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The Downfall of a Mighty Power. For more than thirty years preceeding the Rebellion, the Democratic party ruled this country. During that period they carried every Presidential election but two; and in regard to those two they reaped the substantial fruits of victory through the deaths of Presidents Harrison and Taylor and the defection of their successors.

It was during this period that the slave power became first an active and then a dominant element in the politics of the country. The great statesmen of the Revolutionary era had passed away. The principles of civil liberty which they had inculcated had apparently lost their hold upon the people. The institution of African slavery, which had been merely tolerated by the fathers as an effete and decaying evil, soon to pass away, had now, through the great increase in the production and value of the cotton crop, become a vast and powerful interest, fortified both by the love of gain and the lust of dominion. The slave power began to loom up in our politics. It was sectional in its character, aristocratic in its form, thoroughly consolidated, utterly unscrupulous, and ambitious of the complete control of the Government. It took possession of the organization of the Democratic party, and used it as an instrument for obtaining and perpetuating power. The problem was comparatively a simple one. The slave power was practically a united South upon all political issues. It was only necessary, therefore, to carry one or two Northern States in any Presidential or other important election, to secure the triumph of the Democratic ticket. The Northern members of the party , were satisfied with their share of the offices, while they left the political power of the party to be wielded by its Southern leaders. The slave interest was satisfied with power; its Northern allies with plunder. Upon this basis, and by this plan of action, the Democratic party held almost uninterrupted posses sion of the Government from 1829 to 1861. During all this time the Northern Democrats were the supple tools of the slave power. It multiplied its exactions from them with a most merciless avarice, but they yielded everything, that they might hold on to the Federal patronage. Politically the combination, while a very simple and obvious one, was most powerful. It was a united South, held together and consolidated by a great pecuniary and social interest, and ruling the nation at the cheap price of giving to the Northern Democracy a share of the public plunder.

This combination at last failed, owing to two causes-first, the rapid growth of the North necessitating a constantly increasing element of that section to co-operate with the South to secure the triumph of the Democratic party; and, second, the increasing demands of the slave power itself, in the line of its logical development, which tended constantly to produce a greater union of feeling at the North. The break came in 1860, when the Democratic party split, and the power of the nation passed from its hands.

This old alliance between the Democratic party and the slave power furnishes the true key to the position of that party during and since the war. The constant hope of its leaders has been to get back to the old order of things, where a consolidated South acting with a few States of the North should be able to rule the country. This explains why all through the war the Democratic leaders were so anxious that the institution of slavery should be preserved. They knew that it had been an element of political power, and they wished to make it again available when the war should be over. This explains McClellan's tactics. He was fighting a great political battle. His object was so to conduct military operations as to leave the way open at any time for a renewal of the old political union

between the slave power and the Democratic

party. But the great forces which lay at the

bottom of the mighty struggle could not be

controlled by the strategy of scheming politi-

cians, whether in the army or out of it. This explains, too, the tactics of the Democratic party on the question of reconstruction. They have had one, and but one, guiding principle, and that has been to restore the Rebel States to power in the Union in just that shape which would make them most subserient to the ends of the party. Hence their endorsement of President Johnson's State Governments, organized on the old aristocratic basis of class interests and minority rule. Such organizations would make a new sectional interest around which to consolidate the South. Hence their anxiety to secure the unconditional admission of these Presidentially reconstructed States into the Union. The old tactics of a united Southern vote for the Democratic party could be repeated with the promise of the ancient success. And hence, finally, their rage and gnashing of teeth over the Congressional plan of reconstruction, which, by doing away with class rule in the South, and by providing for the reorganization of the Rebel States upon the basis of democratic equality, at once and forever destroys that sectional bond of interest that for forty years held the South as a separate and distinct power in the Government, and made its union with the Democratic party one of the most powerful political organizations of

modern times. It is the death struggle of a dynasty that we have been witnessing in the old Democratic party finally giving up the ghost. Its last lingering hope of life lay in the success of President Johnson's plan of reconstruction. With the loss of this all is gone, and nothing more remains but to erect the tombstone, and write the epitaph.

The Failure of the Tariff Bill. THE late hour of the session at which the amended Tariff bill reached the House of Representatives has resulted, as many of the friends of the bill feared it would, in the loss of the measure so far as the present Congress is concerned. The original bill passed the House of Representatives last session, and was sent to the Senate. That body took no final action upon it until the 2d of February, when it passed almost entirely a new bill. The enemies of the bill delayed action upon this amended bill in the House by amendments, speeches, etc., until the session was so far gone that there was no chance of getting final action on it except by suspending the rules, which requires a two-thirds vote. Several efforts of that kind were made yesterday, but without success, and Mr. Morrill, who had the bill in charge, finally gave up the contest. The test vote upon suspending the rules resulted as follows-yeas, 105; nays, 62. We append the vote in full, that the people may scrutinize the actions of their constituents. The names of Democrats are in italics:-

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Yeas—Meass. Alley, Ames. Ancona, Arnell, Ashley (Nev.), Ashley (Ohio). Baidwin, Banks, Barker, Baxter, Beaman, Bidwell. Bingham, Blaine, Blow, Boutwell, Boyer, Brandegee, Broomall, Buckland, Bundy, Clarke (Ohio). Clarke (Kausas), Conkling, Cullom, Darling, Davis, Daves, Deuson, Delano, Deming, Dixon, Dodgs, Ellot, Farnsworth, Ferry, Garfield, Griswold, Hale. Hart, Henderson, Highy, Holmes, Hotchkiss, Hubbard (W. Va.), Hulburd (N. Y.), Hubbard (Conn.), Hubbell (Ohio), Jenckes, Kelley, Ketchan, Koonts. Latham, Lawrence (Pa.), Lawrence (Ohio), Longyear, Lynch, Marvin' McClurg, McKee, McRuer, Mercur, Miller, Moorhead, Morrill, Morris, Mysrs, Newell, O'Nelll, Paine, Patterson, Perham, Pike, Piants, Pomeroy, Price, Randall (Ky.), Raymond, Rice (Maine), Rollins, Sawyer, Schenck, Scofield, Shellabarger, Sityrcaues, Spalding, Starr, Stevens, Stokes, Strouse, Thayer, J. L. Thomas, Trowbridge, Van Aernam, Van Horn (N.Y.), Ward (N. Y.), Warner, Washburn (Mass.), Welker, Wentworth, Whaley, Williams, Wilson (Pa.), Woodbridge—105.

Nays—Measrs, Allison, Anderson, Baker, Benjamin, Bergen, Bromwell, Campbell, Chanler, Cobb, Cooke, Cooper, Defrees, Donnelly, Dumont, Eggleston, Edwings, Earquhar, Fanck, Glossbrenner, Harding (Ky.), Harding (III.), Harris, Hawkins, Hayes, Hise, Hubbell (N. Y.), Humphrey, Hunter, Julian, Kasson, Kelso, Keir, Kuykendall, Le Blond, Leffutch, Loan, Marshull, Maynard, McLindoe, Moulton, Niblack, Nicholson, Noel, Phelps, Radford, Kulter, Royers, Rass, Shawkin, Sloan, Stillwell, Taber, Paylar (N. Y.), Francis Thomas, Thornton, Trimble, Ward, (Ky.) Washburne (Ind.) Wilson (lowa), Windom, Wangled, Weight,—62.

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The political complexion of the vote is, for the Tariff bill, 100 Republicans and 5 Democrats; against the bill, 29 Republicans and 33 Democrats. The Republican votes against the bill are almost entirely from the Western States.

The defeat of the bill is due to a variety of causes. Prominent among which is the clashing of various interests, each seeking for a high rate of protection to itself, and regardless of the genuine interests of the country.

A Teachers' Institute for Philadelphia. In many of the counties of the State, Teachers' Institutes have been in successful operation for a number of years past, their results fully justifying the time, trouble, and expense attending them. It is a matter of surprise that nothing of the kind has been attempted in this city heretofore. Some of the teachers of our public schools, however, have recently awakened to the expediency of organizing such an institution, and we see that the act of incorporation has already passed the lower House of the Legislature. After enumerating the corporators, and specifying the usual powers conferred upon such bodies, the act in question provides that :-

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as the said by-laws may provide." The clause above which provides for the relief of sick, infirm, and disabled teachers is a wise one; and if the institution is cleverly managed, we doubt not but that much of the want and suffering which now prevails among the worn-out instructors of our youth will be happily done away with.

GREAT LECTURES .- On our sixth pages today will be found the great address of Professor Louis Agassiz "On the Monkeys of South America," which will be found extremely interesting to all classes of readers.

On the eighth page of THE EVENING TELE-GRAPH this afternoon we print a verbatim report of the lecture of Major-General Oliver Otis Howard, delivered at National Hall last night. on the subject of "The Freedman," which we believe to be most exhaustive and extremely

interesting. The Death of Signor Natale Perelli. SIGNOR NATALE PERELLI, a composer and teacher of music who stood in the very front rank of his profession, departed this life at a quarter past nine o'clock last evening, at his residence on Chesnut street, below Thirteenth. Deceased was still in the prime of life, and had been ill but a short time, although his death had been for some days past anticipated by his medical attendants. Yesterday morning, however, he was somewhat stronger than he had been on the previous day-so much so, in fact, as to give his friends a faint hope of his ultimate recovery. He retained a perfect consciousness of all his surroundings until within a few hours of his death; and when he was called from his earthly labors, it was with a firm faith and a

peaceful resignation that he breathed his last, The career of Signor Perelli was crowned with the greatest success and the highest honors of his favorite art. He was eminent as a composer, as an artist, and as a teacher. He was a native of Milan, Italy, where he was born in the year 1816, being, consequently, but fiftyone years of age. His family were in easy circumstances, and as in early life he displayed a rare adaptation for music, and a passionate

taste for its comprehensive study, he was placed in the celebrated Conservatoire of Music in his native city, where he spent several years in devoted application to the art. In this institution he was the classmate of Felician Ronconi, who is the present Director of the Grand Operant St. Petersburg, and a brother of Giorgio Ronconi, the famous buffo of Maretzek's troupe.

Signor Perelli achieved the highest honors of his class, and as soon as he was free from the conservatoire he devoted all his time and energies to composition. His first production was the comic opera of Osti non Osti, which, although composed so early in life, met with such flattering success that it still holds its place as a favorite upon the Italian stage. The grand opers of the Contrabandierre, and subsequently that of Clarissa Harlowe, followed; both were eminently successful, more especially the latter, which was first put upon the stage at Vienna. The grand speciacular opera of Belshazzar followed at a subsequent period, fully sustaining the reputation of the composer, The copyrights of most of these operas are owned in Europe, where they still continue favorites, especially in Italy and Spain, but they have seldom been put upon the stage in this country. At the time of his death Signor Perelli left two great works in manuscript, Clara di Montalvo, and Conti di Sperlinga, which are now in the possession of his executors, Constant Guillou and Alfred P. Durand, Esqs., and are said to be fully equal to any of his published works. Besides the operas given above, Signor Perelli composed Grand Mass, which was successfully performed at the Musical Fund Hall, in this city, some years ago. Last summer, also, while on a voyage across the Atlantic, he composed the Kyrie and Gloria of another Mass which promised, when completed, to be a masterpiece.

Such was Signor Perelli's career as a composer. His career as an artist was even more successful, Having accepted the Directorship of the Grand Opera at Amsterdam, he conducted it with great success for some time. On one occasion the principal tenor of the troupe, who was to have taken the role of "Edgardo," in Lucia di Lammermoor, falled to make his appearance, and Signor Perelli, without any special preparation, went upon the stage and took the part of the missing singer. His rendition of the role was so successful, that he became at once the attraction of the troupe, appearing night after night in Lucia, Ernani, Sonnambula, Lucrecia, and other favorite operas, By this mere accident the course of his life was materially changed, as for some years he remained on the stage, performing successively in the leading cities of the Continent. He ther accepted a tempting offer from Marti, Director of the Tacon Theatre, Havana, where his success was as unqualified as it had been in the Old World. Marti's troupe subsequently appeared at Boston, and in August, 1847, at the Walnut Street Theatre, in this city, where Signor Perelli, on his first appearance, took captive all hearts. On this occasion he assumed his great role of "Ernani," in which, as well as in "Edgardo," he was considered the best that has ever appeared in the United States.

Signor Perelli returned to Havana for a time, but in 1848 he again came to Philadelphia, to take part in the representation of the Stabal Mater. Several of the wealthiest and most influential citizens of Philadelphia then prevailed upon him to make this city his permanent home, which it continued to be until the day of his death, his time being devoted principally to the teaching of music, in which occupation heachieved a marked success, numbering among his pupils many of the most cultivated and successful of our native artists. During the tour of Jenny Lind through the United States, he again went upon the stage, accompanying the great songstress, as her principal tenor, to New York, Baltimore, and Boston. Two years ago he organized his pupils into an amateur troupe, and at their head gave two seasons of private operatic entertainments, which were marked by unqualified success. Of these, his own work of Clarissa Harlows was one of the chief attractions, but the repertoire embraced likewise Lucrecia, La Favorita, Linda, and other works of the great masters. Another private season of these entertainments was in contemplation when Signor Perelli was prostrated by his last sickness.

Such was the eventful career of a citizen of whom Philadelphia has had good reason to be proud. In the graces of private life he was not less accomplished than in those acquirements which rendered his public career so successful. Those who enjoyed his intimate friendship esteemed him highly as the possessor of true gentlemanliness and perfect uprightness. The wold which his death creates will be not less marked in a large private circle than it is in the ranks of those who are devoted to the art of which he was a master.

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