

A Game of Bluff.

In the following article the New York Herald shows how the Republicans are playing a game of bluff. The Herald says:

A gentleman writes to ask if the Herald will help him out of a perplexity. He says: "Can you explain this St. Louis muddle? I have supposed that the Republicans went into the war because they were determined that all Americans should constitute one people and one nation. And now when that desired result has been reached they seem equally determined to keep the North and South apart. What in the name of common sense does this mean?"

And in reply to the above query the Herald proceeds as follows:

Well, it means politics, and very poor politics; that is all. There is no common sense in it, much less is there any patriotism, but as a piece of demagogic strategy it has its value to the Republican leaders. You need not be alarmed about it. It has no significance and will produce no results. The people already see that it is simply a game of bluff, whose constituent elements consist in equal parts of very loud talking, three little pistol, a bloody shirt, which has at last outlived its usefulness, and a few threats of personal violence because the President insists that the cruel war is over.

The organs of the Republican party have one motto, and if you keep that in mind you will understand all the fine rhetorical trapeze work which they are now getting in. The motto is, "When the bloody shirt goes to the laundry, we go to the cemetery issues."

So far as the administration of the country goes, the Democrats are firmly fixed in the driver's seat, the obedient and willing team goes at a good, honest rate up hill and down, and the passengers are enjoying themselves thoroughly. The natural coach is being driven without the financial jolts of the last twenty years, and the mud holes are carefully avoided. Republicans like Blaine, Sherman, and Foraker see this and are almost frantic. In 1884 they borrowed the trumpet of Gabriel and blew a blast throughout the land to the effect that if a Democratic coachman was allowed to handle the reins there would be in the near future the most awful upset and the most terrible aggregation of bruises and broken bones and other disasters that the human mind could conceive. Imagine their horror when they awoke to the fact that the finest coachmen in the country are Democrats—that the people are convinced of this fact, and therefore relegated the Republicans to reserved seats on the inside for the indefinite future.

Of course, the Republican party wants to get back to Washington. That is perfectly natural and perfectly proper. If they have anything to say to the voters of this country which is worth listening to, the people are ready to hear. For, after all, what the great body of Americans want is a stable, an honest, an economical and peaceful government. They do not care a pin's worth for a party as such, neither the Republican nor the Democratic, but they do care a good deal for their commercial interests, for general prosperity and for everything which goes to make us a strong nation. They invited the Republican leaders to step down simply because their trading propensities were too fully developed. They discovered that public office, which should be a public trust, was prized as a bartender prizes a lemon—for the juice that can be got out of it; that there were numerous political rings which were robbing the people of the national domain, using the Pension Office to buy votes with and spending scores of millions on a navy which was somehow all "in your eye." In a word the people were "tired" and in November 1884 they said so.

But now, on the eve of another Presidential election, if the Republicans have anything to offer, why, the people are quite willing to look the goods over and pass judgment on them. Their cry is that they want to serve the Union, but when asked how they propose to do it they frantically pull out this ragged old shirt and three wrinkled palsies, the patent for which has been applied for. If you ask again how they can save the country with a shirt and a few palsies, we answer that we don't quite see ourselves. Still, so far as is known, these are the only assets of the Republican saviors.

President Cleveland has in two years signed 863 private pension bills which is 378 more than Grant approved in eight years, 569 more than Hayes signed in his four years, and 127 more than were signed by Garfield and Arthur combined. Cleveland has signed three general pension bills, which have given new or increased pensions to 98,500 needy veterans or their widows and orphans. More money has been paid out for pensions this year than ever before. More pensions have been granted during the past year than in any preceding year in the history of the Government. There are sixty-four more soldiers employed in the Interior department than when Cleveland was elected. There are fifty-four more soldiers and their kindred in the pension bureau than when Cleveland was elected. For the first time since the war every pension agent is a Union soldier and every pension examiner is a soldier or a soldier's widow.

John Sherman writes that he is for Blaine if he cannot secure the presidential nomination himself. We have little faith in the sincerity of the cold, severe Sherman. He could have said nothing else at this time, and if he had said less it would be sure to rouse the enthusiastic resentment of Blaine's admirers in and out of Ohio. Wily John knew very well that he must agree to support Blaine in the event of that gentleman's nomination. It would never do to proclaim himself a bolter before the convention meets.—Sacramento Bee.

In an election argument in Kentucky two Republican lambs got the drop on two Democrats and wounded them mortally. One of the saints was slightly wounded, the other wanted to the bosom of Tollyver, the Republican leader in Rowan, who committed murders by the score.

P. T. Barnum was going to sell out for twenty-five cents on the dollar if Cleveland were elected. He has not sold yet, but is offering \$20,000 for an authenticated sear-scent.

It is rumored that the great African explorer, Henry M. Stanley has been killed by natives after having been deserted by his escort.

Gov. Pennoyer has forwarded to the publishers the new code compiled by W. Lair Hill, with his certificate of approval, and the state will purchase 1000 copies.

They are witnessing a novel spectacle at Virginia, where Riddleberger, United States senator, is in a county jail for contempt of court.

The president has appointed William Parsons, of Hartford, Conn., special agent to allot lands in severally to Indians on the Umatilla reservation in Oregon.

There were many Republican aldermen on the New York City Board in '84, and they were all boodlers.

Why Put in the ?

[From the Cincinnati Enquirer.] Republican assets—Tuttle and Fairchild.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—Miss Bonnie Riley, daughter of R. B. Riley, an extensive property owner in the vicinity of Salmon and East Park, attempted suicide Sunday night by taking cocaine. She was taken to St. Vincent's hospital where Drs. Mackenzie and Geiger succeeded in reviving her, and she is now in a fair way of recovery. Some years ago the mother of Miss Riley died, leaving this unfortunate girl without the care and attention of a mother at an age when it is most necessary. Being of a free disposition, her conduct was such as to bring discredit upon her, and her father sent her east to attend school. Returning a few weeks ago she took up her residence with a family on Morrison street, and was waiting money from her father to further complete her education. But on last Sunday the Mercury contained a very unjust article, she says, reflecting on her character, and along with the jibes and insults of others, she broke down and sought relief by suicide. She declares she will yet take her life, and next time will make the attempt with laudanum. Surely the suffering of injured conscience and pride must be terrible when one so young seeks relief in death.—Portland Democrat.

A BILK.—S. B. Pettinill writes a scathing letter to the Portland News about the mismanagement of the Puget Sound Colony, at Port Angeles on the Strait of Fuca. There are 300 people there and want, and suffering, among them is almost certain. The whole project is evidently a bilk. It is a sort of you lean on me and I will lean on you concern. It is an attempt to found a self-supporting American settlement upon ideas the reverse of all that have ever yet had any practical value. And, yet, there are few sections, where the possibility of building up productive homes on plain business propositions supplemented by thrift, economy, industry and other conditions of pioneer life are more abundant than in the region which is soon, it is feared will be the scene of want and suffering. There people who are going to turn the world upside down and substitute crack brained theories for well established rules of procedure, are good people to steer clear of and let alone.

The attorney for the Baker City school district has brought a mandamus suit to compel the state board to deed it for \$300, school property worth \$5000, but appraised at \$300 only by a board. The debt is \$24,000 loaned the last session of the legislature authorized the present board to foreclose the mortgage and sell the property to the Baker City school district at a price to be fixed by three appraisers, the appraisers to be chosen, one by the county court of Baker county, one by the school district and both to choose a third.

A postmaster of the old regime, in Dakota, for a long time made false returns of cancelled stamps in order to increase his compensation. When an inspector detected him he committed suicide. A readjustment of this account shows that by this fraud he cheated the Government out of over \$5,000.

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