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President's Message. The reader will find this document in full on the first page of the Columbian.

This message certainly possesses the merit of brevity—a more rare and highly prized virtue. It is also written in plain and concise style and will be readily understood by the reader.

The recommendation of general amnesty will surprise the President's party and it is a pity that it is buried by the suggestion of a possible exception. If the President shall prove by his future action that he means what he recommends in this regard, he will deserve credit for performing a patriotic duty.

The recommendation of a reduction of duty will not strike our Radical protectionist friends in Pennsylvania with pleasure. Taken in connection with the fact that the Radical speaker of the lower House of Congress has appointed a free trade committee to handle the tariff subject, the protectionists may well feel alarmed.

The message, however, upon the whole, wears too much the appearance of a Presidential bid to be highly regarded for its recommendations. These will be more closely criticized as the session of Congress progresses.

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Several years ago the Spaniards have been practicing various cruelties usual to them in conducting war against weak people. Whenever they capture a friendly Cuban rebel, they execute them all at once.

It would seem that men of sense could not have much respect for that pitiful species of political warfare that objects to everything that is done by an opposition administration, or its head, whether right or wrong, important or trivial.

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The Passive Policy. In regard to the 'passive policy' advocated by some persons as the proper one to be pursued by the Democracy in the Presidential contest of 1872, Senator Trumbull, of Illinois, very truly says:

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