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THE RIGHT OF THE TRANSVAAL.

The people of this country are undoubtedly taking a very lively interest in the affairs of the Transvaal—a far greater interest, indeed, than they are accustomed to take in foreign concerns.

We found the following paragraph in the Washington Post of a day or so back:

"All the Boer inhabitants of the Transvaal a few years ago were either farmers or drivers of bull teams—treaters, I believe you call them in American."

"The Englishmen and all other foreigners must send their children to the Boer schools, where nothing but the Dutch language is taught. So that while the former pay all the taxes that support the schools they haven't a word to say as to how they shall be conducted."

"It is impossible for this state of things to last. Though Jameson's raid was a failure, the people will not rest satisfied till they secure the reforms they are entitled to, and which old Kruger has done and strain promised. Nor will England ever abate one iota of its protection of the Transvaal, sooner or later the wealth and intelligence of that region will dominate, just as it has ever done in every quarter of the globe."

We believe that this fairly describes the state of things in the Transvaal, and when it is remembered that the great body of the Uitlanders are Englishmen, it is not surprising to a fair-minded man that there should be intense feeling in England over the matter, and a strong disposition upon the part of the English people to compel the Boers to treat their countrymen in Africa with decency at least, if not with justice.

The Washington Post pretends to be an independent paper, but, barring a liberal spirit that it has shown towards us of the South, it is one of the most bigoted, narrow-minded, and intolerant journals that we know. In the same issue that contained this interview with Mr. Lang, it had an editorial article upon the position which this Government should take towards President Kruger's government in regard to the American, Hammond, who was one of those sentenced to death, in which it used the following language:

"We must consider this. The Boers are a curious people. They are best by an unerring, a relentless, an insatiable re-England. That nation, the universal slaughterer of the weak, and the first years relinquished for one instant to a purpose to destroy, subjugate, and depopulate the Boers. The latter are fighting for their lives, for their honor, for their homes, their families, and their liberties. We must not forget that they may find it dangerous to be too merciful."

Was there ever a greater contradiction in different columns of the same issue of a paper? It furnished us Mr. Lang's statement without a word to indicate that it thinks the statement unreliable, and it thereby commends it to us as true, and it editorially says that, although Lang's statement is true, England is still playing the part of "a relentless, an insatiable fox," who is endeavoring to deprive the Boers of "their honor, their homes, their families, and their liberties" in seeking to secure the most ordinary justice and fair treatment for her subjects.

We have not the slightest doubt that the English have been greatly imposed on in the Transvaal; nor have we the slightest doubt that England will compel the Boers to treat her subjects with justice before she is through with it.

MAKE IT SOUND MONEY AND THIS.

A month ago it looked as though there were a good chance for the Democratic party of the nation to declare itself for sound money, and while that appeared to be possible, we contended most earnestly that the party should nominate Thomas F. Bayard for its candidate. Soon afterwards things took a turn that made The Times, in common with the whole public, think that the Democracy had gone "clean dirt" and that a free-silver platform was a foregone conclusion. Of course, it would have been folly to talk of nomi-

nating Mr. Bayard upon a free-silver platform, so that we dropped the whole business with disgust and despair, and resigned ourselves to the prospect of the annihilation of the Democratic party as well organized, determined to wait until it was crushed, and then to set ourselves to the task of aiding in reorganizing it upon its real and true foundation principles of sound money, free trade as nearly as necessary taxation will permit, and equal rights and equal justice for all.

But a gleam of hope has again dawned upon the country. The Democracy of the whole North and East is sound, and the stand for sound money which the Democratic convention of Michigan has taken is accepted by many of the knowing ones as an indication that the whole Northwest will do likewise. If this proves to be true, the Democratic Convention may yet adopt a sound-money platform, as many of the knowing ones are now claiming will be the case. Oh, that it may prove to be true.

If the convention does adopt a sound-money platform, then we urge upon all of our Democratic brethren of the South to present a solid front in demanding that the nominee shall be Thomas F. Bayard. Say to the convention as a body that as your views upon the construction of the platform have been disregarded, and as you are to furnish the bulk of the votes that will elect the Democratic nominee, you think that your wishes may be at least respected as to the candidate. Say to it that Thomas F. Bayard is the solitary living public man whom it is possible to nominate who can heal all differences and trite all factions in the South. Say to it that the people of the South remember with the deepest gratitude and the tenderest affection the way in which he stood in the Senate through the dark years of reconstruction a bulwark between them and the horrors of Republican malignity towards them. Say to it that these people will never forget that heroic conduct of his, and that they long for an opportunity to testify their gratitude and affection for him by voting to place him in the chair of the Chief Executive of this nation.

Mr. Bayard is, in fact, the only sound-money man living north of the Potomac who can unite the factions of the South and bring out the enthusiastic vote of all the white people, and he can do it. With any other Democrat it is useless to deny that Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina are in great doubt. All three States will go tremendously for Bayard.

THE UGLY PRECINCT.

The primary election in the Democratic party is the most cherished institution that Richmond Democrats have. When conducted fairly it is an infallible method for ascertaining the will of a majority of the white people of the city, and all citizens of Richmond are united in their willingness and desire to abide by the will of the majority of Richmond's white citizens, whatever that will may be. They feel sure when an important question is up for solution, and there has been time and opportunity for debating it thoroughly before the white people of the city, the decision of the majority upon it will be sound and just. The people are, therefore, devoted to the primary election as the method for ascertaining the will of Richmond Democrats, and they are determined that their primaries shall be fairly conducted and above all possibility of suspicion.

This being so, it was with surprise and disgust that they learned on Saturday morning that the First precinct of Clay ward was again delinquent in making its returns of the recent election, and that disgust was turned into indignation and rage when it was ascertained further that this delay had continued all through the day after the election, and that at Saturday morning the count was still incomplete.

We make no charges or insinuations of fraud at this precinct, because we have no evidence at all upon which we could base such. But the people are naturally suspicious of such action as this, and they want the whole matter thoroughly investigated that the fraud may be exposed and published to the world, if any has really been committed. It is incomprehensible to the public mind how such an outcome of the election could have occurred if everything at the precinct was fair. We insist, therefore, that there shall be a rigid investigation, and that if there has been fraud it shall be made known.

And the Good Government League and the good people of Richmond, as well, are to be congratulated upon the result of the election whatever may have been done at the First precinct of Clay ward. The triumphal election of the Good Government ticket, notwithstanding the few losses it incurred, is a great encouragement to the League to persevere in its efforts to secure the city good an economical government that will produce great results in the future we confidently hope.

THE LITTLE JOVE.

The first account of man is that God made him after His own image. The full meaning of that we will know hereafter. We know now that, in the course and fullness of time, there appeared on the earth the ideal, the perfect man; that this Holy Being announced himself as the Son of the absolute manhood; that He announced Himself, with equal positiveness, as One with God; that His followers accept Him as the express image of the Divine Person. Such revelations bestow wonderful dignity on mankind, and open an infinite future. What degree of Masonry, what seventh Heaven of invention can surpass the simple teachings and promises of the gospel of Christ?

The highest, proudest aspiration of man has conceived of nothing approaching to the invitation of the coming Kingdom. Only man, vain man, will not accept the lowly terms of entrance to the Kingdom; he will not bow his head to go through the door that admits Him to the royal palace; He will not give up His baby clothes to become a man. And stranger, stranger still, he resists and resents the charge of His divinity! He will not be a planet to revolve around and worship the great centre and source of light and life; but prefers to be an insupportable comet, out of harmony with the universe;

though held by law in his course. He will not acknowledge the Great Witness of his divinity, that he may have life. He prefers to make himself after the image of the devil, and own no law but what suits him.

Man was made after the image of God. All his being testifies to his kinship. And his disloyalty and misery and opposition, are against his high estate. They bring him face to face with his model, and publish his fall.

The great business and struggle of life is towards the divine image. In every part and manifestation of man's being, Evolution is a word used to gratify the little pride of man in place of infinite development under the eye of God.

Disloyal man is a Burlesque of Deity. Worshipping man is glorious before the throne of God.

The Christian religion is wonderful in its redeeming and restoring agencies and influences. Before all the world, it has lifted and outspread, absolute, perfect, divine manhood, manifest in the flesh, with the means and methods of attaining it. And its contemplation is the whole being, body, mind and heart—directing, sanctifying and governing all together; because all go to make up man.

The order of the Master is: Let your loins be girded about and your lights burning. And that contemplates every power, faculty, emotion, instinct and possibility of our being. The farther order is: Be ye also perfect, as your father is perfect. The gospel is full of consideration for our imperfections. But its great ideal is perfection: Lift up the hands that hang down, and strengthen the feeble knees.

No man can be perfect in this state of our being. And the next thing to self-satisfaction is humiliation. He that exalts himself shall be abased. Perfection is not accomplished by abstinence. The dearest sin of the Devil, is the pride that apes humility.

The approaches of man toward the image of God, are manifest everywhere. The Church of Christ, made up of so many parts, denominations and members, is the most wonderful thing of our day. And in spite of all the evil, the world is full of manhood and womanhood, in every way, the highest types of their race. All the works of the Christian church, houses of worship, institutions of learning, hospitals, and ten thousand methods and agencies, and efforts to relieve suffering, to repress crime, to diffuse the knowledge of divine truth, and raise individuals and nations to the highest possible condition of character and happiness; all these look to the restoration of the divine image, and supercession on all human coilage.

All over the world, the divine nature of man is asserting itself. Righteous or unrighteous, as devil or angel, he is vindicating the early proclamation that his design was after Deity. The average man is a veritable little Jove—a micro-cosm—a little universe. He has in his pocket a dial that tells accurately the motions of the sun and moon, and shows him of times and seasons; in the darkest, coldest night, he can with a motion of his hand create light and fire; The lightning is tamed to do his bidding; all the mysterious forces and profoundest secrets of nature are at his command, and open to him: He ranges over the world in an instant, and seems to sit upon the circle of the earth, seeing and knowing, and acting without rest, or hindrance, or limit. He tears down mountains, and pierces them, and extends his high-ways through the upper air. His paths are in the great waters. Heights and depths acknowledge his presence, power and control. The very earth that he inhabits, seem to be animated by his presence. Its elements have been everywhere honored to make the vehicle of his immortal soul. It is not all dust as it was; but dust that has clothed divine life. And dust that has clothed divine life, now, all over and through it, metallic nerves are growing, that seem to fill it with light and life. The earth, the globe of man, is becoming instinct, and glowing with the nature, of the little god that occupies it. All the wisdom of all the past is pouring its treasures into the bosom of the present generation. And what shall be the end thereof?

Is the race rearing a great tower threatening Heaven? And must the consequence be confusion and chaos? Or shall we bring all our acquisitions and achievements, as humble offerings to the King of Kings; that the Son of Humanity may be subject unto Him, and God may be all in all?

Jefferson and Free Silver.

Editor of The Times: Sir,—Senator Daniel is reported in his address at Monticello, on the 14th instant, to have used Mr. Jefferson as authority for his view that the silver and unalloyed coinage of silver at 16 to 1. On this point we think that the Senator wholly misunderstands Mr. Jefferson, who, if alive to-day, would not favor a 900-dollar. In the year 1784 Mr. Jefferson laid down principles for a currency which are as sound to-day as they were then, and to which the Democratic party must be true to be successful. Mr. Jefferson said (see "Note F—Notes on the establishment of a money unit," and "The case for the United States—page 18, Vol. 1, Randolph's Edition Jefferson's Correspondence.")

"The proportion between the values of gold and silver is a mercantile problem altogether. It would be inaccurate to fix it by the popular exchanges of a half-Joe for 3, a Louis for four French crowns, or five Louis for 12. The first proposition is to adopt the Spanish standard, 16 to 1; in France, 12 for 1. The Spaniards and English are found, in experience, to retain an over-proportion of gold coin, and to lose their silver. The French have a greater proportion of silver. The difference at market has been on the decrease. Financier states it at present, as at 14 to 1 for 1. Just principles will lead us to disregard legal proportions altogether; to inquire into the market price of gold and silver in the several countries with which we shall principally be connected in commerce, and to take an average from them. Perhaps we might with safety lean to a proportion somewhat above par for gold, considering our neighborhood and commerce with the sources of the coins, and the tendency which the high price of gold in Spain has to draw thither all that of their mines, bearing silver, and to our and other markets. It is not impossible that 15 for 1, may be found an eligible proportion. I state it, however, as a conjecture only."

And again, under Supplementary Explanations, page 16: "The preceding notes having been submitted to the consideration of the Financier, he favored me with his opinion and observations on them, which render necessary the following supplementary explanations:—"I observed in the preceding notes that the true proportion of value between gold and silver was a mercantile problem altogether, and that perhaps 15 for 1 might be found an eligible proportion. The Financier is so good as to in-

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Our State platform will declare for silver; our nominees will be silver men of unquellable Democracy, and we will call upon all men to vote with us who believe in the free coinage of silver, a revenue tariff, an income tax, and an honest State government administered by white men. This will appeal to and secure the support of the vast majority of our many Populist voters.

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JOHN'S ISLAND PRISONERS.

Editor of The Times: Sir,—I have been requested by members of the old veterans to suggest to the managers of the Confederate veteran reunion that they designate some certain point in Richmond where all the survivors of Johnson's Island prisoners shall meet on July 1st at noon. This will give them an opportunity to meet with their price in Richmond where all the survivors of Johnson's Island prisoners shall meet on July 1st at noon. This will give them an opportunity to meet with their price in Richmond where all the survivors of Johnson's Island prisoners shall meet on July 1st at noon.

Brown Eyes.

Sweetheart, the eyes whose slightest glance  
If power to thrill me through and through,  
With life, and love, and laughter dance;  
They are not black, nor gray, nor blue;  
For fear you may not understand,  
Explicitly I'll say this to you;  
Of all brown eyes they're bravest, and  
Sweetheart, these eyes belong to you!

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Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bailey left for their home in Wisconsin on Tuesday. Mrs. C. L. Miller returned Thursday from a ten-day visit to Philadelphia. The Cottage Prayer-Me