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**THURMAN SPEAKS.**

The following news from Ohio marks the character of the man whom the Democrats have nominated for Vice-President.

COLUMBUS, O., June 9. The Thurman Club got up a demonstration here tonight in honor of the nomination of Judge Thurman for the Vice Presidency. A procession was formed which marched to the residence of Judge Thurman. Captain Hoffman, of the Samuel J. Randall Club, was introduced to Judge Thurman by President John J. Leaty, of the Thurman Club, and introduced each member of the Philadelphia Club in turn to Thurman.

Thurman then spoke as follows: My friends and fellow citizens—I sincerely thank you for this manifestation of your good will and esteem. It has been well said: "Find how a man is thought of by his neighbors and you can form a correct judgment of that man's character and worth." If I may judge from this demonstration as well as from all the acts of kindness that I have received from the good people of Columbus for more than a third of a century, I may indulge in the hope that I stand well in the affections of my neighbors (great applause), and when, in addition to that, I have every reason to believe from the attendance here tonight of that splendid body of men, the Randall Club, of Philadelphia (cheers), that I stand well in that grand old State, which used to be called the keystone of the Democratic arch (renewed cheers), and which I hope will ere long become that keystone again, then I have more than ever reason to congratulate myself and believe that I stand well with my fellow men. My friends, I should be the most insensible and cold-blooded man in the world if I did not feel grateful for the kindness you have manifested toward me tonight; yes, and I may say that you have manifested toward me before tonight, and yet I do not know about that quite. I say kindness; was it kindness? I was living in my own quiet home with my good old wife and my children and grandchildren and friends around me, wishing for nothing in this world but peace and quiet, when you, and others like you, forced me once more into the political arena. Whether this was kind or not time will tell; whether it was well advised or not time will disclose, but one thing I need not wait for time to disclose, and that is that I owe you the deepest and profoundest gratitude from the very bottom of my heart. (Great applause.)

Now, my friends, you will not—(coughing). I got so much of that fire and brimstone talk my throat that I can hardly talk, and that is not very fair for from what some of my enemies say of me I will get fire and brimstone quick enough without getting it now. (Laughter and a voice.) A good many years yet, Judge. You will not expect me to make a political speech tonight. When the two parties shall have been fully marshalled in the field—when the issues, as lawyers call them, shall have been distinctly defined, when all the candidates have their harness on and are ready for the tilt, then it will be right for me to bear my humble part in the affray. (Cheers.) Then I give you my word that I shall be heard from according to my feeble abilities. I think there is still in this old head some remnants of brains (laughter and applause) to enable me to tell the people why it is that all my life long I have been a Democrat and mean to die one.

from now until they are laid in the grave. (Cheers.) My friends, it is not my purpose to say any harsh thing of our political opponents. That never has been my style of speaking, even when I was a very young man. I might say not a man at all, for the first stamp speech I ever made I was nothing but a boy. Even then I always endeavored to keep a civil tongue in my head. I always recognized the right of every man to do his own thinking, and if he would only think honestly and be as tolerant to me as I was to him, there should be no harsh words fall from my lips in respect to him; and so now. In the contests that happened in our own party it never has been my habit to quarrel with those who did not think just as I thought. I have been before your convention at St. Louis without my will, against my will, as a candidate for a great office. Cheers! I was warmly, nobly, generously supported in that convention; I was also warmly and earnestly opposed. Towards those who opposed me I have nothing in the world but feelings of kindness. It was their right if they thought some other man was better—a better man to be nominated. If they thought it was more politic or advisable, however well they might think of me, to nominate somebody else, it was their right to think so. They were there to exercise their judgment, and God knows they have exercised a single rattle in my bosom, not the least symptom of ill will towards them. Applause. No, my friends, I am here to advocate the right of every free American citizen to think for himself. I believe in it, and always have believed in it, as the very essence of Democracy and of free government, and therefore I wish to say to you all that so long as God gives me strength to speak to my fellow men, so long shall I talk to them of the good, honest Democracy in which I was schooled and in which I believe. I tell you, my friends, that the St. Louis Convention did the thing itself that should immortalize it. It did one thing which of itself should command the esteem and respect and gratitude of the American people. It did one thing which set a magnificent example for all time to come to the American people, and indeed to all other people who have anything to do with the choice of rulers, and that thing was to renominate Grover Cleveland by the unanimous voice of the convention. (Cheers.) No, my friends; when I speak of Grover Cleveland I do not speak of a stranger to me. I never saw him until after he was inaugurated President of the United States, but I have seen him many times since, talked with him much, consulted with him much, and, although I have not seen him for months past, I knew that man, I think, and I think I know him well, and if there is a brave, honest, upright, courageous, patriotic man on the face of God's earth, Grover Cleveland is such a man. (Great applause.)

**A REMARKABLE TREE.**

THE STRANGER THAN FICTION—THE SUPERNATURAL IN BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Washington Progress.

In this county about ten miles from Washington, and a short distance from one of the main roads leading to the town, in a forest of oak, hickory, pine and other miscellaneous growth, stands a large long leaf pine. It has never been boxed for turpentine, although every other pine tree surrounding it has been clipped (as it is termed) and "tended" for many years. This, together with the fact that it is very tall and a landmark (the top of it) for many miles around make it a remarkable tree.

But there is more than this about that tree that makes it remarkable; "thereby hangs a tale"—one that no doubt nine tenths of the average minds would accept with a great many grains of allowance, if they did not absolutely and at once disbelieve and pronounce it a hoax. But what is here stated are facts within our personal knowledge of the matter and can be attested by dozens of the best and most reliable citizens of Beaufort county.

The pine is situated on a small and seldom used cart path branching off from a neighborhood road leading into the main road before alluded to about 100 yards from the road and exactly in the centre of the cart path, so that standing in the road and looking down the cart-path the first thing you see is this pine, and carts traveling the path have to go around it. The tree is sound, healthy and perfectly green except upon the southwest side where there is a streak running from the ground to the extreme top, about one foot wide, that is dead. The tree is no where else affected. On the ground near the tree can be seen plainly and distinctly the imprint of a horse's feet, such as a horse would make on a sorely frightened and shies. They are eight in number and made, as can be plainly seen, by a horse ap-

proaching the tree and suddenly shying to the left to avoid it. There is nothing in the tracks—neither grass nor bushes nor pine straw, they being perfectly clean and black as if they had only been made a week or ten days. And, this, too, in a forest where there is not an inch of ground that is covered six inches deep with pine straw, bushes, grass and the droppings from the various trees, the pine itself shedding enough straw to cover and obliterate them in 24 hours, and there they are, and wonderful to relate, just as they have been for 65 or 70 years. It is said that you can go there, fill them up with dirt, straw, leaves or any other matter at night, and returning in the morning it is all gone and the tracks are as clean and fresh as ever. This used to be a favorite amusement of school children attending a public school near there, and one old gentleman residing near—a man whose word in that section has never been questioned, a member of the church, intelligent and occupying offices of honor, told the writer that time and again he had done this, and always whatever was put in them at night would be removed in the morning. The writer first saw the tree and tracks about 1868, and then they were just as they have been described. He saw them again in 1878, ten years afterwards, when they had not changed a particle, and he has seen them repeatedly since 1878, up to two years ago, and they are today what they were twenty years ago. This the writer himself can certify to.

The tradition or explanation of this miracle, as it may be termed, for it seems nothing short of that, is as follows:—About 65 or 70 years ago, on Sunday, all the neighborhood were out at church near this place and had their horses tied near this tree. One man, Jesse Elliot, more wicked and profane than the others, proposed a horse race. This was objected to by others because of its being the Sabbath and their being in attendance upon divine worship. Elliot began to curse, and swore that he would have a race anyway, so putting whip to his horse he started in a run down the cut path, his horse going directly for this pine in the middle of it. When near it he suddenly shied to the left, threw his rider up against the tree, his head striking it and knocking his brains out, killing him instantly. The horse in shying made the tracks and they have remained there in the midst of a virgin forest from that day to this. The tree on the side where his head struck died in a streak clear to the topmost branch and has remained so to this day. By a careful examination of the tracks the exact position of the horse when he threw the man can be seen. There is also a cross mark on the tree which it is said could be seen for a long time, blood and particles of the man's hair. It is also said parties have attempted to cut the tree down, but something prevented, and while this is unlikely, still there can be no one found in that section of the country who will take an axe to fell the tree.

Does Providence keep it standing there as an example and warning to Sabbath breakers and evil doers? We know not, but there it is and there it will probably remain, tracks and all, for a period of fifty years longer. It is one among the few things the writer has ever seen that he could not account for, and comes perhaps nearer to being a miracle than anything else, at least in this section of the country.

[On Thursday last we interviewed Mr. C. C. N. Cutler, a reliable citizen who resides in the neighborhood of the remarkable tree, and from him we gathered the following additional facts: He has seen the tree and tracks a thousand times and has repeatedly filled the tracks with dirt and trash and they have as often been cleaned out by some invisible agency. The tree is now entirely dead and has been so for about a year. Mr. Cutler says that for twelve months he and his brother had fed hogs on the tracks and it in nowise obliterated them.—ED.]

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