

## TAFT LIKE CLEVELAND

Assembles Other Big President in Independence.

"Another Cleveland," is what President Taft has been termed during the past year. People who have studied his administration and his courageous devotion to pledges of the platform upon which he was elected have given him this title. His absolute indifference to attacks of intemperate and irresponsible writers, his firm adherence to what he considers the best interests of the whole country, and his disregard of the varying political currents, seem to justify this characterization.

The president is not a politician. He has made this evident throughout his term by his refusal to take advantage of every opportunity to boost himself into popular favor. With the firm belief that the platform upon which he was elected meant something, and his earnest work to redeem every pledge made, he has been too



PRESIDENT TAFT.

intent upon his business to consider mere popularity. He has been satisfied to do what is best for the whole country, leaving the verdict to the public. Baseless charges are bound to fall to the ground; perhaps not today, but surely tomorrow.

This was President Cleveland's attitude throughout his administration. He was independent and this won for him intemperate criticism, even bordering on vilification. To-day the American people realize the greatness of Grover Cleveland, just as in the future they are bound to acknowledge the similar eminence among presidents of William H. Taft.

Signs of the turning tide are apparent now. The press of the country is more inclined than it ever has been, to grant the president a fair hearing. People are realizing to a greater extent than at any time during the Taft administration, that the work of the past three years has been for the benefit of the country as a whole. No interest or faction has been able to persuade the president to serve the advantage of anybody and he has had the courage to refuse to be popular in order to be just.

## M'KINLEY CALLED TAFT

President Offered Him Great Opportunity of His Life.

The knock of opportunity is invariably interesting. It is said to be heard once by every man. Resounding, good fortune lies before, but the beckoning hand is disregarded, the summons never comes again.

President Taft's start in a brilliant political career came in a most unexpected way. He was dictating a decision of the United States Court in Cincinnati one afternoon early in 1900, when a telegram was brought to him from William McKinley, then President, which read:

"I shall take it as a great favor if you will call on me some time next week."

Judge Taft went to Washington and at the White House met the President and Secretary Long of the Navy. A little later Elihu Root, Secretary of War, came in. President Taft told of this interview later as follows:

"Mr. McKinley said he wanted to send me to the Philippines to help the work of establishing civil government as the army moved on. I thought of my place on the bench and hesitated. Besides, I believed and said we could get along without the Philippines.

"But we have them, and must take care of them," the President replied. "You are at the turning of your way in life," Mr. Root then observed. "The bench is the easy road. You can stay there and be comfortable. On the contrary, the Philippines will demand personal sacrifices and risks and much hard work, but you will have an opportunity of doing your country a very great service." I went home and argued the matter for two weeks.

The telegram that came to Judge William H. Taft in Cincinnati that afternoon, opened the door of opportunity and as a reward for his splendid work in the Philippines and later Secretary of War, the people made him President.

## A ROYAL FLUTE PLAYER.

Frederick the Great Used to Move His Auditors to Tears.

Abdul Hamid used to amuse himself while he was enjoying life at Yildiz kiosk by strumming "Il Trovatore" on the piano. George III, was fond of shouting the melodies of Handelian choruses for the delectation of his court, but the world has seen no real royal musician since Frederick the Great played his last tune on his flute. It seems that the king excelled in adagio movements, into which he infused a warmth and tenderness of feeling that would hardly have been expected from the conqueror of Rossbach and the friend of Voltaire. "It is difficult to listen to his performances without weeping," says one musician.

One reason why he preferred adagio was that he was somewhat short of breath, which made him eschew orchestral accompaniments for the more delicate assistance of the clavichord when he was practicing.

Toward the end of the Seven Years' war he sat down to play in a quartet and at the finish cried enthusiastically, "It is as sweet as sugar!" His companions were not so sure, for Frederick had lost a tooth, and his fingers had stiffened with gout. Finally in 1778 he had to give up his flute playing, and "I have lost my best friend" was the wail of the disconsolate monarch.—Paris Journal des Debats.

## LET IN THE LIGHT.

Darkened Rooms Are Too Suggestive of Darkened Lives.

Fresh air enthusiasts are familiar enough to most of us, but we hear less of enthusiasm for light. Darkened parlors, darkened bedrooms, darkened sick rooms are too common, says the Christian Herald. Sir B. W. Richardson, the London scientist and physician, declared that when the professors of healing enter a sickroom their first words in most cases ought to be Goethe's dying exclamation: "More light! More light!"

The light of the sun is God's own microbe killer, germicide, disinfectant, prophylactic, sickness healer. There is no physician, no chemical antidote, no compounded prescription to be compared with sunlight. Without it nature could not perform her functions. Man, beast, bird, insect would fall victims to the deadly gases that would prevail. The horrid mists and deadly gases are dispersed and decomposed by the action of light. Let it in everywhere! Let the light in more and more abundantly. Faded carpets are not as pitiful as faded cheeks. Spoiled cushions are trivial compared with spoiled health. Darkened rooms are too suggestive of darkened lives.

## An Up to Date Fable.

A lion once invited a fox to visit him in his cave.

"I should be glad to call," said the fox, "but I have observed that all the tracks are pointed toward your door, and there are none leading away."

"Pooh!" said the lion. "That phenomenon may be attributed to the great esteem in which I am held by my guests. I treat them so well that when they leave they walk backward for a long distance to show their respect for me. You will meet a most delightful and distinguished company when you call."

"If you will give me the names and addresses of a few of the survivors," answered the fox, "I will call and see if their reports are satisfactory. If so I will accept your invitation."

Moral.—Avoid invitations to wedding anniversaries and whist parties.—Pearson's Weekly

## Forests of Africa.

One of the great natural treasures of Africa is the immense extra tropical forest that extends almost unbroken from the extreme southern end along the eastern highlands to the equator. There are gaps in it, and the trees change in kind somewhat with change of latitude, but upon the whole it has the same character throughout. The altitude above the sea changes regularly with decrease of latitude. Near the coast the forest grows at sea level; in Natal and the Transvaal its altitude increases to 3,000, 4,000 and 5,000 feet, and on approaching the equator it rises to 7,000 feet and finally to 10,000 feet. In the equatorial highlands the growth is very vigorous, and the forest is enriched with the pencil cedar of Abyssinia.—Youth's Companion.

## Taking Care of the Heart.

A physician writes: "Life would be prolonged by a little more attention to the heart, by paying a little respect to the most faithful servant we ever have. Much good might be done also if parents would teach their children the danger of overtaxing the heart. They should teach them to stop and rest a few moments during their play when they begin to feel the violent throbbing of their hearts against the chest wall."

## Serious Complication.

"I know how to sympathize with you, Mrs. Polhemus," said Mrs. Lapsing. "My left eye was affected once just as yours is, and I had an awful time with it. The doctor said the trouble was that the subjunctive was granulated."—Chicago Tribune.

## Consistency.

Maud—Where are you going? Bessie—Out to buy a birthday present for Belle. Maud—Mercy! I dislike that girl so much I had forgotten her utterly. Get something for me to give her, too, will you?—Harper's Hazard.

Excess of wealth is cause of covetousness.—Marlowe.

## INGA SATHER WEDS/MORTON

DAY-BREAK CEREMONY MONDAY.

Railroad Engineer Marries Daughter of Bend Businessman, Departing For Their New Home in Canadian Northwest.

Monday morning at 5 o'clock occurred the marriage of Miss Inga Sather and John B. Morton, in the residence of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sather. The ceremony was performed at the early hour so that the bridal couple could get away on the morning train.

An amusing feature of the hurried wedding was that an automobile which was expected to take the couple to the depot failed to show up in time, obliging them to make a

run for the train, with their baggage. At the station a crowd of Mr. Morton's railroad friends was on hand to do the usual honors to the departing.

Rev. H. B. Foskett performed the ceremony, which was attended only by the immediate family. Albert Morton, brother of the groom, acted as best man; he has a homestead near Terrebonne. Miss Cora Sather, the bride's sister, acted as maid of honor. Mr. Morton, who has been maintenance engineer on the Oregon Trunk Railroad, has resigned and has secured a construction contract on the Grand Trunk near Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Morton will go directly to their new Canadian home.

## S. C. Brown Leghorns.

Heavy layers—500 farm raised. Tricos \$8.50. Cockerels \$5.00. Eggs \$2.00 per 15. \$9.00 per 100. Baby chicks \$15.00 per 100. Primrose Poultry Plant, James Ireland, 414 Spalding Bldg., Portland, Ore.

The best and most up-to-date map of the county is the blueprint map which The Bulletin has for sale. It shows all the new roads and towns.

## HARD TO PICK NEW MAYOR

COUNCIL DEAD-LOCKS ON CHOICE.

Aune Gets Street Sprinkling Contract—Bend Company Supplies 10,000 Feet of New Cross Walk Lumber for City

A special meeting of the City Council was held Saturday afternoon in the office of Recorder Ellis and bids called for at the meeting on the 2nd were opened.

For furnishing the city 10,000 feet of lumber for crosswalks, there were two bids submitted. The Over-turf-Davis-Miller Co. offered to furnish the lumber at \$11.50 a thousand and The Bend Co. at \$110 for the 10,000 feet. The Bend Co. was awarded the contract.

For street sprinkling, Frank C.

Culp submitted a bid of 60 cents an hour for man and team, and Anton Aune a bid of 55 cents. The contract was awarded to Aune.

President Allen called the attention of the council to the vacancy in the mayorship and Councilman French nominated Councilman Lattin for the position. Councilman Allen seconded the nomination. A secret ballot as provided by the charter was taken. The result showed three votes for and three against. There was no further balloting, adjournment being taken to the call of the president of the council.

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