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FOR PEACE ON EARTH.

The court of arbitration now in session in Paris to settle the dispute between the United States and Great Britain concerning the Berlin seal having been decided not to admit "the present" the British supplementary report. So far the controversy has been conducted in view of agreeing upon the proper manner of proceeding than inetermining the results of the case, for each side has interposed objections to the class of evidence offered by the other. The decision by the court is decidedly in favor of the United States and appears well for the final issue.

It is a grand testimony to the progress of the age in the direction of peace and good will, which some time ago to become universal, that the two greatest nations of the earth resort to the rational mode of settling a dispute by peaceful means instead of sacrificing thousands of lives and millions of property over a comparatively small matter. It may be that, as yet, a court of arbitration between nations can be applied as a remedy only where the interests involved are small, but when it has once been demonstrated that the decision of such a court is just, and for the best of both parties interested, it cannot take much until the nations become willing to submit even more important questions to arbitration. And was not there a time when every individual had to depend on his own physical strength or the alliance with stronger neighbors for protection, but civilization has long since altered that state, and all questions can be settled by an organized society as entitled to rights in a common law. There can be no real contests in the way of nations being governed in their relations to each other by the principles which govern the conduct of individuals. Universal peace is notwithstanding the opinion to the contrary of the late General Moltke, more than a dream. It is an ideal within the reach of mankind.

LINCOLN AND VOLTAIRE.

Col. Robert G. Ingalls is one of the most eloquent of men gauged by certain standards. His language is flowing, rhythmic, incisive and ornate. That it at times lacks in symmetry and proportion, that his tropes are quite frequently devoid of literary legitimacy, count for nothing with the crowd that listens to him, for there is no time, even when there is the ability, to analyze a glowing sentence; the listener is at all times treated to another and another, and the general effect is, that the listeners are captivated.

The colonel's latest public effort of the kind spoken of was his eulogy of Abraham Lincoln. A writer in the Chicago *Record* speaking of this session, says evidently Ingalls has a genuine admiration for many of the fine qualities which were found in Mr. Lincoln, but has done justice to his subject. Mr. Lincoln is not a member of any church, but he was an intensely religious man. In early life he formed an intimate acquaintance with the Christian life and that took went with him to the White House and was upon the table in the room where he did the public business. He was a man of faith and prayer. He was indeed a Christian, but the springs of his strength lay in his religious nature. All this Col. Ingalls ignores. It is as if an artist had painted Mr. Lincoln with his long body and limbs without any head, and it will not be forgotten that Col. Ingalls is the man who preaches so loudly that hypocrisy and lying are his stock in trade.

Lincoln exercises his strength with the following words: "There was no man in this country who can be my hope for a people who believe with boldness. How shall all these things be? when I have got all these things? But we can safety trust the name and fame of Lincoln. Col. Ingalls may claim him with Voltaire, but even this would give him his name for about his mouth."

It is a great pity that a man of Col. Ingalls' sprightly intellectuality, mental acuteness and humor, discretion can find no better figures in history to point to as shining examples of greatness than those who figure in the category occupied by Voltaire, Columbus, David and Hypatius, being shrived and forgiven by a priest, at the apparent approach of death and returning to his profession, as soon as he recovered, surely what this was that was philosophical and remarkable of Voltaire's work was so博学 and distinguished that it is scarcely worthy of any place at all in the archives of the world of intellect and advancement.

JEFFERSON'S DAY.

Just why our Democratic friends should celebrate today as the anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birth is not clear. The best biographers give the date as April 13, 1743, and in this no reckoning is made of the eleven days added to the calendar by Pope Gregory, an event which occurred a long time before that. That is no proper not only for Democrats but for Americans of all shades of political opinion to observe a day with which that great man's name is associated in disgraceful connection with the author of his gratification "at the frank and manly act of the Governor," and said that he had no time to consider the situation in Utah and requested Senator Sloope to say "he would be pleased if Governor Thomas would write him a letter giving him full information as to the situation in the territory," manifesting at the same time a disposition not to accept the resignation at once. We are advised that the reporter of the *Herald* called upon Governor Thomas last night and was made acquainted with these facts.

It seems to us that it is of little consequence what the Congressional friend or any official or private paper may say or do, because it is plainly evident that Governor Thomas did the right thing in the right way, and if in the face of his resignation, the officials of the administration at Washington have given the matter the appearance of a removal, the reflection is upon them and not on the Governor. The President, we are satisfied, was not a party to it any more than he would be a party to maligning an official or other person's gain a political point or satisfy a personal grudge. It is too much to suppose that from the encroachments sought to be imposed by half-hearted supporters of a republican government who called themselves Federalists. Distracting the pump and ceremony which attained and still prevails at royal courts, Jefferson threw down all barriers between the people and the executive and made the White House as accessible as any other in the land. When immigrated there was no gathering pageant, no showy ceremonial, nothing even faintly suggestive of mystery or ceremony, while the dignity and consequence of the occasion were upheld as emphatically and decidedly as though it were a matter involving hundreds of thousands of dollars' expense lurking of none at all worth naming. Riding in the executive mansion on horseback, he dismounted, tied the animal to the fence and walked in unattended, the show thereafter being as wide open to the humblest as to the man of noble—all comers were treated as equals possessing equal rights until by their own act they forfeited such rights. Jefferson was strictly and truly a Democrat, nationally and politically, though his party at that time went under the name of Republican. He was a great man from any point of view, made one of the best of our Presidents, and his followers can do him no honor that his record does not justify; but, as previously suggested, the demonstrations should not parake a sliver of partisanship and not at all of exclusiveness.

DAMAGE BY STOOLS.

Mr. John Donee communicates to the *News* a grievance which has been spoken of in these columns before. It is regarding depredations by sheep and stock through the acts of their owners, or rather their failings at these. Our correspondent says, claims they have a right to turn their animals on their own land at any time of the year, either with or without a fence sufficient to keep them there, or to herd them there, and this notwithstanding their neighbors may have demands of dollars worth of damage that these animals could destroy in a few moments by just running over it. "While I admit," he says, "that the sheep and stock business is a very important one, and that it is fairly entitled for an extensive position. He suspects all who may differ with him, and raise the difficulty, as it is a deadly offense and a redress an his property. His apprehension would have been an absolute injury to the territory."

Our contemporary is of the opinion that as far as wanting the position for his constituents is concerned, it appears that he desired a appointment as a second vindication of his vote on the Johnson impeachment case, when he was senior from Kansas—"a topic on which he has always displayed a mild form of insanity." That he has some desire to get even with his enemies may also be inferred from the matter.

It is readily observed that the position of territorial executive pays no income. There is no money to be had in any way, and the governor would have gone out of office with as poor a record as when he went in. He might have had the satisfaction of a vindication and of revenge, but as a master of dollars and cents the opinion is expressed that he will be latter off, as will also the people—if he wants to be his successor. This doesn't sound logical, if he is a tax man or a crusing one, his publication is not likely to help the community in which he is established and he surely cast not a shadow. If it were otherwise, in fact it might be the means of enabling him to make a decent while living.

"Here we get a sight of France as she stands and is represented by Voltaire. That is, the *News* is the sole advocate of Voltaire's very narrow. He沿 along the same line as the others he elevates and humiliates his judgments. He is not a man of much tact, and is not quite so successful as was the man that he himself tells us. He is not a man and did not get through his career without some failures. He was a man of power, but he did not get there, and why not? He tells us that he was a man of great talents and of genius—and of course the average voter was afraid of him. And again

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animals in the hands of men who have no regard for the rights of others are a curse to the farmer, and where there is no law to restrain the cattle, and where the animals will certainly cause him to suffer."

The *News* cordially concurs in the suggestion that the former be protected. He is our chief reliance—our sole guarantee, so to speak—and others are not so much concerned in his welfare as he is himself.

THE GOVERNOR'S RESIGNATION.

The course of the *Herald* towards Governor Thomas is not fully understood by all the people. In today's issue it rates the question, "Was Thomas honest?" On the day of Gov. West's nomination the *News* announced, for the first time, the fact of the Governor having resigned. The truth is, the *News*, was aware of the fact many days before, were others in the city. The resignation was handed to the President by Senator George L. Shoup of Idaho. The President expressed to Senator Shoup his gratification "at the frank and manly act of the Governor," and said that he had no time to consider the situation in Utah and requested Senator Sloope to say "he would be pleased if Governor Thomas would write him a letter giving him full information as to the situation in the territory," manifesting at the same time a disposition not to accept the resignation at once. We are advised that the reporter of the *Herald* called upon Governor Thomas last night and was made acquainted with these facts.

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