

had arbitrarily suspended the civil law and placed the military in control, and two of the "Beast's" judges had yielded in a decision which acknowledged in the Governor of Colorado despotic powers transcending those of any monarch, Judge Steele dissented and stood fearlessly against the "Beast" and for the law. Referring to his associates he said: "The court has not construed the Constitution, it has ignored it."

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Judge Steele was only 53 years old. He went on the bench of the County Court at Denver in 1895 and served until 1901, when he was elected an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and in 1906 to the Chief Justiceship. He was this year the Democratic candidate for re-election and was regarded as a tower of strength to the whole ticket. Chief Justice Steele was a man who saw no wrong in being a democrat on the bench, in a democratic country, when plutocracy rears its head and democratic principles are at stake.

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Julia Ward Howe.

The death of this venerable woman, who may be truly called one of the greatest of American citizens, for few citizens of either sex have done more patriotic service than she, is a reminder of some of the darker periods of our Republic. Born in 1819, she passed through the hottest controversies of the anti-slavery agitation, as an adult, and in middle life experienced the thrilling sensations of those who then realized the profound significance of the Civil War. This was the time when she composed her Battle Hymn of the Republic—"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,"—which alone would have made and perpetuated her fame.

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But Mrs. Howe did not live in historic graveyards. Up to the last hours of her life of over 90 years, she faced the future, and with her hands worked at what her eyes saw to do. As President of the New England Woman Suffrage Association, an office she occupied until her death, she lately sent a circular letter of inquiry about the good or bad results of woman suffrage, to all the Episcopal clergy and to all the Congregational, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian ministers, in Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Idaho, where women have had full suffrage for periods ranging from 41 years in Wyoming to 14 years in Idaho. The circular was also sent to a number of Sunday School superintendents and to the editors through-

out those States. The answers came while her days of life were shortening, and were of a kind to make her feel that once more she had "seen the glory of the coming of the Lord." Of the 624 received up to October 15, only 62 were unsatisfactory and 46 in doubt, while 516 were in favor. The replies of the Episcopal clergy were in favor more than 2 to 1; those of the Baptist ministers were 7 to 1; of the Congregational ministers, about 8 to 1; of the Methodists, more than 10 to 1, and of the Presbyterians more than 11 to 1. Of the Sunday School superintendents replying, one was opposed and one in doubt; all the rest were favorable. The replies from the editors were favorable, more than 8 to 1. Julia Ward Howe has thus left her associates a legacy of value for their own encouragement and the promotion of their work.

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The Death of Dolliver.

Senator Dolliver's death is a genuine loss to the progressive movement in the Republican party—more of a loss than those who had not yet learned to appreciate the disinterestedness of his motives in joining that revolt are likely to understand. But the truth of it all will come out in good time. Some sense there should have been of the genuineness of the man from his recent speeches in Wisconsin. The man in high place who can in public frankly confess his own blindness and folly while others were desperately fighting the Beast, as Dolliver did, is no commonplace character. It seems easy, but how many are there who do it? And his memory will be further exalted when it comes to be commonly known what it was that first opened his eyes, and why it was that he remained inactive and dumb for a time. Little men, with no keen sense of responsibility, may still criticize; but those who appreciate the complexities and perplexities of public service will generously forgive the weakness if they think it weakness and applaud the courage that followed. Had he lived, Senator Dolliver might not have become chief among the leaders in the democratic struggle before us, but he would have been one of the strongest.

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A Deadly Parallel.

La Follette's Magazine for the 8th invited its readers to compare the Wisconsin Republican platform with that of New York. Arranged by subjects, they are put side by side in "deadly parallel." And that parallel is deadly, indeed—for the New York platform and all persons responsible for it.