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ONE PERIL OF SUCCESS.

While Republicans are celebrating themselves upon their magnificent victory of last week, the fact should not be overlooked that victo-

ries such as that carry with them perils as well as joys. When the Democratic leaders at Washington, despite their possession of a clean majority of ninety-four members in the house of representatives, are already conceding great losses in the congressional elections next fall, some even going so far as to predict the substitution, by the people, of a safe Republican majority, it is evident that there need be, among Republicans generally, and especially among the triumphant Republicans of Pennsylvania, precautions against over-confidence, and amity in the selection of congressional nominees.

It will not do to take future victory for granted. It will not do to base expectations on to November upon achievements that belong to February. So far from feeling that Mr. Grew's phenomenal plurality of 183,000 affords any excuse for indifference or the relaxation of efficient party organization, this striking triumph should be an incentive to still more aggressive efforts.

It should be a lesson teaching both the need and the popularity of determined warfare in behalf of American politics as championed by the one party that in the past thirty-five years has typified the progressive and constructive genius of the American people.

When it is wholesome for Republicans to rejoice over it, and to see in it the prophetic omen of yet greater coming successes, there could not be a more mistake, a more inexcusable blunder, than to permit partisan vigilance to relax or party discipline to ease its necessary control of the forces that win.

In the civic warfare of the ballots, just as in the stern contests of the military camp, great triumphs sometimes carry with them an aftermath of ugly dissensions. Party rivalries take advantage of the general jubilation to lead and blossom into dangerous forms.

The class of ambitious invariably follows, as well as precedes, the clash of arms or the counting of the ballots. It should be the endeavor of the great mass of Republican citizens, to whom politics means civic principle rather than personal emolument or preferment, to interpose their pacific counsel between these sources of possible division and to make firm insistence upon harmony, discipline and compactness of the party lines.

It is not a time for squabbles or petty feuds.

ONE ENJOYABLE feature of American politics is that the people will not stay fooled.

ONE OF the cleverest recent flights of Correspondent P. A. Barrett's fertile fancy was his description in yesterday's Telegram of Scranton five years hence, "like a long train and real this except."

The hungry quadruple of the Pennsylvania which moves on the rails of the Astoria bridge will cross the bridge and feed on the masses of the residents of William Connelley and Colonel Jones. The little Lord Farnsworth of Sanderson will come down to the bridge and meet the "young generation" of the bridge. Then the great masses of the bill will cross the bridge and romp with the young athletes some of stewart German and Irish parentage, and these young gallants will, in turn, cross the bridge and make love to the little maids on their own ground.

Admirer will be shocked, danc-om shattered in masses, built on gold will receive a fall; society will tumble to wreck; heiresses will marry poor men's sons; young men of wealth will choose mates from the streets; fragrant flowers of the poor man's home; the air will be filled with romance. The poor man's door will speak in the rich man's yard; the plumb-line will hold his nocturnal sowing on the aristocrat's back fence; the German's yellow dog will be on neighborly terms with the millionaire's bloodied pug, and the Irishman's master will quarrel with the lord's marble portico. There will be no case, so excruciating; the poor man and the rich man will meet on the bridge, and both gaze at the troubled waters below, as they rush on madly to the sea.

Let us never again say that Allentown is a far-off dream. Utopia itself will have for its other name, "Scranton, the delightful." Speed, O speed, the intervening years!

THE TROUBLE with Mr. Bland in congress the other day was that he acted more like a Mr. Bland. It isn't fashionable in polite society to tell unpleasant truths.

TOM REED HILARIOUS. These are happy days for Thomas B. Reed. Not only is he on the best of political terms with himself and with the public, but he is moreover enjoying an uncommonly early and therefore an uncommonly gratifying vindication of those parliamentary rulings which won for him, from displeased and checkmated Democratic filibusters, the most artistic, symmetrical and emphatic deluge of misrepresentation and abuse incurred by any Republican since Lincoln. In its pitiable inability to transact business without the means of enforcing the attendance of a quorum, the Democratic majority is today upon the very verge of adopting those same much-decried Reed rules which it lately depicted as autocratic, arbitrary and un-American. Shame alone holds it back; and anybody conversant with Democracy's history need not be told that when shame is the only consideration, it rarely lasts long.

The rules of Mr. Reed, it may be wise to recapitulate, were simply the application of common sense business principles to the transaction of house business. Without a quorum the house can do no business. Under Mr. Reed's predecessors a quorum had meant a quorum of present and voting members; that is, of members who, in addition to being visible in the house to the speaker's eye, were audibly pres-

ent, through their answers to the roll call. Under the old order, while every member might be present and in his seat, it would not be a quorum if a sufficient number for some reason, refrained from answering to the roll call. The ruling of Mr. Reed which occasioned such a ferocious outcry, was nothing more nor less than the obviously simple, plain and straightforward decision that if a present member sought to delay business by refusing to answer to his name, he should be accounted as present, anyhow, upon the evidence of good eye sight. The supreme court, before whom the constitutionality of this ruling was tried, decided that a quorum meant a present quorum, and that in default of other instructions by the house as to the manner of ascertaining when a quorum was present, the speaker's eye was as good as the member's own voice, it being wisely held that the speaker, until checked by the house, acted as the agent of the house and that, therefore, his rulings were the rulings of the house.

In the parliamentary tiffs of the past week, precipitated by Representative Bland's vigorous scoring of his party's ineptitude, Mr. Reed has emerged a victor at every point. The Democratic parliamentarians deplore that the perpetuation of his rulings is the one way out of intensifying tangles, embarrasments, delays and factional dissensions. They recognize that their profane abuse of those rulings, while useful for the moment, was in the long run an overwhelming mistake. They would give anything to recall it. They would give anything to feel free to adopt the Reed precedent without self-justification. Shame, at this moment, is the only influence restraining them from a complete somersault and shame, with Democracy's leaders, is a limited consideration. A week or a day hence may witness their abject surrender. They must come to it some day or else confess their utter incapacity for self-government.

And that is why Mr. Reed is on such good terms with himself.

By PRACTISING HARD and working late, it is believed Iowa and Kansas can come pretty near equalling Pennsylvania's record.

OFFICER ROGHE and the entire police department are to be congratulated on the vigilance with which they have apprehended certain members of the gang of burglars that has so long infested Scranton. The continuance, indefinitely, of the police activity of the past few weeks would soon put this city upon a proper plane of security from petty misdoers.

DEMOCRACY WILL be in luck next November if it should succeed in electing a corporal's guard of congressmen.

THAT VIADUCT. When you come right down to the merit of the thing, why should the public give anything toward the construction of the proposed West Lackawanna avenue viaduct? Who was it that destroyed that stretch of public thoroughfare? Who was it that made those railway and street car crossings unsafe? Was it the public? Or was it the railway corporations themselves? Who gets the benefit of the dangerous occupation of the public street? The public or the railroads? Why, then, ought to pay for the privilege and incur the responsibility of making it safe?

It is kind in the two corporations that have made this part of Scranton a notable center of danger to volunteer to bear two-thirds of the expense of obviating that danger. They could doubtless have evaded paying a single cent of the cost of the proposed viaduct and they have so minded, and the public would have had no better recourse than to waste for contributions, or else bear all the expense itself. We do not wish to be understood as belittling the generous spirit which prompts the donation of ten thousand dollars each by the Scranton Traction company and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railway company. An exceptional display of public obligation, for which we are duly grateful.

Yet it can do no harm to remember that when the general public is asked to pay the remaining ten thousand dollars itself, it is simply asked to bear a tax for the avoidance of a peril which the corporations themselves imposed upon it and which ought to have been obviated by the corporations at its very beginning. The law which permits a railroad company to seize a street or effect a crossing harmful to the public safety should see to it that hereafter, when it comes to erecting precautions for the protection of the public, the cost of these precautions is put where it properly belongs.

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS next fall should not be in such earnest demand as to sacrifice Republican harmony and thus to sway in some measure with the chances for Republican victory.

WE REGARD it as an unfounded insinuation that the motion, at a recent meeting of the poor board, for an immediate special session in the event of a court decision favorable to out door relief, was inspired by any fore knowledge of what the opinion of the court would be. Such a thought derives no encouragement from the public record of any of our honorable judges.

IF THE miners of northeast Pennsylvania had wanted free coal they would have voted for Mr. Hancock, who represented itself reform down to the lowest approximation to free trade. Their failure to do so was not in the nature of an accident.

KEEP HANDS OFF. The introduction into congress of a bill prohibiting the circulation through the mails of newspapers or other printed matter containing advertisements of certain patent remedies that embody vicious suggestions or inspire the moral reader with disgust has naturally elicited much discussion. The American Newspaper Publishers' association, for instance, meeting in New York last week, adopted resolutions protesting against this censorship and recommending congress to keep within its proper and constitutional sphere; while, in contrast with this curt advice, are innumerable petitions from material associations, social purity leagues and other bodies which have in view

the spiritual betterment of the race, urging that the bill be immediately enacted.

FOR THE TRIBUNE'S part it cannot see wherein the regulation of American morals can be improved through the contemplated interference of congress. Admitting without question the obnoxiousness of many kinds of medicine advertisements which appeal to disreputable passions and vices, and conceding freely that such things ought not to be made glaring features of any journal circulating in the home circle, it is yet unable to believe that a general law, passed by congressmen collectively far from brilliant in their standards either of intelligence or morality, will better meet this case than the individual judgment of the generally reputable and respectable men who conduct the business departments of American newspapers, or of the citizens who subscribe for these papers. That this law would place within the postoffice department a dangerous power is shown in the mistaken zeal with which a former official in charge of this department made a strained and unwarranted use of the necessary statute against the circulation of improper literature, to discriminate against literary productions as innocent in spirit and purpose, in the opinion of many persons, as any play of Shakespeare or any chapter in the Old Testament Scriptures.

The central point in all these recurring schemes of attempted moral regeneration by act of congress is that, in this broad, liberal and tolerant nineteenth century, the intelligent American public is well qualified to take care of itself. It does not require the aid of fussy paternalism to conserve its morality nor to enlighten it as to what is good and what is not good for its welfare. If it cannot paddle its own canoe through the flurries and eddies of a seething and fermenting age, that task cannot well be performed under the pilotage of a congress nine-tenths delirious in all its recent deliberations, nor by the capricious guidance of a Postmaster General who may, individually, be a most estimable and worthy gentleman, but who cannot, in the nature of things, amplify his mind so as to put a proper moral aegis over seventy million of sovereign Americans. Congress should keep hands off.

MOVES on the Board.

D. P. Thomas, of the North End, who has announced himself as a candidate for legislative honors in the First district, is national secretary of the True Order of Iovites, has been prominent in Welsh-American journals, and during an extended coverage of the body, and is a Republican from his feet up. His better known opponent, Representative Farr, is less known than Mr. Thomas in legislative circles, but friends of Mr. Thomas cite his dexterity as a parliamentarian and say he would not take a back seat in any gathering to which he might be accredited. The outcome of this competition will be awaited with interest.

Ex-Judge Szeley's peremptory withdrawal from the congressional fight in the Fifteenth leaves Representative Myron B. Wright, to all appearances, master of the situation. His resignation is therefore probable and his re-election, if he shall be re-nominated, practically certain. Mr. Wright has been an attentive legislator, prompt in attendance and fertile in resources. He would possess many advantages over a member lacking his experience.

Any disposition to introduce bitterness into the selection of the next Republican nominee for congress in Luzerne county will, of course, be resisted by disinterested friends of good government. Mr. Hines must be beaten, but his defeat should not leave behind it dissensions among the victors. A little white sea has refused to "please a few Republicans" by voting to protect the industries of his constituents. These "few Republicans" who appear to have been in a very healthy majority last Tuesday—should select a representative who will respect their wishes, and one whom they can at all times trust.

Representative Joseph A. Scranton got out of last week's parliamentary tangle in the house by receiving a leave of absence on account of sickness.

Rows, troubles and ructions beset the local Bazaar and the band of ex-Sheriff Robinson could hardly have heard the comments that were made among the rans and file with reference to the laying out accorded by the Elmira Telegram yesterday to his leadership he would have regarded it as a poor recompense for financial and other sacrifices rendered by him to the party. Nothing succeeds like success in true politics, but it doesn't begin to come up to the gigantic truth that nothing fails like failure. The lot of the Lackawanna Democracy for the next few months is truly an unenviable one.

Skull Cracking Comes Next. Philadelphia Bulletin. Now for an exhibition of old-fashioned Democratic "harmony." The fun has only just begun.

Didn't Vote in Multiple Style. Philadelphia Times. Now. At least there were no evidences that the Democracy was guilty of ballot-box stuffing of any kind.

Twenty-five Tons Per Man. Chicago Dispatch. It costs a great deal to die in Brazil. Thus far the statistics have averaged about one to every 50,000 pounds of gunpowder.

Let Us Have Peace. New York Commercial Advertiser. Horribler and Peckham ought to end their political squabbling by sending Judge White a basket of flowers.

Lodgings, Unhappy Carl. New York Commercial Advertiser. There is no more pathetic spectacle these days than Carl Schurz trying to smile at grief.

Collected Before Delivery. Evening Herald, Iowa. It is well for Marshall Wright that he got his reward for his brilliant management of the campaign before the election.

Too Many Fool Friends. New York Commercial Advertiser. One of the difficulties in the recent case of Mr. Peckham was that he had too many fool friends.

Not Unlucky In His Case. Farmer Outlook. Yes; I always make it a point to keep down to the level of the Visitor. But, you know, thirteen is an unlucky number. Farmer. That's just the reason I do it.

There's not a thief round here that would steal one of them chickens, for fear he'd get the thirteenth.

An Atlanta Breeze. There was a slick gambler from Nico Tired's introduced poker in Greece; But some Athens beauties Confiscated the lot, Scooping in seven dollars apiece.

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