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Sensible Patriotic Advice.

The Springfield, Massachusetts, Republican, is not an "imperialist" organ, neither is it an extremist on any other question, but is noted for its conservatism and its independence. It indulges in some very sensible comments, and is just now righteously indignant at the tone of the chronic grumblers against all progressive policies, and the general policy of the Democratic organs and politicians which seeks to discredit the country by finding nothing but bad in it. A great deal of truth is contained in a brief comment of the Republican, which inquires: Why not be honest and admit the truth? Why not let "party" go to the devil, and bow-wow and stand up for the country; stand up for better times; stand up for the army and navy; stand up for America, and not be eternally and everlasting howling about an imaginary ghost?

No more striking characterization of the attitude of the Democratic party could be uttered. "A party," continues this independent paper of high standing, "that can see no good in anything; a party that is continually speaking ill of its own country; a party that finds nothing but bad in its native land is a dangerous party to be intrusted with the government of the Nation, and that fact alone, if there were no other reason, would be sufficient to keep the people from voting the Democratic ticket."

This remark is based upon the attitude of opposing and pessimistic criticism and calamity wailing which has been so characteristic of the Democracy of recent years. We mean, of course, the dominant faction or wing of the Democracy—not the progressive, the loyal and real Democracy that places its duty above theories and heresies and those indulgences which agitate the business world, discredit the country and see no good in anything. The Springfield Republican is right when it says that we want men at the head of this Nation who are loyal American citizens; we want men in the state offices who are proud of their country; we want men to hold the local offices who have a good word for their Nation, for their state, for their country and their city.

Not only this, but the people want and respect public journals that are loyal to the interests of the Nation, and the state and city—who are not decrying forever their merits and breeding discontent, agitating prejudice and lying about conditions for mere partisan purposes. Why, not, indeed, "be honest and admit the truth?" The people are not fools and they know the truth.

This is an intelligent age. Facts appeal more strongly than prejudice and dyspeptic wallings. This is a time when the people are wide awake to the danger provoked by disturbers of the public mind and breeders of discontent; disloyalty to the great country—the mighty republic with a mighty destiny, and the most prosperous and patriotic Nation on the globe.

A Silly Advance Criticism.

The Register kindly informs the President that it is unnecessary to write a long message this year and instructs him that he should get what he desires in less than 25,000 or 30,000 words. It gives this generous advice after referring to the telegraphic report that it will be a long message, and then says: "It is unnecessary to compel people to wade through a score or so of columns of departmental stuff to get at the meat of the President's recommendations."

It is regrettable that the President didn't have the benefit of our contemporary's advice before he prepared his message. Readers of the Register, however, who read the news columns of that paper, were doubtless puzzled to know what it meant by its reference to 25,000 or 30,000 words of a "mass of departmental stuff," in its editorial, when the Associated Press dispatch in its news department said that precisely the reverse would be the case. While it stated that it would be a lengthy message, it said that it would deal very briefly with minor matters and did not name such an extravagant number of words. Here is the announcement clipped from the Register's Washington dispatch, which was also published by every other Associated Press paper:

"The President is devoting all of his spare time in the preparation of his message to Congress. MINOR MATTERS will be considered ONLY BRIEFLY and by far the LARGER SHARE OF THE MESSAGE will be devoted to the GREAT QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED BY THE WAR."

In its comments the Register does not hesitate to ignore and discredit the statements made in its news columns from a reliable source; and, with its usual lack of consideration, it fails to appreciate the fact that the annual presidential message this year will be issued under extraordinary circumstances and will deal with extraordinary mat-

ters. History has been made in this country more rapidly this year than in any year for more than a third of a century.

Great questions, questions involving the destiny of the Nation, and its present welfare, have grown out of a war, most remarkable in its character and unprecedented in its scope. Questions of the very greatest moment to the American Nation, and to all the people, are to be discussed; new policies are to be outlined; an account from the map at the wheel of the ship of state, during a most critical period, is to be rendered to the people through their representatives.

Mr. Cleveland's example, cited by the Register, of letting the department reports take care of themselves, was probably a good one, but the news dispatch, which the Register misquotes and comments upon unjustly, says distinctly that all matters save the great questions so important to the country, raised by the war, will be briefly treated by President McKinley, and that these questions will occupy "by far the larger share" of the message.

Mr. Cleveland had no such questions to deal with. One vital question on which President Cleveland did devote a large share of his comments, and did impose columns of what the Register would call "stuff" on his readers, announced an attitude in favor of the financial honor of the country, for which the Register and the remainder of the Bryanite organs repudiated him, and denounced him as a traitor to Democracy. President McKinley will not be repudiated by his party nor by his country, when he shall render an account of his stewardship during a momentous crisis, and shall give to the public one of the most important messages ever issued by an American President.

Captious criticism in advance of the document, which has not yet seen the light of day, and misrepresentation of its character, in the face of a distinct reverse statement in the Register of the same date as the dyspeptic wall, will not lessen its great importance to the people.

The Lewis-Webster "Recount."

In connection with the announcement that the recount in the Lewis-Webster legislative district results in the apparent election of Mr. Talbot (Democrat) over Mr. Dunnington (Republican) by three votes, is the statement that the Republicans will probably contest the seat. There is a strange feature in connection with the recount in Webster, which looks suspicious, to say the least. A Democratic gain showed uniform losses for the Republicans, while in Lewis, where Republicans have the canvassing board, all gained, showing perfect fairness.

According to a dispatch from Weston, the gains in Webster did not come from questionable or disputed ballots, but from ballots plainly marked and which any commissioner would count. A suspicious circumstance is that at one point ten ballots were found at the original count which bore no marks (blank ballots, which indicated no choice). At the recount these ballots were not there, but there were Democratic gains equal in number to these blank ballots.

In view of this statement, there is a situation which seems to call for an investigation. What became of those blank ballots at this particular point, that they were not there on the recount? Is it not singular that there were Democratic gains amounting to the number represented by them? If there is any way to clear up a suspicious circumstance like this it should be done. The people of this state will not be satisfied with a certificate granted a candidate whose title to a seat is clouded in this way.

The Republicans of the Lewis-Webster district should see to it that the matter is thoroughly sifted. They cannot look for justice from a Democratic majority in the house of delegates secured by similar methods in other counties—notably in Taylor. The record of past years has demonstrated that such an effort would be useless. But there are ways to obtain justice, providing the light can be turned on.

The prince of Wales will probably visit this country to see the race for the American cup. Of course the United States will feel highly honored by a visit from the future king of England, our best and staunchest friend in Europe, though we would prefer that he came on a visit on some occasion which would have greater international significance. He will be heartily welcomed at any time, however. One invitation is to be sent him by the Virginia Free Masons, to be present on the occasion of the Washington centenary next year, the anniversary of the death of the Father of the country.

A semi-official dispatch from Washington corrects some misapprehensions in this country and in Europe of the meaning and scope of the administration's "open door" policy with reference to the Philippines. The application of the term is limited and has no reference to the West Indies; nor does it mean free trade. The policy, as explained in the dispatch, which appears this morning, is logical, just, and entirely consistent with our general policy.

When the Register wakes up enough to discover that the Republican majority in this state at the recent election, was not 2,000 but considerably more than 3,500 and that it does not show a considerably Democratic gain over 1896, in proportion to the total vote cast, for the Democratic total vote in Democratic counties fell off in about the same ratio as the Republican vote in Republican counties, it will quit its falsification of the facts.

The young queen of Holland is already showing herself to possess a firmness and independence of character worthy of a ruler. Some time since she ordered an entire issue of postage stamps recalled because her portrait on them made her look too girlish, and now she has expressed her determination to select her own husband, and has chosen Prince William, of Wiede. The marriage will take place in the spring.

The Pittsburgh Dispatch and a few other newspapers are devoting a great amount of space to opposition to the acquisition of the Philippines, and are quoting leading men in opposition to the

administration's policy. A striking feature of all this sort of business is that this opposition, has never advanced a solution of the question, as a substitute for the policy. The President has asked for suggestions. What do the opponents propose—nothing, absolutely nothing, but objections without any suggestion of a policy of their own. Do they want us to repudiate our obligations and give everything back to Spain?

The report that Governor Atkinson has decided to call a special election to fill the places of State Senators Getzenanner and Pierson, who hold commissions in the volunteer service, is a canard. The governor has no such authority. In this connection, Chairman Dawson's point that the Democrats cannot seat their short term senators "elected" in the place of Getzenanner and Pierson, because their election was not legal, is just what a great many other people have held. The matter will be legally settled, and the law will be upheld.

DECEMBER MAGAZINES.

In the Engineering Magazine (New York) for December, Col. Charles Denby, who was United States minister at Peking for thirteen years, collaborates with Mr. E. P. Allen, long resident in China, and professor-elect of English and American law at the Imperial University, in a very clear review of "Chinese Railroad Development, Past, Present and Future." The summary is admirable for its completeness, and the indication it affords of the most promising direction for future railroad undertakings; it is even more important and interesting for the light which it sheds upon current political affairs in China, and their bearing upon capital investment there.

The Christmas number of Scribner's Magazine has several notable art features. The brilliant cover in silver, gold and colors is from a prize design by Albert Herter. There are also sixteen pages of color printing of an unusual kind—reproducing Max Parrish's very original scheme of illustration and decoration, accompanying E. J. Blumson's poetic version of a scene from Wagner's "Rhine-Gold." In the article on "John Ruskin as a Painter," Mr. Spielmann has included reproductions of many unpublished paintings and sketches, secured only by reason of his long personal friendship with Ruskin. Another artistic feature is the frontispiece by the young artists, Walter Arca, and pleon Clark, whose reputation has been made in the pages of Scribner's.

Collier's Weekly for November 28 has a number of prominent features, among which may be noted first "The Story of the Wilmington (N. C.) Race Riots." There are pictures of the scenes and the riotous mobs in the small revolution, and two graphic stories of the exciting times—one by Col. Alfred M. Waddell, leader in the reform movement and now revolutionary mayor of Wilmington, and another by Collier's Weekly special correspondent, who was sent to the seat of trouble. The front page presents a very exciting scene of the disturbance, drawn by H. Ditzler, a special artist.

The Christmas Ladies' Home Journal surpasses all expectations in the variety of its literary contents, in the interest and excellence of its pictorial features and in the wide range of articles aimed at solving the problems incidental to the holidays. There is a notable contribution on "The First Christmas Present," telling of the gift of the Magi to the Christ Child, and another recalling "Washington's Christmas at Valley Forge." Edward W. Emerson takes one back to "When Louisa M. Alcott Was a Girl," and gives some delightful glimpses of her childhood, her home and her daily life. F. Hopkinson Smith's new story, "A Kentucky Cinderella," will afford the Journal's readers much pleasure. It is much in the same vein as, but infinitely sweeter than, "Colonel Carter of Cartersville." Other fiction features are "Old Pegs" and the continuation of "The Girls of Camp Arcady," "The Minister of Carthage" and "The Jamesons in the Country."

Mr. Benjamin Kidd, the distinguished English sociologist and publicist, author of "Social Evolution" and "The Control of the Tropics," after more than two months' travel and observation from Boston to San Francisco, has just left our shores, devoting the closing day of his visit, in which he greatly heightened his already great American reputation, to putting upon paper his views of the international and colonial responsibilities and duties of the United States as enforced and modified in his own personal experiences and observations in America. This paper appears in the December number of the Atlantic Monthly, through which Mr. Kidd will make this deliberate expression of his judgment regarding "expansion," finished by him on the day of his sailing for home.

McClure's Magazine for December presents a very attractive table of contents. Rudyard Kipling gives his first installment of stories about "Stalky, Beetle, McTurk," and their associates. "The War on the Seas and Its Lessons," by Capt. A. T. Mahan, deals with the recent conflicts of our navy with its Spanish adversaries. "Hunting an Elephant," by Cleveland Moffett, and "The Later Life of Lincoln," by Ida M. Tarbell, are extraordinarily interesting papers. A number of short stories round out the issue.

In addition to "Old Captain," by Miles Hemenway, illustrated by Howard Pyle, the opening story of Harper's Magazine for December, the number contains an unusually attractive list of short stories, including "An Emerald of Rocky Canyon," by Bret Harte, illustrated by Peter Newell; "How Santa Claus was Saved," by Mary T. Van Donburgh, illustrated by W. T. Smedley; "The Second Winding of Salina Sue," by Ruth McEnery Sturgis, illustrated by B. Frost; "The White Heron," by Florence Macdonald, illustrated by Albert E. Steiner; "The Girl and the Game," a foot ball story, by Jesse Lynch, illustrated by W. T. Smedley; and the ninth and last of the Old Chester Tales, "The Unexpectedness of Mr. Horace Shields," by Margaret Deland, illustrated by Howard Pyle.

The December issue of Harper's Round Table will be a Christmas double number, with a special illuminated cover from a design of Max Parrish. It will contain sixty-four pages of reading matter, instead of forty-eight pages, as usual, and the leading holiday story, "A Revolutionary Santa Claus," by Percival Ridgale, will be illustrated in colors from drawings by Edward Penfield. As supplied in an elegant two leaflet, colored plates, suitable for framing, of war subjects, from paintings by F. C. Yohn.

The Christmas number of the Pall Mall Magazine splendidly sustains the reputation this magazine has won for its literary and artistic excellence. From one end to the other of its 160 pages it is filled with good things. No less than seven short stories are contained in the number, and poems are contributed by Henry Newbolt, the Marquis de Lorne, E. Nesbit, Lady Ramsay and others. In addition to the exquisite frontispiece the December Pall Mall Magazine contains two colored plates, designed by H. Grenville Fell, and reproduced with great artistic excellence.

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"Maud says — I'm madly in love with her new wheel." "Huh! Another case where man is displaced by machinery."—Household Words.

"Timmins is rather peculiar for a poet. He says he is averse to notoriety." "That is because of it all being gained by other poets."—Indianapolis Journal.

"Here's a writer who says married people ought to live across the street from each other." "That wouldn't do at all. They'd fall out then about things they'd borrow."—Chicago Record.

Is Field—"I have an invention which will revolutionize the world," said the boaster. "There ought to be a great demand for something like that in Central and South America," replied the matter-of-fact man.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

"I can stand being guyed about my golden-collar and my tin whistle, and all that," observed Gen. Arginaldo, "but when it comes to the papers calling me the Bryan of the Philippines, I feel like going back into the woods and living with the gorillas."—Life.

"De way it clouds up when dah's gwinter be a meteor exhibition in de sky," said Uncle Eben, "is mighty dis-appintin'. But it serves to remind a few ob us human folks dat nebbs; atch all, de hull universe ain't run foh our particular intainment."—Washington Star.

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A. R. GENERAL NOTICE.

All members of E. W. Stephens Post No. 53 are requested to meet at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday, November 25, to attend the funeral of Comrade Edward Pines. All old holders, and especially members of the Fifteenth West Virginia Infantry, are requested to attend also. JACOB TONZECKER, Commander. JOSEPH A. ARKLES, Adjutant. 1896.

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