

The Democrat.

POLITICAL FORESIGHT.

The following dispatch shows Blaine's political foresight: Senator Joe Blackburn after many weeks of secrecy, tells an intensely interesting story about Blaine and his wonderful political foresight...

Out of the general wreck arises a solitary figure alone, but conspicuous. That figure is Mr. Blaine. He is ways lowering, he now appears peaceful in prominence. He alone emerges from the crash of disaster unharmed. To him his party will turn as the only Moses or Joshua that can lead it out from the mire of defeat to solid ground where a footing may yet be gained, and now, that it is all over, I will tell you of a scene I witnessed in which Mr. Blaine was the principal actor, a scene, that to me, was so full of intensity as to be almost dramatic...

"This bill is an infamy and an outrage. It is the most shameful measure ever proposed to a civilized people. Go on with it and it will carry our party to perdition." I was feeling considerably interested, and said: "I wish you were in the senate, Mr. Blaine, to announce yourself in such terms."

"I wish I were," he answered. "If I would stamp it under my feet and spit upon it." Then advancing toward Senators Allison and Hale he alternately swept his fingers in the face of each alternately, and with rising indignation said: "Go on with your divilling filiochy and see to what destruction it will lead the republican party. Pass this bill and in 1892 there will not be a man in all the party so biggared as to accept your nomination for the presidency."

"Then he began to dissect the bill, particularly the sugar schedule. This he did with a sudden blow as he brought it down on his hand as if with such force as to smash it flatter than pancakes, and then seizing the battered chapeau he hurled it against the wall violently. I never saw an ebullition, but it only emphasized the deep earnestness with which the secretary argued against the policy, about which his opinion as then given now seems prophetic."

"Will he be the republican nominee of 1892?" was asked of Senator Blackburn. "Certainly, from now on no other man will be thought of, and henceforth you will see a still wider divergence on his part from the course of the Harrison administration."

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THE CAUSES.

The republican mourners go about the streets in prayerful search of the causes of the great disaster that engulfed them on the 4th of November, but many of them seem unable to yet recognize them though they are seen by all men. Let us aid these friends somewhat in their quest. The republicans had a record once in which they were proud and many of their policies commended themselves to the country, but a long career of party success made them despotic and utterly reckless and regardless of the political rights of the minority, pursuing such a course as indicated that they believed democrats had no rights that they were bound to respect. When the tide turned against them and Tilden was elected president, they forced Hayes to usurp the great office to which he had not been elected. This, in our judgment was the great turning point in the history of the republican party. It was the fatal point, "where gravitation shifting turned the other way." That deed took from patriotic republicans that pride in their party, upon which, prior to the culmination of that outrage, they had loved to dwell. It was the "wreck" in the closet" which they all had been seeking to avoid. Since Hayes retook no republicans has been bold or brave enough to defend this great fraud, "first triumphant in American history."

Without attempting to point out the perfect identity of the leaders of the republican party with the monopolies and plutocrats, how they have utterly ignored every right and interest of the great body of the people in the interest of the powerful and wealthy classes, let us mention the admission of rotten borough states solely for the purpose of strengthening their waning power, and when Montana voted against them, they boldly took two senators by fraud and violence whom the people had said should belong to their opponents. The election of a president by bribery too open and notorious to be denied, and who as soon as he was seated in power introduced against the "spoils system" in its most offensive aspect in the very face of a platform pledge that all executive appointments should be made alone on the ground of fitness and no removals made except for sufficient cause other than partisan. All these acts of commission as well as many of omission, of a great body of the republican party might have condoned for their party's sake, but then came Reed, McKinley and Lodge as political leaders. Reed's conduct as speaker is without a parallel in any deliberative body ever convened by an English speaking people. It was nothing short of an actual mad revolution to accomplish party ends that was unattainable by any fair or honorable means. Peaceable it is true, but utterly unknown to the forms of law and contrary to all precedent in parliamentary bodies. Then came McKinley with his intensely partisan and outrageous tariff bill, prepared for the sole purpose of building up all kinds of monopolies and inviting the establishment of all kinds of trusts with power to oppress and rob the consuming class. To these men we added Harrison who reared a millionaires and more paupers, to take from the farmer and consumer most of their earnings and give them to the favored classes. In a word a bill which has been aptly termed by a mass meeting of republicans as "the sum of all villainies." Add to these, pension legislation more profligate and demoralizing than any ever before known in any country, designed not as a reward for patriotic services, but a lure for future warlike effort. To cap the climax came the force bill designed to place the machinery for electing members of congress and president and vice president with such unscrupulous republican leaders as Dudley Quay, Elkins, Clarkson & Co. thus keeping that party in power for all time to come. To these men we added Harrison who reared a millionaires and more paupers, to take from the farmer and consumer most of their earnings and give them to the favored classes. In a word a bill which has been aptly termed by a mass meeting of republicans as "the sum of all villainies." Add to these, pension legislation more profligate and demoralizing than any ever before known in any country, designed not as a reward for patriotic services, but a lure for future warlike effort. To cap the climax came the force bill designed to place the machinery for electing members of congress and president and vice president with such unscrupulous republican leaders as Dudley Quay, Elkins, Clarkson & Co. thus keeping that party in power for all time to come.

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A CHINESE RAILWAY.

There is now in operation in China between eight and ninety miles of railroad, lying between the Kat-Ping collieries and Tien-Tsin, the nearest port to Feking. This line was commenced in 1881, to carry coal from the mines for a distance of seven miles to the head of a canal, which for topographical reasons, could not be brought nearer. Permission to build had been asked the authorities in vain several years before, and was only finally secured by the declaration of the directors of the company that they must stop mining unless they obtained this means of transportation. Then leave was granted for the construction of a tramway, on the condition that only horses or mules should be used as motive power. It was a call of taking an ill where an ill had been given, and the English engineers went quietly to work to construct a locomotive out of such bits of iron and steel as they could gather. They succeeded by making a machine that would run, but had no sooner done so than they were prevented from putting on the finishing strokes. The tracks in the yard in which it was built were torn up, and it was thrust into a shed, either for final treatment or to wait for better days. A few months afterward its completion was ventured upon, and the government kindly withdrawing its scrutiny, the operation of the little road by steam began without official sanction.

The principal objection of the government to railroad enterprises, while admitting their usefulness, was that they would probably have to be managed by foreigners, who would thus obtain for themselves a foothold in China. Experiments in a small way were subsequently made, showing that this could be avoided. Under a board of Chinese directors, twenty-three miles were added to the Kat-Ping road, and afterward another section of sixty miles, bringing the line to Tien-Tsin. This road is in the northeastern corner of the kingdom, in an out-of-the-way nook, where the population is sparse, and popular prejudices have least to be contended with. Its importance to the farther prosecution of the railroad system, however, is great, as it not only demonstrates that the natives can control their own roads, provided that they can pay for them, but it can furnish the necessary supplies of coal for the operation of other railways in the region of Peking and Tien-Tsin. Though coal abounds in nearly every province of China, the mines at Kat-Ping are the only ones that have been worked for two years ago) the only one in the empire.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

WARSAW Nov 11.—The trial of Midwife Skibinska her daughter Mme Marowke her sister-in-law another woman and two men for the murder of 200 infants has local conclusion. It was in evidence that the children were never interred slightly but not to excite suspicion they were buried in half dozen holes. They were defended by seven advocates but were found guilty. Skibinska was sentenced to 3 years imprisonment and her co-defendants were fined. Against the leniency the public prosecutor has appealed.

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