

The old year closed in Spain with a bloodless revolution. The military sham republic of Serrano gave place to a monarchy with the young scion of the Bourbons as figure-head King.

A rapid recital of preliminary facts will not be amiss. Well, then, in February, 1873—not quite two years ago—Prim, the soldiers and "the people" drove out the profligate and heartless Queen Isabella.

Alfonso the Twelfth, son of the ex-Queen Isabella, who has been proclaimed King of Spain, was born on the 28th of November in the year 1857.

The New York Tribune regards the new prince as possessing neither strength of body or mind. Showing up his antecedents and explaining by these that nothing good can be expected of him, the Tribune employs this scathing language:

He is universally regarded in Spain as illegitimate. He has no claim whatever upon the throne except that he is the son of his mother, who was as bad a woman as Queen. Her mother was like herself, and her father, if possible, worse.

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It ridiculous. Had Castelar had the courage of his convictions and acted logically on the principles he taught the Republic might have been established permanently. But he was a "Spaniard before a republican," and when he saw the threatening progress of Carlism in the North he endeavored to weld men of all shades of liberal opinion into one party to combat the reactionary element in the North.

JOURNALISM A PROFESSION. Certainly. The fact should have been recognized long ago. The journalist, as much as the clergyman, the physician, the lawyer deserves the consideration due a member of the learned professions.

Druidism Still Preserved in Wales. [London correspondence of the Cincinnati Commercial.] I have just obtained through a Welsh friend a few items concerning a mysterious sect in the south of Wales, concerning which no record whatever exists, but which I believe to be the very last remnant of the ancient Druidic religion.

The Richmond Enquirer appears with the new year under a new management, which has been announced by telegraph. It is understood that its staff comprises such able writers as Col. Alfred P. Bennett, Mr. W. W. Berry, G. Watson James, Esq., Capt. Ernest Wiltz and Maj. F. A. G. Handy.

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The Herald regrets that the band of brilliant men who had made the Republic possible in Spain proved unequal to the opportunity. P. y Margall proved a more dangerous enemy to the Republic than any of the reactionary leaders could have been. He clogged the wheels of government from a foolish vanity to play the part of dictator, and first prepared the downfall of the Republic by making

machinists, and that boys and girls will materially increase their opportunities for securing remunerative and pleasant employment by the acquisition of a fair degree of elementary knowledge of drawing. This is a subject to which we adverted at length some weeks ago. "Our voice is still for war." Let instructors, school boards, etc., take the matter in hand forthwith.

The Baltimore Sun thinks that perhaps the grand march of inventive genius is in a circle. Iron-plating was invented to protect the wood of vessels from injury. Now Russia is building wooden-clad iron vessels of war, the outer coating of timber to protect the iron from injury.

Mr. F. R. Wickenburg, a well-known Charleston merchant, is dead.

Senator Sprague has sold his interest in the Providence Press to ex-Gov. James Y. Smith.

Blessed are they who scatter ashes upon slippery sidewalks; for they shall slide easily through the gates of Paradise. At least, so says the Richmond Enquirer.

The correspondent of a Boston paper, who has talked with Harriet Beecher Stowe, says she is a literary sensualist, absorbed in the happiness of peopling new worlds.

"Prof. Albini" so exasperated a Petersburg audience with his transparent impostures that the police had to lock him up in the station-house to save him from their fury. The Professor is a necromancer and gift distributor.

The pilgrims march silently after their aged leader with the wand up the mountain, and when they arrive there he preaches to them a strange sort of mixture of materialism and fetishism.

Miss Clara Hale, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, has been on a gunning expedition down the peninsula, and met with considerable success. Early on Tuesday morning last she went out, and in a short time succeeded in bagging sixteen partridges and three squirrels. The night of the same day she shot eight muskrats, two of which, however, she failed to get.

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