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The country learns with pleasure that the members of President McKinley's cabinet and Mr. McKinley's eminent secretary, Mr. Cortelyou, have consented to remain in office at least for a time. It hopes their time of continuance may be long.

The New President.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT is, we believe, the youngest president our country has had. He has yet to celebrate his forty-fourth birthday. So far as physical health and elasticity of spirits are concerned, he appears much younger.

Because he has lived much out of doors, especially in the West, where he won the unequalled respect of the cowboys, a class as quick to detect and condemn sham as to applaud real worth, he has been conceived of by some as a reckless and impulsive man, fond of pistols and blustered than of the constructive activities of peace.

It would not be true to say he does not like the tree life of the plains and forests or that he does not have in him a pugnacious strain which vibrates at the possibility of a scrap. But those who see nothing else in him look at only one of his many sides.

Before he was a cowboy he was a law-maker who achieved distinct constructive triumphs and an author who familiarized himself with American history and with the lives and writings of our great men, and who, in a number of books, showed not only knowledge but philosophy as well and powers of mind such as are needed in statesmanship.

Despite his abounding nervous vitality that at times has forced him to ride and hunt and fight out of sheer exuberance, he has clearly proved his scholarship and administrative ability, while none has ever questioned his personal honor and wholesomeness of morals and personal habits.

In home life, too, he represents the best traditions. It has not been much paraded but it is most exemplary. Colonel Roosevelt possesses the confidence of his intimate personal friends as absolutely as Major McKinley possessed that of his intimates, and, like McKinley, he will have to extend it by the merits of his administration.

It is not to review the public measures with which his name is identified that these words are written; but instead to call attention to the marvelous inspiration which his career offers to that which is clean, pure and of good report in character and citizenship. To begin with, he was not intellectually a prodigiously brilliant man, extraordinarily endowed with genius and accordingly erratic. It is not inaccurate to say that while the mental qualities displayed by him in the many years of his congressional service and as governor of Ohio were respectable and substantial, they alone would not have marked him for exceptional distinction.

It was known that he was honest and clean. It is this profound sense of confidence which he inspired in others, beginning in the circle of his intimate friends, who, from the first, trusted in him unconditionally, and, as he grew in stature and opportunity, extending until at last it included not only the intelligent people of the United States but the foreign offices of the world as well.

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papers received in Scranton Saturday morning reported the president as still alive was not due to any fault of the Associated Press, but to the fact that they were early mail editions, sent to us about midnight. The Tribune's wire-keeps open every night until 2 a. m. and upon important occasions, such later. On Friday night it did not close until sunrise. Thus it enables us to give almost daily important telegraphic news not in the editions of the larger papers read here.

With the incoming of a new executive, let yellow journalism repent and be silent. It has enterprise. Let it acquire character and all will be forgiven.

Let us hope that Wall street today will show a patriotism of the pocket-book.

Wm McKinley; Theo. Roosevelt.

THE DEATH of President McKinley is a great misfortune for the republic, yet in his character, disposition and temperament of the best and most exalted ideal of the head of a great democratic republic has left to his country a legacy of policies, values and an ideal government which shall succeed him an example and a standard for the chief magistracy which will remain as an inspiration to him. This is very much to say, but it is not hyperbolic.

By his second inauguration President McKinley had commended himself to the confidence and affection of the people to an extent never paralleled in the history of his office. The history of political controversy had ceased every part of the Union since the grounds of success were both the White House. McKinley had been introduced in political discussion and the national integrity of which it embodied virtues was recognized by the whole world.

From the foundation of this republic he was the first president who had succeeded in bringing a comparative study of political differences into practical working harmony with his administration, and in securing the unbroken respect and regard. Neither in his own party nor in the opposition to it did he encounter any of the obstacles which by personal aversion or mistrust which had embarrassed other presidents.

A criticism of Mr. McKinley, during the first inauguration of the present century, was that he was not a leader of the people, "kept his seat to the ground," rather than boldly and aggressively pushing the people to the front. It is not too much to say that these things at Buffalo the foremost public men in all the world, the example left by him will also remain as a standard by which the administration of the office and the character and official attitude of American presidents will be judged.

With President McKinley came in a new and better and broader era for the republic. His career and official attitude typify the spirit of the development into which we have come at the beginning of the twentieth century. The great American Republic has risen to the status of a world power and has not only held its own, but has become a model for the world.

That the New York and Philadelphia

As governor of New York President Roosevelt

exhibited the most desirable qualities of an executive officer. His administration was of absolute integrity. His unswerving integrity was recognized by every political party. It was also notably sane, conservative and practical. No trace of eccentricity or of attitude toward public opinion appeared in it. It was simple, businesslike and efficient. It satisfied the requirements of our democratic system of government and represented the trust and high regard of the people.

These Roosevelt will be a president who will soon earn and receive the confidence of every citizen of our civilization and of all our people.

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The highest pyramid is that at Cheops, 487 1/2 feet. It is computed that the weight of the masonry in the pyramid would exceed 6,500,000 tons. It covers thirteen acres of ground.

The first bird known to the naturalist is either the vulture, which is said to make 120 miles an hour, or the English kestrel, which can probably equal, if not exceed, this speed.

One of King Edward's pets is a parrot bought recently from a boy in Trafalgar square. The bird has, however, turned out to be possessed of the most violent temper and his greatest enemy is three shrews for whom he kills, traps and eats.

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