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## CLEVELAND VS. DEMOCRACY

When President Cleveland was first elected the democracy had been out of power for twenty-four years. A great many democrats at once concluded that it was not the principles of the party, but the man who headed its ticket had won the victory. Unfortunately for the democracy this opinion had no more firm believer than the president himself. It did not dawn on him all at once, and so down him in the sea of his own greatness, but permeated his system slowly, but steadily, by what is known as capillary attraction, and its effect was the same as usually happens when a large amount of moisture is absorbed by some solid substance—that is, the substance doing the absorbing becomes too large to remain hemmed in by the surroundings and boundaries which held it before. In other words, it swells. In 1889, the process being reversed, the water dried out of the president, and he was again selected as being able to fill the gap at the head of the democratic ticket. Instead of profiting by one case of swelling, the party tried the same timber for the third time, only to find that its power for absorption had increased so wonderfully that instead of believing himself the servant of the public, he imagined himself the owner of his own party and the country too.

There were wise men before Agamemnon, and certainly wise democrats before Cleveland. He was the creature of circumstances, not the creator of them. He imagines he has succeeded in materializing the grim-humored idea of Diogenes, who, upon being put upon the block for sale, and asked what he was good for, or could do, replied: "Sell me to some man who wants a master for himself," and so imagining, kicks the platform on which he was elected to pieces, turns his back to the ladder by which he has climbed into place, and spurns as ignoble dust the common people who placed him on his pinnacle of greatness.

A few figures may serve to dispel, not Mr. Cleveland's idea of the power of his leadership, but that of the people who yet imagine that it was the man and not the party that won. Let us look at the result, as shown by the popular vote: Lincoln was elected by a popular vote of 1,866,352, against 2,226,920 for Breckenridge and 1,374,157 for Douglas, the latter two being both democrats. Lincoln was re-elected by a vote of 2,216,067 against 1,808,725 for George B. McClellan, a majority of 400,000 votes. Grant was elected in 1868, by a vote of 3,015,071 over Seymour, with 2,709,813, a majority of 300,000. He was re-elected over Greeley by a vote of 3,507,070 against 2,834,079, a majority of 700,000, and this increase was due to democratic refusal to support the man, instead of the party. In 1876 Rutherford B. Hayes received 4,033,950 to Tilden's 4,284,895, and was only declared elected after the famous fifteen commission, and yet Tilden had 250,000 majority. In 1880 Garfield was elected, having 4,449,530 to Hancock's 4,442,350, almost a tie. Cleveland was elected in 1884, his vote being 4,913,248, Blaine's 4,848,150; a majority of 65,000. In 1888 Harrison had 5,441,423 to Cleveland's 5,536,224, a majority against him of 5,000. In 1892 Mr. Cleveland, for the third time, asked the greatest favor a party can bestow, from the hands of that party, which is too small for him, and received 5,556,918 votes to Mr. Harrison's 5,176,108, a majority of 380,810. This result was largely due to the machine politicians' disgust with Mr. Harrison, who, like his successor, was larger than the party; and it was not due to Mr. Cleveland's popularity. On the heels of the war Tilden had as large a majority in proportion to the vote as Cleveland in '92.

A calm survey of the figures does not show that there was any wild scramble to vote for Cleveland. He carried only his party strength, neither more nor less; nor more nor less than any other candidate would have had. The increase of votes in the presidential election is from 700,000 to 900,000, and a gain either way is always possible. Yet the figures show that the democratic party has always been almost as strong as the republican, and Mr. Cleveland's candidacy did not add to its strength.

### GAMBLING.

The pulpits of Milwaukee, Wis., Sunday were all used for a single purpose, to make a combined attack on "the

gambling evil in Milwaukee." The ministerial association has had detectives employed to gather evidence showing that gambling was prevalent in the city. Of course that was a matter that no one in Milwaukee doubted, nor is the other assertion of the ministers, that the gambling games were under police protection, at all doubted by any person acquainted with the ways of cities generally. It exists, not only in Milwaukee, but in every other city in the United States, and to an extent that the evidence does not disclose. Everybody knows of its existence, but the question is, what are they going to do about it? How are they going to draw the line between one kind of gambling and a hundred other kinds? Good people raise both hands in pious horror at the idea of a poker game. They roll their eyes in an ecstasy of deprecation at the mention of a faro lay-out, and between times, while puzzling their brains as to which is the worst, they invest their surplus money in stocks. They give thanks that the lotteries are being closed out, and go down into the bottomless wheat-pit. Instead of gambling with cards, betting their money on dice, or taking their chances in a lottery, these people opposed to gambling, put up their money on the action of the elements, the bountifulness of nature; the bears bet that crops will be abundant and prices low, while the bulls risk their money in betting against the merciful goodness of God.

The average gambler, professional, backs his skill and the percentages of his game against the skill or guessing qualities of his opponent. The gambler naturally has a little the best of it. How is it in the shuffle of stocks, or the deal in the wheat pit? There the small gambler has no show; his skill and his judgment go for naught, but he is simply a badly damaged shuttlecock, battered to and fro between the heavy manipulators of the two factions. The game is put up between the big ones to scoop the small fry, and they get scooped to the queen's taste. Bad as gambling is, it is a small vice compared to that class of business known as dealing in stocks, and which is different from common gambling only in that the deal is not a square one. We venture the assertion that where cards or dice have led to one man's downfall, the stock market has ruined fifty.

Gambling is an evil, but the way to stop it is to begin with the big fish, not the minnows. To stop dealing in stocks, close the wheat pit, and make the using of the necessities of life as articles to gamble with a felony. Until this is done, the pulpit, the press and the people should have but little fault to find with other games of chance.

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