“We pass over the silly remarks of the President. For the credit of the nation, we are willing that the veil of oblivion shall be dropped over them and that they shall no more be repeated or thought of.”

~Oramel Barret
“The cheek of every American must tingle with shame as he reads the silly flat dishwatery utterances of a man who has to be pointed out to intelligent foreigners as the President of the United States.”

~Chicago Times

“Lamon, that speech won’t
scour. It is a flat failure and the people are disappointed.”

~Abraham Lincoln

"little speech is a perfect gem; deep in feeling, compact in thought and expression, and tasteful and elegant in every word and comma."
"Then it has the merit of unexpectedness in its verbal perfection and beauty. ... Turn back and read it over, it will repay study as a model speech. Strong feelings and a large brain are its parents."

~Springfield Republican

"No wonder then that at Gettysburg, where thousands had congregated to witness the solemn and impressive
consecration of a national grave yard, he should appear before a crowd with no other object than to create 'laughter.'"

~ Illinois State Register

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