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The people care not so much who their political leaders are, as how they lead. Very much of the apparent opposition to leaders in the Republican party is the result of jealousy on the part of rural aspirants for the high places in the party organization. As a rule the party in Pennsylvania since the advent to power of the Republicans, has been well managed and great credit is due to the Camerons for the wisdom displayed in their leadership. The young Senator's methods are sometimes distasteful, but no one can truthfully say he is corrupt or that he ever champions the cause of dishonest men, in putting forward candidates for the state offices. Independents and "machine men" alike court his favors and implore his aid in securing success, both for nominations and elections. Mr. Cameron was afforded a most conspicuous evidence of confidence in his leadership when, after the bitter contention at Chicago a year ago last summer he was unanimously recommended for member of the National Committee by the Pennsylvania delegation. The greatest men in the party all over the Union seek his counsels and follow his leadership, although he is not eloquent but "slow of speech." It is very doubtful whether good would come from deposing him, and the Independents would accomplish more by directing their efforts to a reformation of the Senator's political manners and methods than in endeavoring to put men of less experience and political sagacity and integrity in his place.

Should a merchant who has a balance at his banker's sufficient to meet all his notes and bills as they mature, but which is bringing him no interest, borrow at interest for long terms to meet his obligations, in order that he may maintain that balance intact? Very few persons would hesitate to pronounce a merchant who borrowed money under such circumstances as unwise. Should the government of the United States, then, in order to meet the payment of the arrears of pensions borrow money at interest when the surplus revenue can be made sufficient to meet those payments? We think not. Let us pay as we go. Interest is a sad eater up of revenue. It is perfectly proper to borrow money for public improvements, which are in their nature productive, as tending to increase the wealth of the country. But the ordinary expenditures of the government should be met in the ordinary way, and that is from the taxes of the year. The principle of borrowing money to pay the ordinary obligations of the government is wrong. Its direct tendency is to increase expenditures and to lead to extravagance and corruption. It is easy to be liberal if we do not feel the drain.—New York Graphic.

At the annual meeting of the National Council of the Union League of America, Philadelphia, Wednesday, the officers of last year were re-elected, Resolutions were passed in favor of a protective tariff, respect for the memory of Garfield and expressing confidence in the ability and patriotism of Arthur.

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