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## GIVE US MEN.

"God, give us men. A time like this demands  
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith  
and ready hands.  
Men whom the lust of office does not  
kill;  
Men whom the spoils of office cannot  
buy;  
Men who possess opinions and a will;  
Men who have honor; men who will not  
lie;  
Men who can stand before a demagogue  
And damn his treacherous flatteries  
without winking;  
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above  
the fog,  
In public duty and in private thinking.  
For while the rabble, with their thumb-  
worn creeds,  
Their large professions and their little  
deeds,  
Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom  
weeps,  
Wrong rules the land, and waiting Jus-  
tice sleeps."

## Rats in the White House.

Vermin make much trouble for the government at Washington. Until recently the white house has been infested with myriads of rats. They were cleaned out at the beginning of the Harrison administration by an expert with ferrets. He carefully stopped up all of the holes except one, into which he introduced the ferrets. The rodents flew out of their labyrinthine underground passages through the only exit left open, at which trained Scotch terriers stood waiting to seize and kill them with a shake apiece. On the occasion referred to the wooden floors in the basement of the executive mansion were taken up and concrete was laid down instead. This was done mainly for the purpose of keeping out the rats in the future. The mice in the building are comparatively few, by reason of the efficiency of a black and white cat that strayed in and settled down in the kitchen about four years ago. When General Grant became president the first time the rats were so aggressive that Mrs. Grant demanded the removal of the stable, which then adjoined the mansion on the east; but the destruction of the stable did not remove the rodent pests. In fact, they were so bold that one of them tripped up the fat colored cook as she walked across the kitchen, and she killed it by sitting down upon it. The animals made a network of tunnels under the brick pavements and in the walls.

Many of the department buildings are overrun with rats and mice, and they do great damage to official papers. The pension office is one of their chosen haunts.

Swarms of them adopted the building as their home while it was yet in process of construction, and now the walls are alive with them and the floors are full of their holes. In the buildings of the post office department, the patent office, the treasury, and in the war, state and navy buildings, they are also very troublesome and do much damage, and in the great government printing office they cause more waste than any other one influence.

## Call for an Irrigation Congress.

The official call for an International Irrigation Congress to be held at Los Angeles, California, for one week beginning October 10, 1893, has just been issued and contains the following points:

Irrigation.—Applied to agriculture. Applied to horticulture. Engineering. Its far-reaching ethical and social possibilities and effects.

Irrigation legislation.—State, National, International, Foreign.

Irrigation securities.  
Irrigation machinery and appliances.

The membership of the Congress to consist of the following:

First—The governor of each state and territory to appoint two delegates from each congressional district, and four delegates at large from their respective states and territories.

Second—Each county court or Board of Supervisors to appoint two delegates.

Third—Each university or college where irrigation engineering is taught to appoint two delegates.

Fourth—Each chamber of commerce to appoint two delegates.

Fifth—Each agricultural or horticultural association to appoint two delegates for each 100 members or fractional number thereof.

Sixth—Each corporation formed for the purpose of promoting irrigation to appoint one delegate.

Seventh—The mayor of each incorporated city having 2500 or more population, and the chief officer of each state agricultural or other industrial school to be entitled to seats, with authority to appoint substitutes.

Eighth—The governor of each state or territory, members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, members of the American Society of Irrigation Engineers, delegates from foreign countries properly accredited, and foreign irrigation engineers, and the permanent officers and the standing committees of the Salt Lake City Irrigation congress to be entitled to seats.

ARTHUR L. THOMAS,  
Chairman National Executive Committee.

## GRANT FOND OF CABBAGE.

### The First Square Meal to His Liking After His Tour of the World.

An unpublished story of General Grant was told to day at the Grand Pacific hotel by Paul Gores. "I was steward at the Palmer house," he said, "when the ex-president stopped there on his return from the tour of the world. One noon I was all but stupefied at seeing General Grant creep in at the kitchen door as if escaping from some one.

"I am sorry to trouble you," he said, "but may I have a little corn beef and cabbage?"

"Why, certainly," I replied, "but shall I not send it to you out in the dining room?"

"No," he answered; "I'll eat it right here if you let me sit down at this table." So I cleared away a place on the rough board table where the cooks had been fixing the meat, drew him up a stool, and the way he got away with that corn beef and cabbage made my eyes bulge. When he had finished he laid down his knife and fork with a funny sigh of satisfaction, put his hand on my shoulder and said:

"Young man, I suppose you don't care for that at all; but if you had had to eat what I have for the past few months it would taste like a dinner for the gods."

"The poor old fellow had dined with everybody from the queen down and that cabbage in my kitchen did him more good than all the rest together."

## Blasts From Ram's Horn.

Sin is most fascinating when you cannot see its face.

Find a man who doubts you and you find one who is weak.

Nobody ever gets to be any better than they want to be.

It doesn't make a lie any whiter to put it on a tombstone.

When truth goes into battle, it always fights in the front rank.

The man who proves that there is no hell is the devil's best friend.

A religion that consists only in ideas does not make anybody better.

The gold handle on an umbrella is not admired when it is raining hard.

People who try to hide behind one another in church will try to do the same thing in the judgment.

The devil never throws any stones at the preacher who is trying to prove that salvation begins and ends with the head.

The man who hides behind a hypocrite is about as safe as the soldier who hides behind a rotten stump on the battlefield.

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