

For President
WILLIAM M'KINLEY
of Ohio.

For Vice-President
THEODORE ROOSEVELT
of New York.

BOER WAR HAS NO PLACE IN AMERICAN POLITICS.

It not infrequently happens that among the most judicious and appreciative citizens of a country are those who are or who have been temporarily absent from it, says the New York Tribune. There is more truth than triteness in the remark of returning travelers that they come home better Americans than when they went away. They should do so. They have had an opportunity to compare or to contrast the institutions and conditions of America with those of other lands, and to regard them from such distance as affords a correct perspective. There must always, of course, be a large proportion of citizens at home who see clearly and think right, else the nation would speedily go to ruin. But it is not surprising, however much a matter of rebuke it may be to some, to find in a colony of Americans abroad a far greater unanimity on the right side than exists in the nation at home as a whole.

This thought is suggested at this time by a perusal of the brief but weighty letter which some fifty American citizens resident in South Africa have addressed "To the National Political Conventions and the People of the United States of America." The document is worthy of reproduction for republicans, as follows:

"We, the undersigned American citizens, resident in South Africa, though entertaining different views as to the merits of the controversy that has culminated in the present war, are entirely agreed that the cause of humanity will best be served by our fellow-citizens in the United States observing a strict neutrality toward both belligerents. As republicans and democrats, we unite in deeply regretting the efforts that we now learn are being made to drag this unhappy matter into politics, since we realize that such a course can have no beneficial result to either of the belligerents, but, on the contrary, is calculated to prolong the strife by raising false hopes. We appeal to all political parties in the United States in the name of humanity to refrain from cruelly playing with this matter for political purposes, believing, as we do, that there is not, has not been, nor ever will be, the slightest chance of our country departing from its traditional policy by intervening in this foreign quarrel. We are convinced that if this truth were fully realized in South Africa, as it ultimately must be, the war would sooner terminate, and thousands of lives be saved. Hence we earnestly appeal to men of all parties, to eliminate this matter from the coming campaign."

In that speaks the voice of patriotic wisdom. There also speaks a representative voice of the American people. The fifty names appended to the letter are those of democrats and of republicans, of men who sympathize with the Boers and of men who sympathize with the British, of men from New York, and of men from Texas and of men from California—and from many other states. They are all American citizens and they all see with absolute clearness and precision the duty of the United States government and of the American people. What they say is to be commended to the careful consideration of all those to whom it is addressed.

After all that Senator Hear has said and done to give aid and comfort to anti-expansion democrats, he

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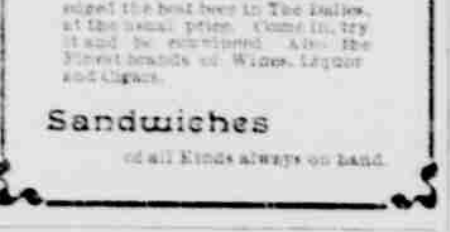
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