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A DEMORALIZED STATESMAN.

ELSEWHERE we publish an interview had by a reporter of the New York Tribune with Hon. J. D. C. Atkins, Representative in Congress from the 8th district of Tennessee, some of the statements of which will attract attention. Mr. Atkins may be regarded as the leading Democrat in Congress from Tennessee. He served during the last Congress as chairman of the committee on appropriations, the most important of the House committees, save one—that of ways and means. He is a gentleman of acknowledged ability, and has always stood high in his party. He is a gentleman of education, having graduated from the University of Tennessee. He has had large influence in public affairs, and what he says is entitled to much more weight than what is said by the average politician.

This being true, his utterances on the State debt question will be received with astonishment. He is in favor of repealing the law passed at the last session of the Legislature for the settlement of the State debt, and why? Is it because he believed the law is wrong? It cannot be that, for he says he has hitherto stood for maintaining the faith and credit of the State and paying every dollar she owes. He virtually acknowledges the validity of the debt, for he says he is willing to pay 50 per cent. of the principle and 4 per cent. interest. If it is an illegal debt, certainly he would not favor paying any part of it. If we believed the debt to be illegal we would vote against paying a dollar of it.

But what reason does he give? Hear it all ye people, who have looked upon Congressman Atkins as a great man and a statesman. Why, he says, the readjusters having succeeded in Virginia the State credit Democrats in Tennessee are "sadly demoralized" and therefore he is inclined to support the 50-4 proposition, a proposition which was voted down by the people only a short time ago by an overwhelming majority. He says the Republicans of Tennessee will oppose any such a proposition, and a great many State credit Democrats will vote with them, and appears to think the Democrats will be beaten as usual. Well, we must think Congressman Atkins is himself fearfully demoralized. When a man who aspires to the rank of statesmanship gives so flimsy a reason for changing his views on so important a question, it argues a state of demoralization truly pitiable. Because the readjusters succeeded in Virginia, he will turn readjuster himself. Because his party is demoralized on a question which its leaders have been saying for more than ten years that they were going to settle, and have not settled yet, he consents to be demoralized himself. And as, according to his view, his party is on the run like a drove of frightened Texas cattle, he will run with the others, notwithstanding he admits that they are "doomed" to land in political perdition.

THE PRESS ON THE MESSAGE.

The first message of President Arthur is a very careful and well-matured document. Its tone is more frank and direct than is customary in such papers, and its recommendations, extensive and varied as they are, show that the President has patiently reviewed the field of labor so recently and so unexpectedly opened before him, and that he is not inclined to shirk the constitutional duty of aiding Congress by his suggestions and advice. . . . The President enters at length upon the question of a reform of the civil service, and the tone of his remarks with reference to it is such as must command the respect of the country. . . . With the Executive in this decidedly favorable mood, the work of reform may, and should, be promptly taken up by Congress. We have no doubt that the objections of the President to competitive tests, combined with a probationary appointment, can be met by a more careful examination of the subject, since American experience, wholly apart from that of England, affords ample ground for demonstration that these objections are without serious foundation.—New York Times.

The message of President Arthur is admirably written, calm and dignified in style and tone, and advises Congress, as it is his constitutional duty to do, on many important subjects with a wisdom and sound judgment which will win for him the public confidence and for his recommendations the attentive consideration of both Houses. Mr. Arthur's recommendations concerning the finances and revenue are cautiously made and strike us as eminently sound. We are glad that while he shows himself strongly disposed to any real measures of reform in the civil service, the President has treated the question cautiously and with due regard to the greatest public interests.—New York Herald.

The message of yesterday is a well-written, business-like document, marked by the characteristics that belong to General Arthur himself. It is free from novelties and surprises, but it is full of facts and suggestions.—New York Sun.

On the civil service the President's expressions will be generally understood as indicating disbelief in competitive examinations, dislike of permanent tenure, and a disposition to submit to as little as possible in the programme of the "Civil Service Reformers." The suggestions as to our Indian policy are in line with the recommendations long made by the wisest and fairest students of the Indian problem. The message is strongest on foreign relations and finance; but it is not weak anywhere, and it will be generally accepted by the country as a judicious, moderate and, in most respects, satisfactory document.—New York Tribune.

Everybody will admit the President's message to be a business-like paper. That, however, is the faint praise which people are accustomed to bestow upon messages which are entirely pointless, and as President Arthur's message is by no means pointless, the stock phrase fails to do justice to it. In fact, its distinction is that it is pointed. There is indeed an aggressive individuality about several portions of the message as far as possible removed from the oracular and impersonal tone which has become as customary in President's messages as in speeches from the throne. The message, in a word, is full of views, and the views are not pretended to be the views of the country, or even of a party, but only the personal opinions of the author of the message, which are to be taken, as the saying is, for what they are worth.—New York World.

The style of the message, it may be added, is exceedingly unpretentious and utterly devoid of rhetorical flourishes or mere writing for effect. It is not probable that it will take rank with the effusions of a higher order of statesmanship, but it will be recognized as the production of at least a tolerably clear-headed and common-sense matter of fact man of business.—Commercial Bulletin.

President Arthur's first annual message will stand with the best of ninety-one which have been made by his predecessors. Presidential messages have lately come to be mere summaries of department reports. President Arthur's is not, and he has thrown about the entire instrument a dignified consciousness of his position as the head of a great nation, which is commendable as it is rare in these annual State papers. Right or wrong in his recommendations he is nowhere commonplace; and in dealing with the foreign relations of the Government, a topic on which his predecessors have been too often either barren or blundering, President Arthur is at once suggestive and felicitous.—Philadelphia Press. (Rep.)

Whatever may have been the past opinions of men as to the capacity, the fitness, the partisanship of Mr. Arthur, it must be allowed that a man who can thus, coming from what is regarded as the extremest wing of his party, catch the spirit of the times, adapt himself practically to the prevailing sentiment of the country, seize upon and present its leading themes and the points uppermost in the public mind, has in the act given indications of possessing that practical statesmanship which is now so much needed. When this is the case, considering it as an established truth that the country is more interested in what it receives than in the question from whom it may receive it, carping, and narrow partisan criticism would be out of place.

Thorough discussion is an essential element to securing the best policy, and party differences and criticism must and should continue. When this country ceases to have its best lines of progress worked out through party it will cease to have free discussion and cease to be free. We do not agree with all Mr. Arthur says, nor as to what we accept do we agree in detail in all things; but his suggestions are so entirely to the practical business sense of the country that partisan criticism is disarmed and his suggestions must be tried calmly upon their merits.—Nashville American.

Presidedent Arthur's first message is on the whole a very creditable paper. The number of topics it has become the custom to mention in a President's message is so large that it would be unjust to complain of the length of the document. President Arthur has contrived to say something of value on a great many of them, and to dismiss others without expressing an opinion, but also without a great waste of words. With regard to most subjects he summarizes the reports of the different secretaries. He recommends an increase of the army and the building of a navy. He sets forth the savings made in the postal service and urges a vigorous prosecution of those chargeable with the Star route frauds. He approves the Indian policy which has been advocated in President's messages and department reports for several years, and recommends the legislation necessary to give it general effect. But the most interesting parts of the message are unquestionably those which refer to our foreign relations, to our financial policy, and to the civil service.

Upon the subject of civil service reform the President has evidently bestowed much consideration. He recognizes the existence of great evils in the now prevailing system, and the necessity of a reform. He points out in the clear and forcible language of his letter of acceptance to what objects that reform should be directed. "Original appointments should be based upon ascertained fitness; the tenure of office should be stable; positions of responsibility should, so far as practicable, be filled by the promotion of worthy and efficient officers." As to the method by which "fitness" is to be ascertained, President Arthur admits that the system of competitive examinations as carried on in Great Britain has produced very satisfactory results; but he adds that it is coupled there with certain features, such as life tenure, a limitation of the maximum age at which an applicant can enter the service, and a system of pensions, which would not be received with favor in this country. Admitting this for argument's sake, then the fact would still remain—a fact which is also recognized by the President—that competitive examinations have been carried on with excellent results also in this country, as in the New York custom house and other places, without being coupled with such features, and the President gives no reason why they should not be continued and extended over a larger part of the service in the shape already tested. The problem is to put a system of appointment based upon ascertained merit in the place of a system of appointment by favor. While the President acknowledges the necessity of this, and expresses at the same time some doubt as to competitive examinations, he does not suggest any other method which he considers more practicable. But he promises his concurrence and faithful support if Congress should pass a law establishing competitive tests, which, under the circumstances, is all that could have been expected. The President's utterances on the civil service are not only valuable for the suggestions they contain, but as a sure sign that this subject has taken too firm a hold upon the attention of the American people to be dismissed with mere unmeaning phrases.

On the whole it may be said that President Arthur's message deserves, and if we may judge from the expressions of opinion we have seen has had, a respectful and even hearty reception from the American people.—New York Evening Post.

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1.15 pm	Athens	4.39 am
2.35 pm	Cleveland	5 52 am
	Arrive	
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1.48 pm	Cleveland	9.03 pm
2.48 pm	Athens	10 03 pm
4.03 pm	Lenoir's	11.10 pm
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4.57 pm	Knoxville	11.55 pm
	Leave	
5.10 pm	Knoxville	12.07 am
7.20 pm	Morristown	1.40 am
7.44 pm	Rogersville Jun.	2.10 am
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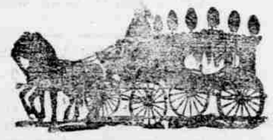

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