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There is a good deal of force in the suggestion of a recent writer that the dealing with the trusts and other large interests by reason of the fact that ! The big corporations make it a point to employ the best available business, and to act upon the advice of men who are thoroughly qualified to point out the safest and most profit tions always have the most capabl They have learned that it pays to secure the assistance of those and experience for given and important duties. Thus it comes that they are ready for any contingency that may opportunity that is presented. They make themselves powerful by reason of the superior ability that they bring terprises and the promotion of their prosperity. That is the great secret success, and the principal

source of their vitality.

It is a lamentable fact that the oper ations of the government are not car ried on according to such a theory There is too often mediocracy where there should be superiority; and what is worse, the incompetents are unwilling to learn by listening to the advise of those who have proper knowledge The average congressman, for example scorns to consult an expert upon an subject, however intricate and confusing it may be to him. He imagines that he lowers his dignity and dispar ages his reputation when he solicits in formation from anybody about anything. It suits him better to go blundering along with a pretense of fitness for his work than to take counsel of men who really understand the matter that is bothering him. In the case of a measure affecting financial and commercial interests he does not seek enlightenment from bankers and boards of trade. On the contrary, if they venture to express an opinion to him o make a request of him, he is apt to rebuke them for their impertinence He speaks lightly and deristvely of expert knowledge, and has a great deal to may about the annoyance of cranks and dreamers. It is a part of his philosophy that ignorance well stuck to is as good as wisdom. The government endures in spite of the presence of so many such men in its service but surely its benefits would be much greater if these individuals would con sent to be instructed by those who are capable of telling them more than they know.

THE BALANCE IN THE SENATE.

By the filling of the vacant seats in the senate from Washington, Wyomins and Montana, which has just taken place, the control of that body has passed out of Democratic hands. The vacancies had existed for two years and were due to deadlocks in the legis latures of those states. On this accoun there were only eighty-five seats filled in the senate of the present congress thus far. Out of this number the Demporats had forty-four, the Republican thirty-six, and the Populists five. Or this basis the Democrats had a plural ity of eight over the Republicans and a majority of three over the Republi cans and Populists combined. The nocratic vote was reduced one by

the death of Senator Vance, of North Carolina, and the Republican vote inent election of one of their party to fill Vance's seat for the remainder of the term. In this calculation Stewart and Jones, of Nevada, formerly Republicans, have been classed as Popu-

a in a few days the strength of the parties in the senate will stand thus Democrats, forty-three; Republicans, forty; and Populists, five. The Democrats will have a plurality of three, but the whole body. The Populists will hold the balance of power. Ordinarily the Populists would be more likely to vote with the Democrats than with the crats on the tariff, and all of them are on the side of the majority of that party on the silver and general finance questions. The tariff is probably shelved for two or three years, but the sliver again at any time, and on this subject the Populists are in burmony with the bulk of the Democratic party. In the next senate also the Populists

will be the decisive factor in the divisions between the two great parties. There will be forty-three Republicans, thirty-nine Democrats, and six Populists in that body. The Republicans and Democrats will change places at with the Democrats at present, the Reotes than the Democrats, but they will cratic and Populist strength. This is an unfortunate condition of things. It if one or the other of them were in the lead. Under existing conditions the until the election of 1896 puts the Republicans in undisputed control of all granches of the government.

REFLECTIONS ON THE DEAD.

Philadelphia Press: Thank heaven of this unapproach Buffalo Express: But why prolong deceased. Persons having claims the tale? The Fifty-third congress is against said estate are notified and dead at last. And it rotted before it

New York Times: The people of the United States should unite in devout thanksgiving to the God of nations when this scourge is lifted from then at noon today.

New York World: It can be said of congress, at any rate, that it might have done a great deal worse if it had not been hampered on one side by ar almost complete lack of ability to do anything at all.

New York Sun: The Fifty-third congress, inspired and abetted by the Democratic executive, has preserved Mc Kinleyism, adopted Populism, and brought widespread disaster upon the nation. Exit the congress of dishonor

Cincinnati Enquirer. Any catalogue to the sins of the house of representatives, now happily dead, would be in complete if indicted from memory. The record if full of evidence that every member of that body might well wish expunged.

Brooklyn Eagle: When we say that the record of the Fifty-third congress cannot be reviewed by any self-respect ing Democrat without feelings of shame and indignation, we but empha size the conclusion that the party wil have to disband or reorganize on new

and better lines. Globe-Democrat: Just as the Fifty third congress has expired the scientists come forward with an argon, the newly discovered element in the air which is described as singularly inert proof against the attack of the most active substances, as well as all at tempts to induce chemical union." Perhaps the trouble at the national cap itol for the last two years has been vas accumulations of argon

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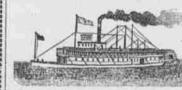
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