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PAUSE AND REFLECT.

In a recent speech delivered by Hon. JOHN BELL, he remarked that the impression abroad was that the experiment of self-government in this country had not yet been completed. We perceive from the item of the proceedings of the leading English journals that Mr. BELL is borne out in his assertion. The London *Times*, for example, takes the revelations made by the Committee on Naval Affairs as the basis of a scorching article on the corruption of the American Government. The concluding paragraph of this article demonstrates with sufficient clearness the doubts of the British about relative to the complete success of the republican principle. SAYS the *Times*:

"Now, we take upon ourselves to say that, to whatever extent personal exceptions are to be admitted, it would be utterly impossible to find in England any such corruptions as have been that existent in operation in America. No person can doubt, after reading the reports proceeding from the Committee of Investigation, that political influence in effect in the United States to counterbalance all other qualifications for the public service. *Nothing in that country seems dog appropriation to the express there purposed.* All the influence or information there practised that influence or information there practised is absolutely exhibited in comparison with an organized policy under which every thing from first to last, or referred to, electioneering ability. In the point of view, the publication offered in the favorable report only makes matters worse, for if they startle the individuals it only at the expense of the community, to which they exercise a singular laxity of political principle. It may notice *well public before us investors into England in situations like these.* They would certainly not be financial economists or to public morals; and from the illustrations here given it must be equally clear that they would not confide to the freedom or independence of any class of the body politic whatsoever.

We have little doubt that the *Times* is correct in declaring that nothing is wrong but so, unless small appreciation to the system pursued here. Monarchical governments do not stand in need of the complex political machinery required in a republic. The more the government approaches absolutism the simpler are the means by which it is conducted. In our country we have a vast amount of business to be performed by an immense number of persons, and consequently our system is liable to constant abuse. This is the perpetual and standing danger of republican institutions. The one feature of the constitution is shared by none peachable in morals. The bodies of public office should be free from even the suspicion of venality. The moment corruption begins to undermine public integrity with the very vitals of the republic is mortally wounded. Let it be understood that bribery, in any form, is the unpardonable sin in the estimation of the people, and the whole fabric of free government will crumble to pieces. Let the people be aroused to the danger that threatens the purity of the ballot-box, and the corrupt politician will be hunted down as the wild beast of the forest. Let the press and the pulpit speak out boldly and fearlessly against the first approaches of corruption, and the public conscience will be aroused to the danger. Let the people be true to themselves, and the republic is safe.

ARRIVAL OF THE TENNESSEE.

LATER AND IMPORTANT FROM MEXICO.

The steamship Tennessee, from Vera Cruz, arrived yesterday afternoon, bringing dates from that city to the 5th instant. The news is decidedly interesting.

On the 5th instant, the Government of JUAREZ, the Constitutional President, was formally recognized by the American Minister, Mr. McLANE. The interview took place at 1 P. M., in the principal saloon of the municipal palace. Mr. McLANE, on presenting his credentials, spoke as follows: (We translate from the Spanish version.)

Mr. PRESIDENT:—On delivering to you my credentials as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to the Republic of Mexico, I embrace the opportunity to assure your Excellency that the President and people of the United States cherish a lively interest in the prosperity and welfare of the Republic of Mexico. * * * I am confident that your administration of the public affairs of your country will so distinguish it by the protection and consolidation of those great principles of constitutional freedom which form the fundamental elements of genuine liberty, and which distinguish the republics of Mexico and the United States from the neighbors of the great empires and powers of the Eastern Hemisphere.

"Your enlightened patriotism and exalted zeal for these principles are fully recognized by the people of whom you are the Chief Magistrate of the United States, and I am happy on occasion duty to manifest the cordial good will and friendly sentiments which the Government of the United States entertains for the Government of Mexico, and which, on the part of my country, I am charged to express to your Excellency.

To which PRESIDENT JUAREZ returned the following reply:

"Upon [illegible] and gratified at receiving at your hands the credentials with which the President of the United States accredits you as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Government of Mexico, and from the official communications of the Mexican Minister, he has with no doubt of the gratification which the intelligence of your appointment will be received by the people of the United States, and from the distinguished character of the person selected for the mission, and the [illegible] of the relations which happily exist between the two countries, and every personal appreciation, has devoted himself to the establishment of the most perfect harmony and friendship between the two Governments and the people. Constituted upon the principles of [illegible] and liberty, the United States of America have reached a degree of [illegible] and progress [illegible] which [illegible] the admiration of the world. [illegible] Mexico, [illegible] the [illegible] of the Republic, [illegible] the [illegible] of the Government