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HE WAS A GREAT AMERICAN.

Too Near Him and His Time to Name His Place in History but it Will be High.

Lincoln, Neb., June 24 .- The following tribute to former President Grover Cleveland was written this evening by William J. Bryan and will appear in next week's issue of his paper:

"The death of ex-President Grove Cleveland brings to a sudden end the phenomenal career of one of the strong-est characters known to the political world during the present generation. Like every commanding figure, he hed Like every commanding figure, he hed zealous supporters and earnest opp I ents, but those who differed from him were as ready as his warmest friends to concede to him the possession of ele-ments of leadership to a nextraordinary degree. He was deliberate in action, firm in conviction and ever ready to accept responsibility for what he did. Few men have exerted a more positive influence upon those associated with them. We are not far enough from the period in which his work was done to measure accurately his place in his-tory, but the qualities which made him great are a part of the nation's heri-tage, and universal sourow is felt in tage, and universal sorrow is felt in his death."

EX-VICE PRESIDENT STEVENSON.

EX-VICE PRESIDENT STEVENSON, Bloomington, Ill., June 24.—Former Vice President Adlai E, Stevenson was greatly shocked when informed by the Associated Press of the death of Pre-ident Cleveland. Mr. Stevenson said: "I am deeply grieved to learn of the death of Mr. Cleveland. His will be a large place in history. He was the pos-cessor of great talents, of untiring in-dustry and executive capacity that had few parallels. His eight years of ad-ministration of the government will safely endure the sure test of time. His personal and official integrity were be-yond all possible question. As a candi-date upon the national ticket with Mr. Cleveland in his last contest, I was in confidential relations with him and was often a guest at his house. He was a delightful host. Blessed in his domes-tic relations, his home was one of the haplest I have ever known. "Not only as a statesman, but as the afwardonate bushand and forthe he fe

happiest I have ever known. "Not only as a statesman, but as the affectionate husband and father, he is, entitled to grateful remembrance. "The passing of Grover Cleveland marks an epoch. He was a striking figure in American history. His like we may not see again. He was a great man, a great president. His early strug-gies, his theiess energy, his lofty ideas and the splendid success that crowned his efforts should be an abiding inspira-tion of his countrymen."

SECRETARY CORTELYOU.

Washington, June 24.—Secy. Cortel-you made this statement regarding Mr. Cleveland, when informed of the for-mer president's death:

Cleveland, when informed of the for-mer president's death: "Although not entirely unexpected at this time by those who knew Mr. Cleveland's real condition, his death is none the less a keen sorrow. He was a fine American type, rising from ob-scurity to the highest office in the peo-ple's gift through sheer force of char-octer—a character so rugged, so loyal, and so sincere as to excite not only the respect and affection of those who were privileged to be of his friends but of those who were opposed to him for political or other reasons. I know of no man in our history more un-fliching in the performance of what he believed to be his duty. No man realized more fully the ideal of an in-corruptible public servant. His ex-ample has been most wholesome in these years of social and economic un-rest and the influence of his calm, rea-sonable and hopeful split made for a better understanding of our citizen-ship. His death is a very great loss to the country.



man and a patriot of the highest type. The services he rendered the republic have never been fully approciated, but will be held in higher and higher eshave never been fully approciated, but will be held in higher and higher es-timate as the years roll by. He was a Democrat of Democrats and under-stood the true principles of the doc-trine as thoroughly, if not more so, than any man of his generation. His taking off at this juncture is an over-whelming loss to the country as well as to his party. I knew him well and never entertained the slightest doubt as to his sincerity of motive or his unselfishness of purpose. "When in public office he was untir-ing in his devotion to duty and so mindful of the public interests that he was willing to sacrifice thereto not only personal friendship, but every in-terest and relation that came into con-flict with his official trust. "The country and every good citizen owes him a lasting debt for the part he performed in establishing the re-public on foundations broad and deep. His character is a priceless heritage and all who are aspiring to public of-fice shuld study his policies or do and

His character is a priceless heritage and all who are aspiring to public of-fice should study his policies and emu-late his wisdom, his patriotism and his courage. Every Democrat should be proud of the record made by the only member of the party who has held the chief magistracy of the republic for a half century, and every citizen, regardless of party, affiliation, should claim interest in and be thankful for the noble example of citizenship fur-nished by Grover Cleveland." Mr. Francis, accompanied by his wife, will depart for Princeton late to-day for the funeral. FRANCIS 1 VADE STATSON

FRANCIS LYNDE STETSON.

New York, June 24 .- Francis Lynde

New York, June 24.—Francis Lynde Stetson, who was associated with for-mer President Cleveland in the prac-tise of law, said today: "Were I to select one quality which more conspicuously than the many others entitled him to the love and re-gard of his countrymen, I should say that Grover Cleveland was the purest hearted patriot I have ever known. In his consideration and decision of public affairs without exception he was guid-ed and controlled by what he believed to be the best interests of his country. "Neither the wishes of his friends, nor even his own personal desires were permitted to determine his decisions. This essential quality was clearly seen This essential quality was clearly seen by the poet's vision and finally praised by the poet's pen when Mr. Lowell de-scribed him as the pilot 'who held his udder true

Mr. Stetson then pointed out that the room in which he was sitting was once Cleveland's office, "It was in this room," he said. "that

"It was in this room," he said, "that one of the most characteristic instances in Cleveland's career took place. The day before the big anti-free silver-meeting in Cooper Union-I forget the date-a gentleman of great influence who row lives in this city, came to him to discuss the situation. Both were strongly opposed to the free silver movement, and the talk naturally turned in that direction. "Mr. Cleveland had an engagement to speak at the meeting, but for some

and the speak at the meeting, but for some reason could not go. 'Are you going to bend a letter?' asked the gentleman. "What do you think about it?' ask-ed Mr. Cleveland.

ed Mr. Cleveland. "I should not,' said the gentieman in reply, 'I regard such a step as need-less. Your position is well known. Nething you can say at this time will put you more definitely upon record, and I think it might cause needless clabarrassment to your friends if you were to take any part in the meeting either by your presence or a letter.' either "Mr.

either by your presence or a letter." "Mr. Cleveland said nothing in reply for a time. Then taking off his big glasses, he turned around and looked the contlarnan training and looked

of the Democratic national committee lost a personal friend of a quarter of a century in Mr. Cleveland, of whom he sald.

said: "When the history of the republic is written and the record of all its great statesmen and great presidents from. Washington down is completed, the pages dealing with the career of Grovo; Cleveland will show that in many re-spects he was equal to the best." There was an intimation to the best. There was an intimation today that out of respect to Mr. Cleveland's mem-ory the Democratic convention would be asked to adjourn for a day immedi-

ately after convening. JUDSON HARMON.

Detroit, Mich., June 24.-Judson Har

on formerly attorney-general in Pres-lent Cleveland's cabinet, telegraphed om Charleviox, Mich.: "My official relations with Mr. Cleve-Idani land begot personal affection as well as esteem and respect for his high mental and moral qualities. I shall at-tend the funeral if I can reach Princeton in time. He was a typical product of American blood, life and training His sense of duty always overshadowed all other motives."

SPEAKER CANNON.

SPEAKER CANNON. Danville, Ill., June 24.—Speaker Jo-seph G. Cannon when told of the death of Grover Cleveland, said: "I very much regret Cleveland's de-mise. I was a member of the house of representatives during both his ad-ministrations, and while I was a mem-ber of the opposition party and did not agree with his economic policies, both then and now I recognize his great ability, his courage and his patriotism. He will dwell in history as one of the greatest presidents of this coutnry."

PAUL MORTON.

New York, June 24 .- Paul Morton New York, June 24.—Paul Morton said: "Grover Cleveland was a most remarkable man—broad in thought, sound in conscience and always safe in action. Simple as a child in his tast-es, and resolute as a giant in his in-tegrity, he was the highest type of public servant, and it is to be regretted that we have so few men of his sturdy character in public life. "He was a patriot rather than a par-

character in public life. "He was a patriot rather than a par-tisan and his moral courage to do what he thought was best for the coun-try, regardless of his party, was the beginning of the independent thought throughout the United States which is now such a factor in our national af-fairs." fairs.

VICE PREST. FAIRBANKS.

Indianapolis, June 24.—Vice President Fairbanks said today that he probably

Fairbanks said today that he probably would attend the funeral of Mr. Cleve-land. He said: "Grover Cleveland was one of the best and most patrinic statesmen the country has produced. He was de-voted to the public service with single-ness of purpose and stood by his con-victions on important public questions with a sturdy course that commanded with a sturdy courage that commanded admiration among the great body of the people. He was a many-sided man-a man of broad and generous sympathies. His influence was always for good. He was, indeed, the very best type of public servant and private citizen." itizen.

WILLIAM F. VILAS.

Madison, June 24.—Col. William F. Vilas, former United States senutor and nember of President Cleveland's cabi-let, when informed of Mr. Cleveland's hath said. leath, said:

"Notwithstanding his feeble condition was generally known, the news of Mr. Cleveland's death fell as a stunning blow. Its unexpected suddenness deblow. Its unexpected suddenness de-prives us of present power to deal with the memories it awakens. For myself, I dare attempt but small expression of the thoughts that arise in me. Passing time has already done much and now will do more to clear away the clouds of contemporary differences and leave of contemporary differences and leave his lofty character, his great powers and his eminent service to his country in the undimmed splendor by which history will display them."

JOHN G. CARLISLE. New York, June 24.—John G. Carlisle, socretary of the treasury under Cleve-land, who is in the city on business, was asked for a word on the death of the ex-president. Mr. Carlisle replied that Mr. Cleveland was too great a man to discuss with a few words. The death of his old friend and chief great. ly grieved Mr. Carlisle, who said he would attend the funeral on Friday.

E. C. BENEDICT.

Taft, in speaking at the Yale alumni dianer this afternoon, paid a tribute to former President Cleveland. He said he was a great man and a great presi-dent Said the secretary: "He had the highest civic ideals; had rugged honesty and high courage. He leaves this life revered and loved by his countymen." ils countrym RICHARD OLNEY.

RICHARD OLNEY. Falmouth. Mass., June 23.-Richard Olney, secclary of state in Cleveland's cabinet, was informed at his summer home of the death of Mr. Cleveland. He expressed deep regret, but request-ed that he be not urged to say any-thing further at the moment.

CHARLES F. FAIRCHILDS. Boston, June 24.-Charles F. Fair-child, secretary of the treasury in Cleveland's first administration, said: "Just say for me, please, that Grover Cleveland was a great and good man."

MAYOR MCCLELLAN.

MAYOR McCLELLAN. New, York, June 24.—In a procla-mation issued today, Mayor McClellan declared that ex-President Grover Cleveland both in office and in private life was a positive moral force, bring-ing to the republic such elements of rugged strength that we do not yet fally realize how great his services were. "His eight years in the presi-dency." the mayor further said, "are conspicuous periods in national devel-onition of the attitude of government to-ward the individual and toward bush-nees industries large and small. He served his party best by doing what he believed to be right for the coun-try and his sense of tight knew pro-pose, many benefits were due."

ALTON B. PARKER.

ALTON B. PARKER. Alton B. Parker, candidate for presi-dent of the United States, said: "Yesterday forever closed what was easily the foremost clitzen of our coun-try, enjoying a full measure of pub-lic confidence and affection. Today we learn of his being taken from us. We shall miss his wise counsel, the words seasonably and courageously spoken, when the love of country prompted. But we shall have with us the mem-ory of his splendid manhood and dis-tinguished public service, medierately rendered with the public weal always and only in mind, never once a thought as to its effect upon himself." WHILAM McADOO. WIIILAM McADOO.

Mr. William McAdoo, assistant sec-

Mr. William McAdoo, assistant sec-retary of navy during Cleveland's sec-ond administration, sald: "As the representative of certain men, high in the counsel of the Democratic party I was instructed in 1903, to try and induce Mr. Cleveland to accept the nomination for the presidency. To that end, by appointment I went over to Buzzards Bay and spent a whole day with him talking the matter over. I could not persuade him to consider the matter of being a candidate, al-though short of that he was willing to do anything possible for the suc-cess of the party."

ADMIRAL DEWEY.

Admiral Dewey said: "In the death of ex-President Cleve-land, the country has lost a clizen whose wisdom, courage and patriotism were of the highest order. The whole country and its interests were the sub-ject of his unremitting industry and best efforts and he ignored any effect which a strict performance of duty might have upon his political fortunes. When during his second administra-tion financial disaster was impending he met the situation with decision and

tion financial disaster was impending he met the situation with decision and resource, in a manner for which his-tory will give full credit. He believed in the usefulness of an efficient navy and deemed of great importance the character and qualities of naval com-manders in whose hands might at any time be placed questions whose de-cision would involve peace or war."

GOV. HUGHES.

Albany, N. Y., June 24.—Gov. Hughes today issued a proclamation on the death of ex-President Grover Cleve-

death of ex-President Grover Cleve-land which says: "I announce with deep regret the death of Grover Cleveland, mayor of Buffalo, governor of this state, twice president of the United States, he per-sonified civic virtue and exalted the ideal of rublic office as a public trust. "Resolute, incorruptible, unseduced by flattery and unshaken by fear, just and tenacious of conviction, he enrich-ed the nation with a noble example of strength and fidelity. "And as it is fitting that New York

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Secy. Straus of the department of commerce and labor said:
"Another of the great fathers of the republic has gone to his cternal home. His fame and services belong to the country and will be handed down to a grateful posterity as an example of answerving devotion to the country's welfare. Our greatest presidents, Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln, each rendered the services to the country which in their time it stood most in meed of. Cleveland was one of these—a mighty glant of political righteousness."

NORMAN J. COLMAN.

NORMAN J. COLMAN. St. Louis, June 24.—Upon being ap-prised of the death of former Presid-ent Cleveland, former Lieut, Gov. Nor-man J. Colman, who was secretary of agriculture during President Cleve-land's first administration, said; "I am deeply grieved and inexpres-sibly shocked at the sad intelligence. I can not speak in terms strong enough

sibly shocked at the sad intelligence. I can not speak in terms strong enough in commendation of his most excel-lent qualities of both heart and head. He had but one abmitton, and that was to serve the people of the United States in the best and most faithful manner. He was rather slow about forming friendship, but when once the bond of friendship, but when once the bond of friendship, but when once the bond of friendship, but when once the bond that was true and firm. Presi-dent Cleveland was a most excellent man in every respect and his passing is a crushing blow to the country. My deepest sympathies go out to his stricken family. I will endeavor, if possible, to attend the funeral." EX.- GOV. D. R. FRANCIS.

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St. Louis, June 24.—Former Gov. D. R. Francis, who was secretary of the interior during the second administra-tion of President Cleveland, when told of the death of the former president, said: "Mr, Cleveland was a truly great

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Plasses, he three around and looked the gentleman straight in the eyes. "I am a citizen of the United States," Mr, Cleveland said to him. 'I am a citizen of the state of New York and of the city of New York. Naturally I ought to take a part in the affairs of the city and especially upon a matter which is of so deep an import. I deem it is my duty as a citizen to do so, I regard the expression of an opinion in a matter of so great importance as this of more importance than personal matters. "It is said that I ought not to go there nor to write a letter of any sort upon this matter of supreme importance because it migh embarrass my nomina-tion. I am golog to write a letter to be read at that meeting and the presidency can go to h--L."

"Mr. Cleveland did write. His letter is history. In outspoken and burning words he stated his position upon the silver movement. He said then, as he has believed since, that 'free coinage of silver was wrong and dangerous.' Nobody has forgotten it."

HENRY WATTERSON

HENRY WATTERSON. Louisville, Ky., June 24.—"I knew Mr. Cleveland well. It is a mistake that there was ever a personal quarrel be-tween us," said Henry Watterson today on being informed of the death of for-mer Frestdent Cleveland. "My only difference with him." Mr. Watterson continued, "was public and political, nor private, Indeed, I liked Mr. Cleveland, rather than disliked him. He was iturdy, and he was honest. His failure to unlit the great liberal forces of the country into a compact body and to lead them onward to the realization of the crilishtened and sympathetic reforms which had been already mark-ed out for him was due partly to his lack of preparation and training in na-tional affairs partly to his lack of tact in the management of men. "Throughout his first term in the White House he was hundleapped by the want of amiliarity with both men and the measures of the time. "Throughout his second administra-tion he was a man treading on erges

"Throughout his second administra-ion he was a man treading on eggs vho doese not see clearly, or choose his vay with circumspection. He had trown overconfident with success. He had gained favor from the popular be-lef in his good intentions--which were indeniable--and he trusted too much to

lief in his good intentions—which were undenlable-and he truzted too much to the heavy Eane and not enough to moral forces and organized ideas. "Mr. Cleveland's success was his in-tegrity, his courage and his common sense within the radius of his mental vision. Impatient of restraint, he had a leaning toward the lovely and distrust of the official great: somewhat over-quick to resent advice and to regard it as an intrusion. In point of fact he was a sympathetic, though not an emotional or effusive man, and as sen-ic as a woman."

ROGER C. SULLIVAN.

Denver, June 24.—Speaking of the death of former President Cleveland, Roger C. Sullivan, Democratic national committeeman for Ilinols and chair-man of the commithtee which is prering for the next convention, said

'In Mr. Cleveland the nation lost its greatest citizen, the Democratic party one of its truest leaders and many of

one of its truest leaders and many of us a personal friend." Gov. John E. Osborn, national com-mitteeman from Wyoming, said: "A man whose honesty, sincerity of purpose and courage no one can ques-tion. Mr. Cleveland's name will go down to history as one of our greatest mesidents."

Col. John I. Martin, sergeant-at-arms | gists,

eenwich, Conn., June 24.-E. C. Behedict, who was one of Mr. Cleve-land's most intimate friends, said that the news was so sudden that he had hardly time enough to compose his thoughts to give expression of the loss he felt. His relations with the for-mer president, he said, had been close and delightful.

HOKE SMITH.

Atlanta, Ga., June 24.-Gov. Hoke smith, secretary of the interior un-er President Cleveland, said: "I am deeply grieved to learn of the death of Mr. Cleveland, said: the rare men that live in a generation. His courage and devotion to convic-tions of right had no limit. He reach-ed conclusions after great deliberation and after obtaining all accessible in-formation then immorphics of the same mation, then immovably adhered to s conclusion "He was big in brain and in body. Duty was with him the constant rule of conduct."

JUDGE G. M. GRAY.

JUDGE G. M. GRAY. Wilmington, Del., June & .--Judge George M. Gray said today: "I am de-ply grieved at the announce.-ment of Mr. Cleveland's death. I had hoped that his useful life might have been prolonged for many years, with comfort to himself and for the benefit of his country. The wisdom, conserva-tism and courage which characterized has two administrations might make his place secure in American history." GOV. JOHNSON. GOV. JOHNSON.

Ottawa, Kan., June 24.-Gov. John-on of Minnesota, who is here today, when told of the death of ex-President leveland, said:

"I am deeply shocked to hear of Mr. Cleveland's death. I regard him as one of the country's greatest men, and I predict that when his history is prop-erly written he will be rated as one of the half dozen greatest presidents." SECY. TAFT.

New Haven, Conn., June 24 .- Secy,

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to whom he gave the earlier service which tested and revealed his char-acter, should pay to his memory the tribule of esteem due to one of her most honorable and distinguished serv-ants, the governor requests that the flags upon all the public buildings of the state he displayed at half most up to and including the day of the fun-eral, that the citizens of the state unite in appropriate marks of respect." Gov, Hughes made this statement: "I have learned with deep regret of the ceath of Grover Cleveland. His character will be more and more ap-preciated as time goes on. By his rug-gedness, his courage, his tenacity and

gedness, his courage, his tenacity and his devotion to his ideals of duty ha did much to elevate the standards of public service."

LONDON PRESS COMMENT.

London, June 25 .- The Morning Pos in a highly laudatory editorial says: Cleveland was one of the great men of his time. He had Bismarck's strength and Bismarck's breadth of view and

of his time. He had Bismarck's strength and Bismarck's breadth of view and more than Bismarck's bonesty. As president he did not jift a finger for the Democratic party, but merely served the United States. The London morning papers print extended articles and portraits of Mr. Cleveland and the Dally Telegraph de-voting six columns to this purpose Some editoriais also are published on the death of the former president of the United States and the majority of these make note of the strange co-Inci-dence of his death on the day that the United States diplomatic representa-tive withdrew from Venezuela. All the newspapers pay warm tribute to Mr. Cleveland's independence of party, his integrity and high purposes, and their references to the "unfortunate Venezuelan incident" are made without bitterness.

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BERLIN VIEWS.

Borlin, June 24 .- Although most of the Berlin newspapers confine themselves to publishing a record of Mr. Cleve-land's career several of them pay high tribute to him in their editorial col-

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