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**THE NATION'S ANCHOR.**

It is a fortunate thing for the country that it has at least three days sacred to patriotism. It has always had the Fourth of July, it has long had Washington's birthday, and now it has Lincoln's birthday. In bringing Lincoln day to the front the Marquette Club of Chicago deserves especial credit. No doubt it would have come anyway, but it was hastened and emphasized by this club.

Among those who addressed the Marquette Club and its guests at the banquet of Saturday night was Justice Brewer of the supreme court of the United States.

This great jurist was little known outside the state of Kansas when President Harrison placed him on the supreme bench. His reputation was professional. His judicial opinions were from the first of a quality to command the high esteem of the American bar. Another Story, if not Marshall, had come to interpret and apply the laws of the nation, organic and statutory. His first response to a toast after his appointment was a remarkable success from the usual standpoint of post prandial wit. But his address of Saturday night was on a higher plane of thought. It was an elaborate discussion, so eloquent that from first to last it riveted attention. It was the sensation of the evening. Everybody knew that ex-President Harrison would make a very able and appropriate speech, but Justice Brewer was a comparative stranger. He spoke on "The Nation's Anchor."

The preliminary touches on Chicago had the deftness of a master in the high art of local pleasantries, strengthened with broad ideas. Passing from the cosmopolitan character of Chicago and the country at large, he came to his especial subject. The cardinal difference between the constitutions of the two great English speaking nations, from the standpoint of stability, was pointed out. Each is a nation of popular government. The monarchy is not a barrier in England against the rule of the people. The British anchor against a sudden and dangerous tidal wave of public opinion is the house of lords; the national anchor of America is the supreme court. Each state, no less than the United States, has its anchor. No rush and fury of popular sentiment can break its hawser or sweep it from its moorings.

There is absolutely no limit to the statutory authority of an act of parliament. The courts of Great Britain have no power of restraint, only of interpretation and application. With us to every enactment must be applied by the court the test, is it constitutional?

"An unrestricted and absolute legislative freedom," observes this great jurist, "would certainly sweep on to despotism the mob, whose despotism is always followed by the man on horseback." This is one of the great fundamentals of history. The eloquent judge did not hesitate to enter protest against the latest shibboleth of the demagogue, "Government by injunction." Right here we quote this salient passage from the address:

I am as much opposed to govern-

ment by judges as any man. They are no more qualified to exercise the functions of government than the clergy, and a theocratic government was long since proved a failure. But the writ injunction is not an act of legislation. It creates no new law. It only enforces rights which the constitution and the law have theretofore declared sacred. It is as old as the struggle of the English speaking people for liberty, and it has been used to protect and not to govern.

Nothing could be more pertinent to the current thought of the day. It rises above party lines and strikes deeper than the profoundest thought of mere politics. It combines philosophy and statesmanship adjusted to the especial peril of the period.

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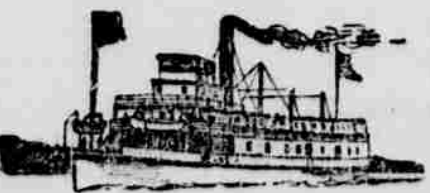


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