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PEACE-MAKERS OF KALAMAZOO

From Michigan comes the grave announcement that leaders of the pro-Boer movement are arranging a conference in Detroit, with a view to preparing the way for mediation and arbitration. The source and the spirit make the movement absurd. It is as though a number of rabid Spanish sympathizers in France should have started an intervention movement during our war with Spain. Our reply would have been that we were not ready for intervention; when we were ready we would invite it; and mediation from that source was not desired anyway.

Blessed is the peacemaker, provided he knoweth when to dip in his ear. This is not an opportune moment for meddling peace-making. From the Transvaal came the declaration of war, and presumably the Boer government made it advisedly. At all events, when it wants mediation it will invite it.

Upon the other hand, the British are determined, looking at the contest from their point of view, that the war shall continue until the bravery of their soldiers and the sagacity of their generals have been vindicated, and they shall have tangible results for their losses of men and treasure. There is scarcely a doubt that the following utterance, made recently in parliament by Mr. Balfour on behalf of the government, voices the convictions of an overwhelming majority of Englishmen:

"Being absolutely determined that this war shall be driven to a successful issue, and by a successful issue is not meant any suzerainty, any shadowy supremacy in South Africa, but the real, substantial supremacy of Great Britain over all these regions. And as we shall never advise peace until the war has brought forth its legitimate fruits, so we believe that, in spite of any ambiguity of utterance from any quarter of the other side of the house, the country will insist that the ministers who serve it, be they drawn from one side of the house or from the other, will see not only that the military honor of this country is amply vindicated, but that we leave in South Africa no root from which again may spring forth any of the bitter and poisonous fruits from which for so many years we have been suffering."

The United States government will not intervene until it has been asked, and the asking must come from Pretoria or London, not Detroit or Kalamazoo.—Spokesman-Review.

CAPE NOME'S GOLDEN SANDS

Another batch of stories describing the wonderful riches of the beach diggings at Cape Nome have been given wide circulation. They will be the means of attracting hundreds of men to that barren region. It will be well to in a measure discount some of the tales brought out by the latest arrivals from Dawson. Cape Nome undoubtedly will yield gold in paying quantities for several years to come and will make fortunes for a small portion of those who brave the discomforts of an Arctic climate. Men will accumulate wealth in business ventures and the transportation companies will reap a rich harvest while the excitement lasts. But placer mining like that at Cape Nome is soon played out, and the pay streaks are limited. In no measure does it approach the permanency of quartz mining. There are difficulties with the government to be overcome, because already a dispute has arisen as to the ownership of the locations and the validity of recording. Prudence therefore suggests that the man who goes into Cape Nome carry with him enough money to pay his steamer passage back, and it would not be a bad move on the part of the authorities to demand that evidence be given that the

prospector will not be stranded in an inhospitable region if he fails to find employment. This regulation was enforced in the latter days of the Klondike excitement, when Canadian officials had learned that they could not take care of the penniless adventurers who flocked to the Klondike metropolis.

Fortunately Cape Nome is on the seacoast and the journey does not include perilous traveling over dangerous mountains and through swift rivers. If you are determined to go to Cape Nome, provide yourself with a return ticket, and there will be no call later in the year for a government relief expedition, as was the case with the other Yukon excitement.—Spokesman-Review.

CONVENTIONS OF 1896 AND 1900

The order in which the national conventions of the two great parties are to be held in 1900 is the same as it was in 1896, and the dates at which they are to take place will be nearly the same as at that time. The Republican convention met earlier than the Democratic four years ago, and will meet earlier this year, but the interval of time separating the two gatherings will be about six days shorter than it was then. The Republican convention of 1896 opened in St. Louis on June 16, while the Democratic national gathering began in Chicago on July 7. This year the Republicans will meet in Philadelphia on June 19, and the Democrats will convene in Kansas City on July 4, the Republicans coming together three days later in the year than they did four years ago and the Democrats three days earlier than they did then.

It is not probable, however, that either convention will be as interesting in 1900 as it was in 1896. In the Republican gathering there will be no contest on the presidential candidate this year, Mr. McKinley's nomination by acclamation being assured. Probably there will be only one name mentioned in the Democratic convention also, Mr. Bryan's nomination being practically certain by an overwhelming majority or by a unanimous vote. These elements of uncertainty being removed, it will not be possible to invest the gatherings this year with the interest which those of four years ago had. There will be no "walk-outs" in either convention this year, while there was a split in all the parties, small and great, in 1896. A split is practically assured in the Populist party, of course, as the rupture in the conference the other day of the Populist National Committee in Lincoln, Neb., shows a division in that party which can hardly be closed up at the national gatherings of the two wings which take place on May 9, one of them in Cincinnati and the other in Sioux Falls, S. D.

A new issue will be before the conventions of 1900, that of national expansion, and this fact will give an interest to the gatherings of the big parties, but it will not call out anything like the concern which was felt regarding the silver declaration of both these parties in 1896. The Republicans will declare for expansion by a practically unanimous vote. Nobody in the Philadelphia convention will lead a revolt against anything which will come up in that body like the one which Teller and Cannon directed in the St. Louis gathering four years ago. The gold standard will be unanimously and emphatically indorsed in Philadelphia. There is some doubt as to the deliverance which the Democrats will make on the expansion question, as a large ingredient of their party favors the policy to which the administration and the Republicans are committed. This question will probably be straddled, as the tariff used to be in Democratic conventions. Whether straddled or not, however, there is not the faintest chance that there will be a bolt in the convention on that question, as all Democrats, "anti-imperialists" and "imperialists" know that the Philippines and Puerto Rico will be retained and that the Republican idea will prevail. There will be no cyclones in the conventions of 1900 like those which Teller caused in St. Louis and Bryan raised in Chicago. Nevertheless those

gatherings will be historic, and will attract the attention of the whole country.

The Farm Journal lately asked a series of questions, which are summed up as follows: "Why have a mortgage on the farm, an empty pocket, and a skeleton in the house?" There might be a good reason for putting a mortgage on the farm, says the Oregonian. Many a sagacious man borrows money with a specific purpose, the result of which justifies his action. But with good health and willing hands there is no reason why the mortgage should not be paid off. There is too much of a tendency to regard the holder of a mortgage as an oppressor, anxious to swoop down upon and take the farm, whereas it is probable that the accommodation was eagerly sought and that the lender would be very glad to receive his money instead of the land when the term of the mortgage expires, the interest, of course, having been paid according to agreement. To be sure, things may be managed so that the mortgage will become a skeleton in the house that will crowd the inmates out; but, as the records show, thousands of mortgages canceled within the past few years in every agricultural section of the country proves this result is not necessary. Farmers as a class very properly resent as an impertinence the effusive pity that talks to them of "empty pockets" and other matters of private business, as they feel abundantly able to take care of themselves.

Col. F. J. Parker's Walla Walla Statesman, which has been a staunch Democratic paper for perhaps a quarter of a century, says: "It is not only the right, but it is the duty of the government of the United States to hold every inch of the Philippines until time shall be no more, and to give to their inhabitants the blessings and freedom of American laws and institutions. So believing, the Statesman does not for an instant give its adhesion to those Democrats who would have the grand old party go back on the doctrine of expansion, promulgated by Jefferson and carried out by him, despite his belief that there was no direct warrant in the constitution for the greatest act of his life, the purchase of Louisiana, and the government of its inhabitants without first obtaining their consent." A large number of Democrats in this country feel just this way.

More Woolen Mills Needed.

Portland is trying to secure new industries within her gates. She advocated a wool-scouring mill and made a hard fight for it but The Dalles offered the best inducements, so "to the victor belongs the spoils." Now Portland is agitating the advisability of securing a woolen mill which would be a fine thing for the city on the Willamette. It would be well for Dalles people to bear in mind that in conjunction with a scouring mill, a woolen mill would be of great value at this place. An editorial in the Telegram relative to the matter says:

"The Albany woolen mills are running night and day, and can't keep up with orders. Much the same condition exists in other woolen mills of the state. The demand for Oregon-made woolen fabrics far exceeds the supply. What possible reason can there be, then, for any long delay in establishing a woolen mill at Portland? And we say why not establish it at The Dalles?"

His Life Was Saved.

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid fever, that ran into pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I could not even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvelous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all throat and lung trouble. Regular sizes 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Blakeley & Houghton's drugstore; every bottle guaranteed.

Lost.

Two horses, one dapple brown, bald face, hind feet are white and he weighs about 1000 pounds. The other horse is black, small white spot on one hind foot; weighs from 900 to 950 pounds. He follows the other horse. Both had halters on when they left home, and are unshod. Any person bringing horses of this description to my place, near the fair ground, will be amply rewarded.

REV. C. P. BAILEY,
 The Dalles, March 3, 1900.

"NORTH COAST LIMITED"

TITLE OF NEW TRAIN ARRANGED BY THE NORTHERN PACIFIC.

It Will Carry an Observation Car Between Portland and St. Paul—Modern Improvements.

General Passenger Agent Charles S. Fee, of the Northern Pacific railway, who reached Portland Thursday, announced that April 29 his company will establish a double daily passenger train service between Portland, Puget Sound and the twin cities, St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The morning train from St. Paul will leave at 8:55, after the arrival of the fast trains from Chicago, St. Louis and the East, running by the way of Butte, and will reach Portland at 7 a. m. The corresponding train will leave Portland at 11:30 a. m. by the way of Butte, and will reach St. Paul at 3 p. m. and will be known as the "North Coast Limited."

Train No. 3 will leave St. Paul as at present, 10:35 p. m., arriving at Portland at 8 p. m. Train No. 4 will leave Portland at 11:30 p. m. and arrive at St. Paul at 7:45 a. m. Both 3 and 4 will run by way of Helena. This schedule will continue in effect until November 1, and longer if the business justifies it. Trains 3 and 4 will carry the same equipment as present 1 and 2, first and second class coaches, Pullman first class and Pullman tourist sleepers and dining cars, with the usual number of mail, express and baggage cars. These trains will carry standard and tourist sleepers from and to St. Louis by the Billings route, the "Burlington," thus offering the public a service to the Missouri river country, St. Louis and intermediate territory superior to anything heretofore established.

The "North Coast Limited" will be one of the handsomest and most complete passenger trains in the country. With its new 70-foot baggage and express cars, combination smoker, new first class coaches, new Pullman tourist sleepers, handsomely upholstered in dark green leather, thoroughly modern first class sleepers and elegant dining cars, all wide vestibuled, the train might be considered complete. Its chief attractions, however, will be the thorough lighting of the train throughout by electricity, including two berth lights for reading in each section, and an observation-car, which will be 70 feet in length, with a wide and handsomely railed rear platform, will have 14 upholstered plush chairs, with writing desk and reading table in the rear end; a carefully selected library of 125 volumes; bath room, barber shop and buffet in the center, while in the rear, in addition to toilet rooms for men and women, there will be two smoking and card rooms, each furnished with six comfortable chairs and a folding table. These smoking or card rooms will be shut off from the remainder of the car and so thoroughly ventilated that those addicted to the weed may indulge at leisure without attracting undue attention.

The Northern Pacific management realizes that for short night runs, as for instance, between St. Paul and Chicago, where there is no opportunity to enjoy the really interesting scenery, a library car meets the wants of the traveler, but on a transcontinental journey of 2000 miles or more, where the passenger hopes to see something of the country through which he is passing, perhaps for the first time, they hold that the observation car is the car par excellence, and that nothing else will take its place.

The "North Coast Limited" of the Northern Pacific will be run exclusively in the interest of passengers and, as a consequence, the observation car will be kept on the end of the train for the benefit of the passengers who have paid their money and to the disgust possibly of the "private car" tourists and railroad officials, who are so frequently in evidence. President Mellen says that neither his own private car nor the private car of other officials or people will be hauled on this train.

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The scenes in "The Brand of Cain" are laid in Spain and England. The play has equal proportions of comedy, romance and tragedy, portraying strong sentiment throughout.

Mr. Shaw, in the roles of John Doe and James Leighton, appeared to fine advantage. He was given a difficult task in interpreting two characters of opposite natures, but he made the change from one role to the other with such skill that he won universal praise from the audience for his clever work.

Every member of the company is worthy of praise for their excellent acting and character portrayal. Mrs. Shaw was an ideal maid, and, as Nora Logan, covered herself with honors. She was clever, vivacious, and did not over do the part, but was so pleasing that many were the encores she received. Miss Carter, as "Juana," the Spanish innkeeper's daughter, and Miss Kelton, as "Phyllis Leighton," were highly successful. H. W. Gilbert was excellent as "Jeffrey Gordon," while Al H. Hallett was an excellent "Larkins." L. J. Plummer, as Sir William Courtney, was immense. A. J. Watson, playing the villain, "Robert Burleigh," along with the companion villain's part of Mr. Shaw as "John Doe," demonstrated very completely his versatility.

The entire performance was worthy of praise, and one that was taking with the audience.

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