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Five Minute Chats on Our Presidents

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CLEVELAND CAME BACK

1893—March 4, Grover Cleveland inaugurated a second time, aged fifty-five. May, a great panic began. July 1, Cleveland went under surgical operation for cancer. Oct. 30, The Silver act repealed. 1894—July 4, Cleveland sent troops to Chicago to intervene in railroad strike. Aug. 27, the Wilson-Gorman tariff became law without president's signature. 1895—Feb. 7, Cleveland made arrangement with J. P. Morgan and others for protection of gold reserve. Dec. 17, sent in his Venezuela message. 1908—June 24, Cleveland died at Princeton, N. J., aged seventy-one.

GROVER CLEVELAND had no more than left the presidency in defeat and settled down to the practice of law in New York City than it was seen that he was still almost as much the leader of the Democratic party as when he was in the White House. In the four years of his retirement, he seldom saw party leaders. Yet so strong was the reaction against the Republicans and so loud the call for him in 1892 that he returned in triumph to the White House. One of the periodical panics of the 19th century smote the country with a financial and industrial paralysis in 1893, only two months after the inauguration. As usual, the party in power caught the blame, and day after day a leading Republican newspaper shouted in gleeful headlines: "Another bank gone Democratic!" As the first means of restoring confidence, Cleveland called a special ses-



Grover Cleveland.

session of congress for the purpose of having it repeal the Silver act of the Harrison administration. The next day he submitted himself to the surgeon's knife for the removal of a cancerous ulcer which had appeared in the roof of his mouth. His grave physical condition was concealed from the public, and the operation was performed in the closest secrecy aboard a yacht as it steamed slowly up the East River, off New York. Not until many years had passed was it known that when congress assembled he faced it with a rubber jaw.

Under the pressure of the president, the Silver act was repealed, but only after a bitter struggle which left the Democratic party hopelessly split. The passage of a tariff bill divided the party still more. It was such a lobby-made, log-rolling measure that Cleveland refused to sign it, but let it become law without his signature. After that the Democrats went down in defeat in the congressional elections of 1894.

In the depth of our domestic troubles the president sent his famous Venezuelan message to congress. In it he announced that the British government had rejected all our appeals for the arbitration of a land dispute which it was pressing in South America, and he boldly proposed that we ourselves should decide the question and then proceed to enforce our decision.

Stocks tumbled headlong in London and New York, and there was much wild talk on both sides of the Atlantic. But the president confidently reassured his troubled private secretary, "Thurber, this does not mean war; it means arbitration." And that was the outcome of all the hubbub. Cleveland's outburst of plain speaking had the effect of awakening the English people, as never before, to the value of American friendship, and it opened a new era in the relations of the two governments.

Cleveland's hardest, longest battle in his second administration was for the gold standard. Almost alone he upheld it through four years, abandoned by most of the Democrats and unaided by the gold Republicans in congress, who were afraid of "hurting the party" with the silver people.

Meteor Shower to Mark Earth's Race With Comet

Berkeley, Cal.—For a month this summer the earth will engage in a race with the periodic comet Pone-Winnecke, and because it will have no chance to win it will endeavor, through astral influences, to "trip up" its gaseous rival, according to a report made public by the observatory of the University of California.

On June 27 the comet will flip its tail so hard against its terrestrial rival that the impact will send out sparks. These will go down into the records as a meteoric shower.

At the greatest brilliancy observable from the earth the comet will be of the eighth or ninth magnitude. Nothing greater than the sixth magnitude can be observed by the naked eye, so the world at large will see nothing of the visitor except at the tall-flipping episode on June 27.

PAYS \$18.50, GETS SLIPPER

Sailor Is "Stung" at Auction Sale Held by Shipping Officials in New York.

New York.—When last seen, Jack Donovan, a seaman who wears No. 12 brogans, was streaking out of the large office in search of a cop who could tip him off to a place where a disgruntled chap might "buy a few."

For John just before had placed \$18.50 in the hands of United States Shipping Commissioner Quinn in exchange for a trunk auctioned off "sight unseen." The trunk looked slick and heavy and worth the price, all Jack could assemble. It proved to contain a gold-threaded Chinese slipper.

It was the annual sale of effects of seamen who deserted their craft or who died at sea and whose relatives have not been found. A total of \$3,000 resulted.

The highest price for an article was \$51.50 for a gold watch. A glass eye brought \$1.50. It was bought blindly, so to speak, in a package that was not unwrapped until the buyer, owning two good eyes, had paid his money. He contributed his purchase to the waves off Battery park.

HIGH HEELS EFFECTIVE



One way of diverting the attention of the purse-snatcher is to stamp emphatically on his instep with high heels. The thug usually leaves his feet exposed, according to experts, and they prove an unusually vulnerable spot.

BERLIN PLOTTERS TO PRISON

Eleven Reds Nabbed in Blast Attempts Given Long Terms of Imprisonment.

Berlin—Eleven communists, convicted of having made the recent attempt to blow up the victory monument in the Koenigsplatz, were sentenced to long terms of imprisonment in the penitentiary.

The evidence implicated Hoesler, one of the alleged leaders of the communist uprising in middle Germany who was arrested in Berlin April 15, and now is locked up in the Moabit jail in this city. The attempt to blow up the victory monument was frustrated by the police, who discovered a box containing four pounds of dynamite and other explosives some distance up the monument and tore away a lighted fuse leading to the box.

Herr Talheimer, editor of the Rote Fahne (red flag) the organ of the communists, has been placed under arrest.

Jail for Life Saving.

Omaha, Neb.—Saving a man from death in a water-filled hole beneath a burning shanty at the Dietz club here the other day may result in a prison term for C. M. Wallace, who was arrested by the police, charged with automobile theft after they had read of his heroic deed in the papers. Wallace escaped the police recently and had been in hiding. When summoned by the screams of a woman calling for help from a manhole he ran to the rescue. Two hours later he was in jail.

VANDIVER NAMED BANK PRESIDENT

Succeeds Late Lee G. Holleman, No Irregularities Found by Examiner.

Anderson, June 25.—The board of directors of the People's Bank met at noon today to hear the report of the state bank examiner, James H. Craig, and to elect a new president to succeed Lee G. Holleman. The meeting was attended by every director. The

report of the bank examiner showed the bank to be in good condition, no irregularities, and the capital stock of \$200,000 unimpaired. Edward P. Vandiver was elected president; Judge H. H. Watkins, first vice president; J. Fulwer Watson, second vice president, and Sloan Bannister, cashier.

The report of the examiner showed that the officers and directors of this bank owe it less money than the officers and directors of any bank of its

size which the bank examiner has examined. The bank will open Monday morning for business.

A committee composed of Gen. M. L. Bonham, Dr. S. A. Henry, D. S. Vandiver and William L. Brissey was named to draw up resolutions of respect for the deceased president.

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