

If the leaders of the two great parties were permitted to declare their necessities frankly, they would advertise political proposals for 1884 about as follows:

WANTED—A MAN AND A POLICY FOR 1884.

REPUBLICANISM. DEMOCRACY.

We are now within three months of the Republican nomination for president and four months of the Democratic nomination, without any marked concentration of sentiment in either party on any particular candidate or any particular policy. At no time during the last half century has a national contest presented such an aspect within a few months of the presidential nominations. There has always been some sharply defined issue to crystallize opposing parties, and, as a rule, a strong if not over-balancing concentration of sentiment in favor of men. Now there is no man, no policy on either side, and both are groping in the dark. Strong men who would be candidates, dare not venture to the front, as it is the dead line that draws the deadly fire of the vigilant sentinels of all pretenders and leaders with favorite policies for their respective parties, shiver in the rear because the field is against any one achieving the distinction of formulating a party policy.

If each of the great parties had a policy, it would formulate and assert itself; but they have none, and the scattered hosts are wisely jealous of policy-tinkers. If each party had a man, the man would lead without dispute, but they have none, and no one is strong enough to enter the arena and wrestle for the leadership. Blaine is strongest on the Republican side and Tilden is strongest on the Democratic side, but if either boldly entered the presidential race, he would be hopelessly beaten in a fortnight. The dark-horse brigade and the lightning-stroke expectant would all agree on the only thing they could bring within sight of harmony—to slaughter the head man and they would riot in his blood before the moon would wax and wane. And equally united and vindictive hostility would be exhibited against any leader of either side who attempted to dictate a party policy. Morrison tried it with his bonneted free trade invention, and he is now in a minority in his party, in his committee and in the house of which he is the proclaimed leader. Blaine tried it in an awkward improvement of Barker's surplus distribution toulfoolery, and he has been hiding as a presidential candidate ever since.

This remarkable want of both policy and leadership in the two great parties which must soon look horns in a national struggle, is not accident. It is the natural, logical result of the positive absence of a living issue to divide the parties. Their old issues are all irrevocably settled. The questions of war have passed into history, never to be disturbed no matter who shall rule hereafter. Some of the once active Republican leaders, who were great twenty years ago, but who have been bourbonized by protracted power, have been trying to gather up the tatters of the bloody shirt, but they are so utterly rotten that they won't hold together to be flaunted into the face of the nation. Sherman and Mahone are making that experiment and winning the contempt of the nation as their just reward. Arthur is hesitating over various theories of Stalwart reorganization, but even the Stalwart chiefs are slow to respond. Blaine sees safety in retreat and Edmunds, wisest of presidential pickles next the wind, courted the positive Stalwart wing by declaring for Grant in 1880, and courts it now by intimating a preference for Arthur. The Democrats have tried the slogan of "historic justice" to galvanize life into the Tilden element; they have exhibited Morrison and McDonald on the free trade flying horse, and fuzinated Randall, Wallace and Hancock from the liberal incidental protection lines, but both sides have feebly skirmished and retired because to advance was inevitable disaster. There is no man, no party, on either side.

The tariff was once the hope of the Republicans and it promised well. When Carlisle and Morrison captured the Democratic House, they dreamed the dream of a free trade national victory, but before their shouts of triumph had died away, they were halted by the protests to the point of revolution, from East and West and North and South. Had the policy that Carlisle and Morrison believed to have triumphed in the organization of the House, been forced upon the Democratic party, the Republicans would have had their policy created by Democratic insanity, and any man they might happen to blunder upon as a candidate would be elected; but the Carlisle-Morrison free trade policy is as dead as a party policy, as are the ghostly mummies of Egypt, and now both parties are topographically surveying the tariff issue to find a safe position near it from which to give battle. The Carlisle-Morrison free trade advance not only called out the organs of industry to protest on the Democratic side, but it called out the most aggressive free trade Re-

publican diversion ever presented in the history of the party; and now the Republicans dare not any more proclaim a distinctive protective policy than the Democrats dare declare a distinctive free trade policy. Both are now taking lessons in artful dodging on the issue, and the tariff is unlikely to be a positive factor in the presidential battle. There is no man, no policy, on either side to lead the great battle, and there are only a few months left to create them.

CEAR ALEXANDER is not alone in his uncomfartableness. Emperor William looks at his sears and is uneasy. Emperor Francis Joseph thinks of his stabbed policemen and worries. Umberto has the railroad lines carefully watched when he travels, and little Alfonso stops practical joking now and again to ask if the conspirators have been kept off the back stairs. Queen Victoria, having combalned the memory of John Brown in red morocco, is going on a little holiday trip; but she is to slip off like a smuggler without announcement, and a convoy of men-of-war will hover around to ward off the possible torpedo. These royal personages give themselves a great deal of bother for some empty honors. Let them come to Astoria and grow up with the country.

PRINCE NAPOLEON'S French admirers and supporters held a meeting in Paris recently, at which resolutions were adopted demanding that the constitution be revised so that the right of electing the chief magistrate shall be restored to the people, together with a constituent assembly. Plon-Plon and his friends evidently lack inventive genius. The scheme they propose calls up unpleasant memories—the coup d'etat of the third Napoleon, and the plebiscite absurdities and frauds. Plon-Plon should go out west and become a cowboy. He is wasting precious time if there is any real grit in him. It is better to be a western cattle king than a European monarch.

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