



*The gravest beast is the Ass; The gravest bird is the Owl;
The gravest fish is the Oyster; The gravest man is the Fool.*

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As only a week has elapsed since the inauguration of this department we cannot say much as to how the offers made have been appreciated, but hope to be able to report a large number of new names in next week's issue. The publications offered all rank high in their respective classes, and we have no hesitation in saying that all who take advantage of our offer will be more than satisfied. As we stated we offer to those who desire to get a good farmer's paper, the *Farm Journal* upon these conditions:

By an arrangement we have made with the publishers of *Farm Journal*, Philadelphia, any one paying up their subscription to the end of '93 will receive as a premium the *Farm Journal* for one year. Every farmer, gardener, stock breeder, orchardist, dairyman, poultryman, their wives, and even the boys and girls will find *Farm Journal* crowded full of helpful information. It aims to be practical rather than theoretical, to be brief and to the point, in fact, to be cream, not skim milk. It is adapted to all parts of the country, North, South, East and West. If you are not acquainted with it, send a postal card to *Farm Journal*, Philadelphia, Pa., for a sample copy. It has already more subscribers than any other monthly agricultural paper in America.

To every one who secures a new subscriber for GRIP and who pays his own subscription one year in advance, we will send the *Farm Journal* one year free to his own address, and also one year to any friend he may select, the new subscriber of course receiving *Farm Journal* as well. To our lady readers we make a similar offer:

A leading magazine free to all who pay in advance for GRIP. *Woman's Work* is a literary and domestic magazine—deservedly one of the most popular published. It is pure, entertaining and helpful in every department. Its pages are filled with high-class original reading matter and illustrations suited to all ages; it is published to satisfy the great need for good home literature, and no other periodical meets it so well. Send us \$2 for our paper and *Woman's Work* for one year—making the latter entirely free.

Both of these monthlies are absolutely free with GRIP, but we can make a still better offer if you are willing to pay a little extra. Every new or old subscriber who pays one year in advance and sends us fifty cents additional will receive the *Home-Maker*, a handsome 200 page illustrated magazine edited by Mrs. Croly (Jenny June.) The *Home-Maker* is, without doubt, in quality and quantity of reading matter, the lowest priced magazine published. It is a wonder at \$2.00 a year, the subscription price, and as it only costs our subscribers 50c. we feel sure they will appreciate this offer and take advantage of it in large numbers.

Sample copies of any of these publications will be sent on application to us, if stamps are sent, 2c. for *Farm Journal*, 2c. for *Woman's Work*, or 10c. for *Home-Maker*. Sample copies of GRIP free.

The offers will all hold good until withdrawn, whether mentioned in this column or not, and any one of them is well worth accepting. If none of them interests you, we'll have other propositions that will.

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PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has confirmed the favorable impression created by his statesman-like inauguration speech by his action in withdrawing the treaty providing for the annexation of Hawaii. The whole project therefore falls to the ground. At an early stage of the proceedings it became abundantly evident that the so-called Hawaiian revolution was in no sense a popular movement, but simply the action of a few Americans interested in the sugar plantations and other enterprises. The sound, practical common-sense of the American people is opposed to anything like jingoism or foreign aggression in which glory is made the pretext for promoting the private interests of a few influential schemers. There is evidently going to be much less consideration afforded to large corporate interests under Cleveland's administration than has been the case during the corrupt Republican régime.



HE dismissal of Dr. Allen, the Medical Health Officer is a particularly gross piece of partisanship on the part of Mayor Fleming and his supporters. There is no doubt that the action is the result of personal and political spite against an officer who has performed his duties fairly well, with the object of making room for some favored follower of the Grit faction. But it is all nonsense to talk of it as though it were some new and unheard of proceeding when it is notorious that party considerations have always dictated the course of the Council in relation to municipal appointments. In the past the City Hall has been a rank and reeking hot-bed of Toryism and membership in the Orange order, or the Sons of England has been regarded as a more essential qualification for office than honesty or efficiency. Mayor Fleming and his backers are but following the bad precedent set by the dominant party in the past, as everybody might have expected. When Tories and Grits abuse each other over the affair it is merely a case of the pot calling the kettle black.

DR. TALMAGE is undoubtedly a very clever lecturer. It takes a more than ordinarily smart man to get a reputation for brilliant oratory by retailing such a hash of common-place twaddle and stale, last century jokes as that which formed the substance of his discourse in this city. Nothing succeeds like success—and Talmage must be voted a success.



HE public appreciation of Talmage ought to serve as a lesson to ambitious youths to beware of originality and stick to the well-beaten ruts, if they wish to please the people. Nothing goes like platitudes, and nothing makes an audience feel so uncomfortable as an original or unfamiliar idea.