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IS IT A FAIR DEAL?

Let any one who has a quarter of an hour of leisure take some colored crayons and a map of the West Indies and proceed to indicate by testimony of the eye how at the very gateway of the American nation, right upon the threshold of entrance to our own, the European and other Powers possess the soil to the exclusion of the United States.

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Draw the escutcheon of Portugal over Macao and East Timor, and the black, red and white of Germany over Kaiser Wilhelm Land and the Bismarck Archipelago.

Not that we would rob any of these nations of their ill or well gotten possessions. But who shall say that there is injustice in the claim to have some small foothold upon earth far away from our main land, when the fortune of a righteous war has thrown the opportunity in our pathway?

AMONG THE PHILIPPINE WOMEN.

The American soldiers going out to the Philippines will have opportunity to make conquests other than those they hope to achieve by the sword and bayonet. For we are told that the native female Filipinos are extremely fair, and are charmers with their black eyes shaded by long and sweeping lashes.

Their chief glory is their wealth of blue-black hair, in dressing which they take extreme pains, frequently adorning it with flowers and washing it in perfumes. They are very proud of their feet also, never seen with stockings, but in well-fitting unheeled slippers.

The Philippine women are vain of one thing above all others, and that is possession of a garment made of the pina cloth, woven from the fiber of the pineapple leaf. It is very beautiful, drapes admirably, and it costs a considerable sum, so much, indeed, that most of the women have to be content for years with a scarf of this fine material, and some with a simple head handkerchief.

All cigars in Manila are made by women. Men make the cigars, but only women are permitted to roll the full cigar. In the city of Manila it is said that there are over 4,000 women employed in that industry, and 21,000 are engaged in it in that and other places.

The bonnet is unknown in the Philippines. To protect the head from the sun's rays, if a scarf is not sufficient, a parasol is interposed. As a rule, the manners of the women are good; they are not easily won, but once attached are very faithful. Foreigners they do not repel, nor yet do they flirt with them. Boldness is more apparent than real. Their open-air habits, their

much promenading, their love of adornment of the hair with flowers and their pride in their pina-cloth garments make them appear to be attempting to attract, when, in reality, they are not exerting themselves to do so.

The great majority of our soldier boys who have gone out to the islands are young and unmarried men. Will it be at all surprising if after the war is over quite a number of them remain in the islands, and, forgetting the blue-eyed loves at home, are made captives by the black-eyed, long-haired and graceful Philippine women, despite the fact that every one of them chews the betel nut and smokes from early dawn to latest hours at night?

CATCHWORD CRITICISM.

Mr. Asquith in his recent able address on "Criticism" said that just as soon as the critic drops into the use of catchwords and formulae, there is certainly to say nothing of British Honduras and British Guiana on the mainland.

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One may wade through a column review of the art of a dramatic light which sounds loudly, in set phrases, long sentences and apparently wise analysis without gathering a single clear idea of the method criticised, or of the real excellence or the patent error of the artist.

Fact is, good criticism must be analytical interpretation but is never involved. It is not to be fault-finding, nor yet is it to cover error with the mantle of mercy. It is to be truthful, simple, strong, direct, unsparring, generous and yet analytical. For in the analysis is to be found the fortification of the interpretative judgment of the critic.

The chief fault, however, of newspaper critical columns is that they are so often too personal. They do not take the reader into confidence, nor make him a part of the circle addressed. They are too largely a discussion, so to speak, between performer and critic, between author and the writer of the "review."

Of course no reference is here made to that body of fine writers on the greater press whose whole office is devoted to examination of literary productions, and whose study is to make clear to the reader the virtues or the mistakes of authors; to give to the reader appetizing examples of that which is worthy of his consideration, and to warn him against that which is either not at all helpful or is mediocre.

Largely the same is true of the analytical criticism of dramatic art, on the greater journals of the day, by men who study to make their observation expository for the reader, and their criticism helpful to the artist; who never deal in the "slang," so to speak, the common phrases and catchwords and set formulas. In the criticism of musical work, by the way, this dealing in the technical for reading by the general public has run to the ridiculous, and become well nigh meaningless.

We should be prayerful for the return of the simple, direct, comprehensible, strong and helpful methods of such men as Professor Taylor, for instance.

Practically all people spend something to gratify the taste for amusement—and it is the right thing to do. Indulgence in that way is a necessity in a complete life. It is the lubricant of the every-day hard toil. Most people think nothing of the expenditure thus given up to break the monotone of labor and worry. But when appeal is made by the Red Cross helpers, very often the giving is accompanied by regret that there are such calls, because they are numerous, etc. In all these cases we exaggerate the amount we give for such worthy purposes. If we stop to compare this assistance given for Red Cross work with what we expend upon our personal amusements, we will find that the charity-giving is a very small thing. There is about to be given an extensive and elaborate Red Cross entertainment at Oak Park, near this city. It is hoped to realize from it a considerable sum, and this will be done if each individual will do a very little. No one is called upon for great contribution. But tickets taken by a large number of people will effect the object in view, and at the same time fill a day with rational amusement, of which there is to be such variety that almost any desire will be gratified. Literally, here is the opportunity to "kill two birds with one stone."

As an instance of how wary nations keep up a state of preparedness, it is stated as a fact that since 1893 France has kept 200,000 tons of coal stored at Toulon ready at any moment for naval demands.

The Superintendent of the Government assay office at Boise City, Idaho says the State produced 125,000,000 pounds of lead during 1897.

VOICE OF THE PRESS.

EXTRACTS FROM EDITORIAL EXPRESSION.

State and Coast Opinions on Subjects of Living News.

Stockton Record: Spain is in no condition to cope with the United States, and must be painfully aware of the fact. With overwhelming defeat abroad and revolution at home, "Spanish honor" is at a woful discount.

The national decay of Spain is at hand. There is little to do save to let nature run its course, and then make proper arrangements for the funeral. It may take diplomatists a few months to straighten out and close up the estate in the probate court of nations, but the actual fighting, barring international complications, which now seem improbable, will, of necessity, be over in a few weeks, for there will be practically nothing Spanish left for Americans to fight.

GIVE BACK THE FLAGS. Los Angeles Times: The American civil war is but an unpleasant memory; who in the sixties wore the rebel gray are now wearing the uniform of the United States army and navy, and are at the front, fighting the battles of the great Republic; the bloody shirt has been buried beyond hope of resurrection; Mason and Dixon's line is no longer anything but a recollection, for within the space of a few short weeks it has been erased from the map of the continent; the South and the North are cemented in bonds of amity, peace and good-will, and the family quarrel we had more than thirty years ago must be forgotten. Therefore, it is meet that the ensigns captured from our brothers who fought on the losing side should, if they will accept them, be returned, in order that the last visible vestige of the terrible conflict, so far as possible, shall be everlastingly wiped out of existence.

Surely since the President has put his signature to an Act of Congress removing all disabilities incurred under the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution, we should take the next step and surrender into the hands of the men who carried them into battle the banners that were once trophies, but are now merely reminders of a painful and unfortunate mistake. Brother set his hand against brother, father against son, and ruptured the relations of lovers. Therefore, let us give back the flags!

Modesto Herald: This season in California has been a perfect one for maturing growing grain, and had we been given timely rains the crop this year would certainly have been a stupendous one. California is the only State in the Union reporting a shortage, all the other wheat-growing States having big crops. Canada, too, has a good crop, and Australia will have a surplus. But the world's reserve stocks are virtually exhausted, and the farmers will realize good prices.

THE POPULAR LOAN. Shasta Courier: "The people are dead against war or any kind of Government bonds," proclaim the demagogues. The fact is the "plain people"—who have good common sense, are ready to take Uncle Sam's promise to pay, and without doubt or question. The Democratic Administration of Cleveland found takers for his bond issues in times of peace. The people, not the syndicates, will stay with McKinley and bonds in time of war. Lincoln and his greenbacks found friends among the masses of common people. So McKinley can also look to the great popular fountain for encouragement and support if he asks for it.

WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THEM. Stockton Independent: When the war ends the Philippines can only be restored to Spain or ceded to another foreign Government by affirmative legislation. Any proposition for parting with them would have to meet the approval of one or both Houses of Congress as well as the President. It would not be expedient to restore them to Spain for two reasons. She is incapable of governing them and would soon have to surrender them to Germany, France or Austria. It would be unjust to the insurgents of the Philippines after consenting to their cooperation, perhaps inviting it, to relinquish in favor of Spain. Neither would it be expedient or just to give the islands over to the insurgents without some kind of protectorate. They would be helpless to defend their independence against the contending nations of Europe that are now raising the East.

To parcel the islands out among the Powers of Europe or to suffer interference would not only be unjust to the natives of the Philippines but would be a recognition of European authority in Oriental affairs that no American Congress or administration could make and survive the popular indignation. To sell them to Japan would offend Russia, and to sell them to England would offend continental Europe. To do any of these things must require a treaty approved by the Senate or a bill approved by both Houses of Congress. It is affirmative action that could not be taken in the present temper of Congress.

OREGON'S LESSON.

Humboldt Standard: The news from Oregon is cheering to the advocates of sound money. The Republicans of that State, in their convention this spring, adopted a platform declaring squarely and unequivocally for the present gold standard. They went into the fight with aggressive courage, and proved to the satisfaction of a majority of the

voters that the safety of our finances could only be secured by maintaining the standard adopted by every other civilized nation in Europe, as well as on this continent, excepting Mexico and one or more South American States. The sound-money forces had arrayed against them the "allied parties," which means the Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans. The "Standard" has iterated and reiterated the fact that fusion is weak. When these several parties, regardless of their professed principles, unite for the sake of getting the offices, the thinking and independent men in each party are disgusted, and will not vote the ticket.

OF ACQUISITION. Placer Herald: We cannot afford to change front on our declaration that our war with Spain is not for conquest. We should, however, take advantage of the opportunity to provide ourselves with coaling stations and bases of supplies in the islands which may fall into our hands through the fortunes of war.

PROHIBITION PLATFORM. Oakland Enquirer: The Prohibitionist platform adopted in Fresno sets forth that the right of suffrage should have no qualification "save intelligence and sobriety." But how much intelligence must one possess, and how long must he have been sober before he performs the act of casting a ballot? The Prohibitionist proposition is sound enough as a philosophical generality, but, like most other qualifications which it has been attempted to enforce, it would prove weak in practice.

IRRIGATING WHEAT. Merced Sun: Over at Dos Palos, where the farmers have been irrigating wheat for three or four years past, the crop outlook is all that could be desired. A correspondent of the Merced "Sun" writes in this happy vein: "With wheat that will go from twelve to twenty sacks to the acre, and barley even more, and the prices we are sure to get, it surely does look as though this is about the only place on earth, where we believe it. From twelve to twenty sacks of wheat to the acre leaves several big margins for the payment of irrigation tolls or taxes. Savvy! IT DOES NOT TRENCH IT."

Dixon Tribune: We should like to ask what the acquisition of the Philippine Islands as spoils of war has to do with the famous doctrine of "With which that excellent doctrine aright, it affects only the acquisition by foreign powers of territory on this

hemisphere. When we seize the Philippine islands or any of the Spanish possessions in the West Indies or elsewhere, it is simply an act of war and a measure of justifiable indemnification. Spain, by her cruelty and oppression has brought about intercession on our part, and if she loses—which she most certainly must—she will be compelled to make good our losses as well as her own. In the treaty of peace which the Monroe doctrine will in any way be hazarded by the acquisitions made by the United States during the contest.

THE CUBAN INSURGENTS.

Middletown Independent: After all the talk about the Cuban insurgents lacking only arms and ammunition to be able to dispose of the Spanish army on land, it turns out that the United States will have all the fighting to do, both by land and sea. Those who were clamoring for the immediate recognition of the independence of the Cubans have ceased to vex the public ear with their Government's account of 150,000 insurgent army with which our forces can co-operate by land. The insurgents may be able to furnish our army with guides, scouts and skirmishers, but beyond this we can count on them for little else.

THE VIRGINUS AFFAIR.

Chico Enterprise: It would be something of a retribution if the scene of the collapse of the war with Spain should happen to be Santiago, which was also the scene of the Virginus tragedy, when thirty Americans, ninety Cubans and six British subjects were shot as pirates. Afterward, when the proof was adduced that they were not pirates, but the seamen, officers and passengers of a United States vessel, this Government accented \$80,000 in reparation. The whirligig of time brings about its revenges.

DEWEY'S NEPHEW.

Mysterious Disappearance and Strange Wanderings. While Admiral Dewey has been winning fame in the Philippines his relatives and friends in Vermont have combined their admiration for the naval hero with wonderment over the return of a prodigal member of the family. Edward Blackwell, who married a niece of Admiral Dewey, has just turned up, after an absence of nearly two years, and said to strange yarn to account for his mysterious absence. His return last Monday was as unexpected as was his departure twenty-one months ago. It was as though the grave had given up its dead.

Mr. Blackwell's wife is a daughter of Charles Dewey, Admiral Dewey's brother. He left his home on September 5, 1896. He visited Burlington and Brandon, and then went to Boston, where he transacted business at several places. He attended the theater with Edward R. Houghton, his nephew, and disappeared as though the earth had opened and swallowed him up. Mr. Blackwell was for several years cashier of the Montpelier National bank, and later was connected with the Thomson-Houston Company, manufacturers of electrical supplies. During his connection with this firm he was instrumental in placing upon a paying basis many electric light plants, which had before been running at a loss. He levered his connection with the Thomson-Houston Company, and assumed the management of the Consolidated Lighting Company, with offices in this city. His accounts were found to be absolutely correct, and his family and business relations were most congenial.

The wanderer's strange story is best told by himself. "Overwork did it all," he told me. "I realize now the words of warning that were spoken to me by my friends at that time, but I did not realize that the brink was so close. I remember leaving home that September day and going to Burlington, Brandon and Boston, but can recall only in a vague way my transactions in the last named city.

"It seems many years ago. I remember going to the theater with my nephew, and leaving him after the performance; but from that time for many days my mind is a blank. When I came to my senses I was on board a ship in a very hot climate, and lay on a mattress placed on the deck of a large ocean steamer. I felt that I had been ill. How I came there I do not know. I was feeble, and my mind was not yet clear. Those on board the ship were kind to me. They called me by a strange name. They asked me if I had been ill long before I came on board, and I fell in with the idea that I had been ill. Day by day I became stronger.

"I ascertained that we were sailing in the Caribbean Sea, and that the ship on which I was a passenger was bound for Colon, United States of Colombia. When I was able to be about and walk the deck I looked over the ship's books, and found that I had been put down under a name that was not my own. The passengers and officers called me by that name, and natural reluctance to telling that I had just recovered from a fit of insanity forbade me from giving out any information regarding myself, so I allowed them to address me by the name that had been given on the ship's books. It was not long before Colon was reached.

"My mind was yet in a weak state, and I feared to do anything to excite myself lest it should turn me back again to the channel from which I had had such a narrow escape. I remained in Colon a few days, but did not like the country, and deciding to get back to civilization, went to Panama and crossed to San Francisco on the Pacific Coast to San Francisco.

"I had about \$200 with me. I was decrepit and broken down, but was shown great respect on the way. I believed that I had returned to America to die. My family believed me dead, I supposed, and I was as good as dead to them. My mind was not in a dazed state, and for fully eight months after leaving Boston I was not completely myself. One of the first things I did with the small amount of money I possessed was to purchase a bicycle.

"With this (the bicycle) in my hand, California, I traveled more than 4,500 miles. I rode out into the country, because I realized that I must build up my worn out constitution. I became acquainted with a large ranch owner, and through his kindness remained at his place for two months. I took hold of the door work which I had done in the place, my knowledge of engine and machinery being of much help to me.

"A large part of the ranch was irrigated, and there was a large engine to pump water from a spring. The engine was out of order owing to insecure foundations. I easily repaired this, and the work so pleased the owner that nothing was too good for me, and when I came to go away he was sorry to have me depart.

"This work was the first that I had done since I left San Francisco. It did me good, and I began to think of something besides brooding over my unfortunate condition, and I felt a hundred times better for it. My next move was to become agent for a magazine, I rode from place to place, making orders, realizing that out of door work was what I required to rebuild myself. During this time I went under the same assumed name. I became interested in various electrical enterprises in California and Oregon, but owing to the fact that I had no references, I could not obtain responsible positions. In one town I secured the franchise for an electric plant, I wore a bicycle suit while canvassing the town for support, and was called by my opponents the 'bicycle tramp.' But I won the Board of Aldermen, and I could not obtain responsible positions. 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