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GENERAL GRANT'S LAST SPEECH.

IN THE old Auditorium, at Ocean Grove, the Christian Commission and reunion of the "Good Samaritans" of the late war was held in 1884, and proved to be the most memorable of any meeting ever held at that seaside resort. During its sessions word came that General Grant was at his cottage, some five miles away at Long Branch; and President Stuart telegraphed a public welcome, and urged him to come at his earliest convenience. He answered, accepting the invitation, and said he would drive down the next afternoon. Notices had been sent to all the G. A. R. Posts within reach, and the veterans responded nobly. The day was all that could have been desired, the Summer throng was present, and the extended notice of such a special day called out many thousands more who desired to come and see the illustrious guest.

When the carriage drove up to the office entrance it contained ex-Governor R. J. Oglesby, Col. Fred D. Grant and the great General. The sorrow of the Ward and Grant bank failure had cast a gloom over the friends of the hero; and this misfortune, joined with his sufferings for some months by broken tendons of a leg, had depressed the sensitive soul of the old commander beyond all expression. He tried to be cheerful, but it was hard work. Unfriendly newspapers and politicians all over the land were slandering him most cruelly and questioning his honesty; this was to him a mortal wound. It was a time to awaken Christian sympathy, and the suffering chieftain needed it just then as never before.

It was a touching sight as the tall form of Dr. E. H. Stokes supported the hero on the right, and President George H. Stuart assisted on the left, while a third person brought the General's crutches. The vast audience

arose, and a sea of enthusiasm, never excelled even in war days, greeted the great man. He hobbled to his chair, bowed a graceful recognition, and was seated.

It had been arranged that A. J. Palmer, D. D., should give the formal welcome. This popular preacher and lecturer never had a greater opportunity in his life; but he was fully equal to the occasion. * * * *

A part of the speech ran thus:

"Comrades, Ladies and Gentlemen:—I do not know why the committee selected *me* to give me this welcome, unless it is that this man (pointing to the noble head on which he could have laid his hand) was at the *head* of the army while I was at the *foot*, and here you see the two extremes meet. [Wild cheering.] I welcome to-day the hero of the Republic. It is sweet for the humblest soldier to welcome the greatest General the war produced. [Great applause.]

"He couldn't have done anything without us, and he knows it. There were one million of us, but only one of him. He had to have this million, and we had to have him. We did something for the country and the world, twenty years ago, greater than that accomplished by Wellington, Marlboro' or Hamilton. And so I, who was the humblest private in the army, am called upon to welcome the immortal General, who was at the head of the great army, the quiet man under whose leadership all the armies under Sherman, Sheridan, Meade, Hooker, Burnside, Logan and Thomas marched on to victory:

"Patient in toils, serene amid alarms,
Inflexible in peace, invincible in arms."

Calm under calumny, magnanimous in victory, he was the greatest soldier of this or any other age, and the greatest *man*; and I say for one—and in behalf of the million private soldiers for whom I speak to-day—that no combination of Wall Street sharpers shall ever tarnish the luster of his splendid fame."

The applause at this moment was indescribable. Caps from the comrades flew to the ceiling of the old Auditorium, crutches waved wildly in the air, veterans shouted, "Bully for Palmer! he's hit it;" and the roar went on and on to the far-way crowds that pressed to hear or see all they could of the historic scene. After the storm had spent its greatest force Dr. Palmer went on:

"He settled the question whether we should have a united nation from Canada to the Gulf, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, or two hostile nations on this territory, the land of the free and the home of the brave. He settled another question, whether we should have one flag [tremendous cheering. The comrade carrying the G. A. R. colors arose and waved the beautiful standard]—or whether we should have *two* flags, the grand old Stars and Stripes and the stars and bars, or the Stars and Stripes alone. [Again the cheering was with a vim of the old war meetings.]

"He has been the soldier of one great epoch in our national history and the twice honored statesman of another."

When the storm abated there was a tremendous call of "Grant, Grant! General Grant say something."

President Stuart turned and said: "General, these people will not be satisfied unless you say a few words. Do say something if you can."

Instantly the General reached down to his left, gathered up his crutches, placed them under his arms, and before one of us could get to him, sprang to his feet, hobbled a step or two forward and said:

"*Ladies and Gentlemen:*—Under all circumstances it is difficult for me to speak in public. An hour ago I might have made a speech, but now I am almost afraid to try.

"I know, as few can, the good these chaplains have done, writing letters to the friends at home for the sick and wounded soldiers to the anxious, sorrowing mothers and fathers. I have not words to express my thanks for this welcome. I hope you will have a good time at the reunion. I appreciate"—

Here his voice failed, tears rained down his cheeks, his chin quivered in great emotion, he turned, sank into his chair, and a deathlike stillness rested on the vast audience. No one spoke; no one wanted to speak; none knew what to say, the quiet was like a prelude to a funeral; we all wept in silence.

Prof. John R. Sweney touched the sweet organ softly, and Mrs. Watrous sang a piece composed by Dr. Stokes, the music by Sweney, and printed for the reunion:

"There's peace upon the mountain's brow,
There's peace upon the sea;
From pine-clad Maine to Mexico
The land holds jubilee;"

and the choir joined feelingly in the beautiful chorus.

The grizzled commander, who had confronted tornadoes of iron hail and ghastly death in the hour of battle, and never showed the least emotion, melted before this hearty, swinging welcome. It was his last speech; his voice was never heard again on a public platform.—*N. Y. Ind.*

A LEAF FROM MY DIARY.

UNCLE HENRY decided to leave Thursday and as it was beautiful weather mamma suggested a picnic. Who should we ask to join us? The Geofferys? They were always ready for fun, and we were sure to find three or four to join us. Then, of course, Flemingo Frazier must be asked for Miss Gracen's sake, and we got three more at Frazier's; so we had gathered up quite a respectable picnic party.

Wednesday morning dawned clear and bright. The lunch baskets, fishing tackle, and croquet set were placed in an old stage coach, and given in charge of some who were very eager to be on the way. Bye and bye our carriages drove up to the door, and with happy hearts we started for a place ten miles distant called Lake Canyon. The people in general were agreeable, good natured and full of fun, especially Flemingo. I had never seen him in such good humor. I had never thought him witty either, but his quaint remarks kept us all laughing.

When we got as far up the canyon as the teams could

go, we left them in a beautiful little nook, and rambled about waiting for the old stage coach, and enjoying the scenery. Then we started up the canyon. Before long, from a peak, we saw the top of the old stage peeping out among the willows. There didn't seem to be any road to it, as we viewed it from the hill. Perhaps long ago there had been a road, but the willows and bushes had grown tall and spread out their branches, so that the way was hidden from sight. As we came down into the canyon we saw where they had patched up an old bridge and driven, thinking they could reach the head of the canyon; but they hadn't gone far when they came to a deep gully, which they could not cross. We guessed what was up, and thought it was a fine joke. Here we found them with the horses unhitched, themselves pushing, pulling and tugging away at the old coach, trying to back it out of the rut. The way was so narrow that there was hardly standing room on either side of the road.

By the time we got back to our carriages our friends didn't think green trees, blue skies, hills, streams, birds, and flowers sufficient to appease their appetite. They wanted something more substantial. We thought we might go farther and fare worse, like the old stage coach, so we made ourselves comfortable where we were.

From our retreat in the cool shade of the trees that stood near by, one could see the hill slopes decorated by Nature's hand with beautiful flowers and trees rich in foliage. The blue sky, checkered with white fleecy clouds was reflected in the tranquil stream of water, which found its way from its source far up among the mountains.

After an hour spent at luncheon, we separated into such groups as best pleased us, and started up the canyon in search of wild cherries. It was amusing to see how Flemingo and George Geoffery maneuvered to get Miss Gracen as a companion in their walks. She, of course, seemed unconscious of their schemes. After a while the path became so narrow that we had to walk in single file to make sure of our footing on the rolling stones. All were silently walking along, when there was a fearful scream and looking back, we saw Miss Gracen clasped in the arms of George Geoffery. She had slipped and would have rolled down the bank, had it not been for his agility. After that little incident, George thought it his duty to be near Miss Gracen.

We returned by a longer, though smoother, way. Our cherries were not a great load for us. Flemingo got there before the rest of us. He had been and gloomy ever since George saved Miss Gracen from falling. We heard no more of his jokes, but we had many expressive glances. Near sunset we reached home, a tired, though happy crowd.

X.

What's the difference between a smokestack and a haystack? One goes into smoke from a match and the other you can't match for smoke.

Campus.

Let's have a glee club. Why not?

Several of the Alumni were present at the reception.

The Adelphi is being "weeded" of all indifferent members.

A. F. Cunningham, Com. '93, attended the Adelphi on the 26th.

Nott Leete, Ex. '91, has a good position as assayer in Sonora, Mexico.

On Friday afternoon the two nines played a short and enthusiastic game.

The Class in Surveying has commenced field work in railroad engineering.

A. M. Lewers, '92, was in Reno on the 19th. He attended the reception.

The baseball team walked to Laughton's last Saturday and indulged in a swim.

A wrist machine for the trainers has been constructed by the Freshman mechs.

The Adelphi held its monthly social last Friday. A very enjoyable time was had.

The Freshies are again practicing baseball in anticipation of a challenge from the Sophs.

E. E. Hardache and H. S. Swan are taking advanced work in chemistry and metallurgy.

Harlan Snare has returned to the college to complete his studies in the Commercial School.

"We will meet you in Liverpool," roared the 1st Sergeant to the departing minstrel troupe.

U. Hanson, ex-special, has been engaged to run the engine and separator at the Reno Creamery.

Edwin E. Caine, '93, was in Reno Saturday, in the interests of the prospective Verdi gymnasium.

H. S. Swan, '93, who has been at his home in Halleck for the past month, returned to Reno last week.

Professor Lewers delivered an interesting lecture before General Assembly last Friday on stenography.

A number of the boys intend to join the Reno Athletic Club, which is being revived under the auspices of Co. C.

The T. H. P. O. Club has fitted up a gymnasium on a small scale, and training for Field Day will soon commence.

This is fine weather for tennis. The courts are in good condition, and should be used more than they were last Fall.

Superintendent Orvis Ring, Regent H. L. Fish and Secretary George H. Taylor, were present at the Faculty reception.

Professor McDowell invited the students of the A. & M. A. to the Station farm to see the exhibit for the Midwinter Fair.

Professor Wilson will leave shortly for the Midwinter Fair, where he will assume charge of the Experiment Station exhibit.

The Regents have changed their day of meeting from the Saturday to the Thursday preceding the first Tuesday of each month.

Professor R. D. Jackson will address the people of Virginia City, on matters pertaining to the University, the 9th of February.

At the last election of Co. D, Winnemucca Guard, C. L. LaGrave, was elected 1st Lieutenant, and Frank Germain Senior 2d Lieutenant. Both are ex-students of the University.

Leslie C. Stevens, President of the Class of '97, and Miss Stella Stevens, Normal '96, departed for their home in California last week. We are sorry to lose two such enterprising students.

At midnight, January 26th, the T. H. P. O. Club met in secret session. Nothing could be learned of the proceedings, but it is supposed the annual election of officers was a part of the business transacted.

Charles P. Brown, '93, is a favorite of the Normal girls. They always depend on Charlie to assist them in their many entertainments, and he was not missing when it came to decorating for the recent reception.

The T. H. P. O. Club is much interested in one of its members, who shows signs of becoming a musician. He has been practicing "After the Ball" ever since September, and promises to play in public during the coming month.

The Senior Mines are getting grey-headed from computing slags. For three days last week they figured on an innocent appearing conglomeration, and, among other things, discovered that the authors of arithmetics are recklessly inconsistent.

Professor Miller, the Bacteriologist of the University, recently started for Dayton to ascertain the cause and nature of a disease that is affecting the horses of that district; but the train getting derailed he was obliged to return and the visit was postponed.

It's a great thing to know a trick or two about football sometimes. At the theater some of the boys arrived a little late and found a jam of two hundred people, all fighting to get near the ticket box. The boys worked the "flying wedge," and as a result they camped on the front row of the gallery.

A number of the Alumni and ex-students happened together in the mining building one day last week, and naturally the conversation drifted to events of bygone days. The days spent at college are undoubtedly the pleasantest of a lifetime, and the most joyful event after this is to meet your old chums and relate anecdotes of those good old days.

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Editorial Comment.

THE following from the *University Courier* is expressive and forcibly applies to the students of the U. N. The *Courier* says: "A man who never opens his purse for college projects has no place among those who will be remembered for the good they have done in college."

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MORE hat racks are greatly needed in the hall of the main building. The present number does not accommodate one-half the students who have occasion to use them. To hang ones hat and coat on the floor, as some at present are compelled to do, is conducive to neither the cleanliness nor wear of such garments.

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WE suggest that the students and others be prohibited from crossing the lawns and that they be compelled to follow the walks. Lawns are not made to be used as streets, nor are streets made to be used as lawns. "For everthing there is a time and purpose." The lawn in front of Stewart Hall shows by its withered appearance that it is used as a cut-off.

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THE erection of the dormitory building by the Board of Regents was a wise action. This building has contributed much to the success of the University. But the number of students who desire to live at the College has so increased that the present accommodations are insufficient. Students from a distance need a home. As a rule they much prefer living at the College to going outside and taking the chances of finding pleasant quarters. It is evident, also, that the prosperity of the University is dependent, in some degree, upon reducing the cost of living to a minimum. Many young people in Nevada desire a higher education, but are, on account of the cost of maintaining themselves in college, unable to obtain it. The present dormitory building is more than full. Room has been made in the upper story of the carpenter shop for the accommodation of many of the young men. New students are compelled to seek quarters elsewhere. This means to such an additional ex-

pense of forty or fifty dollars yearly, and no doubt keeps many from entering the University.

Another important reason for the erection of a new dormitory is the fact that the College literary societies have no suitable rooms in which to hold their meetings. It is generally conceded that the work of a student is, in some measure, dependent upon these societies. For this reason such organizations should be encouraged.

A new building would give rooms, now used for dormitory purposes, to overcrowded classes where they could pleasantly and more successfully pursue their work than under existing conditions. Indeed it would mean better work in every department of the University.

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FACULTY RECEPTION.

THE reception given by the Faculty, on the evening of the 19th instant, was most enjoyable. Every room in Stewart Hall was thrown open and nothing was wanting to make the occasion pleasant. The members of the Faculty and their wives were present, not as guests, but hosts, and royal hosts they were. The earlier part of the evening was spent in playing games. Later those who desired participated in a hop in the assembly room. A good orchestra was in attendance. Merriment reigned supreme. Toward midnight it was announced that refreshments awaited the guests. Soon all sat down to tables laden with the choicest viands. In fact, it was a supper equal to Sultan Shah Zaman's, of which Aldrich wrote:

"Glittering squares of colored ice,
Sweetened with syrups, tinctured with spice;
Creams and cordials and sugared dates;
Syrian apples, Othmanes quinces,
Limes and citrons and apricots
And such cake as is known to Eastern princes."

Not only to the Professors, but also to the ladies of their respective households, is due the thanks of the guests for the royal entertainment given.

—Two petitions have been presented to the Board of Overseers of Harvard University: One, that the University, instead of countersigning degrees granted by Radcliffe College (Harvard Annex), grant degrees directly to women graduates on exactly the same conditions as to men; the other, that women students, who are now compelled to seek the highest university education outside their own State, be admitted to graduate courses in Harvard University, when this can be done without involving the University in additional expense. *The Outlook* signs both petitions.—*Ex.*

—A Japanese gentleman has succeeded in making a thread from a nettle that grows abundantly in Japan. It is said that this thread rivals silk in its fineness and strength. This result is obtained after years of experimenting.—*Ex.*

Reciprocities.

—A new baseball cage is being built at Yale.—*Ex.*

—Clarkson will coach the Yale nine for four weeks, beginning February 21st.

—Of the twenty-nine Mayors of Boston, thirteen have been graduates of Harvard.—*Ex.*

—The State Universities of Alabama and Tennessee have decided to admit women.—*Ex.*

—Cobb, last year's substitute, will do the pitching for Harvard's baseball team of this year.

—Princeton and U. of P. are trying to form a league to promote track athletics in the two Universities.

—Cook, Harvard's great baseball captain, has been forced to resign, owing to the pressure of his other duties.

—One hundred and sixty men have handed in their names at Harvard to train for the Mott Haven team.—*Ex.*

Several members of the Princeton, Yale and Harvard football teams of this year were but eighteen years old.—*Ex.*

—The Senior Laws, of the University of Michigan, are meeting with much success in the publication of their annual *To Wit*.

—Among our new exchanges we welcome the *Daily Palo Alto*, Stanford; *The Enaichse*, New Hampshire, and *The Midland*, Kansas.

—The Board of Trade of New London, Conn., are trying to induce the Oxford crew to come over next Summer and race with the winner of the Yale-Harvard race.—*Ex.*

—The shops of the Perdue University, which were dedicated on Monday, January 23d, were completely destroyed by fire the next day, entailing a loss of over \$50,000.

—Politeness is to a man what beauty is to a woman. It creates an instantaneous impression in his behalf, while the opposite quality exercises as quick a prejudice against him.

—A club man at Boston has made a wager that he will work his way around the world, starting without a stitch of clothing on him. One year is to be given him in which to make the trip, and he is to return to Boston with \$5,000 in his pocket, all of which he must have earned.—*Ex.*

"I'm onto you," the drop of ink
Unto the blotter said;

"O, dry up," quoth the blotter, and
The paper weight fell dead.

—*Living-Stone.*

—The University of Chicago is to have the largest telescope in the world, which will be named the Yerkes Telescope, after the giver. It will have a forty-inch objective, while that of the Lick telescope is only thirty-six and that of the Naval Observatory at Washington sixteen. The tube of the new telescope is to be seventy-five feet long and will weigh 12,000 pounds. It is being built by Werner & Swasey, of Cleveland, Ohio, who were also the makers of the Lick telescope.

"No wonder my darling is cross-eyed,"

Said love-sick Pat to his mother;

"For both of her eyes are so pretty

That each wants to look at the other."—*Ex.*

The father asked, "How have you done

In mastering ancient lore?"

"I did So well," replied the son,

"They gave me an encore;

The Faculty liked me and hold me so dear,

They made me repeat my Freshman year."

—*Trinity Tablet.*

—"What is your secret of success?" asked a lady of Turner, the distinguished painter. He replied, "I have no secret, madam, but hard work."

Says Dr. Arnold: "The difference between one boy and another is not so much in talent as in energy."

"Nothing," said Reynolds, "is denied well-directed labor, and nothing is to be attained without it."

"Excellence in any department, says Johnson, "can now be attained only by the labor of a lifetime; it is not to be purchased at a lesser price."

"There is but one method," says Sydney Smith, "and that is hard labor; and a man who will not pay that price for distinction, had better dedicate himself to the pursuit of the fox."

"Step by step," reads the French proverb, "one goes very far."

"Nothing," said Mirabeau, "is impossible to the man who can and will." "Is that necessary?" "That shall be." This is the only law of success."

—Several of our exchanges do not think it good taste to publish copied or clipped articles from other papers. Others do not believe in having an exchange column at all. Will the exchange editors of those papers which *The Oracle* reaches, please give their ideas as to what matter should be printed in the Exchange column?—*The Oracle.*

We should say all news that has any bearing on college work and that will be of interest to college students.

—The annual debate between Harvard and Yale was held at Cambridge last Friday night, and won by Harvard. The question debated was: "*Resolved*, That independent action in politics is preferable to party allegiance." Harvard won on the negative.—*Ex.*

SOME TRAINING DON'TS.

THE time is drawing near when our college ball team must begin training for the Spring games. Recognizing this the writer thinks that a few "don'ts" on the subject of training will not be amiss.

Don't say that you will derive no benefit from a course of training, because the benefit, though imperceptible to you at first, will amount to a great deal in the end.

Don't neglect your training after you once get started.

Don't eat hot biscuits, pie, pudding or other foods that contain a large amount of fats.

Don't eat between meals. Have a regular time to eat.

Don't drink strong tea or coffee.

Don't drink alcoholic beverages.

Don't smoke or chew tobacco.

Don't keep late hours. Have a regular time to arise and retire.

Don't over exercise.

Don't expose yourself to the dangers of a cold by any indiscretion.

Don't exercise when you feel incapable of the exertion.

Faithful adherence to the above "don'ts" cannot fail to produce good results. X. Y. Z.

THE French Academy has recently proposed a batch of reforms and changes in French orthography, and it is announced that "the alterations are to go into force immediately. Grammarians, dictionary-compilers and printers will be busy making corrections." It seems remarkable that even so venerated a body as the "Forty Immortals" can exercise such authority over the language of this country. English orthography undoubtedly changes from age to age, but it is only by imperceptible degrees and despite strenuous opposition. It has taken fifty years to accomplish so simple a change as the dropping of a useless *u* from "labour" and "candour" in this country, and even now the old spelling is frequently retained in American-printed books; it will probably take fifty years more to make "filosofer" even occasional. Men usually hate to unsettle the habits of a life-time; and it is very strange that any modern people should be so docile as to accept with unanimity the changes promulgated by a self-constituted committee in so vital a matter as its written language.—*Ex.*

—Once more an American girl has scored a scholastic triumph. Miss Dorothy Klumpke defended her artronomical thesis at the Sorbonne on the fourteenth day of December, and won her degree of Doctor of Science of the French University, being the first woman who has secured this distinction. Miss Klumpke is a Californian, and has a sister who has already won distinction on account of her studies in medical science.—*Ex.*

Bits of Fun.

What's the difference between a private and a Sergeant? A Corporal.

Geology teacher—How can you distinguish augite from hornbleude?

Soph.—Augite has a double-six-sided-trigonal-trisectahedroned-appearance with cleavage on the rear end equal to the natural logarithmic cosine of 15° , and hornbleude has not.

Cadet—O where is my tobacco?
It will never come back O!

I had a girl in Mexico,
Insect bit her on the toe,
Now she's where the lilies grow;
Name of this reptile you may know.
Ta-ra-rantula, etc. R.

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you eat pie with a fork,
You're pretty apt to get it where the
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