected presidential elector.

Tilden received 184 undisputed votes, Hayes 164. There were 19 disputed votes in three southern states, which returned two contesting sets of electors and which were all still under reconstruction or "carpet bag" governments. Under the latter the Democrats had not much chance. The country was aroused over the grave problem, partisanship ran high, there were fears of civil war. The matter was thrown into congress. The senate was Republican and the House Democratic and therefore deadlocked. It was finally decided to leave the issue to an electoral commission of fifteen, five from the senate, five from the house and five from the supreme court. It was unfortunate that every question referred to the commission was decided by a strict party vote of 8 to 7. It had been the intention to have 7 Democrats and 7 Republicans on the commission and the fifteenth member was to have been

Justice David Davis of Illinois, an independent in politics. In the meantime Judge Davis was elected senator from Illinois and therefore unable to serve, and an additional Republican was appointed by the supreme court.

On such small things hang the destiny of nations and individuals. Hayes was declared elected by the electoral commission. Even then many of Tilden's friends urged him to fight, to do all kinds of mad things—to seize the government. Serene and high minded he urged his friends to accept the decision—bitter as it was—with a quiet, steadfast patriotism. The crisis was over and while never President, Samuel J. Tilden won for himself an undying fame.

To prevent such disputes in the future Congress passed a law placing upon each state the burden of canvassing its own electoral vote and settling its own election disputes. If this law had been in effect in 1877 Tilden would have been President.

It is well worth remembering that Tilden was one of the first men to present the needs of the United States for national defense and that he left his large fortune of \$8,500,000 to public uses, although only \$3,500,000 was ever devoted to that purpose on account of a will contest by his relatives.

When he died Whittier wrote the following tribute

SAMUEL J. TILDEN

(Died at Greystone, Aug. 4, 1886: Once more, O all-adjusting Death! The nation's Pantheon opens wide; Once more a common sorrow saith, A strong, wise man has died.

Faults doubtless had he. Had we not Our own, to question and asperse The worth we doubted or forgot Until beside his hearse?

Ambitious, cautious, yet the man To strike down fraud with resolute hand; A patriot, if a partisan, He loved his native land.

So let the mourning bells be rung, The banner droop its folds half way, And while the public pen and tongue Their fitting tribute pay.

Shall we not vow above his bier To set our feet on party lies, And wound no more a living ear With words that Death denies?

UNION STOCK WINS PRIZES.

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ley 1st on Good Prospect, G. W. Delay 2nd on Craiglea Goods.

Bulls, senior bull calf, G. W. Delay 1st on Beau Baron, W. J. Townley 2nd on The Mounds King.

Cows, 3 year old or over, W. J. Townley 1st on English Queen, G. W. Delay 2nd on Princess Violet 87th.

Senior yearling, W. J. Townley 1st on Ringleader Rose, G. W. Delay 2nd on Scottish Jane 3rd.

Junior yearling, G. W. Delay 1st on Roan Duchess 2nd.

Senior heifer calf, W. J. Townley 1st on Princess G.

Junior heifer calf, W. J. Townley 1st on The Mounds Violet.

Good Prospect, Junior and Grand Champion bull.

English Queen, Senior Champion cow.

Ringleader Rose, Junior and Grand Champion cow.

All champions belonging to W. J. Townley.

Gem State Fair.

Boise, Idaho, Sept. 25-30-1916.

Bulls, Junior yearling, W. J. Townley 1st on Good Prospect, G. W. Delay 2nd on Craiglea Goods.

Senior bull calf, G. W. Delay 1st on Beau Baron, W. J. Townley 2nd on The Mounds King.

Cows, three year old or over, W. J. Townley 3rd on English Queen.

Senior yearlings, W. J. Townley 1st on Ringleader Rose, G. W. Delay 2nd on Scottish Jane 3rd.

Junior yearlings, G. W. Delay 1st on Roan Duchess 2nd.

Senior heifer calf, W. J. Townley

Santa Phones:



"He who shops in time helps three— Himself, his overworked neighbor and me."

Therefore

Do Your Shopping Early!

1st on Princess G. Junior heifer calf, W. J. Townley 2nd on The Mounds Violet. Get of one sire, W. J. Townley 2nd on get of Violet King, Beau Baron, The Mounds King, Princess G. and The Mounds Violet. Good Prospect, Junior Champion bull.

Ringleader Rose, Junior and Grand Champion cow.

Idaho State Fair. Caldwell, Idaho, Oct. 2-6-1916.

Bulls, Junior yearling, W. J. Townley 1st on Good Prospect, C. W. Delay 2nd on Craiglea Goods.

Senior bull calf, G. W. Delay 1st on Beau Baron, W. J. Townley 2nd on The Mounds King.

Cows, aged three years or over, W. J. Townley 1st on English Queen, 4th on Princess Violet.

Senior yearling, W. J. Townley 1st on Ringleader Rose, G. W. Delay 2nd on Scottish Jane 3rd.

Junior yearlings, G. W. Delay 1st on Roan Duchess 2nd.

Senior heifer calf, W. J. Townley 1st on Princess G.

Junior heifer calf, W. J. Townley 2nd on The Mounds Violet.

The combined show herds numbered 11 head, seven belonging to Mr. Townley and four to Mr. Delay. At the four fairs attended these cattle won a total of Firsts 19, Seconds 15, Thirds 1, Fourth 1, Grand Champion 3, Junior Champion 4, Senior Champion 1. Glory enough and to spare for the first time on the circuit.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in this office for the week ending Nov. 17, 1916:

Gentlemen:

Alsop, Elmer E. (2)

Brown, J. A.

Blevins, Dorcas A.

Bidwell, Harry

Baker, M.

Coyle, E. P.

Coffey, Ben

Cooper, L. J.

Dunlap, Hugh

Dixon, Andy

Evans, J. W.

Gardiner, Frank,

Halmet, Bud

Henderson, Chas. B.

Irwin, Dr.

Long, J. S.

McMillen, Percy

Mills, Geo.

Nelson, Peter

Russell, Thomas

Ramsperger, Augusta

Scott, C. C.

Turfey, W. G.

Thompson, Chas.

Thompson, Walter Watson, M. E.

Welpen, M. T.

Wills, Raymond

Williamson, Oscar, J.

Ward, E. L.

Ladies:

Brady, Ida

Cox, Miss Terressa

Curtis, Mrs. Eileen

Crumbley, Mrs. Murcey

Dennis, Miss Helen

Gray, Miss Dillie

Hunter, Miss Isle

Hughes, Mrs. C. H.

Heart, Mrs. C. L.

King, Mrs. Luida Irma

Little, Helen

Parkinson, Mrs. Fred

Thorp, Mrs. Floid

Thomson, Mrs. Aggie

Walker, Mrs. Pearl

Williamson, Maybel

Williams, Mrs. (2)

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\$25.00 Suits	\$18.75	\$50.00 Suits	\$37.50
\$27.50 Suits	\$20.65	\$55.00 Suits	\$41.25

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Slayer of "Lustful Brute" On Trial.

Newark, N. J., Nov. 18.—(United Press)—"It was a case of the abuse of the birthright of a woman to defend her life at any cost. I now feel that nothing can stand in the way of my being cleared."

Going to trial Monday for the second time for the murder of her "lustful brute" husband, Christopher, Mrs. Margaret Clare Beutinger, mother of five pretty babies today made the above statement, the first sentence referring to the failure of the first jury to acquit her.

As at the first trial, she will testify that she shot in self-defense when her husband persisted in trying to force physical attentions upon her after she declared she could not be his wife.

The little woman will repeat the whole sordid story, reciting how he beat her frequently during their married life. She will tell of the many distressing experiences she suffered at his hands as they journeyed from her home in Jamaica, W. I., to San Francisco, the Philippines, thence to Si-

beria and afterward to Europe.

Mrs. Beutinger, according to her testimony at the first trial, was in bed in her home when her husband approached her for the third time, the day of the shooting. She told him to stay away or she would shoot. He advanced and she, screaming hysterically, fired until her revolver was empty. Though only 28 years old, she bore her husband seven children, two of whom died.

Prize Hog Goes Far.

The Hampshire hogs raised by John M. Fruits of Joseph keep on advertising him long after they leave the home ranch. At the Spokane Interstate fair in the fall Mr. Fruits exhibited a barrow that attracted so much attention that it was taken east. At the Omaha stock show it was sold at auction for \$115 to J. R. Lewis, Rensselaer, Indiana. A letter just received by Mr. Fruits from E. C. Stone of the American Hampshire Record association, states that the animal has been shown at Atlanta, Montgomery, Ala., Shreveport, La., and Macon, Ga., and will be taken to

the great International stock show at Chicago next month. Placards have gone with the hog everywhere announcing that the animal was bred and raised by the Enterprise man.

NATIONAL Apple Show SPOKANE NOV. 20-25

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An Apple Pie FREE to every one attending the show; 200 prizes every afternoon for women; voting competition between aid societies and women's clubs for \$200 in gold; free moving pictures; baby pageants every afternoon; Princess Apple Blossoms, Her Court of Princesses of Apple Land and King Pip in a Series of Night Spectacles; Carnival Parades, Up-roarious Fun and Frolic on downtown streets. Don't Forget that Apple Pie.

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