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WHERE THE PEOPLE RULE.

Within thirty-six years three Presidents of the United States have been assassinated and three times the Government by the people demonstrated its strength, for in each case it was shown that the life of the Republic does not depend upon the life of the President.

Garfield was assassinated sixteen years later, and exclaimed when shot, "The Republic lives." The Republican party was divided into two great factions then, but there was no fear for the Republic.

Nearly twenty years later President McKinley was shot in the presence of thousands of people by a lunatic or a devil, and while the great heart of the American nation was shocked beyond expression at the atrocity of the deed, and melted in sympathy and sorrow for him and his, there was no fear for the Republic, the government of the people, for the people knew it would live whether in the inscrutable dispensations of Providence President McKinley lived or died.

There isn't another government on earth that could bear the assassination of a ruler with less disastrous results, or with as much immunity from danger.

In other countries the assassination of rulers is either preceded by revolutionary uprisings or is followed by them, unless prevented, and therefore the military arm is called into action to suppress any revolutionary demonstrations and guard against any revolutionary uprisings.

On such occasions there are always summoning of troops to be prepared for emergencies and detectives by the hundred go among the people to hear what they are talking about and catch as far as possible the sentiment of approval or disapproval of the assassination, and thus learn what the danger might be.

Our Presidents may be shot down, and aside from the national horror and indignation and the excitement natural at such a shocking event, there is no hurrying to and fro, no rattle of musketry, no tramping of armed men, no clang of swords, no rattling of hurrying horses' hoofs, no detectives sent among the people save on the tail of suspects, for the people here are sovereign and it is their representative that is smitten.

This is the difference between a government by the people, where the people are sovereign and all power comes from them, and a government not of the people, whether it is called a Republic, or some governments are incorrectly called, a limited or unlimited monarchy, or an absolute despotism.

None of these are as safe from turmoil or overturning when the assassin blow comes, as this Republic is, with its seventy-six millions of people exercising sovereign power.

Men may be snatched suddenly from the earth, administrations may change, new counsellors may be called in and new policies adopted, but the Republic lives and will live. It will live for several reasons; one because it is a government of the people, in which every individual has a direct interest, be it much or little, and every one feels that the preservation of the government is necessary to him; and because the machinery which provides for the succession to the Presidency is as perfect as human foresight could devise.

There is no possible emergency that might arise that would leave the country without some one eligible to the Presidency, to fill the vacancy in the event of the death of the President even if they were followed by the death of the Vice President.

American people moulded into one grand, majestic patriot, in whose heart, thoughts and eyes the Republic stands first and before all things.

We have had five Vice Presidents to succeed deceased Presidents, three of them the successors of Presidents who had fallen at the hands of assassins, and in each case these Vice Presidents entered upon the higher office with as little commotion, or parade, or excitement as if they were taking the oath of a justice of the peace, and were as loyally recognized as Presidents as if they had been chosen directly by the votes of their countrymen.

President Roosevelt was hunted for and found gunning to be summoned to take the dead President McKinley's place. He came, took the oath of office with entire absence of parade and entered upon the office with as little ceremony and pomp as he might go to church. He is today President Roosevelt, as fully recognized as was his lamented and honored predecessor, and not a ripple in the body politic. Men may die but the Republic still lives.

LESS HANDSHAKING.

Several days ago we wrote an editorial deprecating the custom, which has become so general and so much abused, of inviting our Presidents to attend various kinds of public gatherings, whether they be of much or little importance, of national or merely State or local interest.

These invitations are presumably inspired by respect for the office of President or regard for the man who fills it, but in eight cases out of ten there is a selfish motive at the bottom of it, and the President is simply utilized to draw a crowd for the occasion. It is often a source of embarrassment to the President who feels disposed to be accommodating and to reciprocate the kindly feeling implied by such invitations, for having accepted one he feels constrained, if his public duties permit, to accept others, and sometimes when forced to decline he unintentionally gives offense because his motives are not understood or are misconstrued.

And for this reason, doubtless, many invitations are accepted which would otherwise be declined. With these frequent draws upon him a President, however good natured he may be, cannot feel otherwise than bored and wearied at the ordeal through which he has to go, a much abused and hard worked man for a mere unnecessary parade, that adds nothing to but rather diminishes the dignity of the office he holds.

The country has become too big for that now, there is too much of it, and it imposes too much labor on the man, who has more than enough to do without it. In this connection we also suggested the discontinuance of the public receptions held by the President for the same reason, because they have become simply unmeaning formalities, and are an imposition on the man who is required to stand for hours and shake or rather touch, for there is little time to shake, the hand of every man or woman who hankers to touch a Presidential hand.

It is unnecessary labor imposed on him for which there is no compensating offset. When we wrote that article we were not thinking of it as a means to protect the President from the assault of assassins or cranks, but simply as a relief from an entirely unnecessary ordeal that our Presidents should not be subjected to.

Since expressing the views contained in that editorial, we find similar views entertained by leading papers of the country and by men of national prominence, among them Hon. Thos. B. Reed, who declares that the senseless and useless custom of public receptions should be abolished, a custom which has outlived its usefulness, if it ever had any.

PRAYING CRAZY.

As anticipated the assassin of President McKinley is playing the roll of the crazy man when called to answer for the life he took. He is crazy in the sense that a man who pursues a forbidden passion is, that the man who nurses malice in his heart and lays in wait for and slays the object of his hate is, or that the man who deliberately takes his own life is. He was crazy for notoriety, that was the consuming passion that lured him and led him on to take the part he did in that horrid tragedy.

But he was sane enough to fully comprehend what he contemplated, to travel from another city to do it, to plan with cunning and deliberation and to follow his intended victim day after day until he could get close enough to shoot with fatal precision. There was no insanity in that.

When arrested and locked up he put a padlock on his mouth, until finally forced to speak, he threw the responsibility on Emma Goldman, whose writings he said fired his blood and hardened his heart to this horrid deed. There was no insanity in that. It is simply the plea of the cowardly cur, who realizing that his own life has been forfeited, abandons the role of hero, and cringingly takes refuge under the plea of insanity to prolong a life that ought to be a torture to him if he be not entirely devoid of human feeling.

surely die in the electrocution chair as he killed William McKinley, unless he dies before the day set for his execution comes.

But for all that he will be tried in conformity with law, will be given able counsel to defend him, and will have all the protection and fairness in his trial that the law which he would destroy throws around any other man charged with crime.

This is an object lesson that ought to impress even anarchists, if anything could impress them, when a viper like this is taken under the wings of the law, after killing the President of the earth's greatest Republic, whose death is sincerely mourned not only by seventy-six millions of his countrymen, but throughout the civilized world.

An Ohio preacher who has been working to locate the garden of Eden thinks he has conclusive evidence that it was in Ohio. When Adam and Eve were evicted they probably camped in Indiana. The fact is they are locating the garden in about as many places as Sam Jones has located hell. One has pitched on the Philippines, another on South Carolina, near Charleston, and now this investigator puts in his claim for Ohio. There are a good many parts of the United States to be heard from yet.

Hiram Baxter, of Kansas, who expected to be married by this time, is still single, just because when he was courting his girl he rode a \$125 horse. When she consented to be "his'n," he sold that \$125 horse, bought a \$25 plug and rode that plug when he next visited her. She didn't object to thrift, but concluded that this was too sudden and violent an exhibition of it, and cancelled the agreement. Therefore Mr. Baxter is still a bachelor with a plug.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Admiral Dewey said: "Admiral Howison is excused from service for which I know he is very glad." If Admiral Howison had excused himself several weeks ago, he would have occupied a more enviable position. -Augusta Chronicle, Dem.

When Lord Kitchener speaks of a "bag" he means the dead and wounded of the enemy. English soldiers are taught to look upon their adversaries in war as beasts or birds, and the corpses and captives they can show or swear to represent the "bag." -Washington Post, Ind.

An inquiry into the pursuits of college-bred negroes received 1,312 replies. Of this number one-half are teachers, one-sixth preachers, one-sixth students and professional men, 6 per cent. farmers, artisans and merchants, and 4 per cent in the government service. The teachers, if competent, are all needed, but the number of mechanics, farmers and tradesmen is significantly small. The failure to engage in trade may be altogether voluntary, but the disposition to crowd the professions is as evident as among whites, and with less chance of success. -Louisville Courier-Journal, Dem.

TWINKLINGS.

The Patron-Inn't there some mistake about this bill? Proprietor-Two weeks' board and extras; \$20; half are teachers, one-sixth preachers, I've more money than that. -Life.

Lady-I always come out so plain in my photographs. Plain even than I am. Photographer (gallantly)-Oh, madam that is impossible. -Life.

With Germany trying to crawl under the Monroe doctrine and France over it, Uncle Sam will also have to arrange his interference to stop runs around the ends. -Detroit Tribune.

Who is that flustering thing man who stares at me so much? "Why, that's Von Humperdink, the eminent insanity expert." -Cleveland Plain Dealer.

SUPERSTITION

Has been responsible for much of human mortality. Men and women die by thousands in an Indian famine, not because of lack of food but because caste superstition prevents them from accepting it. Even the great foe of superstition is science. Every year science increases the territory of the natural at the expense of the supernatural.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Reidsville Weekly: A petition is being circulated asking the Governor to offer a reward for the capture of John Ware, who shot his father, and a negro August 27th and 28th last, near Reidsville. No reasonable effort should be spared to bring him to justice, for the crime which he and John Stephens committed was over taken place in this section.

Charlotte News: Mr. James Adams, of the Newells section, died suddenly last night. He, with several others, were in a service at the Presbyterian church. When within a mile of the church Mr. Adams was suddenly stricken with a severe stroke of the heart, and fell by the roadside in great agony. Those with him did all they could for him, but death came in a short while.

Newton Enterprise: It is now a settled fact that Newton is to have two National Banks. Application has been made to the State for a charter for the Presbyterian church. When within a mile of the church Mr. Adams was suddenly stricken with a severe stroke of the heart, and fell by the roadside in great agony.

Payetteville Observer: Sunday afternoon about 7 o'clock as Happy Harris and James, Robert and Lizzie Harris (all colored) were returning from a trip after grapes in a bateau on the Cape Fear river in charge of a boatman, they were overtaken by a large fish above the depot Monday. It was a brush arbor in which there were numerous tin cans, fire-brands and other evidences of a regular camp.

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MASSA HARRY'S BODY SERVANT.

By Elizabeth Guerdon. "Good morning, massa. To-day Massa Harry's body servant is a tiny specimen of a negro boy looking up into his face with expressive eyes. "Well, boy, what do you wish?" he asked.

"I wish, massa, I jes' wan' to ax you to tek me in de big house to wuk." "You?" said the judge. "Why, you are no massa. What could you do in de big house?" "I knowed I ain't ben gwine much, massa, but I aintin I gwine gwine some mo' one ob dem boys, massa. I could be 'll Massa Harry's body servant, jes' like William is yours, sah."

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Advertisement for Schlitz beer, featuring a glass and the text 'In the Schlitz brewery you will find a plate glass room. In it are cooling pipes, over which the hot beer drips. Above this is a filter, and no air comes into this room save through that filter. But, after the beer is aged, we filter it, then bottle and seal it, then sterilize every bottle. We take triple precautions because beer is a saccharine product. Impurities multiply if they get into it. There is no grade between absolute purity and utter impurity. Every bottle of Schlitz is absolutely pure, and purity is healthfulness. Knowledge is our market. Phone 1. S. 52. Sol Beer & Co., 30 Market St., Wilmington. Call for the Brewery Bottling.'

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