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FIFTH WHEEL TO THE STAGE COACH

The Office of Vice President a Remarkably Queer One.

The vice presidency is truly a very anomalous sort of office in this republic. Its incumbent may die, and the running of the government machinery is not impeded in the least. Not even a hitch is caused by his dropping out, and in such an event one is surprised to discover how purely ornamental a functionary he was. In fact, he has no excuse for being, except that, as an heir apparent to the chief magistracy is required by the Constitution, and his duties are only such as may be performed without much effort by the president pro tem. of the senate in his absence. Officially, he is like nothing so much as an idle and spendthrift son, waiting for the shoes of a rich and elderly relative.

When Mr. Hendricks died, a good deal of anxiety was felt in regard to the succession to the presidency, in case of Mr. Cleveland's demise. This was because congress had not yet made the law which now provides, that in the event of the passing away of both president and vice president, the members of the cabinet shall assume the chairship to the chief magistracy in turn according to seniority, beginning with the secretary of state. It may have been on this account, perhaps, that Mr. Cleveland did not go to Indianapolis to attend the funeral, fearing the crisis that might be brought about by an inopportune attempt upon his own life—a tragic enterprise of which he stood in such dread that he was always surrounded by detectives and guards. Thanks to the law referred to, which was put through soon afterward as a measure of precaution, there can hardly be danger at any time in the future of the lack of an heir to the throne.

The passage of this law really took away from the vice president nearly all of his excuse for being, inasmuch as it furnished other successors to the presidency. It left him hardly more than a mere figurehead, with duties of a merely nominal description. To give him something to do, and in order that he may not appear to be merely waiting around for the happening of the fatality which alone could put his scepter in his grasp, the vice president is made the presiding officer of the upper house of congress; but he might just as well be chief justice of the supreme court, or governor of the District of Columbia. Unless he chooses, he need never attend a session of the senate, except to take the oath of office, and his absence would neither be noticed nor felt. The president pro tem. of the senate is always at hand to do whatever is required of the vice president.

The vice president of the United States gets \$8000 a year, which, while an absurdly small salary considering the dignity of his position, is money very easily earned. An intelligent child could preside over the senate, because that body is such a very docile one to govern and perplexing parliamentary problems almost never arise.

Mr. Hobart has been situated much more pleasantly in Washington than has been the case with most vice presidents. This was so, first, because he was a rich man and nobody was in a position to snub him or his family. For reasons easily understood, the wives of vice presidents have usually found themselves not very happy at the cap-

ital, owing to an inclination on the part of the cabinet circle to "sit upon them," so to speak. The presiding officer of the upper house is in a certain sense a nonentity, inasmuch as he has no political influence and, under ordinary circumstances, not even a vote. His wife enjoys no definite social rights, and haughty cabinet ladies have been known to declare that she possesses no status at all.

The Stevensons did not have a very enjoyable time in Washington, partly because the Cleveland did not treat them nicely. On the other hand, Mr. McKinley from the first has gone out of his way to be especially agreeable to Mr. Hobart. Levi P. Morton gave a social conspicuousness to the vice presidency which the office had never before attained, but he was worth many millions of dollars, and under the Harrison administration the president of the senate was a great figure, his mansion on Scott Circle being only second to the White House in social importance. At a White House reception the vice president's wife always stands next to the wife of the president. She and her husband attend only one of the four state dinners given each winter at the executive mansion, but on this occasion she goes in on the arm of the chief magistrate.

The testimony of history would seem to show that a vice president of the United States has a pretty fair chance of succeeding to the presidency. Up to date of four men have thus fallen accidentally into the White House, and every one of the quartet has enjoyed a full term. It is a misfortune that, owing to our political arrangements, the vice president is kept to represent a hostile faction and is regarded with indifference or aversion by the chief magistrate and his adherents. The original intention undoubtedly was that he should be the friend and assistant of the president, as the lieutenant governor co-operates with the executive of a state. For many weeks before his death Garfield was incapable of discharging any public duty; he was unable to write his name, and most of the time he was unconscious. Here was plainly the condition of disability to meet which the office of vice president was created, but popular sentiment forbade Arthur to attempt to perform during that interval the least important executive act.

When Mr. Ingalls was president pro tem. of the senate he said: "The vice president has two functions, to preside over the senate and to wait for the president to die." John Adams, at that time vice president himself, remarked: "My country has, in its wisdom, contrived for me the most insignificant office that ever the invention of man conceived." Only four appointments are in the gift of the vice president—a private secretary at \$2250, a messenger at \$1440, a telegraph operator at \$1200, and a page at \$600.

In the beginning the vice presidency appeared to be the natural stepping stone to the presidency. Both Adams and Jefferson gained the higher position through the lower one. The four men have reached the White House through casualties—two by natural death and two by assassination—were Tyler, Fillmore, Johnson and Arthur. Van Buren was the last of the vice presidents to reach the higher office by election. Tyler was the first vice president who became president by the death of his chief, and there was a good deal of dispute as to whether he should be recognized as a full-fledged chief executive. Some of the statesmen thought he ought to sign papers as "acting president," and Daniel Webster made an attempt to lay down the law to him. This, however, he refused to put up with, declaring that he was the president, and that Mr. Webster might leave the cabinet if he did not care to accept that understating. Whereupon the godlike Daniel weakened.

TO BUILD NO MORE YACHTS.

C. Oliver Iselin Will Allow Others to Defend America's Cup.

Yachting circles have been greatly stirred up during the past fortnight over the rumor that C. Oliver Iselin, who so long and so successfully defended America's cup against British challengers, would give up his interest in the trophy and leave other and younger yachtsmen to protect the "blue ribbon of the sea."

Mr. Iselin is said to have declared he will not again build or manage a yacht in an international race. It is more than possible that Nat Herreshoff, the famous designer, will also retire.

At the finish of the last race between the Columbia and the Shamrock, just at the moment when scores of steam whistles and thousands of hearty cheers were telling the story of the home boat's successful defense of the cup, Mr. Iselin and Captain Herreshoff made some significant remarks. Mr. Iselin crossed the Columbia's quarter deck to where Captain Herreshoff was standing, and shaking the designer's hand, deliberately said: "Captain, this is my last America's cup race."

Herreshoff replied in a quiet way: "And it is also my last."

From 1893 to 1899 Iselin and Herreshoff have been associated in the defense of the old trophy, which Sir Thomas Lipton wanted to win so badly. First it was with the Vigilant, in 1893; next with the Defender in 1895, and this year with the Columbia. Each of the winning yachts was designed by Nat Herreshoff, while C. Oliver Iselin was the managing owner of each. The record needs no comment. It required nearly a year to build the Vig-

ilant and equip her for racing. The Defender took a similar period, and it was 14 months from the time the design of the Columbia was agreed upon until the last race with the Shamrock was completed. The strain on both the designer and the managing owner, particularly in the last match, was so great that their intimate friends are not at all surprised that they have decided to retire from the contests.

Whether the decision made by Herreshoff means he will not design another cup defender, has not, and probably will not, be easily ascertained. He is a man of few words, and keeps his own counsel, and it is not at all probable that Mr. Iselin will talk of his future plans.

REMOVING ROYAL DEAD FROM WINDSOR CASTLE.

Never since King George III built for himself and his children the underground mausoleum among the foundations of Windsor Castle has there been so much life, if not bustle, amid the tombs of the kings and queens and royal personages as there is now.

The coffins, with the remains of George III, George IV, William IV, the Duke of Kent, the Duke of York, Princess Octavia and Alfred (children of George III, removed from Westminster Abbey), the Duchess of Brunswick, the Princesses Charlotte and Elizabeth (children of William IV); Queen Charlotte, Princess Charlotte, Princess Augusta, King George V, of Hanover, and last of all, the present Duchess of York's mother, from where they lay to make room for those who must inevitably follow in the years that are to come.

The royal sepulchre, which is situated directly beneath St. George's Chapel, and the royal memorial chapel at Windsor Castle, is one of the places to which no member of the public is ever admitted. Some one of the royal family may pay an occasional visit; some few, very few, privileged persons have at times been known to have their curiosity satisfied, but from the public eye the place is kept secret. Even by those who have been permitted to descend the stairs and pass through the gates into the presence of the royal dead the visit could not be called inspiring.

First of all there was the getting down—no easy matter even with the required permission; and there is no wonder the visitors were few, except when the sepulchre had to be opened to receive a new inmate. Heavy iron plates which guarded the stone stair that led down into the vaults had to be removed.

The bottom gained, nothing more was visible for a time but the heavy gloom, all the more weird by the dim light given by one or two sickly candles and the lantern carried by the watchman. Gradually, as the eyes accustomed themselves to the light, or, rather, the darkness, one began to distinguish massive octagonal pillars, supporting what seemed a vaulted roof. Down the center ran a long stout table, and round the sides some shelves, upon which rested strange dark things that did not, in the gloom, look what they really were—the coffins containing the dust and ashes of long since departed royalties.

To discover who lay there the privileged visitor had to explore with the aid of the lantern and peer into the inscriptions on the tombs. Cold, silent, echoless, as weird a place as ever one found himself in, is the royal sepulchre at Windsor.

But all that is being changed now. The shelves for the reception of the dead are re-arranged by her Majesty's order. In fact, the coffins are being shifted now. The stone tables upon which the dead have lain ever since their entombment are being lifted to the sides and a beautiful marble altar is being erected at the east side of the vault.

The cumbersome iron plates which have hitherto sealed the entrance are to be taken away, and an arched doorway, with handsome gates, is to be erected in their place, making access much easier, while it will be just as safe from intruders as before. Electric wires are being run through the whole sepulchre, so that when the visitor descends, some time in the near future, he will suddenly find the place flooded with bright light. From a vault of depressing gloom the royal mausoleum is being transformed into a place of beauty.

A New Year's Guide.

There is one book every one should make an effort to get, for the new year. It contains simple and valuable hints concerning health, many amusing anecdotes, and much general information. We refer to Hostetter's Almanac, published by The Hostetter Co., Pittsburg, Pa. It will prove valuable to any household. Sixty employees are kept at work on this valuable book. The issue for 1900 will be over eight millions, printed in the English, German, French, Welsh, Norwegian, Swedish, Holland, Bohemian and Spanish languages. It contains proof of the efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the great remedy prepared by the publishers, and is worthy of careful preservation. The almanac may be obtained free of cost, at any druggist or general dealer in the country.

THE CHINESE MUST GO.

The Dallas Times-Mountaineer: The Chinese who for years have taken out millions of dollars from the placer mines near Sumpter soon have to resort to other means of making a living as the white men who own the ground find that with modern means of working the mines they can make a much greater profit than by leasing the land to the Chinese, and when this is done they will be able to realize the real wealth of these mines.

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Methodists South are laying stress upon education in their Cuba work. They report a great demand for teachers in English, both in Havana and in Cienfuegos, and they are doing their best to supply it. They say the people are anxious to learn, and also to secure copies of the Bible, but that the Roman Catholic church is straining every nerve to retain its hold. Two male and one female teacher are at work in Havana, and among the pupils at one of the schools a professor in the University of Havana, who comes to learn English pronunciation. One school has seventy-five pupils, all the room will accommodate. At religious services on Sundays the congregations are growing, although only a hall can be afforded for them, and a church is to be organized at an early date. Disciples of Christ have two teachers in as many schools in San Juan. The regular missionary is the Rev. J. A. Erwin, their religious work prospering rapidly. The Rev. L. C. Pherson and wife, two Disciples' missionaries, have just reached Havana, where they will take up work. There is a Disciple who is chaplain of one of the regiments in or near Manila. He has been sending home many reports of conditions there, and under his advice the Christian Foreign Society is about to send out two missionary laborers for the Philippine field.

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Silverton Appeal:

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Corvallis Gazette:

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