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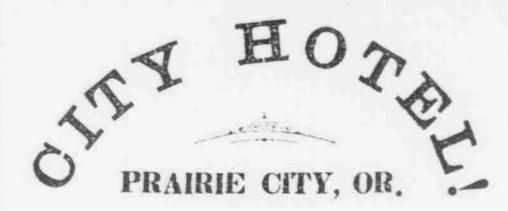
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Ingersoll's Tribute.

Thirty-five hundred people in the Academy of Music in the city of Albany, N. Y., May 9th, listened to an oration by Col. Robert Ingersoll to the memory ces of his countrymen, laughs of Roscoe Conkling, and onefourth as many more besieged the barred doors, while many climbed to the roof and peered through the sky-lights. The ceremonies were under the auspices of the senate and assem-

stance: Roscoe Conklinggreat man, orator, statesman, lawyer, distinguished citizen of his fame and power, has reached his journey's end, snd we are met here in the city of his birth bow to man or men, for place or to pay our tribute to his worth powers, will bear upon their and work. He earned and held brows the laurel mingled with and his name was known and that fortitude of soul that bears honored by many millions of the consequences of a course purfellowmen. In the presence of sued without complaint. He was death, a good man judges as he would be judged. He knows His knees were as inflexible as that the greatest walk in shad- oak." But he was not vain. ow, and that faults and failures Vanity is the vine that twines the grave should be buried prej- breeze. Pride is the oak that udices and passions born of con- defies every storm. One is weak have nothing to do with the ambition fell upon its knees; pol-Try our Flour and become con- clearer vision; that which was ery was the bond and pledge of vinced that it is First-class in ev- merely local fades away. Words peace, of the Union and of na-

tunate is that nation great enough to know the great. How poor this world would CANTON CITY . . . OREGON. and courage are the great pillars statesmen of that ignoble time that support the state. Above who wallowed in this mire, and all, the citizens of a free nation | decorated with dripping filth, reshould honor a brave and inde- ceived the plaudits of their felintegrity, of will and intellectual force. Such men are Atlasses on whose shoulders rest the

and time-servers are dangerous war. The question was presentwho gain applause and power or free?" The Republican party, prejudices and passions of the polls, retreated in the presence

habit, followers of custom, bepast, and were it not for the should ever be made that in any brave and splendid souls, the way should interfere with the error be too highly heaped for proposition ever submitted to a truth to overawe. Custom is a congress of civilized men, receivis grander than when a strong. interpid man breaks the chains, levels the walls, and breasts the many headed mob, like some great cliff that mocks the innumerable billows of the sea.

The politician hastens to agree as the 300 at Thermopylae. their prejudices is patriotism, kneel. Owen Lovejoy refused to tion and the principles that have

points out the mystakes of the multitudes, attacks the prejudiat their follies, denounces their cruelties, enlightens and enlarges their minds and consciences. Not because he loves himself, but because he loves and serves right, and wishes to make his country great and free. He who refuse to stoop, who cannot be bribed by the promises of success, of fear of Col. Ingersoil said, in sub- failure, who walks in the highway of right and disaster, and stands erect, is the only victor. When real history shall be writthe public - in the zenith of ten by the truthful and the wise, those who have bore the Lurden

pendence, for courage, and superb courage. He not only above all for absolute integrity, acted without fear, but he had by faithful unto death. charged with being proud. The charge was true. He was proud. mingle with the lives of all. In the willow; that bends with every

scales in which are weighed the This imperious man entered deeds of men. Peculiarities, traits public life in the dawn of :efor born of locality and surround- mation, at a time when the counings, these are but the dust of try needed men of pride, of printhe race; these are incidents, ciple and courage. The institudrapery, clothes, fashions, that the springs of power. Before this, man, except to hide his charactiticians, judges, clergymen and ter. They are clouds that cling merchant princes bowed low and to the mountains. Time gives us hambly with their heads. Slavof envy are forgotten, and all tional greatness. The temple of American liberty was finished mains. He who was called and the auction block was the corner stone. It is hard to conpartisan is called patriot. Forof the political blindness and immorality, of the patriotic dishones y, of the cruelty and degredabe without its graves, without tion of a people, who supplementdead. Only the voiceless speak of Independence with the fugitive forever. Intelligence, integrity, slave law. Think of the honored

the memories of its mighty ed the incomparable Declaration gains; he neither bought ner would not stop to ask or give expendent man, a man of stainless low men. The noble, really patriotic men were victims of mobs, and the shameless were clad in At last the conflict came. The great fabric of the republic, hosts of light and darkness pre-Flattuers, cringers, crawlers pared to meet upon the fields of a statute, the change of a single. He was maligned, misrepresentcitizens of a republic. They ed: "Shall the republic be slave empires were given to corpora- would not answer. He knew by pandering to the mistakes, which had triumphed at the his power, the peer of the great- than any words. He was as simultitude are the enemies of of rebellion. Hoping to avoid He had the taste of a prince, and better than any form of speech, war, they were willing that slav-Most people are slaves of ery should become immortal, he never swerved. No corpora- He was an American, proud of An amendment to the constitu- tion was great enough or nich his country, that was and ever tion was proposed, to the effect, lievers in the wisdom of the that no subsequent amendment

dust of the antique time would right of man to steal his fellow touched by any bribe, and his getic in the presence of those uplie unswept, and mountanous men. This, the most marvelous soul was never a sordid stain. on whom greatness had been prison, locked and barred by ed in the house an overwhelming tellectual gifts, above all the mattered into vertebraeless sub-Prairie City . . . Oregon those who long ago were dust, majority, and the necessary two places he ever reached, above the servicency by the patronizing the keys of which are in the thirds in the senate. The Re- ermine he refused, rises his integ- smiles of kings. In the midst of keeping of the dead. Nothing publican party, in the moment of rity, like some great mountain conventionalities he had a feelhis triumph, deserted every prin- peak; and there it stands, firm as ling of suffication. He believed ciple for which it had so gallantly contended, and with trembling

hands of fear, laid its convictions understood the frame work, anat- public. upon the altar of compromise. with the majority, insists that Thaddeus Stevens refused to He knew the history of legisla- the pride and bearing of the in-

and their ignorance wisdom, surrender; and on the edge of been settled upon the fields of Not that he loves them, but be- disunion, in the shadow of civil war. He knew those crytalizacause he loves himself. The war, with the air filled with tions of common sense, those statesman, the real reformer, sounds of dreadful preparation, hand grenades of argument. He while the Republican party was was not a case lawyer, a decision retracing its steps, Roscoe Conk- index, or an echo. He was origling, voted no.

never wavered and he never every defense. He rested only swerved. He battled for hie, for when the end was reached. Dured states with a torrent of inver- only limits of time and strength. of defeat, who earned and kept their self-respect, who would not man was an American citizen, ries of federal jurisdiction, and clothed with every civil right; no man was more familiar with until the constitution was his these decisions that are the peaks shield; until the ballot was his and promontories, headlands and sword. Others wavered, but he beacons of the law.

that men are only fragments; the "enwedgable and gnarled race, and then, in life's last shad- sad lled the eye; the audience owy hour, to know and feel that was his. that lifted our nation from the nunciation, rich in illustration, depths of savagery to freedom's prodigal of comparison and metathat sanctified the crucity of man, on the enraptured throng. is the most glorious in the annals

country were entitled to the fruits his own thought. of his experience; to his best and | Sensitive to the last degree, ha est, a leader tried and trusted. lent then as now, and his silence, the fortunes of a peasant, and yet refuted every charge.

sea hides." His hand was never shrunken, witherel and apolecrown. Allove his marvelous in- be overawed by dukes or lords, or the earth beneath, pure as the in the royalty of man, in the sov-

inal, thoughtful and profound. This puts a wreath of glory on He had bredth and scope, rehis tomb. From that vote to the source, learning and logic, and last moment of his life he was above all, sense of justice. He the champion of right. Staunch was painstaking and conscientiand stalwarth from that moment ous; anxious to know facts; prehe stood in the front rank. He pared for every attack, ready for

the rights of slaves, the dignity ing a contest he neither sent nor of labor, and the liberty of all. raised a flag of truce. He was He guarded with a father's care true to his clients, making their the rights of the hunted, hated case his feeling responsibility. and despised. He attacked the life listened patiently to details, savage statutes of the reconstruct- and to his industry there were

tive, scorn and execration. He He was a student of the conwas not satisfied until the freed-stitution. He knew the bounda-

stood firm. Some were false, but | He was an orator-earnest, he was proudly true, and fearless- logical, intense and picturesque. He laid the foundation with care, Nothing can be grander than with accuracy and skill, and rose to sow seeds of notile thoughts by "cold gradation and well-baland virtuous deeds, to liberate anced form," from the cornerstone the bodies and souls of men, to of statement to the dome of conearn the grateful homage of a clusion. He filled the stage; he

the historian of liberty will be He had that indefinable thing compelled to write your name, called presence. Tall, command-The history of that great party | ing. erect, ample in speech, gracethat let the oppressed go free, ful in compliment. Titantic in decloudless heights, and tore with phor; and his sentences measurholy hands from every law, words | ed and rythmical, fell like music

He abhorred the Pharasee and loathed all conscientious frauds. Roscoe Conkling was an abso- He had a profound aversion for lute honest man. He uttered the those who insist on putting a splendid truth that "the higher a base motive back of good deeds obligations among men are not of others. He wore no mask. set down in writing, signed and He knew his friends, his enemies sealed, but reside in honor." He knew him. He had no patience was the ideal representative, with pretense, with patriotic reafaithful and incorruptible. He sons for unmanly acts. He did believed his constituents and his his work well and bravely spoke

ceive of the utter demoralization highest thoughts. No man ever keenly felt the blows and stabs held the standard of responsibil- of the envious and obscure, the ity higher than he. He voted small blow of the weakest; but according to his judgment-his the greatest could not drive him conscience. He made no bar- from conviction's field. He sold. To correct cylls, abolish planation. He left his words abuses and inaugurate reforms, and deeds to justify themselves. he believed to be not only the He held in light esteem a friend duty but the priviledge of the who heard with half-believing ear legislator. He neither sold nor the slander of a foc. He walked mortgaged himself. He was in the highway of his own, and kept expenditure-of war and waste. He would not turn aside to avoid When the credit of the nation was a foc, to great or gain a friend. loaned to individuals; when In his nature there was no comclaims were as thick as leaves promise. To him there were but in June; when the amendment of two pathes-right and wrong. word meant millions, and when ed and misunderstood, but he tions, he stood at the summit of that character spoke louder far

> enough to purchase him. His will be proud of him. He did vote could not be lought, "for not find perfections in other lands; all the sun sees or the profound he did not grow small and Poverty was his priceless thrust by chance. He could not ereignty of the citizen, and the He was a great lawyer. He matchless greatness of this re-

The old guard, numbering but only and foundation of law; was He was of classic mould, a figsixty-five in the house, siood firm familiar with the great streams, are from the antique world. He currents, and tides of authority. had the pose of great statutes,

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