

because he has not succeeded in making a favorable impression on the world; nor should a young man of 21 become unduly elated or vain because he has succeeded in winning some admiration. The battle of life has not begun for most men at 21. With the great majority both victory and defeat are a long way off. A poor start does not by any means mean a bad ending, nor does a good start always lead to a triumphant finish.

The proposition presented by the suicide of young Stevenson and the elevation to a justiceship of young Osborn amounts only to this: That a boy, as a rule, does not and cannot know whether he is a success or a failure at 21, and he is simply impudently presumptuous when he passes judgment upon the ways of the world or the wisdom of his Creator.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

A Timely Warning to Democrats.

We publish today, under the caption "Will Tennessee Democracy Surrender Its Principle and Repudiate Past Platforms?" a forcible presentation of the political situation, and one which clearly points out the dangers that now threaten the party. Every democrat in the land should read and ponder over the pertinent facts and the logic of events as indicated in this warning.

It would be well for the party in Tennessee especially to heed this warning.

As is shown, those who disrupted the party and aided in defeating it in 1896 and 1900, now are seeking to take full control, reverse the whole party creed and nominate the chief deserter in those two notable campaigns.

The writer of the communication takes the high ground that the party declarations, to which Mr. Cleveland and his followers refused to subscribe, have reflected the sentiments and hopes of the party throughout the long years of its existence since 1840, when the first national democratic platform was adopted.

It is shown that all along the eventful career of the democratic party since the year of its birth to this good hour, the party of the constitution has been for bimetalism and against the rule of the "concentrated money power."

It is pointed out that Cleveland and his crowd are trying to recapture the democratic party, adopt a Cleveland platform and nominate Cleveland for the presidency.

In view of the designs of the minority element, that element that has been out of sympathy and out of voting with the democratic party during the past eight years, it is now up to the democratic party to meet the exigencies of the hour by forcing a distinct and thorough understanding as to what may be expected at the hands of the national convention.

The persistent contention on the part of the "reorganizers" for an un-instructed delegation carries the stamp of fraud upon the face. It has the double purpose of procuring the nomination of Grover Cleveland and the repudiation of the Kansas City platform. The movement is one of stealth and deception. While conciliatory in its offering, the design is clearly evident to force stultification and humiliation upon those steadfast and faithful democrats who have stood by the party through a long period of detraction and villification.

The Cleveland organs, with one accord, have all along urged a compromise policy, and at the same time have held Cleveland up as the great and only Moses to lead the party out of the wilderness. While advocating a harmonious coming together of the discordant elements on a middle ground with a compromise candidate, they have industriously and persistently searched the face of the earth for those who would consent to say, "I am for Cleveland." Falsely pretending to favor a compromise, they

have designedly sought to bring about the nomination of the man who had more part in the undoing of the party in 1896 and 1900 than any other one man.

Self-respecting democrats, who have no apologies to offer for marching under the party's banner when Bryan was in the lead, the democrats who still believe the declarations of the party were right and that the cause espoused was a righteous one, will resent the insolence of this arrogant minority that is striving to turn the party over to Cleveland and Wall street.

Forewarned is forearmed. Knowing the deserters are seeking to control the state convention for the purposes herein enumerated, every delegate chosen by the mass conventions should be of the genuine type, to the end that the delegates to St. Louis may be democrats, and not deserters; that they may be of that class of democrats who have faith in the traditional principles of the party and have the courage to maintain them, and not of that class that are in the service of the party of pelf and plunder.

Select democrats to perform the party service, and whatever compromises are deemed expedient and admissible will be made by them, and not by a crew of party wreckers.

Senator Carmack, who is one of the nation's strong men and who is democratic in every fiber, every impulse and every inspiration, strikes a blow at the Cleveland movement. With characteristic force and candor, he says:

"The class of democrats who may be distinctively described as Cleveland democrats seem to be dominated by the one idea of rubbing it into the democrats who have loyally stood by the party while Mr. Cleveland himself was supporting the republican ticket."

Senator Carmack then hands the Cleveland interviewers the following hot one:

"A little coterie of Cleveland boomers say to us in effect, 'We insist on putting the brand of infamy upon every man who supported the democratic ticket as the only condition of peace. We must have Cleveland himself, or else we must have some man who voted for McKinley or for Palmer and Buckner.' Such anarchy, of course, will be destructive of all harmony and ruinous to the democratic party. So far as the argument for Cleveland's nomination is concerned, it amounts to nothing more than that with him as the nominee, Wall street and the trusts will put up a larger campaign fund than they would for any other candidate, democrat or republican."—Nashville Daily News.

The Way of the World.

There was a man once on a time,
Invested all his health,
With madly avaricious aim
To win the goal of wealth;
And when the same he had attained,
With all his might and main,
He vainly lavished all his wealth
To get his health again.
—Farm Journal.

Easy in Panama.

In few places on the earth has the weather prophet as easy a time as in Panama. In that part of the globe he can always tell to a certainty at what hour to expect a downpour of rain. At 3 o'clock every afternoon it is due and it seldom fails to be on time.

This is the rule all through the rainy season. The morning is clear and the evening, after 6 o'clock, is delightful, and except from 3 till 6 nobody ever thinks of carrying an umbrella.

Not so in Colon, only forty-seven miles away. There it rains all the time during the rainy season, and it never rains but it pours. Water comes down by the bucketful. At Panama the annual rainfall is in the neighborhood of nine feet, while that of Colon is 21

feet, and it all comes in five months—an average of four feet a month.

It is humorously said in Colon that there it takes the people all the rest of the year after the rainy season to get dry.

In the dry season the heat is intense, the mercury ranging from 80 to 90 degrees day and night. There is little difference in the temperature after dark, but it is possible to adapt oneself to the conditions of the place and there is a certain fascination about it that, in the case of some people, seems to make up for the heat.—Chicago Chronicle.

A Scientific Diagnosis.

"What is your diagnosis?" asks the older physician of his young confrere, who is earnest, but inexperienced, and

who has been called in consultation. "Well," says the younger medico, "there doesn't seem to be much the matter. The patient has a slight fever and some little tightness of the chest. I should say there was nothing more than a cold bothering him."

"My boy," said the older man, kindly, "you have gone about it wrong. Note these symptoms: A white marble stairway in the entrance hall, gold furniture in the parlor, cut glass and silver galore in the dining room, two automobiles in the side yard, a solid mahogany—"

"But what has that to do with the sickness of Mr. Gumpurse?"

"It has lots to do with it. The man has congestion of the bank-account, and the proper move for us to make is to relieve that as much as possible."—Judge.

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