

IN A CHAOTIC STATE.

PARTY LEADERS AT SEA ON QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE AND POLICY.

The Present Session of Congress Continues to Be a Farcical Spectacle—Twist the Rock and the Whirlpool—A Fight in Which No Quarter Is Asked.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(Special.)—The leaders in congress are between the devil and the deep sea. This is a statement made with a good deal of pleasure by members of the Republican minority.

The further the present session of congress continues the more of a spectacle it becomes. The late lamented Steele Mackaye never for a moment conceived of anything so stupendously absurd.

"A Plaque to Both Your Honors." But the "Roman mob" on the floor of the house have no heed for results, bethey what they may.

This utter abandonment of consequences to the party now in power is the natural result of success to a body made up largely of the discontented elements in politics.

The Republicans had held full sway so long that of necessity many abuses had sprung up in national affairs.

This is but too true. In a large sense it is not justified by the facts in the case. The Democrats were not responsible for the Sherman silver law, nor were they responsible for the depleted condition of the treasury.

But what are you going to do about it? That is the question which confronts the leaders of the Democratic party at both ends of the capital at this time.

What about the tariff? Who can tell? President Cleveland, worn out by his efforts to unite his party, went off in disgust to a government to revise the tariff to kill ducks.

Now as to silver. Again you are met with the same unwillingness to go on record. The silver men, in an indefinite way, that is truly beautiful, will tell you that phenixlike, silver will rise from the ashes of the past and that this congress will adopt the double standard.

The gold men are just as "chippy." They pooch the claims of the silver men, but cannot give any definite assurance as to what the outcome will be.

When a Chinese Bank Falls. Bank notes were issued in China as early as the ninth century, when the art of printing was unknown in Europe.

A Pretty Kettle of Fish. Altogether it is a pretty kettle of fish, and all of them, big and little, are in pretty hot water.

A Chinese Invitation. The Chinese send three invitations to the guests that they desire to see at their great repasts.

To Make It Permanent. The faint and elusive mark of a lead pencil can be preserved by holding the written page over the spout of a fast boiling teakettle.

Chief Otan, the orang-utang from the Javanese village in the Midway, has arrived at the Philadelphia zoo.

The men in the Caucasian settlements in South Africa outnumber the women by 10 to 1, and spinners are rare.

THE LAWYER OF TODAY.

He Is Gradually Becoming More and More of a Specialist.

"There is as much learning here in the legal profession as ever, but it is not on exhibition," said a Philadelphia lawyer.

"In the first place, the courts will not countenance its undue display. In old times an advocate was allowed great latitude. Formerly, in a case of damages caused by a neglected sidewalk, the attorney would be allowed to expound not only the laws relating to damages for neglect, but he might stray off into the realms of medical jurisprudence at great length, and even perorate with an allusion to the Magna Charta, the constitution and the American eagle.

"Today the practice of law, like other professions, is becoming more and more specialized. A law office is simply a business office, as you may discover by visiting some of the handsome new office buildings down town.

"As to young lawyers, however talented they may be, if without social or political prestige, their struggle to advance in the profession is sure to be a hard one.

"I may say that there is an evident impetus to change many useless old legal methods. The remark of Lord Coleridge, when in this country, that there were many volumes of English legal decisions which it would do no harm to destroy, would answer as the mainspring of this impetus.

Another lawyer, older than the other, said: "Progress in the legal profession? Progress is hardly a term to apply to law, for it is founded on precedents, sometimes the older the better. For this reason jurisprudence is the least progressive of the sciences.

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