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General Miles on Judge Parker

stand in favor of Judge Parker's elction. Replying to Mr. Anderson, General Miles wrote as follows:

Cold Spring, Putnam Co., N. Y. Oct. 10, 1904.

Col. Finley Anderson, New York City, My Dear Colonel:

Your letter recalls other days, when two millions of our comrades were engaged in a great war, and more than! half a million of the flower of American manhood went to untimely graves. I realize that our comrades of that momentious period, our comrades of the "war of civilization" on our Western frontier and those of the recent our comrades, living and dead, pre-Spanish war, will ever cherish an intense interest in the welfare and honor of the republic. I also realize that all our tellow citizens are about to exercise the rights and privileges of

or in civil life, the act is a sacred judicial. The history of our country duty-more important and potential than any other act of political responsibility. It is a duty too serious to be influenced and controlled by partisan sympathy, lust for office, selfish proximately one-half of the voters, ambition, control of power or even personal and private interests. The perpetuity and welfare of democratic institutions is superior to any other

interest, for they involve the very .iberties and blessings which our fathers established and we had the privilege flection upon the intelligence and paof preserving. Your letter is similar to many com-

ly through them to all our fellow citi- ed a condition of aristocracy and im- fers superior advantages to these who Ever since our government was es-

tablished by the fathers, it has been maintained by eminent statesmen, heroic patriots and loyal citizens through all the vicissitudes of the past century. it sprang into existence from the turmoils of war and chaos and immediately became the grandest world power on the globe, in the sense of its moral strength, simplicity or design and purity of purpose. Our Constitution was formed with the full appreciation of the practical truth of the principle of the minimum of power and the maximum of liberty consistent with order and safety to societya phrase which expresses the true end of all civil government.

On March 20, 1790, Count d'Estaing, the sole admiral of France and president of the French Society of Cincinnati, wrote to General Washington, tnen president of the United States, and in the course of his letter said: "The name of Caesar among the Romans was considered as the first of all noble titles-and the emperors of Germany decorate themselves with it to this day; Caesar enslaved his country-you have liberated yours."

It was the avowed intention and prayer of Washington and the founders of the Constitution to establish a government that could be so admin- triots for independence, will ever be istered with such integrity and wisdom that in time our people would have the glory of recommending it to the peoples of the earth who were then strangers to it. Their intention was not to force this system of government upon the peoples of other

Finley Anderson, a Civil war vet- ample to influence other nations to eran, recently wrote to General Nel- adopt a similar form of liberal govson A. Miles a letter in which General ernment. This design has been emi-Miles was congratulated because of his nently successful in promoting the greatest blessings that any people have ever enjoyed and the development of the sparsely populated colonies of the Atlantic coast into the mightiest republic of eighty millions of freemen. And not only this, but sixteen other countries, south of the Rio Grande, have thrown off the yoke of foreign oppression and adopted constitutions copied after ours, and now their fifty millions of people are in the enjoyment of privileges similar to our own.

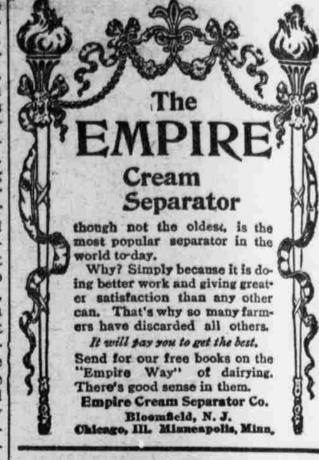
We have now reached the parting of the ways, and the question whether we shall continue that glorious career which our fathers inaugurated and served, or whether we shall take that other course which has been fatal to other republics in the world's history, must be determined by the sovereign act of our people on the 8th of next the elective franchise, many o. them November. Our fathers, in establishfor the last time, and many of their ing the government, with consumate sons and grandsons for the first. wisdom created three great co-ordinate Whether they be in the public service branches—the legislative, executive and shows that for more than one hundred years political parties have existed; and now to assume that there is but one party, composed of apthat is fit or qualified to administer the executive branch of the government, and that even in that party there is but one man qualified to hold the highest position, is utterly unwarranted, and, in fact, a serious retriotism of the American citizen.

I assume that members of one parmunications that I have received from ty are just as conscientious, sincere comrades in all parts of the country. and honest as those of the other, and in replying thereto I feel that in ex- have just as much right to their opinpressing my opinion of the present ions and will perform their political condition of national affairs to the duties with as much integrity. If we hundreds of thousands of men who have reached the condition in which have given the best years of their there is but one party of class that Subscribers' Advertising Department lives to the service of the republic, I can be trusted with the duties of the am addressing a body of supremely executive department and only one inearnest and conscientious patriots, and dividual to exercise the powers of the therefore I prefer to speak thus open- highest position, then we have reach- this department of The Cormoner ofzens in every section of the Union. | perialism that is only found or tol- desire to secure publicity. Only Comerated in despotic countries.

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