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MINER BROTHERS

PRESENT DAY THOUGHTS.

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If three years ago a prophet had foretold that during 1898, in a period of eight weeks, the antagonism and distrust of a century and a quarter toward England would disappear, he would have been hooted at as a prophet of lies. Yet on the surface this change of feeling appears to have taken place. But as some of the present most vigorous expounders of an Anglo-American alliance were the most daring "twisters" of the lion's tail during the Venezuela boundary scare, their conversion would seem to be almost too sudden to be lasting. In fact, those who have the fullest belief in the destiny of English-speaking people, may be pardoned for regarding much of the present feeling as whimsical and unenduring.

Let us see what is proposed now that the first vague thoughts regarding the alliance take form in print and in discussion. First and foremost it is to be offensive and defensive;—or in other words, an injury inflicted on one by an outsider is to be felt by both and resented by both. Some of the subordinate elements would be—The united completion of the Nicaragua canal; interchange of coaling courtesies at the various naval stations; certain tariff reforms in relation to both Canada and Great Britain; mutual citizenship; and some other features that are so far too inchoate to record.

It would be rashness itself to condemn any one of these features, yet each by itself and all together are too far advanced upon recent bias and distrust to be anything but temporary and unsatisfactory. The whole thing pictures itself to the mind like the hasty marriage of passionate minors, who only begin to realize too late that there are more obligations than begetting in the united state. Then comes the hind-sight that is such an unsatisfactory substitute for fore-sight; the awakened understanding leads to misunderstanding; the bonds grow irksome; and then a blank.—Even a condensed view of the possibilities of the alliance will, I feel sure, prompt future caution in relation to it.

An offensive and defensive alliance would be the issuance of a challenge to the other nations of the world. We should say in effect "The English speakers are stronger than you all. Our view of civilization is to be the view." In doing so we should be doing a rank injustice to those nations who have given of their substance to make us what we are. We should thus belittle the converging streams of civilization that have come to us from the Latin races, and the Teutons and the Slavs, and be in the position of kicking from under us the ladder by which we have risen. There is no reason, save that of blind haste, why we should suddenly turn upon the great historic friendliness of Russia and of France and place ourselves in the touch-me-if-you-dare attitude of pot-house quarrellers.

The proposed alliance would be the most definite declaration to the world that hereafter we intend to take a fighting share in all the international complications that afflict the world with huge standing armies and bankrupting war-budgets.

Though my long-time readers are fully aware that I am the last to favor slavish adherence to the past and its traditions; yet at this time it is not inappropriate to remind ourselves that the devoted men who hewed us in the rough before ever we were a nation, expressly warned us against such an entanglement. In acquiring or controlling territory outside of our compact empire of Freedom, we shall undoubtedly depart from the straight path our ancestors set before us, but this divergence must not be made to assume to our minds—confused by the rapidity of events—a justification for so tremendous a divergence as the lean-

ing on the armaments of another for our protection and perpetuation. Are we ready for so marked a departure? I should imagine the answer would be a great, resounding "No," as loud as the historic "Yes," that started us on our present errand of help to the abused and down-trodden.

It will be noted that there has in this column thus far been neither abuse nor praise for Great Britain. The acceptance or rejection of the proposed alliance is not to be based upon hatred or love of that great nation. Her triumphs or her failures, her strength or her dangers, have or should have no deciding weight. Our only point of view must be a selfish one—in the highest sense of selfishness. The deciding question will therefore be as to whether the moral leadership we hold among the nations—a leadership magnified a hundred fold by the unselfish motive that first swayed us in the present war—will gain by a return to faith in force as an international regulator.

As an evidence heretofore reposed in us by the nations of the earth, whose sinews have been incorporated in our strength by the flocking hither of sons and daughters, we can as a nation point with pride to the fact that in about 100 years the United States has been appealed to for arbitrate decision in over seventy disputes. What is the significance of this? It means that our remoteness from European entanglements, the evident breadth of our all-absorbing heart, the unselfishness of our greatness, the commercial energy of our people, have all combined to make us trusted and respected. They have placed us above all suspicion of self-seeking. If it is important and comfortable for an individual to have his reputation in some measure equal his character, surely it is also essential for a nation, made up of individuals. For this reason, if for no other, there is every inducement to proceed with the greatest circumspection in the new events into which we have been thrown lest when the present is past, we find that in our haste we have been heedless and dropped a substance of real merit for a shadow of supposed strength.

Next week we shall consider the genius of the English-speaking race, as a friend of universal peace.

Resolutions of Gratitude. The following resolutions from the Nashville American were adopted by the Ladies Auxiliary of Tennessee Volunteers: "The special committee appointed at the meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Tennessee Volunteers, held at the first Presbyterian church Thursday morning, to draw up resolutions expressive of the feelings of Tennessee women toward the women of the west for their kind and loving treatment of the First Tennessee Regiment, have prepared the following: Whereas, it is the desire of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Tennessee Volunteers to give expression of their appreciation of the attention shown the first regiment on their trip to Camp Merritt; therefore, be it,

Resolved, that we tender the women of the west our heartfelt thanks for their overwhelming kindness to our loved volunteers, and assure them that the hearts of the Tennessee women bear a tender feeling of gratitude toward their sisters in the west. May God shower his richest blessings on them and their loved ones who have enlisted under the same flag, and grant that the seeds of kindness sown may reap a harvest for their own brave volunteers. MRS. HENRY BRUCE BUCKNER, President L. A. of T. V. MRS. MARSH T. POLK, MRS. WM. BERRY BAYLESS, MRS. WM. C. SMITH, MRS. ALICE RIDLEY, MRS. HENRY F. BEAUFONT, Committee."

Central Committee Meeting. The republican county central committee will meet in Red Cloud, Saturday, July 9th, at 2 o'clock. All members are urgently requested to be present, as important business will come before the committee. T. C. HACKER, Chairman. D. C. JENKINS, Secretary.

Council Proceedings. RED CLOUD, Neb., June 24. Council met as per adjournment of June 24. Meeting called to order by Mayor Beck. Present Councilmen Hollister, Spokesfield and Wright; Rife absent. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Moved and carried that the estimate of expenses for the fiscal year 1898 be accepted and that the same be published for four successive weeks. Salary board \$500 00 Water and street commissioner 500 00 Salary engineer 480 00 Interest on water bonds 1500 00 Interest on electric light bonds 720 00 Miscellaneous expenses 1800 00 Ordinance No. 67 was introduced by Alderman Spokesfield and read for the first time as follows: At ordinance for the levying of taxes upon all the taxable property of the city of Red Cloud for the fiscal year commencing on the first Tuesday in May, 1898.

Be it ordained by the mayor and city council of the city of Red Cloud, Nebraska, that the following taxes be and the same are hereby levied upon all the taxable property of the city of Red Cloud, Nebraska, as per the assessed valuation thereof for the fiscal year commencing on the first Tuesday in May, 1898, to wit: For general revenue purposes, 10 mills; for payment of interest on water bonds, thirteen mills; for payment of interest on electric light bonds, five mills; for payment of interest on electric light bonds, five mills.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its publication as provided by law. L. H. BECK, Mayor. Attest—L. E. TAIT, City Clerk. Motion prevailed to advance ordinance to its second reading on suspension of rules, and ordinance given second reading. Motion prevailed that ordinance be given third reading and put upon passage, and declared carried and adopted. Ordinance No. 68 was next introduced by Alderman Spokesfield and given its first reading as follows: An ordinance appropriating moneys out of the several funds of the city of Red Cloud, Nebraska, for the use of the city.

Be it ordained by the mayor and city council of the city of Red Cloud, Nebraska, that the following amounts be and the same are hereby appropriated out of the several funds herein designated for the specific purpose herein mentioned for the fiscal year of 1898, to wit: Out of general fund for official salaries \$800, for street and water commissioner and police \$480; for hall rent \$100, for incidental expenses \$250; out of water bond fund, for interest on water bonds \$1500; out of water levy fund, for water engineer \$480; out of occupation fund, for repairs on streets \$1500; for incidental expenses \$500; out of water fund, for coal \$400, for repairs to water system \$300.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on and after its publication as provided by law. L. H. BECK, Mayor. Attest—L. E. TAIT, City Clerk. Motion prevailed to advance ordinance to second reading. Motion prevailed to suspend rules and give ordinance third and final reading and declare it adopted. Alderman Spokesfield was appointed by the mayor as president of the council for the ensuing year. On motion the clerk was instructed to collect billiard hall license of \$30 from N. Longtin. On motion resignation of Wm. Harris as night watch was accepted. Wm. Harris was appointed police officer at a salary of \$10 per month. Appointment confirmed.

The following bills were allowed and warrants ordered drawn for same. J. M. Sellars, salary engineer \$40 00 Walter Elliot, street work 12 00 J. W. Vest, " " 2 00 N. Phelps, " " 2 00 F. A. Hickerson " " 9 00 E. W. James, " " 9 00 T. W. Hatfield, " " 22 00 W. T. Bohrer, " " 18 00 C. Rickers, " " 8 00 Jas. McNeny, attorney's fees 100 00 On motion council adjourned.

A Good Name. VERONA, Neb., June 18, 1898.—Hood's Sarsaparilla has a good name everywhere, because it has done people so much good. Barbara F. Nagle of this place says: "Hood's Sarsaparilla has been used in our family for a number of years, and we think it is the best blood purifier on the market."

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Birthday Anniversary. Among the social gatherings in which the writer has participated, we take great pleasure in noting the one which occurred on last Thursday, June 23d, at the residence of A. Walker on Farmer's creek, the occasion being the seventy third birthday anniversary of Grandma Walker. The estimable lady was taken by surprise to see relatives and friends to the number of twenty-five come driving in, bringing with them their well filled baskets, and never was there a body more worthy of the respect shown than is Mrs. Walker. The ladies soon had possession of the kitchen and loving and willing hands soon prepared a repast which contained all the dainties of the season, such as strawberries, cherries, chicken, etc., and to which those present did ample justice. The time was occupied with music and conversation until about four o'clock when ice cream and cake were served and thoroughly enjoyed, after which we separated for our various homes, wishing Mrs. Walker many returns of the day so pleasantly and profitably spent.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When the tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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RECKLEY. Miss Mabel Wells of Red Cloud visited relatives here last week. A goodly number of Eckleyites attended the Children's Day exercises at Cowles last Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. John Ogilvie spent Sunday with their daughter Mrs. Harry Reeves near Cowles. A special program will be given at the church next Sunday evening. M. M. Miller's are entertaining relatives from Kansas. Miss Mary Farquhar is home from Doane college to spend vacation.

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