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Judge B. W. Green's Address Before Railroad Trainmen

An Address of Sterling Worth Delivered Before Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Trainmen in Renovo on April 1, 1898.

The following is the address of Judge Green delivered on that occasion and published in the PRESS at that time. We take pleasure in republishing it at this time that all railroad men read and note the sentiments of Judge Green as expressed at that time, years before he ever thought he should ask the support of his hearers:

EMPLOYEES FOLLOW THE GOLDEN RULE.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: I am heartily in accord with the spirit of this meeting and its object, and I have not only enjoyed but have been much benefited by what I have seen and learned here this afternoon, and take pleasure in extending thanks to your worthy committee for this opportunity to be present and join in the ceremonies of the day.

The meeting of the employer and employees of this great system which is so closely allied with every material interest, not only within our commonwealth from which it derives "great name, but with the nation, large to which it is a right arm of strength, will certainly have lasting results for good, not only to those who are present but to the community at large that relies to a considerable extent upon the working of this line of transportation for pleasure and prosperity.

It is fitting for us on this sacred day that we should turn our thoughts to our duty, to our fellow man, to the community, to the state and nation under which we live, and last but not least as employer and employee of the Pennsylvania railroad. The grand conception of the rule of doing unto others as you would others should do unto you that has been the guiding star to humanity for ages and has stood the test of time for centuries, and will for all time to come, is a self-evident truth that can be safely relied upon in the everyday affairs of life. It is the spring from which pure thoughts and right motives flow. That it is one of the cardinal and essential self-imposed requirements among your membership to cultivate morality and intellectual attainments is to be highly commended. It is always with satisfaction that we read such signs as "R. R. Y. M. C. A.," Railroad Reading Room, and others of like import. They are the switch levers along the great thoroughfares that give assurance of safety to the traveler. The cultivation of the heart and mind of man is at least as much an essential as physical strength—the whole machine is useless when you have removed one of its parts. I do not pretend to be here to spin new theories or to advance thoughts that are not already old or even trite to you, but if we are able in this brief time, to impress upon each other, that we are never too old to learn, that the cultivation of the mind and conscience is the excuse for human existence, then so much of your time as I may take will not be wholly lost. Read and think for yourselves, but above all educate your children that your places may be well filled in time to come—perchance it may be as officers or employees as you are now engaged, and in any event as good citizens of this great republic. In whatever walk of life your and their lot may be cast, educated and trained minds are needed in order to better fulfill the duties of life. Advancement and progress are the watch words of the age and he who expects to keep step with the procession must indeed be well equipped both mentally and physically. The best ideals are worthy of your emulation, the highest goals your aspiration. Many may be disappointed but every step in the right direction is so much gained.

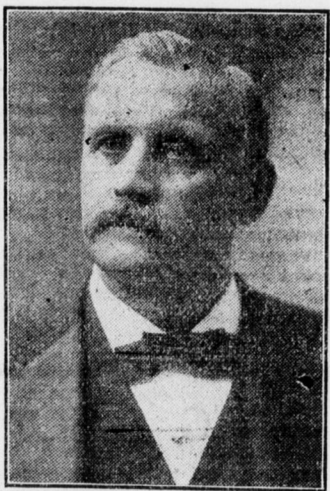
OUR PROGRESS INDEX OF OUR ADVANCEMENT.

The history of the progress made by the railroads in the United States since its commencement about 70 years ago, is but an index of the advancement of our country. The railroad and the railroad men have been the advance agents for progress and civilization. They have developed and opened to the use and enjoyment of man the vast resources of a continent, and this too in a comparatively short space of time. Within about

30 years, and within the recollection of many here present, the first trans-continental line was completed. It seems but yesterday that we saw an account in the newspapers of the driving of the silver spike at Ogden that completed the connecting link that joined the Atlantic and Pacific. And now the canvas covered prairie schooner has given way to the express trains with all the modern conveniences and luxuries on at least three complete systems of railroad from ocean to ocean within our territory. The Great American desert which occupied such a large space upon the map of the west, has given way to a considerable extent by these agencies, to prosperous communities, towns, cities and states. They have built up a broad empire in the west vast in resources, that as an integral part of this union we as its citizens have a just right to feel proud.

ONE THIRD OF UNIVERSE SPANNED BY RAILROADS.

The magnitude of the railroad interests in the United States to-day is so vast and far reaching in its effect upon every industry and avocation of life, that it commands the respect and admiration of all. From 40,000 miles of railroad in 1865, the records show, I believe, an increase to 185,000, being over one-third of that upon the earth's surface. The same source of information tells me that this represents about one-sixth of the entire value of the United States. Any single industry pales into insignificance when compared with it. No wonder that one out of every twenty-eight wage earners in this country are engaged in this class of work, and that it is a true barometer of trade and prosperity. Strike this interest down and you will materially affect all living along its iron way. I do not mean by this that any industry, large and far reaching in its usefulness as it may be, should be fostered to the detriment of another, but I am frank to say that obstacles should not be placed in its path and it should receive the hearty encouragement of every good citizen. When the car and engine shops of the railroad are running full, and the train service is being pushed to the capacity of the line, then we can rest assured that the producers as well as the wage earners along its line are shareholders in its prosperity, that all



HON. B. W. GREEN,
Republican Candidate for President Judge.

who wish to work can find employment at fair prices, and the community at large are prosperous and happy. Show me the balance sheet of this great corporation each month or each season and you or I can tell by comparison whether the farmer, the iron master, the producer and manufacturers generally throughout the country are prospering or not. The great industries of this or any other country are so interchangeable in their cause and effect upon each other, that an injury to one is a disaster to the other, and is like taking out a rail in the way of a rapidly moving train, that by the very nature of things must result in great loss of property if not to life. It is a mistaken idea that when a railroad com-

pany is injured, whether it be in the destruction of its property, some great calamity or otherwise, that the loss will fall solely upon what may be termed the wealthy class of the country. While they may be largely interested yet the fact remains that the shareholders of a great corporation, like the one you represent, numbers into the thousands and includes the laboring man, the widow, the orphan and what may be termed the great intermediate class, either directly or indirectly. This stock is owned and is one of the corner stones of the foundation of security for the beneficial association, the life insurance company, and the savings institutions of the country, in fact that class of institutions of all others in which your interests and the interests of every man who has been striving for a life time to invest and safely lay up for himself in old age and his family a few well earned dollars are invested. I know, gentlemen, and the country at large shares with me in this knowledge, that these interests are safe in your hands, and I can assure you that it is a gratifying knowledge. Labor and capital must of necessity go hand in hand because their interests are identical.

THE NORTHERN CENTRAL'S DEFENSE OF THE UNION.

Well do I remember the stirring events of the Civil war that cost this country so much in treasure and life, and that entailed so much suffering upon the battle fields of our own state and the south. And I have a vivid recollection of the trains of soldiers from the loyal north that were being transported over the Northern Central to the defense of the union—at that time the only railroad extending north and south through the Keystone state—and as such was the great artery that supplied the sinews of war to our country. It was over this line in the dark days, early in 1861, that the loyal sons were safely taken to their post of duty and from that time until victory perched upon the Stars and Stripes of a redeemed country it continued to be the great military highway of the union. Since that time substantial and rapid growth has been made in the Pennsylvania system and to day its lines fully equipped reach out in every direction in the most populous parts of our union and extend to fully one-half of its population. No one can help but admire the illustration of this system as depicted upon the great map at the Broad Street station in Philadelphia showing these thoroughfares of iron and steel covering the western, southern and middle states, the heart of this union and extending from the Mississippi and the Lakes to the Atlantic and is a source of strength to our country in times of peace, and the right arm of defense in times of war.

STAND LOYALLY BY THE RAILROAD OFFICIALS.

It is a gratifying fact that for years the mutual understanding existing between the officers and employees of this corporation have been satisfactory to all concerned. At times business generally has been depressed, wages low and misfortunes have attended this, as well as other avocations of life, but the fact remains that for at least 21 years, an age in the life of man, this great, good and faithful army of employees have followed the leadership of good sense, and kept in the service and aided the company by good will and good work. It gives me pleasure to bear testimony that a Pennsylvania railroad employee is gentlemanly and courteous in his dealings with the public; that he is brave and fearless in the performance of every duty; and that he is an upright citizen in the community where he lives and meets every just requirement.

Nick Russell, the owner of the Big Comedy Company that bears his name, and which opens the season at the Emporium Opera House cannot read a note of music. Those who see him in his vaudeville stunt in which he plays a piano with boxing gloves on and in many and diverse other extraordinary ways, will acknowledge that he is a musical wonder and worthy of the title that has been bestowed upon him, "the human pianola." Several other strong vaudeville acts will be seen with the show including the Australian acrobats, the Bedell Bros.; The Twentieth Century Trio, The Hawks; Louise Robbins; the petite soubrette in imitation of famous plays, and George Edwards, the funny German comedian. The opening bill on Thursday evening, Nov. 1st will be "Peaceful Valley," the play that made Sol Smith Russell famous, and which will be presented for the first time at popular prices, 15, 25 and 35 cents. Secure your seats at H. S. Lloyd's book store.

B. W. Green for President Judge.

Election day is close at hand,
And we want it to be seen,
That every loyal vote is cast,
For Benj. W. Green.

He is an honest citizen,
He loves the working man,
We want him for our future Judge,
So help him all you can.

By faithful work and honesty,
He made his way to fame,
His motto is the Golden Rule,
There's naught against his name.

So when Nov. 6th does come,
Go forth with smiles serene,
And for President Judge elect,
Our choice B. W. Green.

J. F. S.

Hon. Josiah Howard's Work for Townships

J. R. Batchelder, of Grove, Treasurer of the Road Fund, received last Saturday, from the State Forestry Commissioner, \$582.84 for Good Road purposes for the year 1906. This with the \$874.26 received by Grove for school purposes makes a total of \$1,457.10 that Grove township will receive from the State Forestry Commissioners for 1906, through the untiring efforts and zeal of Hon. Josiah Howard in the last session of the legislature, when he introduced and secured the passage of his bill assessing all state lands for road and school purposes. Every township in the county, where the state owns lands, will this year receive the same per cent. of taxes to support their schools and aid in making good roads. Every tax-payer in Cameron county should show by their vote that they appreciate Hon. Josiah Howard's efforts in their behalf.

DENIAL FROM MR. HOWARD

I was asked to-day by a friendly Democrat, in all seriousness, if I had voted for the "White Slave" Bills. I assured him, most emphatically that I had not and referred him to the Record I had published a few weeks ago and he said he was satisfied, as my word was good, but he just wanted to ask me himself, to make sure. I now say and repeat to all our people that I did NOT vote for the "White Slave" Bills, nor did I trade votes on any bills.

The "Independent," after admitting its errors last week goes on to make another, by saying that I voted against Personal Registration.

It seems impossible that this could be anything but an intentional misrepresentation, as there were a good many personal registration bills introduced, but only two of them ever came to a vote—one for cities of the first and second class, and one special bill for personal registration in cities of the third class. I voted for both these bills as finally amended, and they were both passed and signed by the governor.

As I said before, the "Independent" does not give the numbers of the bills they are talking about, but they treat all motions and amendments as though they were the bills themselves, and it is very misleading but when the bills as amended came up for final passage I voted for them and they now are laws in force at the election is this fall.

I can only say that the "Independent" makes many mistakes and misrepresentations.

Very truly Yours,
JOSIAH HOWARD.

Our Fighting Judge.

When President Lincoln called for volunteers in '61 to '63, Doctor Smith was too busy, but now in 1906, he is a candidate on the Lincoln-Republican ticket, fighting that old soldier—Judge LaBar—who stood by Lincoln all through the war and saw active service as a cavalry officer in seventeen battles, including Gettysburg and the Wilderness.

President Roosevelt has his eye on the congressional battle being waged in Pennsylvania. He looks to the state to send him a strong Republican delegation. The 21st district will do its part.

It's Up to You Republicans.

Next Tuesday the free men of Cameron county will be called upon to cast their ballots and decide between the parties—whether it shall be to sustain President Roosevelt or rebuke his grand administration. Vote for Stuart and the entire Republican state ticket.

CAPT. CHAS. F. BARCLAY.

For the first time in the history of Cameron county we have been honored with the Republican nomination for Congressman in the person of our estimable citizen, Capt. C. F. Barclay, one of the cleanest men in the state. Give him your vote and help swell his majority to 10,000.

JUDGE B. W. GREEN.

That the citizens of this judicial district, regardless of party, have fully determined to elect our honored citizen, Judge B. W. Green, to the position he has so ably filled during the past few months, for the full term of ten years. It is gratifying to the people of this district, especially Judge Green's neighbors, who have been intimately acquainted with him ever since he gained his majority. Upright, man, honest as a gold dollar, people's friend and protector—even the humblest man can approach him and know that justice will be meted out to him. He is free from entanglements and is known and acknowledged to be one of the brightest minds in the state. The people of this district, regardless of party, are delighted to vote for a man of Judge Green's ability and standing. From every county news of the most encouraging nature is being received that forcibly denote his election by a sure majority. Our people will roll up a handsome vote for Judge Green in this county, our people realizing that the situation in the immediate future demands the election of Judge Green, as the people's protector.

STATE SENATOR.

James K. Wilson, of Clarion county, an honorable gentleman and popular young man, is well received by the people and fully expects to carry Clarion county, thereby giving James Knox Polk Hall the fight of his life.

ASSOCIATE JUDGE.

Never has a more deserving candidate asked the support of the voters of Cameron county than Judge Geo. J. LaBar. A good, accommodating citizen, enterprising and public spirited, he deserves the support of the voters of this county and we believe he will be elected. During the few months Judge LaBar has served as Associate Judge he has paid the strictest attention to his duties. The fact that Mr. LaBar is one of the heaviest tax-payers in the county is of itself evidence that he is the proper person to elect. His opponent has been well cared for and should be satisfied. Vote for Geo. J. LaBar as well as the entire Republican ticket.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

The foremost citizen of Cameron county, Hon. Josiah Howard, who has faithfully represented our county at Harrisburg during the past two years, with marked ability and zeal, again asks the suffrage of his friends. That Mr. Howard should be returned to Harrisburg to complete the good work he has commenced, none honestly familiar with the unselfish work of Mr. Howard will deny. Being the largest employer of labor in Cameron county and the leader in all work for the advancement and upbuilding of our county, he is justly entitled to the support and election. We have too much faith in the thinking people of this county to believe they will do other than return him to Harrisburg by an increased majority. His passage of the law to levy a tax of several thousand dollars upon state lands, for the use of our schools and good roads, entitles him, alone, to the hearty support of our citizens, regardless of party. How any friend of Cameron county can vote against such a public spirited citizen as Hon. Josiah Howard cannot be a friend of the county, in fact he must be an ingrate. Work and vote for Hon. Josiah Howard.

PROTHONOTARY.

William J. Leavitt, our nominee for Prothonotary, is meeting with a cordial reception throughout the county. He is sure to be elected

THE WEATHER.
FRIDAY, Fair SATURDAY, Fair
SUNDAY, Rain

ASSETS

First National Bank,

EMPORIUM, PA.
At the close of business Nov. 1, 1906.
\$819,843.84.

A bank account helps to make you a GOOD CITIZEN—and what better thing can be said of any man when he has lived his life.

DR. LEON REX FELT,
DENTIST.
Rockwell Block, Emporium, Pa.

Opera House,

THREE NIGHTS
Commencing ToNight, NOV. 1, 2, 3

NICK RUSSELL
Presents the sterling war drama

'The Indian'

Prices 15c, 25c, and 35c.
Seats on sale at H. S. Lloyd's.

by a large majority. The people respect a hustler, especially when a poor boy tramps the county to see the voters. You will make no mistake if you vote for William J. Leavitt, thereby encouraging other poor boys to battle for an education, even though they have to go hungry to bed many a night. Remember when you vote for Mr. Leavitt that you make a cross X after the word Republican in the first column—that does the business.

JURY COMMISSIONER.

John A. Wykoff, of Grove, an old respected citizen, our nominee for Jury Commissioner, of course is sure of election, yet don't forget to vote for him.

Why I Will Vote for Hon. Josiah Howard.

Because, he is better qualified to fill the position he aspires to than the gentleman who opposes him.

Because, he speaks ill of no man, not even those little men who juggle with the truth, that they might hide their misdeeds behind his good name.

Because, his business is honorable, and no man is morally better than the business he engages in.

Because, he has helped more poor people in time of need (and said less about it) than any man of my acquaintance.

Because, on Oct. 26, 1906, Grove township received from the state, (through the agency of his land tax bill) \$582.04 for road purposes and there is now due \$874.26. Which will be paid into school funds, making a total of \$1,457.10 that Grove township will receive this year.

Because, I feel it my duty as a citizen and tax-payer to assist in returning him to the Assembly to enable him to finish the task he has so well begun.

Now, Mr. Editor, I have no personal interest in this political contest. It is the principles Mr. Howard stands for that I am devoted to. And should he be defeated I will believe that Cameron county has taken a long stride backward. I wish to say to the little man in the east ward that I may wear a No. 6 hat, but I did not go out of Cameron county to procure funds to purchase it.

A BRYAN DEMOCRAT.
Grove, Oct. 31, 1906.

Sustain Roosevelt.

The following Republican heading appears on the ballot. Make only one X, precisely as this:

REPUBLICAN.	X
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Do not make any mistake that may cause the throwing out of your vote. Take the advice of President Roosevelt and vote as above indicated.

The election of Capt. Barclay to congress next Tuesday is conceded, but Republicans must not neglect their duty. Go to the polls and support the party's congressional candidate and make his majority big.

A Great Treat.

The concert given at opera house last Friday evening by Emporium Band was largely attended and delighted every one. Prof. Pisk and his band is to be congratulated upon the excellent music rendered. Give us more of it.

The Judicial Situation.

All reports received from Clinton and Elk are encouraging for Judge Green's election. Cameron county must do her full share on Tuesday next and help swell the majority for Judge Green. Remember, you are fighting for your home and future prosperity of your county.