

Worth Thinking About.

Since about the 15th of November, 1876, our country, or rather our people, have been in rather a singular condition, exhibiting a vast amount of ignorance of the fundamental principles of our government or great distrust in the justice of their administration; in either case such a condition of affairs is not creditable to ourselves or to our institutions.

While our Constitution and the patriotism and intelligence of the people have heretofore considered equal to any and every emergency, the present undefined and undefinable jumble of acts, words, opinions and construction of laws, leaves us to conclude that our system of government is very imperfect or imperfectly understood, or else the administration thereof is maliciously or ignorantly perverted.

Others pretend that Congress has neglected to properly legislate upon the subject; others hold that the Constitution is all that is required, but that it is misconstrued and that Congress cannot add to its efficiency by legislation; these expressions, with many others that have appeared during the past three months, clearly indicate that our government is defective or sadly misunderstood.

In the first place we should consider that no law or Constitutional provision can be made to reach or cover every case that may arise in organized society, and that the spirit of the law in the minds of just and honorable men, is all that is required; and in the next place we should consider how much depends upon the virtue and patriotism of a free people in a republic.

Under such circumstances the people become restless and conclude that if such wrongs are constitutional and lawful, then our whole system is defective, from turret to foundation-stone. The real fault is not in the laws, but in the manner of enforcement, or in the neglect to enforce them at all; our laws are not so bad, nor so good, perhaps, as they might be, but they are shamefully neglected or criminally enforced in numerous instances, and the spirit of the law is not understood or respected.

Reflection to understand how and why we have our local courts, our judges and governors to superintend our local matters, entirely free from the influence or control of any higher power. But these might be continued, we are told, and still elect a President by the popular vote. So they might; but all the experience of the past, and all the lessons of history, teach us that when once these barriers of personal liberty are broken down and the head and the heels of a government come together without intervening members, that the political body is very imperfect and soon becomes all head or all heels—either a despotism or a mob.

By that innovation the laws of Lycurgus were ultimately banished, and wealth, vice and corruption introduced; the glory of Sparta passed away, and though we read of the virtue and valor of the Spartans, that pure republic is known only in history two thousand years old. The glory and freedom of our immediate ancestors is world-wide and their freedom is the boast of modern civilization, yet it is passing away; for our present political complications can be traced to the three recent amendments to our own Constitution introduced and ratified in the heat of inconsiderate and partisan warfare.

But suppose there are defects in our Constitution or that the people desire a change in the fundamental law, these things should be discussed calmly and when partisan animosity has subsided, so that the good of all may be considered and the good sense of all consulted. The Constitution is our anchor, in sunshine and in storm; by it the local government is able to protect the people, with it the general government is safe while its fastenings are held sacred; without it there is no law and with it no danger, so long as the people determine to submit to nothing wrong and to do and ask only what is right.

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About eight million Americans voted for the Presidential candidates in November and at least six million of that number believe that Tilden was elected, consequently if Hayes should be counted in, it proves that there are two million traitors and six million cowards in this thief and negro ridden oligarchy.

The Alta, speaking in regard to South Carolina affairs, says: "Surely there should be some authority somewhere for deciding the gubernatorial question, and it should be done as quick as possible." The people, who are the only competent authority, have already decided, and if Grant had any regard for his oath or even for common decency he would call off his bayonets, and the bogus Chamberlain abortion would tumble to pieces from sheer rottenness in less than twenty-four hours, and legal and constitutional government prevail.

Hipple propounded this conundrum in Congress the other day: "The right to hold office is one of the highest rights of an American citizen and how is he to be deprived of that right?" That "how" is just what Hipple and his rascally returning boards are trying to demonstrate.

Fred Douglass says: "If Tilden is inaugurated the Devil will come in great wrath." If the old fellow will exhibit his wrath as we learn he did in olden times and rush the herd of Radical swine into the sea, he will have accomplished some good in the world.

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Very Useful to Every One.

In no other way can a person get back so large a profit for a very little money, as to expend it in learning what to do, when to do it, and how to do it—in other words, to have his brains help his hands. Here is one way to do this: The small saving or extra production of less than half a cent a day, or 3 cents a week, will now procure a large, beautiful, cheap Journal, for all of 1877, splendidly illustrated, with over 600 fine original Engravings, and over a Thousand Columns of the very best, plain, practical, trustworthy information about the every day in-door and out-door work and comfort of every home, in Country, Village, and City.

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Notice to Builders and Contractors. At a meeting of the Board of Regents of the State University held Feb. 5, 1877, The Executive Committee of that body was authorized to contract for the completion of the State University building.

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ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed, by the County Court of Lane County, Oregon, administratrix with the will annexed of the estate of Alexander Renfrew, deceased; and all persons having claims against said estate are required to present them, with the proper vouchers, to me at my residence in Eugene City, Oregon, aforesaid, within six months from the date hereof.

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