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### A Speech by Cleveland.

At the Clinton banquet held in Clinton, New York, recently President Cleveland spoke as follows in response to the toast: "The President of the United States:" "I am inclined to content myself for this occasion with an acknowledgment on behalf of the people of the United States of the compliment which you have paid the office which represents their sovereignty, but such an acknowledgment suggests an idea which I cannot refrain from dwelling upon for a moment. That the office of president of the United States does represent sovereignty of sixty million people is evidence of government of full citizenship. This sovereignty, I conceive to be the working out or enforcement of a divine gift of man to govern himself, and a manifestation of God's plans concerning the human race. Though the struggle of political parties to secure the incumbency of this office, and the questionable methods sometimes resorted to for its possession may not be in keeping with his idea; and though the deceit practiced to mislead the people in their choice, and its too frequent occurrence in in their suffrage may suprise us, these things should never lead us astray in our estimate of this unexcelled position, and of its value and dignity; though your fellow citizens who may be chosen to perform for a time the duties of the highest place should be badly selected; though the best attainable results may not be reached by this administration, yet the exaction of watchfulness on the part of the people, freed from the disturbing turmoil of political excitement, will prevent mischance to the office which represents their sovereignty, and should reduce to to the minimum the danger to the state. I by no means underestimate the importance of the utmost care and circumspection in the incumbent; on the contrary, I believe there is no obligation of citizenship that demands more thorough and conscientious delibration than this; but I am speaking of a citizen's duty to the office and its selected incumbent. This duty is only performed when, in the interest of the entire people, the full exercise of the powers of the chief magistrate is insisted on, and when for the people's safety, due regard for the limitation placed upon the office is exacted. These things should be enforced by a manifestation of calm and enlightened public opinion; but this should not be simulated by the mad clamor of disappointed interest, which, without regard for the general good or allowance for exercise of official judgement, would degrade the office by forcing compliance with selfish demands. If your president should be not of the people and one of your fellow citizens he would be utterly unfit for the position; incapable of understanding the people's wants, and careless of their desires. That he is one of the people implies that he is subject to human frailty and error; but he should be permitted to claim little toleration for mistakes. The generosity of his fellow-citizens should alone decree how far good intentions should excuse his shortcomings. Watch well, then, this high office—the most precious possession of American citizenship. Demand for it the most complete devotion on the part of him to whose custody it may be intrusted and protect it not the less violably from unworthy assauls from without. Thus will you perform a sacred duty to those who may follow you in the enjoyment of the free institutions which heaven has ever vouchsafed to man."

In the next congress the demo- will have a majority of fifteen in the house, and the republicans a majority of one in the senate.

### Not Growing Worse.

(Statesman.)

We are told over and over again by pessimists and misanthropes that the world is constantly growing worse. This is not true. To be progressive is not to grow worse. The world is not worse for the discovery of the power of steam or of electricity. So long as the memory of man runneth not to the contrary there has always been a chorus of voices declaring that we are going too fast, that the world is growing worse; but it has been continually growing better and conforts and enjoyments have multiplied, despite the old, old cry. Every now and then a man with pessimistic proclivities gets out ahead of the procession of progress and tries to head it off by the idiotic cry that we are going too fast; that the world is growing worse, but he gets run over. If we should listen to all the crank theories and unreasonable doctrines of all the visionary cynics, we would be in as bad condition as the man who had his fortune told by a dozen different dealers in the commodity of the horoscope. He was told twelve different and distinct stories about his future, and it would be a physical impossibility for him to act out the twelve different roles mapped out for him.

Don't get out of "kelter" with the world. It is getting all right. The trouble is with yourself. Probably your stomach is out of order. Take a dose of pills, and you will feel better; and may conclude that this is not such a terribly dreary old world, after all. Keep up in hailing distance with the procession and when you get used to the gait, may be you will like it. The world is growing better all the time, and if you are not able to appreciate the fact, you are an object of pity.

### A Good Sign.

(Roseburg Review.)

There is no doubt that some of the Pacific coast surplus Chinese are taking passage for eastern states and cities. This is a promising indication from more than a single standpoint. It will not only relieve the labor market here of their competition, but give our fellow-citizens across the mountains a little experience they very much need. Their knowledge of the evils of Chinese habitation has heretofore extended only to a gaudy parade of homilies on the rights of equal protection, natural laws of demand and supply and other glittering generalties, whose absurdity could only be demonstrated when an attempt was made to practically apply them to the Chinese where they dwelt in large numbers. The knowledge of many of the alleged statesmen at the east who have denounced anti-Chinese leagues and condemned those who threatened to boycott the Chinese is limited to a casual view of a half dozen or so in traveling through the country. We do not wish our eastern friends so much ill-luck as that they should have to endure a tithe of the evils endured by the people of this coast, but for our own good, no less than that of others may profit by it, we hope they may receive enough of San Francisco's surplus mongolians they pretend to relish so hearty, to bring on a slight attack of nausea. When the thousands of women and boys employed in factories, clothing establishments, hotels and shops begin to lose their situations and have their places taken by stupid, untiring rice and rat-eating Chinese in New York and Boston, the mock sentimentalists who have been preaching so long and loudly will suffer a revulsion of feeling. When eastern laborers are compelled to march out at the front door to give place to a procession of pigtails entering from the rear of shoe factories and other establishments, it is hoped they will recognize the advocates of Chinese exclusion as their best friends.

### Settlers Dissatisfied.

One of the great draw-backs to the development of the Harney country has been the holding of a large amount of so-called swamp land by capitalists, to the exclusion of the actual settlers. Recently one Alex Sweek was appointed as an agent of the state to look into and report on the character of the lands held as swamp, and with whose action the people seem to be dissatisfied, as evinced by the following resolutions adopted by a settlers' meeting held at Burns July 16, which we copy from the Harney *Items* of the 20th:

WHEREAS, The Governor of Oregon has appointed Mr. Alex Sweek as state swamp land agent; and

WHEREAS, The swamp land agent has, by his conduct and conversation, led the people to believe, in his opinion, a large portion of the meadow lands in Harney valley are swampy in character; and

WHEREAS, It is believed that undue influence has been brought to bear upon the said swamp land agent to induce him to a report adverse to the settlers. Therfore, be it

*Resolved*, 1st, That the people have in good faith settled upon the lands in question, making homes for themselves and families, and that they propose to stay.

2d. That the fact of the continuous residence upon the so-called swamp land should be sufficient evidence of their non-swampy character.

3d. That no honest swamp agent, with ordinary intelligence, would make a report in accordance with the views expressed by Mr. Sweek.

4th. That in our opinion W. H. Barnhart, H. C. Owens and a score of their co-laborers in fraud, should serve a term in the penitentiary for their attempted fraud upon the state and government.

5th. That we heartily endorse the honest, fearless stand taken by the Harney *Items* in favor of right and we hereby pledge it our hearty support.

6th. That the publishers of the *Items* be requested to publish these resolutions and also other proceedings of this meeting. Therefore, be it futher

*Resolved*, That we, the citizens of Harney valley, Grant county, State of Oregon, most repectfully ask his excellency, the Governor of the State of Oregon, to relieve Mr. A. Sweek from his duties as swamp land agent and to appoint a man of experience and honor.

### The Oregon Pacific Extension.

An Albany dispatch to the Salem *Statesman*, dated July 20th, says:

From a gentleman who returned to-day from a trip over the route of Oregon Pacific extension eastward from this city, it is learned that the track-layers are busy laying rails on the portion of the road between Albany and the Santiam river. This work is to be vigorously pushed, in order to permit the running of construction trains with material to the front. The work on the Santiam bridge has commenced, the piling on the west side being nearly all driven. The work of building this bridge is not included in the contract of Nelson Bennett, but will be done by the company.

Mr. Bennett will arrive in this city to-morrow, and work will be commenced on the forty-mile extension next week.

It is announced that no Chinese laborers will be employed upon this work if a sufficient number of white men can be obtained.

It would be interesting to know how many agents have been sent to Europe by the money power for the purpose of working up immigration booms, in order to keep down wages in this country.