

The St. Louis Dispatch says: "Perhaps General McClellan's real abilities as a commander, which were undoubtedly very great, will become generally known and acknowledged. Mr. Roosevelt's extraordinary lapse of memory at the Antietam celebration has refreshed the memory of thousands who are able to measure the little man's caliber with something like accuracy."

Not Entirely Forgotten.

Once upon a time the Chicago Chronicle had much to say about harmony in the democratic party. In a recent issue, referring to the differences in the party, the Chronicle said: "Men who busy themselves with attempts to harmonize these hostile parties waste their time. They undertake to prolong the agony. They endeavor to unite irreconcilable organizations and to compose warring ideas."

It Don't Want Harmony.

The Buffalo (N. Y.) Courier says: "Why persist in classing as democratic papers such as do not support democratic platforms and tickets? This dishonest game no longer fools anybody." The same thought has occurred to a great many democrats, and it is sincerely to be hoped "this dishonest game no longer fools anybody." But the simple truth is that the dishonest game has in the past fooled a number of people.

"This Dishonest Game."

The Chicago Tribune says that it is not the policy of the United States steel corporation to sell to American consumers at reasonable rates. The Tribune adds, "it will exact at home about all the traffic will bear and just undersell its competitors in foreign markets." The Tribune might have added that it is not the policy of the republican party to require the steel trust or any other trust to deal justly with the American consumer.

Not the Policy.

A movement is on among the leading federal veterans from several southern cities to induce Colonel McClure, the federal veteran of Philadelphia, to visit the south during the coming winter and deliver his famous Lincoln lectures. Commenting upon this proposition, the Atlanta Constitution says: "It is to be hoped that Colonel McClure can be induced to make a southern tour. There can be no doubt that much interest would be manifested in his lectures."

Lincoln in the South.

Mr. Roosevelt cast reflections upon Admiral Schley, the hero of Santiago Bay, permitted General Miles to retire after forty years of faithful service with no more recognition than a brief and formal order issued by a discredited subordinate, and in his address at the Antietam celebration, ignored the name of General McClellan. Can it be possible that the reputed author of "Alone in Cuba" imagines that the candle dip can be kept burning on San Juan Hill only by obscuring the blaze upon mountains?

"Alone in Cuba."

The New York American hit the nail on the head, but did not improve its standing with the trust magnates when it said: "That the convicts in a Pennsylvania penitentiary should take to counterfeiting is deplorable, of course, but really not so remarkable. When the legislature of a state, aided and abetted by its foremost statesmen, and co-operated with by mayors and councils, deliberately steals street railroad franchises by wholesale, it can hardly be expected that the morals of convicts will not be affected."

Examples for Convicts.

Governor Durbin of Indiana recently delivered an address at Atlantic City. The governor said: "The law should indeed be freed from every vestige of technicality and delay; not as a concession to elements in our civilization guilty or capable of a resort to riot, but because the loyal and law-abiding people of this country deserve better protection against doers of crime, whether operating singly or in groups." If the loyal and law-abiding people deserve protection against doers of crime whether operating singly or in groups, why does the governor of Indiana refer to surrender to the Kentucky authorities former Governor Taylor, who is charged with being an accomplice with the assassins of Governor Goebel?

Durbin and Taylor.

The Creston (Ia.) Morning American is a bit sarcastic when it says: "Of course we have the best banking system the world ever saw," after saying: "Secretary Shaw has just deposited forty million with favored banks for the ostensible purpose of moving the crops, but now comes the news from Washington that since September 1 the banks have made application to retire \$7,800,000 of their circulation and take up their bonds so they can sell the bonds and make a big profit on the premium."

"The Best Ever."

The Indiana Sentinel says: "The suggestion that if the state of Panama should revolt on the canal question the United States would give its aid and comfort in order to secure good terms for the canal should not be entertained for a moment. We want the canal, but we cannot afford to obtain it at the cost of sacrificing national honor or playing a treacherous part toward a weak state. This government is under every obligation of international honor to maintain a friendly attitude toward Colombia, no matter what may be the outcome of the canal treaty."

A Dishonorable Scheme.

General Buckner, who was the Cleveland candidate for vice president in 1896, has taken the stump in Kentucky in favor of the republican nominee for governor. General Buckner insisted that he was a democrat in 1896, although he refused to support the democratic national ticket. General Buckner has been referred to by the Clevelandites as an "ideal democrat." Perhaps by giving his support to the republican nominee for governor in Kentucky, General Buckner is making a desperate effort to live up to this reputation in a way that will be eminently satisfactory to the Clevelandites.

An Ideal Democrat.

"For a practical politician of national prominence," says the Pittsburg Dispatch, "Postmaster General Payne is exhibiting remarkable propensity for committing irretrievable and most damaging political blunders. No sooner is he through explaining his premature characterization of the scandal which has already resulted in a dozen indictments as 'hot air' than he finds himself involved in a scarcely less compromising complication over the use of the spoils system in Delaware. And as in the department investigation, with each attempt at explanation he manages to enmesh himself more deeply."

Payne's Many Blunders.

The Emmetsburg (Ia.) Democrat says: "The Chicago Chronicle still continues its assaults on Mr. Bryan, but it refuses to say how much of the stock in the company that owns the paper is controlled by John R. Walsh, a republican." Commenting upon this statement the Des Moines (Ia.) Capital, a republican paper, says: "The inference from the above that the Chicago Chronicle, one of the most radical democratic papers published, is controlled by republicans, is on par with most of the logic used by the democratic press in this state." If the Chicago Chronicle is not controlled by a national banker who has repeatedly voted the republican national ticket, then why has the Chronicle failed to remove the very general impression that John R. Walsh controls that publication?

Then Why is it Silent?

A number of Filipinos who have been sent to this country to work upon the Philippine village at the St. Louis exposition, have been detained at San Francisco by the immigration officials. The Atlant. Constitution asks: "Do the immigration laws of this country exclude the Filipinos from coming to this country to exercise the blessed privilege of obtaining work? Are the inhabitants of those Pacific islands over which the American flag flies extended no greater consideration than that given paupers of Europe who seek admission to our shores? Is that the law, or is all this trouble due to ignorance or incompetence on the part of some immigration officials?" Under the republican policy the inhabitants of those Pacific islands over which the American flag flies are subjects and not citizens. They must be content with whatever form of government we choose to give them; and while we will insist upon implicit obedience to our authority, we do not give them the rights which we claim for ourselves, and which are conferred upon the American citizen. To be sure that is not American doctrine, but it is one of the features of imperialism.

One Feature of Imperialism.

The Chicago Record-Herald, a republican paper, says: "The one vital fact, which has become perfectly clear as the result of the discussion of Miss Todd's case, is that, whatever advances the merit system has otherwise made, the 70,000 fourth-class postmasterships are still used systematically and unblushingly as 'spoils.'" There are so many vital facts discreditable to the republican party and becoming perfectly clear to newspapers like the Record-Herald that it is difficult to understand why that publication adheres to a political organization that long ago forfeited all claim upon the support of newspapers that hope to deal fairly with the people.

Several Vital Facts.

Pointing to the fact that in 1902 the republican plurality in Ohio was 90,465, the Sioux City Journal, a republican paper, adds: "Nevertheless there is something going on in Ohio this year; but it is well to keep in mind that this is not an exceptional year in Ohio. Some one has said that 'Ohio is the greatest political experiment station in the country.' The state has long occupied that distinction." There is something going on in Ohio this year, and that republican leaders in the Buckeye State fully appreciate the situation is shown by the fact that they decline to accept the proposition made by the democrats that both committees submit their campaign expenses to the people prior to election day, in order that the people might be assured that money had not been used corruptly in the campaign.

Something Go'ng on in Ohio.

In an address delivered at Atlantic City, Governor Durbin of Indiana declared that the time has come for wider recognition of the fact that genuine patriotism consists "not merely in careless acceptance of our constitution and passive compliance with our laws, but that the complete fulfillment of the obligations of citizenship means the exertion of an active influence in behalf of the laws and the institutions which give to citizenship its value." What about the complete fulfillment of the obligations of the executive? Does that not mean "the exertion of an active influence in behalf of the laws and the institutions which give to citizenship its value?" Then why does the governor of Indiana exert an active influence against the laws and the institutions which give to citizenship its value, by refusing to surrender Taylor, Kentucky's notorious fugitive from justice?

Durbin or Fulfillment.

The two following dispatches appeared in the newspapers of the country under the same date: "New York.—The United States army transport Kilpatrick passed the bar and steamed beneath the shadow of the statue of Liberty to a place on the Jersey shore. She brought back to their own country the bodies of 302 soldiers, officers and men, who died doing their duty in the bullet-swept jungles and the fever-laden swamps of the Philippine islands." "Des Moines.—Capt. F. L. Ely, in charge of the local recruiting station, has been instructed by the war department to disregard previous orders curtailing enlistments and to recruit men as rapidly as possible for immediate service. It is stated that there is the greatest need of men for infantry service in the tropics." The Des Moines News says: "These two dispatches succinctly tell the whole story. New men are needed to drink the poison of the Philippine climate and to fill the pine boxes awarded the patriot dead."

Drinking the Poison.

Speaking of the so-called currency reform, the Wall Street Journal says that we should legislate "solely to create a system that shall most quickly adapt itself to the changing conditions of business without any sacrifice of that security which must be the corner stone of any sound financial system." In this the Journal does not make itself quite so well understood as it does when it says: "Of course there are some things which might properly be done now, but any large measure of reform might better be postponed until after the presidential election. Then we should be in the proper financial and political frame of mind to approach the subject calmly and without prejudice." But why, if legislation be necessary, should it be postponed until after the election? What reason is there to believe that after a presidential election the dominant party will be "in the proper financial and political frame of mind to approach the subject calmly and without prejudice?"

Manana and Manana.