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The Rule of Party Leaders.

The Republican majority in the House, has clung solidly together in execution of the party purpose to hamper the minority with the restrictions of their revised set of rules. These rules introduce great changes into the practice which has prevailed in the House since the existence of the country, their tendency and purpose being to exact of the minority the price of their seat in the majority; the price being the consent of the speaker of the House will become its rule. It has been a marked feature of the House administration that the speaker was the House; and this condition will be greatly intensified under the new rules.

The speaker will control the majority, and it is doubtful whether its members are not more subjected to his power than is the minority. The present speaker has shown his readiness to use all the power that he can seize; and there is a question as to whether at the end of this Congress anything will be seen in the speaker's power, save its speaker. Quite possibly he will wreck the concern and nothing will be left of it or him; but whatever survives, the speaker will be aboard of. Any harm that comes from these rules will not be to the Democratic party. It is the country that will suffer and the Republican party finally, as the cause of its injury. To emancipate the strength of the minority in the House is simply to relieve the Democratic party of responsibility.

The lesson of this action in the House seems to be that the Republican party at least has come more than ever under the domination of its leaders. It is known that their new rules do not meet the approval of many Republican members, who do not think it wise to introduce changes in an administration of legislative business that has existed for a hundred years and that carried us through the exciting scenes of the civil war. But their opinion of the party exigency has controlled their votes against their judgment.

Party unity has destroyed the independent judgment of its representatives. Probably, we may understand that this is the tendency of the times and that it affects both parties. The case of Ohio, where the Republican lieutenant governor has been unseated by the Democratic Senate, and where a new Congressional apportionment is to be made that will give the Democratic party that preponderance of representatives in Congress that has hitherto been held by the Republicans, may be cited to prove that Democrats are as ready as Republicans to take all the advantage possible of their power. And maybe there is truth in this. But it is at least to be said that the Democratic party has never shown so unmistakably as the Republican party now its inclination to override law and precedents to serve itself. It simply follows in the wake of its opponents when it gerrymanders; they have done it before. It is retaliation; and doubtless there may be retaliation hereafter in the matter of the rules.

Paradoxes by Will.

The will of Mr. Wilcox, of Pittston, elsewhere noted, disinherits his grandchildren if they do not vote the Democratic ticket, or marry Democrats. Consider the sort of politics we should have if this idea should be generally followed in the making of wills. Whether the conditions of the bequest were accepted or neglected by the heirs, the effect would be equally disastrous for in the former case the country would be practically ruled by dead men, the voters casting their ballots according to the convictions of the late will-makers; if they found that their own convictions did not agree with the deceased and had the manliness to vote another ticket, their inheritance would at once go to the assistance of the party they opposed. It might therefore be their duty to vote against their convictions in order that the party that they voted with might not profit by acquiring property of more value than their votes. Consider also the embarrassment to the granddaughters who could only safely marry a dying man, as otherwise the husband would always imperil the fortune by the possibility of changing his politics. The complications in political and social economy that might arise from an arrangement of this kind are quite appalling. A young woman of Democratic principles might be obliged to explain to her lover that she would never marry a man so mean as to sacrifice his political convictions for money, but that she would expect him to vote the Democratic ticket to his dying day in order that the Democrats, while he opposed, but she favored, might not have the benefit of the property that would accrue to them if her husband should vote the Republican ticket according to his convictions. The complications of this puzzle might be carried very much further with the probable result that the bewildered husband would cut the Gordian knot by suicide while mentally deranged, and the sorrow of the widow would be doubled by the thought that her party had lost a vote while she retained a fortune.

The Flight of a Bullet.

The Boullenger Chronograph For Measuring It. From the Louisville Courier-Journal. How fast does a bullet travel? If it is in proper shape for traveling, Col. Flagler and his officers say it ought to go at the rate of 1,275 feet a second upon leaving the rifle. This matter of speed is very important, and at a cartridge is 9 or 10 feet too fast or too slow, the quantity of powder must be changed. This matter of speed is tested in a very interesting way. At the northern end of the arsenal grounds is a long wooden shed, in which are placed the chronographs, and the chronograph, says the Philadelphia Record. At either end of this space is a stand something like a target, with a large circular opening where the bullet would be. Across each opening is stretched a small electric wire connected with a delicate instrument in another room. The rifle from which the bullet flies from

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