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THE AMERICUS CLUB.

History of the Liveliest Body of Republican Campaigners in the Country.

A LUSTY POLITICAL INFANT

That Has Figured in the Hot Campaigns of Recent Years.

FEASTS THAT INAUGURATED BOOMS

A Complete List of the Resident, Non-Resident and Honorary Members.

LETTERS READ AT LAST NIGHT'S FEAST

THE enthusiasts among young Republicans of this city, who met one evening on Wood street, and mutually agreed that Pittsburg should have a political club to represent the Gibraltar of Republicanism at home and abroad by means of a sturdy phalanx of marching young men to take the middle of the street at the sound of the political trumpet, had no idea that the organization would expand into the most famous political club in the United States.

It was the original intention to have simply a marching club for the Blaine campaign, and with that end in view 21 gentlemen gathered in Select Council Chamber on August 2, 1884, and organized. The following officers were elected at the first meeting:

President—John A. Reed.
Vice President—William P. Bennett.
Secretary—William T. Reiter.
Treasurer—Charles C. Baer.
Captain—Lewis T. Brown.
First Lieutenant—J. D. Littell.
Second Lieutenants—Samuel D. Hubley, Harry T. Rowley.

A number of names were suggested and a committee was appointed to decide the matter, a lively dispute waxing warm between the advocates of "Corinthian" and "Americus." The latter name was finally chosen because there was a Democratic club in the eastern part of the State of that name, and it was thought expedient to have a Republican offset. Such considerations would not have prevailed if the foresight had been in line with the hindsight. However, no one has ever questioned the euphony of the name, its applicability to the club, or the wisdom of its choice.

The Club's Rapid Growth.

The club marched valiantly and take great pride in the immense majority rolled up for Blaine in what Lincoln was wont to call the "State of Allegheny." Excursions were made to various places, and the oratorical element of the club woke the echoes all over Western Pennsylvania. West Virginia was raided and her voters enthused, and the club dropped into Ohio several times to give Foraker a boost. After the campaign had ended the greatly increased membership of the club and its brilliant record led to the permanent organization of of the body as a political club. Advocates of the social side of club life were met by the argument that to be distinctive politically there must be but little attempt at social pre-eminence.

Upon that basis the club started and has had its wonderful growth. Its immense non-resident membership at the present time has generated a sentiment within the club in favor of a clubhouse with provision for material and creature comforts as well as mental entertainment. The whole matter, however, is in abeyance at the present time. The permanent organization was achieved by a re-election of old officers and the addition of the following committees:

Executive Committee.

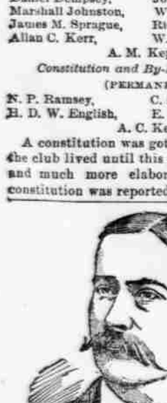
John D. Littell, H. D. W. English, Daniel Dempsey, John McKain, Marshall Johnston, William S. Brown, James M. Sprague, Richard Barrows, Allan C. Kerr, W. T. Reiter, A. M. Keppel.

Constitution and By-Law Committee.

(PERMANENT.)

N. P. Ramsey, C. F. Odell, H. D. W. English, E. L. Devore, A. C. Kerr.

A constitution was gotten up under which the club lived until this year, when a new and much more elaborate and thorough constitution was reported and adopted, its



Harry S. Paul, President Americus Club.

purpose being to simplify certain matters in connection with the machinery of the club, and to transfer certain responsibilities to committees instead of dealing directly with them by the club membership; apt to prove unwieldy by reason of its size.

An Obstacle Removed.

Prior to the adoption of the new constitution there had been certain episodes based upon political factionism, and although their immediate effects had been salutary in clearing the murky atmosphere of threatening clouds, the warmest friends of the club thought it wisest to remove future opportunities for the expression of feeling beyond the pale of the floor. A lively struggle for supremacy in the club was ended by an emphatic expression as to the composition of the Executive Committee, and since that placed each and every member of the club on record, no divisions of opinion have threatened a disturbance of the prevailing harmony. Such questions are by no means unusual in political organizations, and it is to the credit of the membership that everything was open and above board, and that wounds which in other clubs might have rankled deeply, in the Americus members have left no sting. In other words, storms which might have wrecked any other club have been weathered, the harbor of protection has never been deserted, and the moorings to Republicanism have never been slipped.

As a a factor in national politics the maiden effort of the club was a brilliant success. It was the banquet given at the Monongahela House in 1887. The rugged greatness of Ulysses S. Grant had always been excessively admired by the club as a whole, and the suggestion that the first banquet be in honor of the memory of that ideal chieftain met with an enthusiastic assent. It was a happy idea to achieve a national reputation by paying a formal tribute to the hero of Vicksburg. The guests of the evening were Governor J. B. Foraker, Colonel F. D. Grant and William McKinley, Jr. Colonel Grant is now United States Minister to Austria and Major McKinley is the leader of the Lower House of Congress. General D. H. Hastings, who subsequently nominated John Sherman at Chicago in 1888, and is now an active candidate for Governor of this State, was also a guests, accompanied by several members of General Beaver's cabinet. The occasion received respectful attention from the press of the country, and was so undoubted a success as to pave the way to a still more emphatic triumph in 1888.

It Boomed Harrison.

The national checkerboard was interesting just at the time the second Grant banquet was given by the club. Blaine, the greatest political player of the day, was quietly domiciled at the Arno and making his moves from long range across the water. The nominee for the Presidency was the subject of column after column in the leading papers of the country, and with Blaine unentered the most eager speculation was rife as to candidates. Man after man was taken up and discussed in the press, and every utterance of American statesmen was being scanned by the public.

Benjamin Harrison, of Indiana, who had been living in practical retirement since his defeat by Mr. Turpie in 1886, accepted the invitation of the Americus Club to be present at their second banquet, and Ohio's putative candidate, John Sherman, also agreed to be present. The best men in the nation were interested in the announcement that the probable candidates from Ohio and Indiana were to measure wits at the Americus board. Neither speech was a disappointment, but that of Mr. Harrison's was a surprise. His boom was fully started, and its course is a matter of history too recent to require repetition. The other guests on that occasion were Governor Beaver, State officials, and Richard Smith, of the Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette*.

The third annual banquet was at the Seventh Avenue Hotel last year, at which Senator Quay, the most eminent active member

H. D. W. English, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

of the club, was for the first time present. General D. H. Hastings' speech upon Grant was a fine effort, but the speech of the occasion was made by William McKinley, whose exordium upon "The Republican Party" was a flawless effort of oratory. General Nathan B. Goff spoke in response to "The New South."

Active Young Campaigners.

The campaign services of the Americus Club in 1888 were notable. All parts of Western Pennsylvania and a portion of Ohio were visited, and the opening of the campaign in Pittsburg at the Market House, with "Black Jack" Logan as the speaker, will be remembered as the greatest political meeting ever held in Pittsburg. The most prominent men of the city were upon the platform in the capacity of Vice Presidents, and the campaign so successfully started had a termination extremely gratifying to the Americus Club in the success of the candidate whose boom first reverberated in the ears of the Americus Club. Among the incidents of the campaign was the parade o' the Harrison and Morton cohorts in New York City, where the Americus Club leaped into prominence as the finest marching club in a parade which included the crack clubs of the country. The proposition made by the Americus Club to the National Republican Committee was also a remembrance of the campaign. They proposed to equip a special train, and escort Mr. Blaine over the length and breadth of the country, but after mature deliberation the idea was abandoned.

The present status of the club was clearly shown in the scope of last night's banquet, and he who runs may read. The present officers of the club have been single in their devotion to the details of the banquet with a result elsewhere indicated. Their names and places are appended:

H. S. Paul, President.
C. Baer, First Vice President.
James S. McKean, Second Vice President.
John Eaton, Third Vice President.
George S. Houghton, Recording Secretary.
W. W. Colville, Financial Secretary.
J. D. Littell, Corresponding Secretary.
James H. Willock, Treasurer.

Board of Trustees.

H. D. W. English, J. D. Littell, Chairman, Secretary.
A. M. Voigt, W. M. Gibbs, A. G. Roenigk, Jas. P. Anderson, J. C. Rayburn, W. H. Keech, John A. Reed, J. M. Walker, E. L. Devore, John B. Barbour, Jr. D. F. Collingwood.

Military Officers.

Major, A. J. Logan.
Captain, S. D. Hubley. Captain, W. H. Reed.
First Lieutenant, W. S. McClain.
First Lieutenant, L. L. Davidson.
Second Lieutenant, H. C. Stewart.
Second Lieutenant, H. F. Lowry.

Committee on Membership.

W. M. Rees, C. Trautman, F. H. Laird, T. B. Barnes, J. Howard Speer, W. L. Lapsley, William Lyons, Jr. C. A. McFeely.

AMERICUS DIRECTORY.

FULL ROSTER OF THE NAMES GIVEN FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Merchant Elbows Politician—Tradesmen Check by Jowl With Lawyers—A Spice of Senators and a Sprinkling of Honorables—Fledgeling Statesmen Galore, and Federal Officials to Leaven the Mass—All Good Republicans and True.

A marvelous membership has the Americus Club, recruited from the ranks of Western Pennsylvania Republicanism with an astonishing non-resident contingent. What power the club would exert when directing its guns against a common foe can best be estimated by examining the expert politicians in its ranks, chief among that array appearing the form of the Beaver statesman, whose leadership caused victory to perch upon the club colors in the last campaign.

The bulk of the members are drawn from all walks of social and business life, and their names are representative to the highest degree. No list of any accuracy has ever before been furnished the public, and that subjoined has been compiled from the books of the club by the courtesy of its Secretary, Mr. George S. Houghton. The flattering growth of the club in the last two years has been as much as anything due to the impetus the club has imparted to State and national campaigns, and puts it well up with any political organization in the United States. The names of members are as follows:

Pittsburg Resident Members.

A.
Anderson, Ed F.
Anderson, John G.
Anderson, George B.
Andrews, J. P.
Andrews, S. P.
Angloch, Charles
Ache, George W.
Adams, Wm.
Adams, A. A.
Albertson, Geo. H.
Allen, Wm. H.
Arnold, Henry K. E.
Ardary, James
Armstrong, J. G.
Auld, W. P.

B.
Bowers, W. T.
Brown, W. S.
Brown, C. A.
Becker, J. K.
Burleigh, C.
Buckley, J. D.
Baum, W. W.
Brown, W. M.
Brown, Wm. H.
Bowman, H. L.
Bole, Robert A.
Bigelow, E. M.
Brown, J. O.
Biggs, George W.
Bartberger, C. M.
Bosworth, G. B.
Barbour, John B., Jr.
Burke, James F.
Beggs, H. C.
Bender, Abner S.
Bauman, J. M.
Bartlett, J. C.
Baer, Charles C.
Bennett, J. G.
Brown, W. S.
Burchfield, A. P.
Barrows, R.
Barnes, T. B.
Barton, Alex. I.
Blair, J. H.
Blair, Reed F.
Barton, Lowry C.
Biggert, John D.
Burwell, C. C.
Bennett, Wm. P.
Brown, Joseph S.
Lemon, Hon. M. B.
Leslie, A. H.
Letche, George P.
Liggett, Thomas.
Link, H. J.
Lindsay, Reese.
Little, R. B.
Littell, J. D.
Llewellyn, D. W.
Logan, A. J.
Ludwig, J.
Lyon, Walter.
Lyon, Wm., Jr.
Long, Henry M.
Lowry, Horace F.
Leslie, M. G.

M.
Magee, W. A.
Magee, W. C.
Markell, A. K.
Mackey, George B.
Matthews, Wilbur E.
Maloy, James.
Marshall, J. J.
Martin, Ed.
Marvin, S. S.
Mead, Morris W.
Mechling, C.
Mercer, J. S. B.
Mertz, John, Sr.
Metcalf, Wm.
Miller, John H.
Miller, Charles E.
Miller, T. H.
Miller, F. C.
Miller, Karl F.
Milligan, A. A.
Milliken, A. C.
Moffat, Samuel J.
Moffatt, T. M.
Montooth, E. A.
Moody, Samuel.
Moore, George B.
Moore, Lewis M.
Morris, G. W.
Morrison, J. W.
Morrow, E. S.
Murdock, Jas. H.
Murphy, Jas. P.
Murphy, Col. John.
Murray, J. Frank.
Mustin, W. I.
Myers, M. L.
Mynahan, Patrick H.

Mc.
McCallin, Wm.
McCance, Robt. L.
McCammon, L. H.
McCandless, A. E.
McClarren, S. T.
McComb, Harry J.
McCrea, John P.
McCreary, W. H.
McDonald, Frank.
McElroy, S.
McFeely, C. A.
McGonigal, R. G.
McGunnigle, D. K.
McKee, Chas. H.
McKee, W. S.
McKee, Geo. Y.
McKean, Jas. S.
McKnight, Jas.
McLain, W. S.
McMaster, Jas. T.
McNeil, Jas.
McNulty, W. A.
McQuitty, A. J.
McWhinney, M. D.
MacDonald, Geo. F.
McLain, Thos. F.
McAfee, Wm. J.
McKear, Hugh E.

N.
Newell, John H.

O.
Orchard, Harry.
Osbon Chas. H.
Osbourne, Walter J.

P.
Page, J. H.
Patton, Ross M.
Patterson, R. C.
Patterson, I. N.
Paul, Harry S.
Paulson, C. H., Jr.
Pears, Harry F.
Pease, Frank.
Pepper, Harry B.
Petty, Wm.
Petty, John O.
Phillips, R. B., Jr.
Pickersgill, Wm., Jr.
Porter, W. D.
Pratt, A. G.
Prestile, J.
Price, Wm.
Price, W. W.
Parker, John A., Jr.
Prince, W. W.
Phillips, Horace A.
Porter, R. C.

R.
Rayburn, J. C.
Rea, Henry B.
Rainey, R. T.
Rees, Wm. M.
Rees, T. M.
Redman, Jas. R.
Reed, N. P.
Reed, Geo. W.
Reed, Wm.
Reed, Col. Wm. H.
Reed, John A.
Reed, Jas. H.
Reno, Geo. E.
Richards, J. B.
Ridall, John E.
Ritchey, Wm. J.
Roenigk, A. G.
Roberts, John M.
Roberts, S. F.
Roberts, Samuel S.
Robinson Jas. S.
Robison, Q. A.
Robinson, Geo. W.
Robb, Jas. F.
Robb, John M.
Rowand, A. H., Jr.
Rutledge, A. B.

S.
Sallok, A. L.
Schoonmaker, Col. J. M.
Schoonmaker, S. L.
Schroeder, M.
Schultz, Albert L.
Shuette, Wm.
Sellers, H. D., Jr.
Seibert, E. E.
Scott, J. H.
Sheriff, Chas. F.
Smith, C. A.
Schauer, Edward.
Splane, Jos. P.
Shanley, Frank.
Shaw, A. C.
Shenk, W.
Sholes, A. H.
Slagle, Hon. J. F.
Smith, Geo. F.
Smith, W. T.
Smith, W. T.
Smith, Luther L.
Smith, M. V.
Snow, Andrew J.
Somers, W. A.
Speer, Josiah
Speer, J. Howard
Speer, J. R.
Sprague, S. Howard
Sprague, J. M.
Sproull, Henry
Sproull, Wm. A.
Speer, Hamilton B.
Shroull, Theo.
Stahl, W. G.
Stevenson, D. A.
Stille, F. A.
Stone, Wm. A.
Stewart, H. S.

T.
Trantor, Wm. H.
Trent, S. U.
Trees, H. L.
Trautman, C.
Turner, Chas. A.
Tate, S. M.
Tener, Stephen W.
Thompson, Jas. W.
Thompson, J. A.
Thomas, Benjamin
Todd, A. M.

U.
Urling, Wm. B.

V.
Van Hook, C. H.
Van Dusen, F.
Vankirk, W.
Vankirk, W. L.
Verner, Jas. K.
Verner, C. A.
Voigt, A. M.

W.
Waddell, S. H.
Waite, Wm.
Walker, J. M.
Walsers, J. S., M. D.
Watt, Thos. E.
Weaver, A. H.
Weddell, Alex. P.
Weeks, Jos. D.
Weir, Jas. G.
West, Worth.
Westinghouse, H. H.
Wettengill, A. C.
Williams, J. Clark.
Williams, Jas. L.
Williams, Geo. F.
Wilson, Jas. O.
Wilson, John S.
Wilson, J. E., M. D.
Wilson, J. Chas.
Willson, H. C.
Wilson, R. F.
Williams, W. H.

Y.
Youngson, Jas. B.

Allegheny Resident Members.

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Boyd, John S.
Bear, S. C.
Brown, John P.

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Chalfant, John W.
Cain, N. B.
Clark, M. G.
Chambers, Jas. A.
Cruikshank, F.
Cruikshank, Geo. L.
Cruikshank, Zach.

D
Dickson, Jas. W., M.D.
Darlington, Harry
Decker, O. S.
Davis, Harry F.

E
Elphinstone, Jas. A.

F
Fairman, Wm. T. P.

G
Graff, E. A.
Groetzinger, E. A.
Gullet, John L.
Graham, Wm. H.
Gilleland, J. A.
Gibbs, W. M.
Garrison, John N.
Grier, S. C.
Gorman, Geo. J.
Griscom, Geo. S.

H
Harnack, A. J.
Holmes, J. B. Jr.
Hetzel, Geo. T.
Lang, J. P.
Luthes, Geo. P.

M
Moore, Frank
Mackey, T. R.
Mahaney, H. A.
Milliken, Andrew
Miller, I. L.
Moorhead, Frank T.

McC
McCreery, R. H.
McKinney, W. S.
McNaugher, Jos., Jr.
McNaugher, D. W.
McDoodl, E. N.

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Pearson, R. T.
Penny, John P.
Pusey, T. R.

R
Reiter, W. T.
Richardson, D. J.
Robertson, Milton Y
Robb, R. E.

S
Scaife, Wm. M.
Scaife, O. P.
Scaife, M. F.
Scaife, Chas. C.
Smithey, J. H.
Shaw, John I.
Speer, W. W.
Shedden, Thos. H.
Shedden, A. J.
Scrigat, Jesse K.
Shiras, Geo. III.
Hatselton, W. S., M. D.
Hubley, S. D.

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Jones, Hon. B. F.
Johnston, Walter

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Knox, Robt., Jr.
King, Peter R. F.
Koerner, H. C.
Kelly, Geo. A.

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Latimer, A. C.
Steffen, C., Jr.

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Torrance, Francis J.
Townley, Robt. L.

W
Walker, T. B.
Williams, G. W.
Windsor, Wm. W.
Woodward, J. H.
Wright, J. H., M. D.
Wyman, J. G.

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Young, Jas. S.

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Anderson, Wm.....Hulton, Pa.
Anderson, W. S.....Philadelphia.
Andrews, Firman L.....New Bethlehem, Pa.
Armstrong, H. W.....Hulton, Pa.
Armstrong, Harry E.....Sewickley, Pa.
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Beale, Joseph G.....Leechburg, Pa.
Bensinger, Joseph.....Du Bois, Pa.
Barnum, E. H.....Bradford, Pa.
Baker, Arthur L.....Meadville, Pa.
Bowers, Daniel.....Leechburg, Pa.
Booth, Lloyd.....Youngstown, O.
Bayne, Hon. T. M.....Bellevue, Pa.
Briggs, Joseph S.....Beaver, Pa.
Bigger, E. N.....Beaver, Pa.
Brackemeyer, E. M.....Braddock, Pa.
Burkholdt, A. P.....Grove City, Pa.
Brunot, Hilary S.....Greensburg, Pa.
Beaver, James A.....Harrisburg, Pa.
Brown, Hon. H. P.....Rochester, Pa.
Boyd, L. C.....Rimersburg, Pa.
Barnett, James E.....Washington, Pa.
Bonsford, E. P.....Milnes, Pa.
Bentley, Robert.....Youngstown, O.
Compton, John B.....Meadville, Pa.
Cubbison, D. M.....New Castle, Pa.
Delamater, T. A.....Meadville, Pa.
Delamater, G. W.....Meadville, Pa.
Dick, Samuel B.....Meadville, Pa.
Davidson, J. J.....Beaver, Pa.
Davidson, Louis R.....Beaver, Pa.
Dravo, John F.....Beaver, Pa.
Dean, E. W., M. D.....Braddock, Pa.
Dithridge, E. D.....New Brighton, Pa.
Denneg, Wm.....Claysville, Pa.
Donnan, John A.....Washington, Pa.
Donaldson, John B.....Canonsburg, Pa.
Frazier, J. J.....Clarion, Pa.
Foster, D. G.....Crafton, Pa.
Edwards, Fred W.....Braddock, Pa.
Foster, W. R., M. D.....Crafton, Pa.
Fruit, James S.....Sharon, Pa.
Finley, J. B.....Monongahela City, Pa.
Freeman, J. M.....Steubenville, O.
Freeman, C. A.....Steubenville, O.
Fray, F. P.....Beaver Falls.
Green, W. H.....Mansfield Valley, Pa.
Gladden, Geo. M. D.....Homestead, Pa.
Hutchinson, E. L.....Beaver Falls.
Hamilton, Capt. G. C.....Warren, Pa.
Hastings, D. H.....Bellefonte, Pa.
Hartley, L. R.....Tarentum, Pa.
Hill, William.....Putnam, Pa.
Hill, Geo. L.....Fredericktown.
Harker, W. W.....East Liverpool, O.
Harlett, John P.....Youngstown, O.
Hazen, G. W.....Pocatello, Idaho.
Hazen, Aaron L.....Butler, Pa.
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Laird, F. H.....Beaver, Pa.
Leydn, A. R.....Beaver Falls, Pa.
Logan, John A., Jr.....Youngstown, O.
Marsh, Edwin V.....Verona.
McConnell, R. C.....Washington, Pa.
Moore, Winfield S.....Beaver, Pa.
Moore, A. S.....Beaver, Pa.
Malreer, Mell J.....New Bethlehem, Pa.
Montgomery, R.....Youngstown, O.
Mosselman, D. Z.....Braddock, Pa.
Martin, D. B., Pa.
Marshall, James.....Hulton, Pa.
May, J. M.....Beaver Falls, Pa.
Morrison, Alex.....Beaver Falls, Pa.
Martin, J. Imbrie.....Beaver, Pa.
Miller, George A.....Mapleton Depot, Huntington county, Pa.
McCaleb, J. S.....Connellsville, Fayette county, Pa.
McCleary, W. W.....Braddock, Pa.
McConnell, A. D.....Greenburg, Pa.
McCreedy, J. W.....Mansfield Valley, Pa.
McDonald, J. Sharp.....Sewickley, Pa.
Medgeley, Thomas.....Beaver Falls, Pa.
Murdoch, R. E.....Crafton, Pa.
Orr, John S.....Youngstown, O.
Ogden, Charles H.....Bellevue, Pa.
Paul, J. W.....Verona, Pa.
Peake, A. J.....Crafton, Pa.
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Pearce, F. Stewart.....Saltsburg, Pa.
Priest, Chas.....Meadville, Pa.
Patterson, Frank K.....Freeport, Pa.
Quay, Hon. M. S.....Beaver, Pa.
Quay, Richard R.....Beaver, Pa.
Roller, Robt. L.....West Elizabeth, Pa.
Rose, Wm. S.....Meadville, Pa.
Reid, Col. J. M.....Connellsville, Fayette county, Pa.
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Reno, John B.....Sewickley, Pa.
Robb, A. M.....McDonald, Pa.
Rend, John F.....McDonald, Pa.
Richmond, Chas E.....Meadville, Pa.
Seaman, H. M.....Washington, Pa.
Shira, C. Hutchinson.....Parker's Landing, Pa.
Small, Oscar A.....Harrisburg, Pa.
Spindler, Geo. A.....Washington, Pa.
Shallenberger, W. S.....Hope Church, Pa.
Stewart, Samuel E.....Verona, Pa.
Skewis, Joseph R.....Homestead, Pa.
Stone, Daniel H.....Beaver, Pa.
Shields, David.....Sewickley, Pa.
Shultz, C. S., Jr.....McKee's Rocks, Pa.
Stewart, Homer C.....McKeesport, Pa.
Swearingen, Geo. H.....Dunbar, Fayette county, Pa.
Stull, J. M.....Cullen Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Stone, Jos. A.....McKeesport, Pa.
Sherrard, Harry C.....Steubenville, O.
Thornburgh, D. C.....Putnam, Pa.
Taylor, L. H.....Irwin, Pa.
Thompson, A.....New Castle, Pa.
Todd, B. R.....Beaver Falls, Pa.
Todd, A. M.....Washington, Pa.
Thompson, John B.....New Bethlehem, Pa.
Thomas, George L.....New Bethlehem, Pa.
Vinton, E. J.....Jeannette, Pa.
White, Thos. H.....Connellsville, Pa.
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Whitesett, D.....California, Pa.
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THEIR GUESTS ABSENT.

LACKING A HEARTY WELCOME ONLY BECAUSE THEY CAME NOT.

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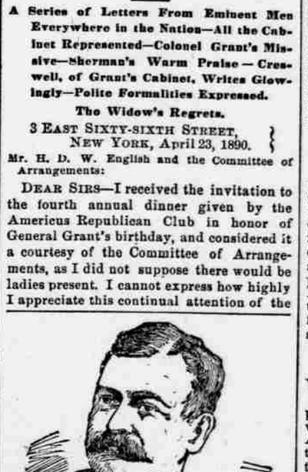
The Widow's Regrets.

3 EAST SIXTY-SIXTH STREET,
NEW YORK, April 23, 1890.

Mr. H. D. W. English and the Committee of Arrangements:

DEAR SIRS—I received the invitation to the fourth annual dinner given by the Americus Republican Club in honor of General Grant's birthday, and considered it a courtesy of the Committee of Arrangements, as I did not suppose there would be ladies present. I cannot express how highly I appreciate this continual attention of the



James S. McKean, Second Vice President of Club.

club to the memory of my husband, and I would be glad to have the members know how grateful I feel.

Yours, very truly,
JULIA D. GRANT.

The following letters of regret were read at the banquet last evening:

The Son of His Father Speaks.

LEGATION OF THE U. S.,
VIENNA, April 8, 1890.

MY DEAR MR. ENGLISH—Your letter asking me to be present at the dinner to be given by the "Americus Club" in honor of my father's birthday, is received, for which I thank you and the club very much. The great distance of Vienna from Pittsburg is all that will prevent my being present upon an occasion so interesting to me. Although I cannot be with you upon the 26th inst., I cannot resist expressing by letter the deep appeciation which I feel of the manner in which the Americus Club continues to honor the memory of my father, General Grant. It is touching to me and to all the members of my family to see his memory thus kept green in the hearts of the people whom he loved to serve. Wishing each member of the Americus Club prosperity and happiness, believe me with you in heart and thoughts although not so in person. Faithfully your friend, F. D. GRANT.

P. S. Please send me the papers giving an account of the dinner. Yours,
F. D. G.

Secretary of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
April 7, 1890.

I regret that I am not able to accept the kind invitation to the fourth annual dinner of the Americus Republican Club to commemorate the sixty-eighth anniversary of the birth of General U. S. Grant.

Yours truly, JOHN W. NOBLE.

Senior Senator of Pennsylvania.

MARIETTA, PA., 4-21-1890.

I am now at Donegal trying to get rid of a severe cold, and cannot promise to be with you on the 26th as I had hoped.

J. DON. CAMERON.

New Senator of Washington.

Senator Watson C. Squire very much regrets his inability to accept the kind invitation of the Americus Republican Club to attend the dinner in honor of General Grant's birthday.

WASHINGTON, April 6, 1890.

Pennsylvania's Auditor General.

HARRISBURG, April 21, 1890.

I am in receipt of invitation to be present at the fourth annual dinner of the Americus Republican Club, and I write to say that the State Tax Commission, of which I am Chairman, meets in Philadelphia on the 23d inst., and will be in session several days, and by reason thereof I will be unable to be with you on the occasion named. Thanking you, etc. Very truly yours,

THOS. A. MCCAMANT.

Temporary Chairman Chicago Convention.

OMAHA, April 18, 1890.

I regret exceedingly to say to you that owing to the imperative requirements of my

John Eaton, Third Vice President Americus Club.

professional engagements it is now apparent that it will be impossible for me to be with you at your banquet on the 26th inst. I must yield to the inevitable. Thanking you for your kind invitation, and hoping you will have a glorious time,

I remain, yours truly,
JOHN M. THURSTON.

Ohio's Great Gun Writes.

SENATE CHAMBER, April 5, 1890.

I have to acknowledge the invitation of the Americus Republican Club of Pittsburg to attend their fourth annual dinner in commemoration of the sixty-eighth birthday of General Grant. My pleasant recollections in connection with my former visit would naturally induce me to accept, but I am now so engaged in the business of the session that it is not probable I can attend; but I heartily join with you in the feeling that the birthday of General Grant should be commemorated, and his heroism and services should be celebrated for ages yet to come. Very truly yours,

JOHN SHERMAN.

Connecticut's Son in Sympathy.

SENATE CHAMBER April 5.

Please convey my hearty thanks to the Americus Republican Club for their kind invitation to attend their fourth annual dinner on the sixty-eighth anniversary of the birth of General Grant. I am sure it will be an exceedingly agreeable occasion, and I sincerely regret that my engagements and duties forbid my acceptance.

Sincerely yours,
JOS. R. HAWLEY.

Alger Swinging Around the Circle.

DETROIT, MICH., March 14, 1890.

I assure you it would give me great pleasure to be with the Americus Club on the 26th prox., but my official duties attending the Department Encampments of the G. A. R. will take every hour of my time until the first day of May, when I shall be in the State of Washington. On the date named I am to be in California, to attend the Department Encampment, or rather just starting from that place for Oregon and Washington. With many thanks for your complimentary words, and regretting that circumstances will not allow me to be with you, I am, Sincerely yours,

R. A. ALGER,

Senator Spooner Deals in Compliments.

I have your favor of the 6th inst., inviting me, on behalf of the Americus Republican Club, of Pittsburg, to be present at their forthcoming dinner, on the anniversary of General Grant's birthday. I beg to express my grateful appreciation of this renewed courtesy upon the part of your club, and to assure you that it would give me very great pleasure to be able to avail myself of it. Please present my compliments and thanks to the Americus Club. With best wishes for the prosperity of the club and for yourself, I am, yours very truly,

JOHN C. SPOONER.

Morton Pays a Tribute.

VICE PRESIDENT'S CHAMBER, April 5.

I regret that engagements already made prevent the acceptance of the invitation with which I have been honored by the Americus Republican Club, of Pittsburg, to be present at their dinner commemorative of the birth of General Grant. The occasion would be one of great interest to me and I regret I cannot join you in paying tribute to the memory of the illustrious soldier and statesman, Ulysses S. Grant. With renewed thanks and regrets, believe me,

LEVI P. MORTON.

A Precious Legacy, Says Carnegie.

PITTSBURG, March 12, 1890.

Many thanks for the kind invitation to address the Americus Republican Club at the dinner in honor of General Grant's birthday. While greatly appreciating the flattering invitation, I regret to say that pressing engagements made far in advance prevent me from accepting. The memory of General Grant is a precious legacy to the nation, and you do well indeed to commemorate it.

Very respectfully yours,
ANDREW CARNEGIE.

Ingalls' Accents Honeyed.

SENATE CHAMBER, March 7.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your very obliging invitation to attend the annual dinner of the club in commemoration of the anniversary of the birth of General Grant, and in reply I would say that it would give me sincere pleasure to be present, but my engagements and public duties are such that I shall be unable to attend. With thanks for your courtesy,

Very truly yours, JOHN J. INGALLS.

Manderson's High Appreciation.

SENATE CHAMBER, April 7, 1890.

I thank you for your invitation to be present at the fourth annual dinner of the Americus Republican Club, of Pittsburg, when you will celebrate the sixty-eighth anniversary of the birth of General U. S. Grant. I regret exceedingly that a prior engagement will prevent me from being with you on that interesting occasion, for I would take great pleasure in testifying with you my appreciation of the distinguished services of the greatest captain of the age. Truly yours,

CHARLES F. MANDERSON.

Minnesota's Senator Brief.

SENATE CHAMBER, April 7, 1890.

I regret that on account of official duties I shall not be able to attend the fourth annual dinner of the Americus Club.

CUSHMAN K. DAVIS.

Secretary Tracy Regrets.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, April 8, 1890.

Mr. Benjamin F. Tracy regrets his inability to accept the invitation of the Americus Club to be present at the fourth annual dinner on April 26.

Second Controller Treasury Department.

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of the invitation of the Americus Republican Club to attend their fourth annual dinner, upon the sixty-eighth anniversary of the birth of General Grant. I beg to assure you that it would give me very great pleasure to accept this invitation, but I am constrained by the pressure of official duties here to deny myself that pleasure.

Very respectfully,
B. F. GILKESON.

General Frank Reeder in Ill Health.

EASTON, PA., April 15, 1890.

I am sorry my health will not permit me to attend the Americus Club dinner.

FRANK REEDER.

The Man of Mars Absent.

WAR DEPARTMENT, April 16, 1890.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the invitation of the Americus Republican Club, of Pittsburg, to be present at the fourth annual dinner of the club to be held on the evening of April 26. I should like very much indeed to be present on that occasion, but regret to say that my official and other duties here are such that I am unable to accept. With many thanks for the courtesy of your invitation, I am,

Yours very truly,
REDFIELD PROCTOR.

Little Napoleon Sends Best Wishes.

COMMITTEE WAYS AND MEANS,
April 7, 1890.

GENTLEMEN—Your invitation to attend the fourth annual dinner of the Americus Club is received, and I very much regret that a previous engagement will render it impossible for me to accept. With thanks and best wishes, I am sincerely,

WILLIAM MCKINLEY, JR.

Senator Aldrich is Terse.

WASHINGTON, April 19, 1890.

Mr. Aldrich regrets that public duties in Washington will prevent his acceptance of the invitation of the Americus Republican Club for April 26.

Iowa's Demosthenes' Eloquence.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
April 8, 1890.

Your invitation is received to the annual dinner of the Americus Republican Club. I very much regret that the pressure of my affairs is so great that I shall not be able to attend. I feel sure that the occasion will be an enjoyable one, and it would give me great pleasure to join with you in the celebration of the birthday of the great soldier and statesman whose name the Republicans of the United States hold in universal reverence and honor. Yours very truly,

J. P. DOLLIVER.

The National Seedman's Regrets.

1339 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE.

Mr. Rusk presents his compliments to the committee of the Americus Republican Club, of Pittsburg, Pa., and regrets that he will be unable to accept the invitation to their fourth annual dinner on April 26, sixty-eighth anniversary of the birth of General Grant.

WASHINGTON, April 14, 1890.

Senator Allison Would Derive Pleasure.

SENATE CHAMBER, March 7, 1890.

I have yours inviting me to meet the Americus Club on the occasion of the anniversary of General Grant's birthday. Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to join you at that time, but I cannot promise to do so, as I have engagements which will occupy my whole time. Regretting that I cannot answer affirmatively, I am, with great respect, yours very truly,

WM. B. ALLISON.

Colorado's New Senator.

SENATE CHAMBER, March 25, 1890.

I regret very much that I cannot accept your kind invitation to attend the fourth annual dinner of the Americus Club at Pittsburg on the 26th of the month. I have held your invitation in the hope that I could see my way clear to accept, but circumstances compel me to decline. Again thanking you