

WHAT A FORMER AMERICAN SAYS.

Doubled Their Cultivated Lands and More Than Doubled Their Stock.

The following letter written by Mr. John Cummings of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada, formerly of Washington, to a friend in the United States is only one of a hundred similar cases, and what was done by Mr. Cummings can more easily be done to-day by any good, sober and industrious farmer who chooses to make his home in the Dominion.

Dear Sir:

You want to know how I got along since I came into Northern Alberta. I am happy to inform you that I am not ashamed to tell.

We located five miles northeast of Wetaskiwin; left Farmington, Washington, on the 29th of May, driving all the way.

We had time to build our log house the first fall and to make us comfortable for the family and stock. We then built four stables 18x20 inside, so that we could put everything inside them when the cold got down to the fifties, and worked hard getting up the stable and got through dubbing on the 1st December, but to our surprise we had no use for the stables only for the milk cow and two span of horses. The balance of the horses lived on the prairie all winter and took care of themselves. The doors of two stables were left open for them to go into in a cold time, but they would not do it, but stayed out on the prairie the coldest night we had, and looked as spry as crickets.

I can go ten rods back of my house and count ten residents. I know all of their circumstances. Every one of them have doubled their cultivated land and doubled their animals, and a great deal more. All of us are comparatively out of debt and an unusually big crop to thresh and prospects of a fair price, and I expect we are as well contented lot of people as there are from Florida to the Klondike.

My son bought two pounds of twine to the acre, and when we started to bind some barley, we found that instead of taking two pounds to the acre, it was taking nearly five pounds. Then you ought to have seen him hitch up a team and make for town for 100 lbs. more. I cannot say how it will thresh. All I can say is that it is well headed, and takes an enormous amount of twine.

WIT AVERTED A STORM.

The Capital Device of a Congressman to Cool His Wife's Anger.

In the seclusion of the house cloakroom a story is being told on a western member. There are 357 men in the house. Three hundred and fifty-six are hereby released from any connection with the story. The other man—and the other man's wife—will recognize the truth of what is here recorded.

The western member went home at a very early hour in the morning. He had made a night of it with some friends. He knew that his conduct would be considered reprehensible by his better half, and so he ascended the steps of his modest home he racked his brain for some plan to avert the lady's wrath. As he entered the hall he saw an umbrella. Instantly it occurred to him that the umbrella might be his salvation.

He carried the umbrella upstairs. Seating himself on a chair in the corner of the bedroom, he raised the rain guard over his head and then coughed loudly. His wife awoke and saw in the dim gaslight her liege lord sitting solemnly under the raised umbrella.

"What are you doing?" she asked in natural surprise.

"It is three o'clock, my dear," said he, "and I am waiting for the storm."

The congressman's ready wit saved him from a Caedric lecture. He is worrying now, however, to find an equally effective act for the next time he stays out late.—Washington Post.

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VEST WILL RETIRE.

Senior Senator from Missouri Not a Candidate for Reelection.

He Has Served the Nation Faithfully and Well, and Has Made Many Friends Among His Political Opponents.

[Special Washington Letter.]

It is better to give flowers to the living than to strew them upon the graves of the dead. It is better to build monuments of love and appreciation in the hearts of the living than to erect monuments to the dead. Therefore it is not improper, while Senator George Graham Vest of Missouri still lives, to say that contemplation of his life brings to memory the words of Longfellow:

"Lives of great men all remind us We can make our lives sublime."

Senator Vest is now in his seventieth year, and has publicly announced that he will retire from public life at the conclusion of his present term in the senate, which will expire on March 3, 1903. His career has been wonderful, and fully warrants the use of the lines of Longfellow just quoted. He has been a great lawyer, a great orator, a great legislator, a brilliant debater, and will leave upon the congressional records the impress of genius and wonderful intellectual achievements.

When Senator Ingalls of Kansas was regarded as the most capable debater and orator on the republican side of the senate, he said to the narrator: "I have perfect self-confidence and am ready to meet any senator in debate, believing that I can hold my own. But I do not intend to seek any controversy with Vest. There is a man who is so fully equipped upon all subjects that he would keep any antagonist busy keeping track of his interrogation points."

Senator Vest is a small man, physically, being only five feet four inches in height. His neck is short, and his head is so close to his shoulders that he always had the appearance of being slightly stoop shouldered. His health has failed during the past year, and hence he is rather slender, although formerly he was rather heavy for a man of his weight. His voice is pitched in the upper register, and if he had been a singer tenor would have been his part. In uttering vehemently his views on national affairs his voice is sometimes exceedingly shrill, and yet not unpleasant.

The friendships of public men would surprise the plain people of the land who seldom have opportunity to see their distinguished representatives and senators gathered together in the national capital. Although Senator Vest has been one of the most sarcastic and drastic orators on the democratic side of the senate chamber for well-nigh a quarter of a century, some of his warmest personal friends have been republicans. Senators Conkling of New York, Blaine of Maine, Mahone of Virginia, Quay of Pennsylvania, Allison of Iowa, Spooner of Wisconsin, Davis of Minnesota, and Hanna of Ohio, have enjoyed social intimacy with Senator Vest, and all of them hold him in affectionate regard.

During the spring of 1892, just before the national conventions were held, it was the good fortune of the writer to hear an extemporaneous speech from Senator Vest on a pending pension bill, in which he attacked

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senator Ingalls sarcastically alluded to the former service of Senator Vest in the confederate congress, and the little Missourian instantly retorted: "But it never happened to me to have my credentials questioned in this or any other body."

In the senate corridor one day last week the senator said to the correspondent: "I am the sole surviving member of the confederate senate. All of the others have died, one after another. There are only eight members of the United States senate who served in this body when I came here, who are now living. Death works with energy and pertinacity. The grim reaper will soon claim me also; and I am ready to meet him at any moment."

During the past 20 years numerous corporations have insistently endeavored to secure rights of way for railroads in the Yellowstone national park, and Senator Vest has been the most faithful guardian of that wonderful reservation. On one occasion, when urged to permit an electric line to be run across the northeastern corner of the park, Senator Vest said:

"While I live not a single mile of rails shall be laid in that park, because a precedent would be formed, and the park would be destroyed in a generation. People go to Europe to see the well advertised beauties of nature there. But the Yellowstone national park is the greatest and most wonderful creation on the face of this earth."



VEST RETORTING TO INGALLS.

It must and shall be preserved in all its beauty, just as it was placed there by the hand of God; and one day it will be a health resort where valuable lives may be prolonged. No vandal hands shall mar it for commercial purposes."

The great congressional library building had in Senator Vest one of its original and unswerving champions. Senators Voorhees, of Indiana, and Morrill, of Vermont, also championed the congressional library bill. Both of them have gone before, and Senator Vest gave them credit for their work in this regard in delivering eulogies upon them in the senate chamber. Senator Morrill lived to be 85 years old, and in alluding to that fact Senator Vest quoted these lines of Shakespeare:

"Let me not live After my flame lacks oil, to be the snuff of younger spirits whose apprehensive senses All but new things disdain."

He will have his wish unless his health shall mend, and when his time shall come there will pass from the political arena and from the forum of legislation one of the ablest and noblest of them all. Although gifted with superior talents, Senator Vest possessed eminently the genius of labor. During his entire career, even in young manhood, he was a student, a close inquirer into details of law and fact. He possessed concentration, or oneness of aim. He always believed that the talent of success consisted in doing well whatever was undertaken, without thought of fame. He never believed in good or bad luck, but said: "The lucky dog is the one that hunts for the bones; and hunts till he gets them."

Personally honest, Senator Vest always believed in honesty by the government in all of its dealings. He once said: "Our people take pride in the fact that the national debt was paid after the civil war. As a matter of fact the national debt has never been paid, and never will be. The rich men who loaned money to the government have received their money back again, and with interest. But the poor people who have claims against the government cannot get justice. Year after year they come to the congress begging that bills may be passed, giving them their just dues. But their bills are never passed. They hope on and hope ever until they die in poverty because the government will not be honest with them. If all of the just claims against the government were paid, it would take \$500,000,000, and maybe \$1,000,000,000."

Patience is a virtue possessed by few public men after they have once firmly secured exalted position. But until this day, while he is aging and somewhat feeble, Senator Vest has the patience to listen to the cause of every man who requires his attention or believes that he can give him aid. He has always claimed that a public servant should be a willing servant of the public, and that every citizen has a right to expect willing service from every senator, representative or other officer of the government.

Senator Vest has been a superior legislator, a typical senator and a typical American citizen. SMITH D. FRY.

Had Been There Before.

Mrs. Gillian—Now, Mrs. Wyckoff, we really must say good-by. Dear, while you put your overcoat on I want to tell Mrs. Wyckoff a secret.

Mr. Gillian—All right. I'll just go and get my hair cut and meet you at the corner.—N. Y. Press.

His Next Day's Wisdom.

At the fork of the road, before choosing his track, He will question and daily wonder; But when once in the wrong way, beyond going back, He chafes to have made such a blunder. At the hour of decision his cleverness flies, But his next day's wisdom is always so wise.—Indra.

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A CAREFUL BRIDE.

She Didn't Give Hubby a Chance to Make Any Declaration of Devotion.

The happy pair had survived the congratulations of friends and relatives, and were being whirled rapidly towards the railway station, before the bridegroom began fairly to realize that the vision of love-life at his side was indeed his own.

A dawning sense of what he had gone and done and of the sacred charge that was now committed to his care began to creep upon his benumbed faculties, driving the rose of health from his downy cheek and substituting therefor the pallor of haunting responsibilities.

"Darling," he whispered, softly, "it will ever be my sacred care in life to—She interrupted him somewhat brusquely.

"Now," said she, "don't sit on your coat-tails that way and get them all wrinkled up, and for goodness' sake don't lay your elbow right in that dust! Heaven only knows how long it will be before you get another suit, so that you better take care of this one. Now, when we get to the station, you'd better get a couple of sandwiches in case we get hungry in the train, and two hard-boiled eggs, and don't forget a small paper of pepper and salt."—Tit-Bits.

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Nobody is expected to see through a joke until after it is cracked.—Golden Days.

It is human nature to attribute the success of others to chance.—Chicago Daily News.

Men always begin to differ when they begin to think.—Rum's Horn.

Shang is queer in spots. When they say a man is "in the spot," they mean he is "out of it."—Elliott's Magazine.

"How do you get along?" "Walk. You don't suppose some one carried me, did you?"—Topsie Topics.

Bill—Did you notice all the broken windows in Gill's house filled up with old clothes?" Jill—Yes; sort of plugged quarters, ain't they?"—Yonkers Statesman.

Mrs. Smith—O! Is that you? I'm so glad to see you here." Mrs. Smythe—"Really, you?" Mrs. Smith—"Yes; I was afraid at first that everybody would be more fashionable than I."—Philadelphia Press.

Jaggles—"I met old Driggs to-day. He was wild clean through." Waggles—"No wonder. After paying double car fare every day for six months, he has just discovered that he could have got a transfer."—Town Topics.

"Those tags on your goods are disgraceful," said a customer to a clothing store. "Yes; you see we've marked down our goods so many times that the tags are all marked up," said the proprietor, lighting another cigar.—Yonkers Statesman.

"I was married on Friday, the 13th," she said. "Well," replied her dearest friend, "that effectively disposes of the idea that it is unlucky. It was really remarkable luck for you, wasn't it, dear?"—Chicago Post.

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