

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1886 A MISTAKEN IDEA.

EVERY little while the idea is advanced that the government ought to "do something" for the people. Sometimes it is the railroads that the government ought to take hold of and run; then again it is the express business; at present the prevalent idea is that "the government" ought to buy out the telegraph companies and run that business. The idea is so plausible that it takes favorably among a class who do not stop to think where the notion logically carried out would lead.

Our system of popular sovereignty, of political equality is diametrically opposed to the idea of a paternal government that treats men as children incapable of managing their own affairs and soothed with sop to keep them quiet. The idea of turning business enterprises over to the government is subversive of the principles of a republic. Not only that, it is destructive of private enterprise. If "the government" undertakes to control the telegraph and the railroads, the next demand will be to control the newspapers, the steamships, the manufacturing establishments, and all the rest of it. We would be as foundlings in a charity hospital, fed thin pap from sour bottles and expected to be duly thankful for the privilege.

And what magic talisman is there about "the government?" What is "the government?" You and I and all the rest of us. We, Us & Co.

THE CASE OF GREECE.

ONCE more the powers of Europe are brought face to face with the alternative of doing what they know to be right or doing that which they know to be politic. When Greece achieved her independence, nearly sixty years ago, she was glad enough after a six years' struggle, to conclude peace on terms which stripped her of three of her noblest provinces. The Greece of 1830 did not include the countries whose names, linked with those of Achilles and of Philip of Macedon and of Pyrrhus, king of Epirus, were interwoven with those charming Greek romances which are so dear to the heart of every schoolboy. She took what she could get—the Peloponnesus and Central Greece—and was thankful. Ever since then, for more than half a century, the yearning cry of the Greek people has been for a rectification of their northern frontier. Nothing but grinding poverty prevented them from flying to arms more than once to drive the Turks out of northern Greece. So obvious to all statesmen was it that at the earliest opportunity they would take the law into their own hands, that at the congress of Berlin a joint Greco-Turkish boundary commission was appointed and a special protocol of the Berlin treaty specified the new boundary line, which, in the opinion of the powers, should divide Greece and Turkey.

The commission accomplished nothing. Turkey refused to admit the line traced by the congress. Greece clamored for war, but the powers, then as now halting between justice and expediency, compromised the difficulty, and awarded Greece a pitiful tract of territory 265 miles square. Greece protested, but had to submit. Now that the treaty of Berlin has been torn to shreds by Bulgaria, with the assent of the powers, Greece once more demands her own. Thessaly, Epirus and Macedon are Greek by race, by tradition, by affinity. She asks the poor privilege of being allowed to aid their inhabitants in throwing off the Turkish yoke and annexing themselves to Greece. Europe replies by a joint note written by England and endorsed by Germany, Russia, Austria,

France and Italy forbidding Greece to go to war.

These powers are like the old-fashioned allopathic doctors who, when a man had a deep-seated pain, gave him morphia to soothe the agony and troubled themselves no further about the cause of the pain. They stifle Greece's aspirations, and indulge the hope that by so doing the danger of war will be averted. They do not realize that there is a deep-seated disease at work, and that the longer it smoulders the more violent will be its outbreak when it comes. For nearly five centuries the Turk has ruled northern Greece, but its people are more intensely Greek than they were on the day when they were conquered. They have not assimilated in the least. On the contrary, they hate Turkey more than ever. How can the aspirations of those people to unite with their kith and kin across the border be suppressed by sending a fleet to bully King George and his minister?

The ablest Greek of this century, Capo d'Istrias, believed that it was Greece's destiny to become Turkey's residuary legatee in Europe. He believed that when the sick man died, the powers would combine to establish a great Greek state, extending from the Adriatic to the Black sea, and from the Pruth to the sea of Marmora. Since he passed away a new competitor for the succession of the Turk has appeared in the shape of the almost extinct Slav nationality, for the headship in which Bulgaria and Servia are rivals. Bulgaria has now scored a point in the competition by securing the annexation of East Roumelia. Greece sees the prize so long coveted escaping from its grasp, and naturally demands compensation for the increased power secured to Bulgaria in the shape of an extension of her frontier on the north.

At a recent meeting of the Washington Monument society, Col. Casey made some very interesting statements to the members in regard to his observation of the habits of the monument, for it appears that the great obelisk is a moving, if not a living thing, and that it has a regular swaying motion when the sun is shining upon it. On every bright day the apex of the monument moves at least one inch westward in the morning when the sun's rays first fall upon it, and eastward again in the afternoon when the sun reaches the western side. The heat of the sun's rays have an expansive effect upon the masonry, and the plummet that is suspended in the interior of the monument registers this movement from day to day.

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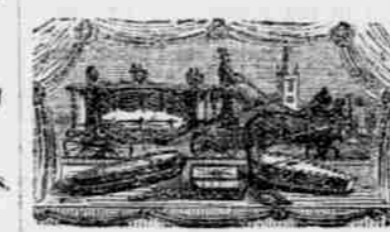
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