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DANGER SIGNALS.

We have in mind that about a year ago or so an article appeared in this journal directing attention to certain danger signals that were making their appearance that should act as warnings to the great Republic. The article was short, but it was very timely. It was a warning to the people of the danger that was threatening them from the Chinese. It was a warning to the people of the danger that was threatening them from the Chinese. It was a warning to the people of the danger that was threatening them from the Chinese.

When the article appeared a local newspaper of extreme proclivities and not given to any extent to confining itself to the sober thoughts of the news to ridicule, taking the position that our Republic was such a solid structure that it was practically unassailable. The position of the same paper today is an illustration of the old saying that "it is never too late to mend," or to get upon a correct line of thought. Time has brought it to view matters about as expressed by the News on the occasion referred to. Its chief had evidently been lately reminded upon the approaching election and its concomitant conditions. It appeared to be led to consider the probabilities of the future and sought to embody in words what he believed to be the reflection that was resulting "millions of hearts," and those words dropped from the point of his pen:

"The thought is how much longer can the Republic survive the methods by which the Chinese are being introduced into this country, in many places, to be fought out?"

This implies that the writer believes that it is only a matter of time when the country will collapse under the operations of the conflicting elements that are at work. Diving deeper into the theme as he proceeds, the writer gives vent to this gloomy expression:

"Just now it seems to us that the morbid of our nation are on the extreme verge of a crisis, and unless they are pretty soon drawn back, the frost and the night will come."

Taking this estimate of the moral status of the nation as correct, then is the danger imminent, the history of the past has taught anything it has taught this one lesson, that no nation can long survive when the tone of intelligence and morality is low. When this is the case the calamity is no longer distant. And even when the status of intelligence is high and that of morality is low, disaster is not much more remote. That the Constitution and laws are as near perfect as anything human can be made does not alter the position, because an immoral people will refuse to be governed by them. When the people are immoral, the Constitution becomes a nullity, being but the letter of the government, and when disregarded is dead.

On this part of the theme the writer from whom we have already quoted this concludes the expression of his mental forebodings:

"With us, the States make the terms through which their people vote and through which elections are conducted. Some of these must make new laws and some enforce them, or by and by chaos will break out, and all that the debris of a dream will be liable to be unpruned."

The making of new laws and their rigid enforcement will not save the Union. The system is overburdened with the weight of intricate legislation as it is. The people are the salt of the Republic, and not the laws. If they were upright and moral as a whole, they would be practically invulnerable to the operation of statutory enactments, for that status would cause them to operate on equitable principles. Laws and their enforcement will not change the human heart. What is wanted is the infusion into the people, by the operation of moral forces, the belief in the idea of right and a constant effort to reduce the ideal to the domain of the real.

NOT ALLOWED IN NEW YORK.

It is widely held that the great west, and especially in the Rocky Mountain region, a greater liberality in respect to social and religious matters, is favored by public opinion, an extension in the older portions of the western part of the Republic, was strikingly proven by an incident which occurred in New York City a few days ago.

A man named McDonald, who had all the legal qualifications of a voter, attempted to register. He decided to affirm instead of swearing, and one of the inspectors ordered him to raise his right hand, when making the affirmation. This McDonald refused to do, and the inspector then asked him if he believed in God. McDonald replied that he had no right to put such a question to him, whereupon they refused to register him. McDonald applied to Judge Barrett of the Supreme Court for a writ of mandamus, requiring the inspector to register him.

On a hearing of the matter, Judge Barrett rendered a decision strictly in line with the constitution, and the result of American institutions. He ruled that a person, in taking an affirmation, is taking a solemn oath, and that it is not to be regarded as a mere formality. He ruled that a person could not be required to raise the right hand, there being no statutory provision to that effect. He emphatically declared that registration officers had no right to apply a religious test, and that "their interference with the voter's belief in the existence of a deity was an impermissible to which no citizen, in the absence of any suspicion of his truthfulness should be subjected."

Protection against the application of religious tests is a fundamental safeguard of the liberty of every American citizen. Remove that safeguard from the Union, and it ceases to be a free country. Judge Barrett, of New York, realizes this, and it is a pity that more of his school of jurists are not found on the bench in the territories. Nevada is the fortunate possessor of such a court, but some of her neighboring commonwealths cannot be so congratulated.

WORKINGS OF THE EXCLUSION ACT.

When time shall have modified the influence under which the Chinese exclusion act was passed, its unpopularity will be greatly lessened. It is absolutely and totally prohibitive Chinese laborers from landing or entering upon United States territory, and was made to take effect from and after its passage and approval, notwithstanding that it was known in Washington that a number of vessels were at the time sailing across the Pacific having several hundred Chinese on board, destined for the United States. As vessels arrived reached port on the Pacific Coast, constabulary was created among the Chinese passengers by the information that they could not be permitted to set foot upon United States soil. The owners and officers of the vessels were also put to great inconvenience and expense in having to retain on board, feed and return to China large numbers of passengers by the information that they could not be permitted to set foot upon United States soil. The owners and officers of the vessels were also put to great inconvenience and expense in having to retain on board, feed and return to China large numbers of passengers by the information that they could not be permitted to set foot upon United States soil.

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CURRENT TOPICS IN EUROPE.

German Love for Frederick—Statue Raising in France—Baudin, Vogel, Danton—Pere Hyacinthe—Address—Cardinal Lavielette—Development of Paris—Group of Cardinals—Exhibition at Crystal Palace, etc.

The avidity with which the German people read the fragments of the late Emperor Frederick's diary, mutilated though they may be, plainly proves the deep sympathy which existed between him and the common people of Germany. They also prove what has often been suspected, that it was not merely the military genius of Von Moltke nor the statesmanship of Prince Bismarck that brought about the unification of Germany. By many lessons, sometimes in the harsh school of adversity, the people had learned to cherish a hope of a free, united fatherland. Even the king of Prussia, who had learned to cherish a hope of a free, united fatherland. Even the king of Prussia, who had learned to cherish a hope of a free, united fatherland. Even the king of Prussia, who had learned to cherish a hope of a free, united fatherland.

LAND REVIEW.

Necessity for Extension of Surveys in the General Land Office.

A feature of Commissioner Stockslager's report which will be commended by the people of the land States in which public lands are held in large quantities, is his recommendation for increased appropriations for surveying public lands, and his remarks in this connection tend to prove that good work cannot be done for the prices of \$7 to \$9 per mile—now allowed for surveying.

The act of March 3, 1887, directs that railroad grants shall be adjusted without delay, and much fault has been found with the land office for an apparent lack of energy in this direction. It seems that Congress, in its wisdom or lack thereof, or through the carelessness of those having the matter in charge, does not know that it is utterly impossible to adjust the largest grants for the reason that millions of acres of lands lying within the granted area are unsurveyed, and no appropriation has been made to meet the expense of the survey. It is therefore, in the opinion of the writer, that the land office is in a position to make no progress in the adjustment of the grants. By reason of the failure to survey the lands in question, the companies are permitted to hold the lands without taxation, and reap the benefits of the value of the lands while the people along the lines are compelled to carry the entire burden of the local government.

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