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Safe, Sound and Sane.

There are many splendid points made in the vigorous and comprehensive report of the "Committee on Religious Prejudice" of the Knights of Columbus...

The first refers to the Catholic Press and is as follows: "Only by building up and supporting a strong Catholic Press, thoroughly tolerant in spirit, thoroughly American in tone, thoroughly Catholic in teaching and influence, a Catholic Press, Jewish and as such increase that without sacrificing truth is and prosper, or will it become a threat to the trend of the times...

The second point is this: "Religion and politics must be kept separate in this country or in the great Northern states, in both will be ruined, and the country with them."

At frequent intervals, United States consular agents and others who know issue warnings to the effect that if American manufacturers wish to capture the South American trade and other foreign commerce, they must study local conditions and adapt their wares and methods of packing, shipping and salesmanship to those of the customers if they would gain reach and make permanent customers.

W. W. Auchinbaugh, writing in "Leslie's Magazine", gives a number of incidents in the routine development of our foreign trade to illustrate the fact that provincialism is the besetting sin of our manufacturers and merchants. A manufacturer having brought a product much used in hither Asia to a coast whereby he could deliver it at a price below that which it was bringing in those markets, by way of good measure put a resplendent rooster on each article. The Koran he had never considered as something to be reckoned with in trade, but the Koran forbids the reproduction by man even in pictures of anything "made by God." More than \$100,000 worth of his goods were useless; he could place...

Reflection. Now that the election is decided, except to a few who hate to give up too soon, it may not be out of place to indulge in some reflections. In the first place, the public temper of the United States has improved since 1870 and 1884. Then a doubtful election set the public pulse to beating with accelerated rapidity and many persons feared civil war. If things had not quieted down. This year, with just as close an election and with returns fully as belated, the American public took things calmly and good-naturedly. All they wanted was to learn which candidate had received a fair majority of the votes cast and then the result was acquiesced in without resort to force of arms. There is another reflection. It behooves us of the East not to underestimate the feelings and...

aspirations of our brethren in the South and West. We must not take the supercilious attitude that what the East wants must necessarily be what all the rest of the people in the country want. The sun does not rise and set in the Harlem River or the Boston Hub. One trouble with us of the East is that we think there is nothing in the known world West of the Erie canal. And, no matter how superior we may consider ourselves, we of the East need those of the South and West. Not all our products can be consumed in the East and not all of our raw materials is produced in the East. Moreover, whether we like it or not, the vote of the Westerner counts one just as does that cast by his neighbor of New York or Massachusetts. And so this election of 1916 may be a valuable lesson. Not in a long time, we fancy, will the New York newspapers repeat the mistake of assuming that because New York gives one presidential candidate a plurality of 200,000 that, therefore, that same candidate has been chosen President of the United States. And now let everybody fall in behind the President and give him loyal support!

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