

MR. CLEVELAND ON EDUCATION

THE EX-PRESIDENT DISCUSSES THE SUBJECT.

Address Before the Roman Catholic College of St. Thomas at Villa Nova—Expression of His Appreciation of the Degree Conferred on Him—Advice to Graduates.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, June 17.—The degree of doctor of jurisprudence was conferred on ex-President Cleveland today at the commencement exercises of the Augustinian college of St. Thomas at Villa Nova, a suburb of this city. Mr. Cleveland, in accepting the honor, said:

Mr. President: I desire to express in a few words my appreciation of the honor just conferred on me by the College of St. Thomas of Villa Nova. It is certainly a great gratification to be deemed worthy of such notice by the governing body of an institution of learning within whose walls are found in a marked degree opportunities for a thorough, substantial and useful education. This incident prominently suggests to my mind the imperious need of education, which forbids the hindrance or disturbance of the high mission by religious discrimination, social intolerance or any of the barriers that to a greater or less extent separate and divide humanity. The republic of education is based upon identical aim, equal rights in opportunity and impartiality in the distribution of its rewards and honors. This it seems to me is impressively illustrated when the severely Catholic College of St. Thomas of Villa Nova bestows its highest honorary degree upon one connected with the management and holding of an honorary degree by the severely Protestant Princeton university.

The processes of education as they exist in this country of ours have, or at least should have, a certain distinctive character, an especial harmony of purpose and design, as they are related to our government, and this should constitute between our kind of learning and a bond of close fraternity. Whatever other objects and purposes may be involved in educational efforts among us, one of its constant and prominent aims should be the cultivation of the character of a high standard of American citizenship. When we recall the fact that the beneficence of our scheme of government depends upon the virtue and education of the units of our citizenship it is at once apparent that an important and common duty rests upon every agency that undertakes the instruction of the youth of our land. It will be a sad day for our nation when the forces of education and the teachers of moral living shall cease to strive in unity to leave the entire mass of our citizenship or when their influence in that direction shall be divided and circumscribed by religious and sectarian differences.

I hope I may be allowed to say in conclusion a word to you who today complete your college course and receive from those who have taught and guided you a certificate of good citizenship. This is indeed an honorable decoration and commendation and one of which you may well be proud. But it means more than that. It involves a solemn and exacting trust, and it imparts a pledge on your part that the education which you have received shall neither be hid in a napkin nor held tightly to your breast as a means of self-glorification and self-enjoyment. Your graduation is merely the entrance upon your life's work and your diploma should be regarded as only a memento of title by which you are invested by your alma mater with the ownership and possession of an inheritance placed in your hands to the end that you may fitly discharge the service to which you are bound. Selfishness in the use of education, and its sordid possession as an instrument of self-indulgence is an sin and should be as strongly resisted as any other form of selfishness. Some of you will find careers in the duties and ministrations of your church, and I suppose others will enter the busy and bustling arena of worldly activity. But whether in the church or in the world, none of you will avoid the compact with your fellow men which brings with it a grave responsibility to American citizenship—a responsibility infinitely more grave and serious as your influence over others is increased by your education or by calling and more ever-present and exacting as you appreciate the obligations of the trust you have assumed. You may be sure that you will find to meet these obligations if you are not constantly and solemnly impressed with the conviction that your educational advantages are only valuable as they better fit you to do your duty to your God, to your country and to your fellow men.

The ceremony of conferring the degree upon Mr. Cleveland followed the dedication of a new monastery, college and chapel.

The Austrian ambassador, Ladislaus Hengelmüller, Baron von Hengerbar, received the honorary degree of doctor of philosophy. Honorary degrees were also conferred on the Rev. William J. Hill, LL. D., rector of St. Paul's church, Brooklyn, and Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, of New York, Ph. D.; doctor of laws—former Judge Joseph F. Daly, of New York, and Judge F. T. Fitzgerald, of New York.

The exercises were held in the college, Archbishop Ryan building. Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland and the other distinguished guests took luncheon in the college after the ceremonies.

VACATION FOR MR. WARFIELD.

President of Lafayette College Given Leave of Absence at Full Pay.

Easton, Pa., June 17.—The trustees of Lafayette college, at a special meeting today, unanimously voted President Warfield one year's leave of absence at full pay, in order that he may regain his health. Dr. Warfield, though still very ill, is somewhat improved. The Alumni association elected the following officers: President, U. S. Shafter; vice-president, H. P. Glover; secretary and treasurer, Prof. S. J. Coffin.

The Alumni association recommended to the board of trustees the following as its choice for members of the board: J. W. Griggs, Horace P. Glover, David Bennett King and Nathan G. Moore. Two will be elected by the trustees.

FRENCH GENERAL DISMISSED.

Head of Army School Relieved from Duty by President Loubet.

Paris, June 17.—At a cabinet meeting held at the Elysee palace today President Loubet signed an order dismissing General Bonnaud from the post of commandant in chief of the Army School and placing him on the retired list. The general was recently before a court of inquiry, charged with improperly influencing a testator to his own advantage.

The court found that the circumstances did not warrant the retirement of the general. The minister of war, General Andre, however, ruled that General Bonnaud should be placed on the non-active list.



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The Assembly Hall Is Finally Presented to Mt. Aloysius Academy.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Cresson, Pa., June 17.—Mt. Aloysius academy at Cresson today received as a gift from Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel corporation, a handsome alumni and assembly hall. The structure which cost \$25,000 adjoins the academy and is superbly fitted with stage and auditorium furniture. Several thousands of country people flocked to the old town.

Governor Stone and distinguished prelates from all over the country came to take part in the ceremony of gift-recruiting. Mr. Schwab, who was reared five miles distant from the college, made the presentation in person. Previous to the formal assembly he alluded humorously in conversation to his start in life as a stage driver on the old state road passing in front of the academy. He even admitted that in the heyday of youth he had helped himself, without leave, to apples from the trees now on the lawn of the academy.

"What I do today, is but partial reparation for the apple thefts of my youth," he said. Millions today are not as sweet to me as recollections of the taste of poisoned Baldwin's from that old tree down yonder."

Governor W. A. Stone responded in a speech of acceptance in behalf of the faculty.

ARMY OFFICERS' FARE TO BE VARIED.

Soldiers at Gettysburg Camp May Eat Green Cabbage

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, June 17.—Adjutant General Stewart held a conference today with officers of the commissary department of the National Guard as to the fare to be furnished at the annual encampment at Gettysburg in July. The whole matter of the rations allowed the soldiers during the encampment was considered and it was decided to relieve the monotony of soldier fare. Onions will be served and green cabbage and other modifications of the fare will be allowed.

NEW CHICAGO BANKS OPEN.

One Large and One Small Are Ready for Business.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Chicago, June 17.—Two more banks, one large and one small, have been added to the list of Chicago financial institutions. The large one, the National bank of North America, began business in the rooms formerly occupied by the Metropolitan National bank.

The smaller one, the Colonial Trust company, opened in the old quarters of the Western state bank.

Two Children Drowned.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Gettysburg, Pa., June 17.—Dewey, aged four years, and Irene, aged 12 years, children of Jeremiah Small, were drowned near Hendricks station this county, last night by falling into an abandoned stone quarry. The boy fell into the water and his sister in attempting to rescue him got beyond her depth and both were drowned.

DEMOCRACY OF ILLINOIS

LIVELY SESSIONS OF THE STATE CONVENTION.

The Day Full of Clashes Between Hopkins and Harrison—A Wrangle Beginning in a Hotel Is Carried to the Floor of the Convention—Mr. Bryan Not Mentioned. The Platform.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Springfield, Ill., June 17.—The Democratic state convention adjourned tonight after nominating the following ticket: Clerk of the Supreme court, John L. Pickering, of Springfield; state treasurer, George Duddleston, of Chicago; superintendent of public instruction, Anson L. Bliss, of Hillsboro, trustees of the State university, Dr. Julius Holmes Smith, of Chicago; J. A. White, of Urbana, and S. S. Paxton, of Monmouth.

John P. Hopkins, former mayor of Chicago, was re-elected chairman of the state central committee, after a bitter contest with Mayor Carter H. Harrison.

The election of Chairman Hopkins produced the only contest in the convention, but it was stirring enough to make up for the tameness that characterized the other proceedings.

The day was full of clashes between Hopkins and Harrison. The two men indulged in an acrimonious quarrel in the St. Nicholas hotel during the morning, in which Hopkins bitterly resented criticisms made by Harrison, regarding the campaign methods attributed to Hopkins by Harrison. Later Harrison and his friends succeeded in beating the Hopkins men in the district caucus for state committeeman, and elected Thomas J. McNally, of Chicago, in his stead. Hopkins' one chance to be re-elected chairman was in the caucus of the general committee appointed to select the chairman.

The committee, by a majority of 3, recommended the selection of Hopkins. A minority report favoring the election of Harrison was made, and the fight carried to the floor of the convention.

The struggle produced wild excitement. Impassioned speeches were made in favor of both reports.

The delegates at times were frantic, and criticisms highly personal in their nature were frequently exchanged.

A motion to adopt the minority report as a substitute was voted down by the ayes and noes. The poll was then called on the adoption of the majority report.

On this Hopkins won by a vote of 862 to 287 against Cook county's vote was: Harrison, 258; Hopkins, 299.

The committee on resolutions had a long and stormy session before their report was finally adopted.

The principal fight was over the first plank in the platform. As originally drafted, this read:

"The Democrats of Illinois declare their adherence to the fundamental principles of the Democratic party as laid down in the declaration of independence, and the constitution of the United States, affirmed at our last national convention."

This was considered by the opponents of silver as too specific a declaration in favor of the Kansas City platform and they fought it. For three hours the debate went on, and the plank was amended to read:

"All fundamental principles of the Democratic party, etc., repeatedly affirmed by past Democratic conventions."

Mr. Bryan Ignored.

No effort was made to bring in the name of William J. Bryan.

The platform, so far as it relates to national issues, insists upon a rigid enforcement of the present anti-trust laws and favors further legislation, both federal and state, to prevent such combinations as destroy competition; denounces the Republican tariff as a prolific mother of trusts and demands a thorough revision of the tariff.

Continuing, the platform says: We are opposed to the British system of colonization, by means of which powerful, selfish interests are enabled to employ the resources of the people to enslave inferior races and to enrich themselves. We are in favor of true American expansion as has been achieved in the past and by means of which vast territories have been dedicated forever to equality and freedom. We, therefore, denounce the measures adopted by the Republicans for the government of the Philippines as monopolistic and autocratic and dangerous to liberty at home as well as liberty abroad.

We denounce the threatened assault upon the public treasury contemplated in the ship subsidy bill passed by the Republican senate, as one of the holiest and most flagrant attempts which has yet been made to grant public moneys in aid of private business enterprises.

We believe that the American government should announce to the Philippines that it is not our purpose permanently to retain their country, but as soon as hostilities shall cease and a stable government be established, the United States will recognize the independence of the Philippines, as was done in the case of Cuba.

We favor liberal pensions for all deserving soldiers and sailors and their dependent widows and orphans.

We extend our hearty congratulations to the newly established republic of Cuba, whose brave heroism and manly valor at the monstrous crime which removed from the nation its much loved and mourned president, William McKinley. The fons of anarchy have no place in American institutions.

The platform concludes with expressions of regret at the death of former Governor John P. Altgeld.

MAUL CRUSHED HIS SKULL.

New Jersey Farmer Injured in a Peculiar Manner.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Mount Holly, N. J., June 17.—Noah A. Gasgill, a rich farmer of Juliettown, was injured on Locust Grove farm in a peculiar manner today. He was steady-riding a stake while a man who was standing in a wagon was driving the stake into the ground with a maul. The stake slipped and the maul came down on the farmer's head. His skull was crushed and he fell unconscious to the ground.

It is thought his injuries will prove fatal.

Miss White Wins the Prize.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, June 17.—The prize of \$50, offered by the trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, for the best essay on "The Advantages Which Accrue from a Classical Education," open to the teachers of the high schools of Pennsylvania, has been unanimously awarded to Miss Ruth E. White, of Carlisle, Pa.

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From the New York Sun.

People are growing healthier and lives are becoming longer in this country, if medical statistics can be relied on. According to figures published in the last week, life has been lengthened by an average of 4.1 years in the last decade.

In 1890 the average length of life in the United States was 31.1 years. In 1900 this mean average had risen to 35.2 years, chiefly by reason of the decrease in mortality among the very young.

The three diseases which have caused the most deaths in recent years are pneumonia, consumption and heart disease, in the order named. Deaths from the first cause have increased slightly, but medical science has made comparatively little progress in finding a specific treatment for it.

Pneumonia is an infectious disease like tuberculosis. Although it is not so contagious as are many other diseases, the sanitation of houses, schools, shops, factories, places of business and amusement, in medical opinion, undoubtedly determines to a great extent the vulnerability of the system to it.

Neglect of the ordinary laws of health is responsible for many cases of pneumonia. Among personal measures suggested for its prevention are avoidance of undue exposure to inclement weather and of crowded and ill-ventilated gatherings; temperance in eating and drinking, daily bathing and regular exercise in the open air with special reference to complete respiration.

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