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# "Peril and the Prize"

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into line, he'll show his pictures to you. Nothing slow about them, I tell you." "So he had sent those pictures to the garret?" I asked, indicating with a sweep those on the wall.

"Yes, and lots others. They were too slow for his taste. He's a real sport, he is. When I was fixin' up this room for you I brought down the Bible. I always do claim that every respectable house ought to have a Bible in it."

"I suppose you are a great Bible-reader?" I said.

"Indeed I be," she responded promptly. "I suppose you find plenty of warrant there for your present life," I said.

"There hain't been any warrant for me in ten years," she answered.

"You didn't understand me. I say you find plenty of support for the business you now follow?"

"Oh, yes! I can support myself as cook an' housekeeper any time. It's lots safer, too."

I gave it up, realizing that her point of view was not mine, and that dull people cannot be led into interesting colloquy.

When she was gone I pounced upon the Bible in feverish haste. I was disappointed when I turned to the family record, for its pages had been torn out. There were four pages devoted to photographs, however, and here, though nearly all were missing, there was one full-length of Mr. Dean. A mark in red ink had been drawn across the throat, a cross had been placed above the head and beneath had been written the word "Traitor."

This puerile exhibition of hatred had

never been the work of the man I had seen that day, but of some weaker and less intelligent member of the criminal band. Of that I felt assured. But that Lucy's father had been a member of a gang of lawbreakers and had incurred their murderous hatred seemed clearly indicated, monstrous as the idea appeared.

I began turning through the great book, leaf by leaf, searching for some scrap of paper which would give me some future light. At last I came upon a thin sheet without signature on which I read these words:

"Have made investment as requested. Keep me constantly advised as to address. Use telegraph only. Have tipped the police as to G., but expect nothing, as usual."

That was all. There was neither date, signature nor address. But the writing was that of my employer, Mr. Whitwood. At the bottom was written: "Dear papa, F. brought this for you this morning. L."

A little more was clear to me. For profit or for vengeance, probably for both, the criminals wanted the address of Mr. Dean. They would find it in the safe of Mr. Whitwood. They were going to try to force me to yield up a secret which would mean disaster, possibly death, for the father of Lucy Dean. More, I knew Mr. Whitwood was the very soul of honor and the man with whom he was dealing was not a criminal, however unfortunately he might be placed. My position was full of peril. I would die before I would say one word which would bring grief to the girl I loved. If I escaped that peril, I would myself gain her address and seek the great prize of her love.

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# "Thirty-one Presidential Elections"

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Democrats would nominate General U. S. Grant, who was a member of their party, but they were outwitted by their opponents, who, fearing the popularity of the successful leader of the army, held an earlier convention and nominated him themselves. As this gave him a certainty of election he would have possessed more than ordinary human nature had he refused. He had 214 votes to eighty for the Democratic candidate, Horatio Seymour of New York. For Vice-President Schuyler Colfax was chosen over F. P. Blair.

In 1872 the Republican party being seriously divided on the question of the harsh measures adopted toward the Southern States, the dissatisfied leaders nominated Horace Greeley and B. Gratz Brown, and these were indorsed by the Democrats. The Republicans renominated Grant, with Henry Wilson as Vice-President. The electoral vote was 285 to 80, but Greeley having died before the meeting of the electors the Democratic vote was scattered according to individual fancy, forty-two votes being cast for Thomas A. Hendricks.

In 1876 occurred the first disputed Presidential election. The Democratic candidates were Samuel J. Tilden and Thomas A. Hendricks, the Republican, R. B. Hayes and William A. Wheeler. There were disputed returns in several States, and the House of Representatives being Democratic and the Senate Republican, it was agreed to refer the matter to a committee composed of fifteen members chosen from the two houses and the Supreme Court. The returns from Florida choosing the Republican electors were pronounced fraudulent by the Republican Supreme Court of that State and the Tilden electors declared elected. The commission, however, by a party vote of eight to seven, declared that the Hayes returns being first received were bound to be counted and that they "could not go behind the returns." So Hayes and Wheeler were declared elected by 185 to 184.

In 1880 the Republicans nominated James A. Garfield and Chester A. Arthur; the Democrats, General Winfield S. Hancock and William H. English. The vote was 214 to 155. Garfield fell by an assassin's hand and Arthur became President in September following the inauguration.

In 1884 the features of the campaign were, a revolt in the Republican party which carried many of its leaders and newspapers out of the ranks. Cleveland carried the State of New York by a narrow plurality and was elected by an electoral vote of 219 to 182. For Vice-President Thomas A. Hendricks was elected over General John A. Logan.

In 1888 President Cleveland was renominated by the Democrats, with Allen G. Thurman as Vice-President. The Republicans named General Benjamin Harrison and Levi P. Morton, who were elected by 233 to 168.

In 1892 President Cleveland was again nominated, with Adlai E. Stevenson as running mate. The Republicans renominated General Harrison, but replaced Mr. Morton by Whitelaw Reid. The newly formed People's Party, the individual members of which after much painful thought were denominated Populists, nominated General James B. Weaver and James G. Field. The Democrats gained a sweeping victory, having 277 electoral votes for Cleveland, against 145 for Harrison and twenty-two for Weaver. This is the only time since 1860 that a third party has gained electoral votes.

In 1896 the Democratic politicians in control of the national convention decided to abandon the issues and traditional principles of their party and adopt those of a platform William J. Bryan and Arthur Sewall. Bryan was indorsed by the Populists, who, however, persisted in running their own candidate for Vice-President, Thomas E. Watson. A great defection of old-fashioned Democrats followed this action. The Republicans named William McKinley and Garrett A. Hobart, who were elected by an electoral vote of 271 to 176.

In 1900 the Democrats again nominated Bryan, with former Vice-President Stevenson for second place. The Republicans named McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt. The electoral vote was 292 to 155.

In 1904 the faction inclined to the earlier position of the Democratic party prevailed in the Democratic convention, which nominated Alton B. Parker of New York and Henry G. Davis of West Virginia. The defeated faction very generally voted for the Republican candidate, Theodore Roosevelt, who had become President upon the assassination of President McKinley in 1901. He was elected by a vote of 336 to 140.

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