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COL. GEO. A. LOUD'S

Speech To the Alpena County Farmer's Association.

Col. Geo. A. Loud, of AuSable, the republican nominee for congress in the tenth district, created a most favorable and lasting impression upon the people in general in this community, when he appeared before no less than three thousand representative citizens in a neat, well worded, and well delivered address, at the fourth annual picnic of the Alpena county farmers' association yesterday afternoon.

When the colonel made his appearance upon the platform, he was accorded a pretty compliment in the form of a hearty burst of applause. All the more complimentary to Mr. Loud is this hearty reception, when it is considered that he was thus greeted not by a gathering of adherents to the political doctrines which he advocates, and under which he was placed in nomination for the high office of congressman, but by a gathering of people who irrespective of party creeds or affiliations, gathered together in social intercourse—a gathering which represented almost every walk of life, and in whose midst were the adherents to many political organizations.

While not to be considered in the light of an orator, Mr. Loud as a public speaker creates a most favorable impression. His delivery is distinct and forcible, and his argument carries with it that weight and bearing which can emanate only from good, sound, business judgment. A commanding, and dignified bearing, yet at the same time a pleasing personality, constitutes in Col. Loud, a personage to whom one can listen with a great degree of satisfaction and pleasure. This was Mr. Loud's first appearance in this community as a speaker, but notwithstanding that fact, he did not take advantage of the situation, to make what is termed a political speech. He did not intimate by a single word or declaration that he is a candidate for a political office—he simply talked to the assemblage on a question which would, and did interest all alike. As to the people themselves, they did not see before them a candidate for office—they saw Col. Loud, and they evidenced the fact that on that most pleasant occasion, they were more than pleased to have him in their midst.

The Colonel said in part: "When the architect is planning a noble edifice, the most important stone in its construction is the corner stone, and in public buildings of importance it is always laid with ceremony and honor. In building a great arch or dome, the most important stone, and that which must always be relied upon to hold the structure firm is the keystone, binding the whole together, making it strong and indestructible.

"And so in our nation the corner stone of the edifice, the keystone of the arch, it is the American farmer. From the time of the earliest colonists in America, the life of the settler and the farmer has been one of toil, privation, exposure and suffering. Menaced by dangers from the savage Indians, and often nearly approaching starvation, they toiled on and on until forests were subdued, the foothold of agriculture was secured, and the beginning was made in the founding of a new country, and this foundation was the American farmer. In 1776 our population from Maine on the north, to the Gulf of Mexico on the south was comprised of but three millions of people, and at that time, when oppressed by the mother country and the hope of independence filled all hearts, it was the American farmer who stood as a rock and maintained with determination the ground, until after eight long weary years of warfare against the trained troops of England, they came out of the struggle, an independent nation, the United States of America. How our hearts thrill with pride as we go back to the days when Israel Putnam the farmer, left his plough in the furrow and

hastened to obey the call of patriotism, and how we recall with pride the words of that old tiger Ethan Allen, when at four o'clock in the morning he surprised the garrison at Ticonderoga. On being asked by the English commander, 'In whose name do you demand the surrender of this post?' 'In the name of the Great Jehovah and the continental congress.'

"The battles of Concord and Lexington had been fought on that spring day in April of 1775, and what school boy does not know of that gallant ride of Paul Revere the night before, as he galloped his horse through village and town spreading the news to the farmers and villagers of the coming of the dread English troops.

"I have stood at that little bridge at Concord and my heart thrilled as on the pedestal of the beautiful statue of the American minute man I read the lines, 'Here the embattled farmer stood and fired the shot heard around the world!'

"In my fancy I can see those brave farmer patriots, such as you would be if called upon. Imagine yourselves facing there for the first time the trained soldier that for the next eight years they must face again and again. I can see the minute men from the surrounding villages swarming in to help the men of Concord and Lexington until the English troops were chased back to Boston shot at from behind trees, stumps or stone walls, and only the reinforcements sent out from Boston saving them from annihilation. Can any American feel ought but pride in those brave patriots who in that day joined issue in battle for the first time.

"Will we ever forget the story of that young patriot Nathan Hale, who in his young manhood, arrested with in the British lines, and about to be hung as a spy, at that moment, when life looked so sweet to him, and death so near said 'My only regret is that I have but one life to give for my country.' This young hero, Nathan Hale, was a farmer's son. The names of the farmer patriots in those days were legion, and we owe to those American farmers, the fact that we have a country to-day.

"In the trials of those days, a great leader was given to them as if by miracle, to lead their armies, and with greatest patience and endurance he led them through those years of privation and warfare to success—the greatest leader we have known in American history—the Father of our country, George Washington. And Geo. Washington was a farmer, a vocation which he loved and followed to end of his life.

In the war of the rebellion when it seemed as though the national fabric was to be torn asunder, the best troops that went into the field were those that came from the farm. I remember when a boy on a farm in northern Ohio, that not a farm near or far had an able bodied man available. They were all at the front fighting for their country.

"Great occasions always call forth great men and in this hour of peril it was the farm that gave to us our greatest men. As that great war began, one after another was tried as a leader, one after another failed, until at length that grand fighter Ulysses S. Grant was found—the product of an American farm. And above all the rest in those dark days, when a careful and steady hand was needed to guide the destinies of the nation, there was given to us as if by the will of Providence, the honest, and noble, great hearted man, the hero who went to a martyr's grave for the cause he loved—Abraham Lincoln, 'Old Abe, the Railsplitter,' and he too, was the product of the American farm.

In this war of the rebellion there were enlisted 2,800,000 men—more than half of them were farmers, and farmers' sons. And while the men of the farm showed their patriotism, giving freely for their country, we should not overlook the women of the farms, the mothers, the wives, the sweethearts, who suffered day by day the most intense anguish as they watched and waited for news

of those loved ones whom they had so nobly given up to their country, and at length when the war was ended and the great armies of the union marched in grand review at Washington—380,000 of them—and while we cheered them as they passed before the president, all hearts glad that the war was ended and peace restored, we did not think of the 300,000 and more—the great army of silent dead who slept on the southern battlefield, 200,000, of them from the American farms.

"With what great pride the American farmer can point to the names of our farmer presidents—Washington, John Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, Wm. Henry Harrison, John Tyler, Zachariah Taylor, Fillmore, Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln, Grant, Benjamin Harrison and Garfield—every one of them from our American farms.

"All through the years from the foundation of the country to the present day, the prosperity of the farmer has meant the prosperity of the nation. In progress and invention and in scientific farming, the American farmer leads the world. It is a good characteristic of the American farmer, that there is nothing devised for the saving of labor or the cheapening of his work that is too good for him to use. He is ever ready to stand in advance in his profession and to be strictly up to date.

In education, the farmer is bettering his condition every year. The farmers' boy of today has educational advantages of which his father knew nothing; but it is characteristic of the American farmer that his children shall have all the education advantages he can possibly give them, and when these sons leave their farms and go into the cities, they make the best of material for business and commercial life.

"To the industrious and progressive farmer is due in a large measure the prosperity of the nation. From less than three millions in '76 we have now a population of eighty millions, and with that progressive spirit of the American farmer, the vast areas of the yet unfilled land in our country will be brought under cultivation, and more and more will the products of these lands supply the great markets of the world, feed the millions of our own and foreign lands, adding to and multiplying our present prosperity. "While the American farmer has every reason to feel the greatest pride in his country, the country at large has the greatest reason for pride in the American farmer who has been tried and tried again, and never yet been found wanting, and who always has been and who always will be the solid foundation rock of our nation and our national prosperity."

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