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THURSDAY. APRIL 9. 188 THE OLD COMMANDER.

tox, surrendering it to the man who others which made him so strong as a cases in which they were interested now lies dying in New York city. It military commander, was an element ahead of hundreds of others, thus locks back to that springtime when he would do with the horses of his command, to which the magnanimous do their spring plowing." And the that which the country thought turn. war closed, and the men did their spring plowing, and slowly the scars of war were covered by the vernal growth of peaceful years.

General Grant had a great oppor- was recognized as the greatest captunity in '62, '63, '64 and '65, and it tain of the age. The history of his was that opportunity which made the achievements was read afresh. His man. It is true that if he had been name as a military chief was assoa weak man this special advantage ciated with that of Wellington and would have been of little use to him. Napoleon. Kings and emperors did There were scores of weak men who, him honor. He returned from this in the early months of the rebellion, world ovation as he went, one of the were tried and nothing came of them most illustrious men of the ninebut defeat and disappointment. In teenth century. This country reevery great national crisis there is ceived him with love and admiration. some man within call who is equal to Never did a patriot receive a grander the emergency. Washington was the or more heartfelt welcome. man for the first revolution. Welling-ton was the man for the great conflict in which at last Great Britain overthrew Napoleon. Grant was the didate for a third presidential term. man within reach when the country The common law of the country was the rebellion. There may have ple who had not abated one jot of been other men of more genius, but their love and veneration for the man there was only one man altogether General Grant retired from public equal to the emergency. He was neither brilliant, enthusiastic nor erratic. He had firmness of fiber, and had been misled again by politicians what is called dogged obstinacy whose judgment he ought not to have which is only another name for will. trusted. He looked for some reversal power. When he once reached the of political opinion. It never came clear conviction that a thing could He chose New York as the place of be done, he set about doing it as if his residence, the place of all others there could be no such result as de- where rotirement would be impossifeat. He went right on toward the ble. there were years of a sere:e consummation. Nothing was too life without care before him. hard for him. It was his business to His friends had provided munifiwin victories and in this way to pre- cently for him. It was the misserve the union.

Never did more fortunate circumstances concur for the Union than place him on the retired list as a genthat such a man as Abraham Lineral. He was drawn into business as coln was at the head of the adminisa silent partner through the connectration and Gen. Grant at the head tion of his son with Ward. That of the army. The latter beginning as a captain, made his own way to the banking concern turned out to be one chief command of an army number. of the most stupendous failures of the past year. No doubt this calamity ing a quarter of a million of men. has had much to do with shortening nate circumstance other than the his life. It was not the loss of for-He made his way by no mere fortugrand opportunity which once in a tune so much as the conviction that century may be within reach. He fought his way inch by inch. The might he hold arrementible for a full unknown man became the best known might be held responsible for a failin the country. There were accounts ure which had been associated of the brilliant strategy of Lee Johnston and Stonewall Jackson and Stonewall Jackson,

many instances to call the best men It has been the custom to give ceraround him. He was in no wise a tain land cases a private hearing civilian, and was compelled to trust before the land commissioner or secothers whom he did not know. Grant retary of the interior to decide had the quality of firm friendship, whether it was advisable to make them, would not desert them when tom opened the door to favoritism, "under fire." This very quality of and it became a common thing for Twesty years ago, to-day, General greatness was sometimes abused by senators and members of congress to Lee laid down his sword at Appomat- other men. His absolute faith in get at the land office to advance

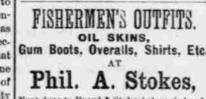
does not seem twenty years when one of weakness in his civil administra- saving months of waiting, but inflicttion. When at the end of eight years ing great delay upon poor claimants Lee, surrendering, asked Grant what he had retired from the office of presi- who had no influence to secure them dent, it could not be said that his ad- a similar privilege. Hereafter a ministration had been distinguished claim coming before the department for wisdom, nor for any extraordinary will have to take its place at the foot

worth preserving, was that of a great and successful military commander. No American ever received such homage abroad as Gen. Grant. In all civilized nations whither he went he

the Cascade mountains. This report raises anew the hopes of Tacoma that the main line is to be pushed to completion. It opens up the probabilities as to the completion of the line from Portland to Astoria, the consolidation of interests between the O. R. & N. Co., and the Oregon Short line and emphasizes the necessity for cooperation in the matter of improving the Columbia. Even the Oregonian now recognizes the necessity of the works at the Cascades

and The Dalles. by unwise politicians to become a can-THE Salt Lake Tribune says there is a rumor that the saints are to transfer their headquarters from wanted a great captain to put down against it. He was defeated by a peo- Salt Lake to Sonora, Mexico.

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But the solid, self-contained, selfwilled commander of the Union army in the greatest crisis in the history character had a prodigious influence by way of inspiring the soldiers who were to fight under him. They came to believe in him. Here was a man who believed in himself, believed that success was always within reach.

THERE is much comment, and all and took the most direct means of of it adverse, upon the recent action reaching results. It was that sturdy of Secretary Lamar in closing the inand steady striking of blows, each terior department, with the pension one harder than the preceding one, bureau, patent office and all the that finally won the day. General branches, as a mark of respect to Grant also had the true military in- the memory of Jacob Thompson, stinct of all great commanders. He secretary under Mr. Buchanan knew his men. He rarely made a Southerners quite generally deprecate mistake. If an officer would not do the act. Thompson died without for a particular work he did not want standing, even among the confederhim. The military chiefs brought stes. He did a great deal of dirty nearest him by his discriminating work, planning while in [Canada judgment turned out to be the most various schemes to cripple the north. capable men in the country. His New York was fired three times by judgment was as clear and decisive his emisssaries. One assertion which about the capacity of the generals gives emphasis to the criticism on whom he trusted as was that of Well- this mark of honor is that Mr. Thompson died a traitor, never having been ington or Napoleon.

When the last battle was won and relieved of his disabilities. Not one the Union was restored, a grateful of the reminiscences told are to the country was ready to take up the dead man's credit. A Tennesseean victorious general and make says: "During the war Thompson him president. Lincoln had fall- was agent for the confederate states en a victim to fanaticism, and in Canada, but just before the war his unexpired term had not ended he was sent to London to act been filled by Johnson to the satis- as the financial agent of the Davis faction of the country. Would not government. At that time there was the greatest general of the age make a large amount of gold in the bank also one of the wisest and most illus- of England to the credit of the contrious chief magistrates? The country federacy, supposed to be about \$2, was not in a mood for the critical 000,000. What became of this money weighing of civil qualifications. Gen. has always been a profound mystery, Grant was elected president as Wash- but many persons believed that ington had been nearly a century be- Thompson gobbled it. Anyhow, he fore, after he successfully led the suddenly became enormously rich." army for independence. Never was A story was told to the effect that the country so blind to the faults and when Jeff Davis went over to Lonerrors of a chief magistrate as when don, just after the war, he was very Gen. Grant was seated in the presi- poor, and Thompson generously gave dential chair. He had the country him \$10,000 ont of his \$2,000,000. Of at his back, or all that part which course this might not have been true, Stoves, 130 Joints Pipe, 12 Brack sympathized with the union. but there were people who believed

But Gen. Grant's military instincts it, and to the day of his death Thomp did not always serve him in his new son had to fight the charge that his and great office. He knew a good great wealth was drawn from the general at sight, almost, but he did foreign treasury of the collapsed connot know a civilian. He failed in federacy.

He will live rather as the great captain whom providence had raised up of the nation. The hero joins the immortals. As long as there are men to reverence the deeds of patriots on earth, will the memory of this illustrious man be revered.

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