

HARDING SAYS WORLD NEEDS THE SPIRIT OF GENERAL U. S. GRANT

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pondered over the attributes of the character of Grant, the president said the Union leader "loves majestic in the midst of them all his fame is secure."

"In the supreme moment of victory, with the Union saved at unutterable cost, he seems to have surveyed the many disappointments, the measureless sacrifices and the indescribable sorrows. He felt the assurance of the nation preserved, and yet the one sweeping utterance from his great heart was 'let us have peace!'"

"Many years later when his life was ebbing, and he struggled to the end of his memoirs, all the American people knew of his brave fight and the inevitable outcome, and the man of magnanimity found himself the recipient of a genuinely nation-wide sympathy."

"He saw Union follow disunion, but it was not his to live to see complete concord where discord had flourished. I wish he somehow might know that in the more than a third of a century since his one and only surrender, the indissoluble ties of union have been more firmly riveted and in the shared burdens and triumphs of American progress we have indeed continued at peace at home. Geographical sectionalism is only a memory now, and Mason and Dixon's line remains only a historical record, where an ambition

in the federal constitution was wiped out, and the nation resumed its onward march on its destined way. "Seemingly, it was a long time in which to re-establish a concord so manifestly essential to the nation's greater achievements, but the understanding of the magnificent Lee was not universal throughout the south, the magnanimity of Grant was not manifest throughout the north. Wounds had to be healed, and partisan politics temporarily profited more in irritation than in healing. But the war with Spain consecrated north and south to a common cause and the sacrifice and nation-wide service in the World war revealed the common American soul."

"I do not mean to say that every where in our land we are all in complete accord about fundamentals of government, or the basic principles upon which society is founded. But the sectionalism of Grant's and Lee's time has been effaced, and the geographical divisions which hindered the formation of the union and later threatened its disruption, have given way to the far less menacing divisions which have challenged all civilization, and which make the ferment out of which all progress comes. We are today incontestably one people, with a common purpose, universal pride, nationwide confidence, and one flag. The contentions which beset us are not ours alone, they are the irritants to civilization throughout the world. They are not to be ignored, but they have never halted the human progression and will not hinder the progress of this firmly founded republic."

"Grant was himself the supreme example of American opportunity. Standing before his humble birthplace, amid the surroundings of his obscure boyhood life, one doubts if three-quarters of a century ago anyone should have sought here for the military chieftain of a century. We have not a few, even today, who think small-town vision to be pitifully circumscribed. And yet this little Clermont county furnished in Ulysses S. Grant and Henry C. Corbin two of the thirteen lieutenant-generals who have been commissioned in all our history."

"Grant had even less of likelihood to eminence than his unpromising and unpropitious beginning. There was the suggestion of mediocrity in his development and even the steadfastness of his early manhood was stamped with failure. But there was the inheritance of quality, and his self and grew rugged in the freedom of democracy."

"Even the beckoning opportunity of war left him seemingly unfavored by fate. Politically he was out of accord with the master martyr, who became his commander in chief. But he believed in union and the nation supreme. He brought to the armed service preparedness to command, sturdiness of purpose, patience and forbearance, great generosity of soul, and a confidence never to be shaken. The seizure of opportunity, more to serve than to achieve made him victor, and the quiet man, garbed in failure at Gettysburg, marched to the surpassing heights of military glory. All conquering in command and magnanimous in his triumph, the world saw the soldier and the man, the soldier adored and the man beloved."

"Other military leaders hitherto had mounted to lofty heights in the annals of human history. It is useless to compare, but it is befitting to recall that General Grant was not making conquest of territory or expanding empire. He was only seeking to preserve. He did not fight to conquer; he only battled to sustain Lincoln, who God inspired to bestow freedom. He did not seek to punish or destroy; he was fighting to save and re-unite. In his heart were no drastic terms of surrender; he craved the blessings of peace restored."

"Many an incident of the war, many a revelation of his sturdy character showed that his face was set on the one supreme achievement—union and the preserved ark of the American covenant of liberty. No hurting heart, no rivalry no triumph of other commanders no promotion of the aspiring or deserving, could remove his gaze from the great end sought. He wrote Sherman in Grant-like simplicity and sincerity that he would serve under him as willingly as over him, to attain preserved union. Out of such consecration, out of such unchanging devotion, came his signal victory. . . . He fought to a preserved union and restored nation and succeeding generations are richer because of his example. One may guarantee security of this republic so long as leaders among men put the country's good above personal and political advantages."

"It is not so said of Grant that he sought to preserve a political or social order, or even a government, which had especially favored him. He was too little favored by the existing order. Nor can it be said that he sought personal or political popularity. These things were apart from his early life."

"It is conceivable that men are prejudiced in their attitude toward great problems by their own experiences—more by their disappointments than their successes. Grant's own experience in life might have led to a less deliberate character to welcome an upheaval, or disunion, or any reversal to the government. But this silent man did not appraise his country by the scale of his own misfortunes. . . . He had yearned for no star, dreamed of no destiny."

He merely went the normal way, face ever forward, ready to quicken his step when opportunity called or responsibility summoned."

LOCAL G. A. R. MEN KNEW GEN. GRANT DURING CIVIL WAR

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stating that Vicksburg had surrendered to Grant with 38,000 prisoners. That is the kind of a general I want. Needless to say, that quieted the rumors about Grant's supposed drunkenness."

Another member of the local G. A. R. who knew General Grant is Thomas Roush, who served in Grant's own regiment when he was Colonel Grant. Mr. Roush enlisted in the 21st Illinois in Co. K, and General Grant was commander of the regiment for about four months. Incidentally, only two members of the company are alive—Thomas Roush of La Grande and Jacob Weaver, of Illinois."

G. W. Caldwell, a member of the local G. A. R., who lives at Perry, was also acquainted with Grant during the time he served in the army during the Civil War.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The Senior class held a meeting yesterday and decided to hold their annual picnic on May 8. They have not yet decided as to where the site will be but are planning on quite a trip. Candy will be sold by the Seniors at the Merry Makers play and at the Pendleton-La Grande dual track meet, which will take place Saturday afternoon.

Five fiddler cinder artists were in La Grande yesterday to take part in a practice meet at the fair grounds. After school, the meet was merely as a try-out and has no interscholastic bearing.

An assembly was held yesterday at which time the presentation of the Merry Makers show was announced as May 5, at the high school auditorium.

The Mimic staff is collecting all the loose shovels that they can find in an advance sale of copies. These manifestations of mercenary goings-on are taking place in the high school hall during the noon hour. The Mimic is being given its final overhauling before going to press. It will probably appear about the last week of school.

JOSEPH WINS FIRST GAME

(Special to The Observer) JOSEPH, APR. 27.—The Joseph high school baseball team were easy victors over Enterprise high at Enterprise when the first inter-school game of the season was played. The next game is with Enterprise at Joseph next Saturday.

"Deacon Dubba," one of the best Joseph Hi plays we have had was given last Friday night under the direction of Mr. Amery. Ted Mays in the title role was a scream and Noel Scott in the second bested man, a close second. All characters were well sustained and there was an evening of very wholesome fun.

The Civic Committee accompanied by some experienced timber cruisers took a hike Monday for the purpose of locating some native trees to be planted in the City park. As this could not be done April 15, owing to bad weather, we are celebrating an Arbor day of our own.

There are more signs of spring than pussy willows and daffodils. There are angle worms and Aneloid, fresh paint and shingles, automobile licenses and new cars—Yes, these have all happened and now it really is spring.

Queen Emma, of the May Day Festival and Junior Week-End next week in Willamette university, is known in private life as Emma Shumofelt. Emma was a graduate of the Joseph high school in 1919 and Joseph high is very proud of the honor bestowed upon her. She was, during her residence in Joseph, one of Joseph's best beloved girls.

The church night dinner April 20, was attended by about 75 and many more came in later for the excellent program which was given in the auditorium. Altogether it was a delightful event.

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