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NATIONAL POLITICS.

It is fully time that we had a national government and not a mere party administration of national affairs. All good and disinterested citizens should unite in the desire to see the rancor of partisanship give way to admit the consideration of broader views and to encourage the general prosperity of the whole United States.

The mass of American voters are not politicians, even though they may be strong partisans; they probably have little idea of the dishonest tricks that are often practiced upon them, and little understand the schemes and plots, conspiracies and rascalities that are made use of to win elections.

We can think of no greater blessing to befall the American people than to see the civil service reformed; to see competent men retained in office; merit made the chief cause of promotion; to see party fealty ignored and see Senators and Congressmen deprived of all control of official patronage, and their recommendations only received for what they are worth.

As to the action of the President with regard to the South, we fully sustain the withdrawal of the troops and consider it proper that the Southern States should be left to work out the problem for themselves.

It is a question whether the blacks or the whites shall rule the South, and it needs no argument to show that ignorant negroes are not fit for law-makers. It was a terrible mistake to endow the negroes, just liberated from slavery, with suffrage.

What the country needs,—what the South especially needs—is the restoration of national feeling and identification with national interests in the fullest degree. If partisans demand a course that shall uphold party at the expense of national prosperity—such a course as has been too often pursued—surely a national sentiment irrespective of party, will uphold the President.

see questions of policy arise in the nation that will employ the minds of the people and to some degree disturb the present status of parties. When that time comes the whites of the South will divide on questions of public policy and the color line be to some extent obliterated.

Fish Culture.

Some two years ago shad spawn were brought from the East, and the young shad were launched in the waters of the Sacramento river, California, and this year young shad weighing two pounds, have been caught in that river. This demonstrates the fact that shad can be propagated in Western rivers, of which there was no reasonable cause for doubt.

The shad, it must be remembered, is the finest fish that swims, superior to the salmon when eaten fresh from the gridiron, and to show the superiority we need only cite the ancient New England laws that required fishermen to catch a proportion of salmon to so many shad. Now, for a trifle, we can possess all the best fish of Northern seas here in Oregon.

The War Cloud Thickens.

Two weeks ago it seemed as if the peace of Europe was not to be disturbed. The five Great Powers had agreed upon a protocol which set forth the necessity of reforms in Turkey and the manner in which those reforms could be accomplished, in the opinion, at least, of the Powers.

Had Turkey accepted the situation and bowed submissive to the will of the great Christian nations of Europe, it is not easy to see what excuse Russia could, with any show of right and reason, have had for commencing war. The contemptuous refusal of Turkey to accede to the terms offered her amounts to a defiance, and gives Russia all the excuse she desires to commence war for an object that has been a tradition among the people of Russia for two centuries.

Gen. Sherman predicts a struggle that will cause the loss of a million lives and involve other nationalities. Such a war cannot end in one year and may last several, though modern warfare has acquired a skill and proficiency that make war a more dangerous and rapid game than in former ages.

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