

M'KINLEY'S HOME LIFE IS IDEAL

Brief Glimpse at the Domestic Affairs of the Next President.

WHERE CONTENTMENT IS ENTHRONED

The Ex-Governor's Working Room, His Library and Household Ways. Days Filled with Steady Work and Brightened with Cordial Hospitality.

From the Buffalo Express.

The home at Canton to which Mr. and Mrs. McKinley returned after the expiration of the governor's term is full of associations for them as well as their friends. It was here that the young attorney and his bride—Miss Ida Saxton, a banker's daughter, and one of the belles of the town—first went to housekeeping, and in this house the two little daughters were born and died—Ida in infancy and Kate when she had reached the age of about four years. To these bereavements, together with that caused by the death of her father, which occurred just previous to the birth of her second child, must be attributed the invalidism of Mrs. McKinley, who was so completely overcome by her sense of loss that she never regained perfect health. Mr. and Mrs. McKinley left their home and they did not again reside there until they returned from Columbus last January.

The house is not a pretentious one, but the thought suggests itself that it must have seemed an ideal home to the young Cantonian when he took possession of it 25 years ago. It is a many-gabled affair, exemplifying no particular style of architecture, and sets well back from the street, surrounded by trees and shrubbery. Across the front of the house is a vine covered veranda, which is approached by a broad flagstone walk.

The most interesting room in the house is the ex-governor's office immediately on the right of the hall which extends down the center of the house. It is a medium-sized room decorated in rather sober colors, but with several large windows which command a fine view of the street. The walls are pretty well covered with pictures; among other etchings of President Lincoln and Grant, a fine picture of Gen. Gibson, an autograph photograph of William E. Gladstone, a large etching showing the First Regiment, Ohio Light Artillery, in action and large photographs of the governor's staff. Then there are souvenirs of the war—a military experience, an autograph copy of the song "America," and the mantle is covered with more photographs. At the rear of the room is the ex-governor's desk—the ordinary roll-top pattern—and by his side is a capacious waste basket. Within easy reach is a large revolving book-case filled with a well selected collection of books, most of them works of reference.

In the rear of the library is the dining-room, and on the opposite side of the hall is the double drawing-room. Near the front of this room is a large bay window and it was in this alcove, bedecked for the occasion with a profusion of smilax and carnations, that Mr. McKinley's date of matrimony was a very simple one. His early and breakfast is served about 7:45 o'clock. While at breakfast the major receives the morning papers published in the neighboring cities, and he glances through them and then repairs to his library, where the first delivery of mail has meanwhile arrived. From that time until nearly 11 o'clock Mr. McKinley works very hard. In the first place, there come to the house daily no less than 150 papers, and inasmuch as the ex-governor has always been a great newspaper reader, he likes to glance over as many of them as possible. Then there are fully that number of letters. As many as possible are turned over to the attention of his private secretary, James Boyle, who with a stenographer occupies quarters on the second floor.

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A GOOD PLAN.

But It Hater Took the Wind Out of the Senator's Boasting Sails.

From the New York Tribune.

A constituent of Senator Harris met that gentleman the other day for the first time in a dozen years. The greeting, as may well be imagined, was cordial. It was emphasized by sundry crookings of the elbows.

"Ah, senator," remarked Mr. Harris' constituent, smacking his lips, "you don't look a day older than you did the last time I saw you."

"I'm a little grayer, possibly," suggested the senator with a pleased smile. "You are looking in excellent health, too," pursued his friend.

"Thank you. And do you know," continued the senator, "that I am 74 years old and I never paid but one doctor's bill in my life and that for a broken arm?"

"Is that so?" asked the friend in surprise.

"Fact, I assure you."

"Well, senator," said the friend, with a significant smile, "don't you think it is time you were paying some of them and preserving your credit?"

The senator moved for an executive session and presented a bill of explanation.

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Lunch is served at the McKinley residence about 1 o'clock and then the ex-governor almost invariably starts out for a long walk. Upon his return he usually takes a short nap and is then ready to dictate more letters and look over the evening papers. Dinner—the meal of the day—is served between 6 and 7 o'clock and the major and his wife then devote the evening to receiving friends who may call.

AN ACCESSIBLE MAN.

Like Lincoln and Grant, William McKinley is very accessible. Every person who comes to Canton is sure to call upon him, but no person is turned away from the McKinley home without having been granted an audience with the ex-governor.

Mrs. McKinley spends most of her time in a cosy apartment on the second floor and much of her leisure is devoted to crocheting those dainty little slippers which have so many times brought sunshine into gloomy hospital wards in various parts of the country. The future mistress of the white house is of medium height with brown hair and large deep blue eyes. Although still somewhat of an invalid she makes and receives calls and often goes on shopping trips. Mrs. McKinley cares little for dress, although her toilet is in excellent taste and her friends assert that they never saw her more becomingly costumed than on the occasion of the recent reception, when she was attired in her wedding gown of ivory white satin and brocade, en traine, and trimmed in point lace and passementerie, with elaborately trimmed bodice. She has one pleasing fad, a passion for the collection of fine and rare lace, and has accumulated many interesting specimens. Her reading is just now naturally largely to newspapers, for she naturally takes the greatest interest in her husband's welfare.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McKinley are very fond of the society of young people and often entertain them. Upon such occasions the ex-governor sometimes dances, and his partners always consider themselves fortunate, for he is very graceful. Mr. McKinley can be said to have a fad in his fondness for a good cigar. The tariff leader does not drink but he is lost without his cigar after every meal. The people who imagine that McKinley is reserved and austere would certainly be disabused of this impression could they visit him at his home or even had they seen him at a recent banquet when he was with the banquet committee in giving "The Pride of Paradise Alley" and at its conclusion clasped his hands and cried "more, more."

Major McKinley's devotion to his wife is famed far and wide and is destined to rank with that of Homer and Garfield paid to his mother. Mr. and Mrs. McKinley live in simple style, for the ex-governor is the poorest man in the presidential race, having just emerged from the honorable insolvency into which he was thrown by giving up most of his property to make good the liability he incurred by going on the bond of a friend.

MCKINLEY ON PROTECTION.

"What is a protective tariff? It is a tariff upon foreign imports so adjusted as to secure the necessary revenue, and judiciously imposed upon those foreign products the like of which are produced at home, or the like of which we are capable of producing at home. It imposes a duty upon the competing foreign product; it makes it bear the burden of duty, and, as far as possible, luxuries only excepted, permits the non-competing foreign product to come in free of duty. Articles of common use, comfort and necessity which we cannot produce here it sends to the people untaxed and in performing such actions. Tea, coffee, spices and drugs are such articles, and under our system are upon the free list. It says to our foreign competitor: If you want to bring your merchandise here, your farm products here, your coal and iron ore, your wool, your silk, your pottery, your glass, your cottons and woolsens, and all alongside of our producers in our markets, we will make your product bear a duty; in effect, pay for the privilege of doing it. Our kind of tariff makes the competing foreign article carry the burden, draw the load, supply the revenue, and in performing this essential office it encourages at the same time our own industries and protects our own people in their chosen employments. That is the mission and purpose of a protective tariff."

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DR. RODGERS MAKES WRONG AWARD

Which Causes a Great Coercion and Almost a Riot—The Police Interfere and Order is Restored—Dan Davies Crowned the Choral King.

An estedfod of immense magnitude and interest was recently held at Porth, a small town in Glamorganshire. Some of the finest choirs in South Wales participated in the brilliant contests. The two giant choirs of Merthyr and Dowlias opposed each other and a mistake in the announcement of the award almost precipitated a riot, which, undoubtedly, would have taken place had it not been for the timely interference of the police. The following report of the contest will be read with interest: With commendable promptitude Mr. William T. Samuel rose to give the adjudication. Speaking in Welsh, he said that the competition lay between two choirs—the two that were, they were pleased to say, going to the national estedfod. He had heard both choirs before, but both had risen fifty per cent. in his estimation; that day's showing. One of the choirs had possessed the finest tenors he had ever heard in any choir, and had it not been for a fault in the intonation one of the choir could have won easily. Dr. Rodgers said he must congratulate the choirs on the great pleasure they had given him that afternoon. He would take the opportunity of once more condemning the constant selection of the same choruses at the estedfod. The choruses selected were no doubt very fine, but nothing was to be gained by repeating them constantly. As to the competition to which they had just listened he said the first choir (Maestor) possessed a very good body of voices, the tenors and sopranos being especially good. The pronunciation, however, was not so good as might have been expected, and the word "roar" was an exaggeration. The runs in the figure were not clearly done, and the last entry of the bass was lacking in power throughout, in fact, the bass was weak. The second choir (Dowlias) had a magnificent body of voices, well trained, well conducted, and beautifully intoned. They were accented in time and notes, but twice the pitch was slightly at fault. With this exception the rendition was a magnificent one. The third choir (Merthyr) possessed all the good points of the second one, and the intonation, although not absolutely perfect, was better than that of the second. The coloring was not overdone. The fourth choir (Aberdare) was dismissed with a few words. Concluding the doctor said he was sorry he could not divide the prize in the proportion of, say, 60 to one and 40 to the other, although even that would show a greater difference than really existed between them. As, however, a distinction must be made the prize must go to the second choir.

Upon this there was a tremendous outburst of applause from all parts of the marquee. However, it could be seen that Dr. Rodgers and the estedfod officials were frantically appealing for order, and in a few minutes it became known that Dr. Rogers had made a mistake, and that he really meant to give the prize to the third choir. Representatives of both the Dowlias and Merthyr choirs ascended the platform, and for a time the most violent altercation took place. When the audience learned what had been done, the friends of Merthyr cheered, while the supporters of Dowlias hooted most vigorously and shouted "Shame." For several minutes the wildest confusion prevailed and it could be seen that Dr. Rodgers was having a warm quarter of an hour with the numerous friends of Mr. Harry Evans, who were pardonably incensed at the mistake of which he had made. The police ascended the platform and made a great noise, and a perfect Babes of discordant cries. When Dan Davies left the platform he was cheered by his supporters and hooted by the champions of Dowlias. The violent scene, which had lasted for a long time, then terminated.

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Just another instance of how some people murder the Welsh language. A "Commercial," whose accent clearly showed that he was a Londoner, at a Rhondda railway station recently asked for a ticket for "Troeddydd." The "poor ticket agent wrestled long and angrily with the names of the railway stations on the staff before he found that "Troeddydd" was really Troeddyrhwl.

The Rev. William Barry, of Pontypridd, known in hardie circles as "Gwynn Tef," has just published another book of poems under the head of "Welsh Hillside Saints." It is dedicated to the memory of those three giants of the pulpit, the Revs. John Jones, Bhanerach; David Williams, Troeddyrhwl, and John Jenkins, Herpgoed. The volume contains several beautiful poems, and there is no doubt that the book, like others written by the reverend gentleman, will be favorably received by the public.

The mineral springs of Trefriw, near Conway, North Wales, is a valuable tonic when used with caution. In order to derive the fullest benefit of its medicinal qualities it should be taken only where it oozes from the rock, at the extreme end of a dark cavern. In that state it is one of the few chalybeates existing in the form of sulphate of iron, but which upon exposure to the light and air immediately changes its chemical combination and becomes the ordinary oxide of iron. Thus it entirely loses its normal sanitary quality. One teaspoonful taken twice a day is the maximum dose for an adult.

COLUMBIA.

[The following copyrighted national hymn is from the pen of Rev. D. D. Jenkins, of Uniondale. It has been sung with much success by the Royal Welsh Ladies' choir and has received warm commendation from Mrs. Novello Davies. It was sung with effect at the school exercises in Wilkes-Barre's Young Men's Christian association hall last week:]

Blest land of Columbia, how dear to me,
The home of true heroes and sweet liberty;
Thy mountains gigantic, thy valleys so fair,
The hearts of thy children ensnare.

Chorus.
Land! land! Sweet delightful land!
Our hearts adore thee, we'll spread thy fame,
We'll cherish forever thy name.

God's favors on nations all nations to rest
With fullness and freedom abundantly blest;
But God's crowning favors Columbia on thee,
The home of the brave and the free.

Chorus.
Thy banner, loved banner, the pride of the brave,
Shall reign in bright glory o'er mountain and wave;
Its stars and its stripes and its Heaven-giv'n blue
Shall shelter the noble and true.

Chorus.
May peace and prosperity always be thine!
Thy guidance, protection none less than divine.
Art destined Columbia, forever to be
The home of the brave and the free.

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Many and various are the discussions of the "new woman," but most of the women we've seen have no aspirations toward the emancipation of their sex from any yoke except the burdensome yoke of ill health. They all seem to think—and think rightly—that their proper field is their home, and to work faithfully in this field she must be strong and hearty. Cure is peculiarly a woman's heritage