

Aylmer Express

THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

Meetings to express sympathy for the Boers have been quite common in some of the larger cities of the U. S. recently, particularly in places where there is a large Irish and Dutch population. Last week a meeting of this kind was held in St. Paul, Minn., and the Volkszeitung, a German paper published in that city, gives a full account of the meeting in English. Most of the speakers, it is only just to say, were very fair in their discussion, from their standpoint of looking at things, and confined themselves to their subject, without needless abuse of English people. We think, however, that they overlooked many of the most essential points in connection with the cause of the war, and tried to make out a better case for the "brave, generous, Christian, Boer" than the facts will substantiate. There was one exception to the general rule of moderation, and that was the Governor of the State, the Hon. Jno. Lind. We make a few quotations from his speech. He read the following from a speech of his own in 1888, and endorsed it again at the present time.

"I hate England, or rather, I hate and despise her policy of dealing with other nations and peoples weaker than herself. Her sense of right is measured by her power to defy it, her love for justice by the gold it will fetch." (Applause.) "She enforces vice to replenish her exchequer. She enslaves and impoverishes every land and people that is caught in her toils." (Great Applause.)

We can afford to treat with contempt, his hatred, but was there ever more untruth crowded into a few words. Take the last clause, "She enslaves and impoverishes every land and people that is caught in her toils." It is astonishing that any man can be found who would dare make such a statement when the facts from all parts of the globe, give the lie to every word of it. The exact contrary is the case, and Governor Lind knows it, and so does every man and woman who heard him speak. Canada, Australia, India, Egypt, the Soudan, all parts of the British Empire, from the smallest islands of the seas, to the half of vast continents, have been benefited by British connection, and no spot on earth can be pointed out where British rule has enslaved or impoverished. The assertion is too absurd to require more than a passing notice. Take another statement.

"To day she, (England), is not only denounced by right-thinking people for her present acts, but she is despised as a military power—which has been her pride in the past. (Applause.) She has absolutely lost her prestige among the nations of the world." After she had raised a paltry thirty or forty thousand soldiers beyond her regular available standing army, she found it almost impossible to raise any more. Counties in England in order to procure the quota that the Government requires, are compelled to put up bounties of from thirty to fifty thousand pounds to the county.

This is almost as absurd a statement as the former one. British prestige was never as high as it is to day, and it is just so high, that neither France nor Russia, nor the two combined, dare tackle her, although both would like to do so, and any man who would speak lightly of the bravery and valor of the British soldier of to day, would be called a fool.

Governor Lind probably talked in this way for the purpose of standing in with the Irish and Dutch voters, but there is also a large English vote in Minnesota, and the better class of Americans also sympathize with Britain, so he hedged as follows:

"It is my deliberate judgment, Mr. Chairman, that England to day is more to be pitied than desecrated. It is a terrible statement, but I honestly believe that it is a true one in making that statement however, I do not wish to be misunderstood; I do not include the English people. No one respects the English as such more highly than I do. And I imagine that that is the feeling and that those are the sentiments of every individual in this audience. (Applause.)"

Most of the speakers spoke of England as though she had declared war on the South African Republics without cause, and simply for territorial gain, while they considered the Boers as models of all that is noble, generous, true, and Christian. They forgot to say that it was the Transvaal who threw down the gauntlet and declared war on England while negotiations were progressing favorably. They forgot to mention that England had no quarrel with the Orange Free State, and that she joined the Transvaal without cause or notice. It was the Boers who invaded British territory, not the British who attacked the Boer homes. Talk about their respect for liberty. This nation, who were slave holders until compelled to set them free by England. This nation, who once offered a reward for the great explorer David Livingstone, dead or alive, because of his espousal of the cause of the slaves. This nation, who do not believe that the Zulus, Basutos, or any other of the colored races of Africa, have any souls, and treat them accordingly. Talk about their honor; this nation who use the white flag, which all other nations consider sacred, as a means to murder the men whom they ask for mercy, while in the very act of showing them mercy. This nation, who take particular delight in shooting down unarmed men who go into the battlefield to succor and relieve the dying and wounded. This nation, whose gunners make special marks of hospitals, and women retreats in besieged towns, after having them pointed out to them. Talk about their love of liberty and fair play; this nation who invited emigration to their country, the same as Canada and the U.S. have done, and are doing. Their treatment of those foreigners, mostly from England and America, is best shown in the words of Mr. T. G. Sherman, of New York, who in writing to the Times of that city says:

"When Mr. Kruger invited foreigners to settle in the Transvaal, full naturalization could be obtained within two years. After foreigners had accepted his invitation he repealed all naturalization laws absolutely. Then, under pressure, he restored the laws, but made the term fourteen years; but any foreigner desiring naturalization must renounce all protection even from his own Government or the Boer Government for fourteen years, during which time he would be a citizen of no country whatever, and have no rights which any Boer would be bound to respect. During these fourteen years he must be ready to serve in the Boer army on twelve hours' notice, and he would be frequently called upon to serve without pay, clothing, or even food, which he must provide for himself. At the end of these fourteen years of degrading humiliation he would not be allowed to vote for any office worth voting for, unless his humble petition was approved by two-thirds of his Boer neighbors, by the military chief of his district, and finally by Mr. Kruger himself. Neither would he be allowed to vote then unless he were 40 years of age."

If this is a sample of the fairness and liberty of Republican forms of Government, we do not want any, and it is a mystery to us how any fair minded man can uphold such actions, or for a moment compare a country that would pass such a law, to a Republic such as the U. S. It was to secure fair treatment to foreigners, Americans included, that Great Britain was carrying on negotiations with the Transvaal, when they delivered their ultimatum, virtually declaring war, and invaded British territory. They were joined by the Orange Free State, with whom England had no dispute, and the end will be the absorption of both countries by the British Empire, to the advantage of the Boers' themselves, and the advance of civilization in Africa.

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CALTON Warren Wilson has returned from a business trip to Niagara Falls and other eastern points.

Densmore Westover has purchased the Copenhagen Hotel property and has moved there.

Geo. Wilson, of Tilsonburg, is visiting his mother.

Ensey and Dwight Cohoon were reported to have been severely burned whilst examining their acetene gas plant.

We are informed that Mr. White, the Calton storekeeper, is very proud of his new girl.

Pearl McQuiggan, of Oshawa, is visiting his brother for a few days.

Ferman Wilson's young son is reported very ill.

Mr. McCooking of the P. O. store advertises a stock-taking sale for the next few days.

Norman Marr, of the 2nd con., Bayham, had the misfortune to have his leg broken a few days ago. Dr. Hoover, of Vienna, reduced the fracture.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The British Generals from Lord Roberts down, have our sympathy. There are about as many people who know how to run this war better than they do, as there are people who know how to run a newspaper better than the editor.

We are pleased to see that the Globe has taken up the case of Lieut. Col. Sam Hughes, M. P., who has been so badly treated by some one in connection with the Canadian contingent to South Africa. After being refused a position in the first contingent, presumably on account of a little difference with General Hutton, he sailed for Cape Town on his own account, and there endeavored to secure a commission in some branch of the army, but found all avenues closed, no doubt by reports sent from this country by some one in authority. This seems very unjust to the man who was the very first to suggest the sending of a Canadian contingent to South Africa. Lieut. Col. Hughes advertised for volunteers for the war, and when rebuked by General Hutton he replied that as a member of Parliament he was free to call on his own countrymen as he had done. This annoyed General Hutton, and was the beginning of the trouble. The Globe says:—"If this is the case, we can only say that the offence, if offence it may be called, was trivial in the extreme, and certainly did not deserve the punishment of military ostracism. It would be perhaps just as well to have it understood at the outset that while this is a British country it is also a democratic country, and that it intends to conduct its military business as well as its other business on that basis. It will not submit to have a good soldier humiliated or discouraged because his enthusiasm breaks the bonds of military red tape, or disturbs the dignity of anybody. Military science is advancing too rapidly in these days for red tape or dignity, and the nation which wants to hold its own in war will adopt business methods in the army, and will use enthusiasm and ability wherever it can be found. We do not know at present who is to blame for the extraordinary treatment to which Lieut. Col. Hughes has been subjected, but we think that the Parliament of which he is a member ought to take care that the matter is very thoroughly investigated."

Reform Convention.

The annual meeting of the East Elgin Reform Association was held in the town hall here on Thursday afternoon last, there being a good attendance from nearly all parts of the riding. The chair was occupied by the President, Dr. Sinclair, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President for Dominion purposes—Dr. Sinclair, elected unanimously. Vice president for Dominion purposes—Angus McCrimmon, elected unanimously. President for local purposes—Mr. G. A. Harris, Aylmer. Vice president for local purposes—Wm. Hepburn, of Yarmouth. Sec. Treas.—Mr. G. M. Standing, Aylmer, was re-elected.

Convenors—Angus McCrimmon, St. Thomas; Dr. G. A. Shannon, South Yarmouth; Robt. Francis, North Yarmouth; J. H. Dalton, North Malahide; L. C. McConnell, South Malahide; Grant, North Bayham; John Hillman, South Bayham; E. Suttell, Vienna; M. M. Black, Springfield; J. C. Dance, West South Dorchester; John Wilson, East South Dorchester; Jno. Shepherd, Port Stanley; Geo. Harp, Aylmer.

Short addresses were made by Mr. D. McLuttyre and Dr. Wilson, and the following resolution was passed:

The Liberal Association of the riding of East Elgin desire to record their continued confidence in the Rt. Hon. Sir W. Laurier and his colleagues in power at Ottawa, and express the hope that they may long continue to wield the destinies of this country in the same able and efficient manner that has characterized their administration of the affairs of this country, and especially do they wish to congratulate the Government upon the national and patriotic sentiment which they have succeeded in developing in the breasts of the young men of the Dominion, as is finding expression in the contingents of brave young soldiers that are leaving to support the heroism of British arms in the wilds of South Africa. The meeting was then brought to a close by cheers for the Queen, Sir W. Laurier, Hon. G. W. Ross and others.

THE AYLMEY MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various commodities like Flour, Wheat, Oats, Peas, Beans, Corn, etc.

LONDON MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various commodities like Wheat, Oats, Peas, Beans, etc., with London market data.

ST. THOMAS MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various commodities like Wheat, Oats, Peas, Beans, etc., with St. Thomas market data.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the property of Isaac Ostrander, late of the Township of Malahide, in the County of Elgin, yeoman, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Chapter 129 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, that all creditors and other persons having claims upon or against the estate of the said Isaac Ostrander, who died on the fourteenth day of December, A. D., 1899, are on or before the eleventh day of February, A. D., 1900, to send by post prepaid and registered or deliver to the undersigned, William Warnock, the administrator with the will annexed, to or at his post office address, at Aylmer, Ontario, a statement in writing of their claims and addresses, and full particulars of their claims, with vouchers, and the nature and value of all securities (if any) held by them. And take further notice that at the expiration of the last mentioned date, the undersigned Administrator shall be at liberty and will proceed to distribute the assets of the Testator, or any part thereof, among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the Administrator has had notice, and shall not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed, to any person of whose claim the Administrator has not had notice at the time of the distribution thereof or a part thereof.

Dated at Aylmer this 10th day of January, A. D. 1900. WILLIAM WARNOCK, Adm. In Administrator. CRAWFORD & CHAMFORD, Solicitors for Administrator.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

of Vincent Sylvester Milks, of Pt. Barwell, Deceased.

Pursuant to Sec. 38, of Chapter 129 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, notice is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims upon or against the estate of Vincent Sylvester Milks, late of the Village of Port Barwell, in the County of Elgin, gentleman, who died on or about the third day of December, A. D., 1899, are on or before the first day of March, A. D., 1900, to send by post prepaid, to James Poustie, (Port Barwell, P.O.) sole Executor of the last will and codicils of the said deceased, their christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions, a statement of their claims, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, and that after the day last aforesaid the said James Poustie will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to such claims of which notice shall have been given as above required, and the said James Poustie will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claims or claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Aylmer this 20th day of January, 1900. MILLER & BACKHOUSE, Solicitors for the Executor, Aylmer, Ont. JAMES FOUSTIE, Executor, Port Barwell, Ont.

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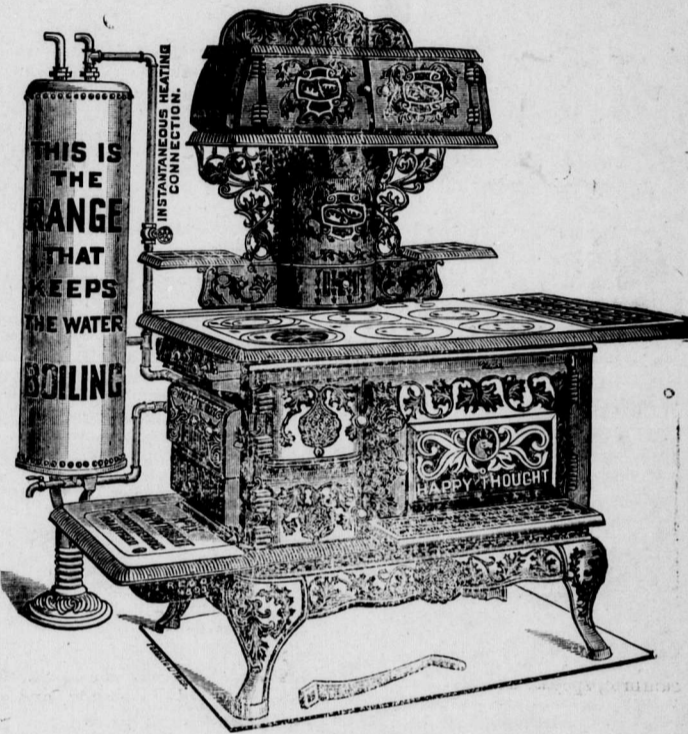
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Auction Sale

Saturday, Jan. 27th, 1900

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