

HISTORY OF A PARTY.

THE G. O. P. RECORD IS ONE OF POLITICAL CRIME.

Period Cannot Be Far Distant When It Will Be Driven Out of Power and Out of Existence—No More Tariff Tinkering.

Story of Its Shame.

Neither in this country nor in any country where the semblance of free government exists has any other political party retained power as long as the Republican party has done with such an utter unfitness for the possession of power and with such a record of abominable abuses in its exercise. It is a marvel in the history of politics.

To go back more than twenty years backward brings us to the Credit Mobilier corruption, with the names of a score of the most distinguished Republican leaders were connected. Two Republican vice-presidents, Wilson and Colfax, were exposed as partners in the fraud. Garfield was one of its beneficiaries and the Republicans afterward made him President. Blaine escaped the Credit Mobilier scandal, but was involved much deeper in a similar scandal, of which the Mulligan letters preserved the facts. The "trusted leaders" implicated in this rascality committed great crimes in falsehood and perjury to avert condemnation as they committed in accepting the bribes.

The back pay corruption of about the same period was a flagrant and inexcusable use of legislative power. The Republican members of Congress increased their pay and made the increase retroactive, by which each man voted into his own pocket thousands of dollars more than the salary at the time of his election. This was an unexampled fraud. Act of Congress had been repeatedly passed before that time increasing congressional pay. But no previous act of the kind authorized back pay—a rascally grab of money after the term of service for smaller pay had expired.

The defalcations of Republican office-holders for thirty years form an appalling record. In 1875 lists of shortages, embezzlements and thefts in the internal revenue service alone were published aggregating \$8,000,000. The bank frauds of a few years ago in New York, Philadelphia and Boston, caused by losses through derelict United States officers, are recent events in the chapters of crime. Frauds in the public land department, corrupt railroad grants and subsidy legislation of various kinds have depleted the treasury and have given to corporations more than an empire of the public domain which should have been reserved for the homes of the people.

The rascality of the Republican carpet-bag governments at the South were without measure. The devastation which they caused was greater in extent than that of the war. The desolation of the cities and fields, of commerce and industry by the war was a less calamity than that of carpet-bag and scalawag rule for ten years.

Republican tariff legislation was a mere system of robbery. It was larceny from the many to enrich the few. It aggrandized individuals while impoverishing communities. It was brigandage in all but name and the protection of law.

The disfranchisement of vast numbers of voters through gerrymandering acts in the various States is a Republican crime of great magnitude. No fraud at the ballot box is as great as a law which enables a small number of Republican voters in one congressional or legislative district to elect a representative while a far greater number of Democrats in another district are deprived of just representation.

This catalogue of political crimes—of crimes of maladministration and crimes in office—might be indefinitely extended. But it would be incomplete without a reference to the instances of scandal and corruption in the local Republican administration. From the murder of inmates in the county insane asylum to the fraud on the civil service involved in the disfranchisement of veteran soldiers for employment and from the prostitution of the police force in political uses to the investment of county and city money for private gain there is no species of misgovernment and public immorality of which the Republican machine administration in the city and county is not guilty.

It is a monumental wonder that a party with this record—and much more that is as bad or worse—is able to command, year after year, a majority of the voters in many of the great States and often in the nation.

It is certain that a reckoning will come at some time. Two national defeats within ten years and defeat in many States have already resulted from popular effort. The period cannot be far away when the Republican party will be driven permanently out of power and out of existence.—Chicago Chronicle.

No More Tariff Tinkering.
The "Ohio idea" about the tariff, as set forth in the speeches made by the leaders of the party at the opening of the campaign, not only fails to evoke any enthusiasm, but encounters sharp rebuke in other States. The Buffalo Express coolly serves notice upon the McKinleyites that "the Ohio Republicans must not expect that the people are going to rip business all the way down the back for their benefit." The President of the Massachusetts Senate says that in his opinion "the general revival of business is occasioned by the confidence that the business men of the country feel that there is to be no more tariff tinkering for many years." It is

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE New York Evening Post asserts that prize fighting enjoys more real liberty in New York and Boston than anywhere else in the country.

WHILE there are no complete statistics available, careful estimates from all possible sources of information make it probable that, at the time of the discovery, there were no more than 500,000 Indians in all North America.

The deaths always outnumbered the births in France. Since the beginning of this century the percentage of childless couples has increased from 5 to 10. The doctors agreed that this is generally due, maybe the gout of an old man living too well and bad diet.

Years ago.

MADAGASCAR has improved on the Chinese treatment of defeated Generals. Ramasonbaya, Governor of Bomeni, ran away from Marovosy without resisting the French, and was burnt alive for his cowardice in the outskirts of Antananarivo. Some other Malagasy Generals are to be treated in the same way when they are caught.

The meeting of the letter carriers in annual convention in Philadelphia, reminds the Record of that city that three years ago they handled in twelve months 5,500,000 registered letters, 1,335,000,000 unregistered letters, 275,000,000 postal cards and 600,000,000 newspapers, besides collecting 2,115,000,000 pieces of mail matter. These figures are almost incredible. But then so is the country.

REV. ANNA SHAW says there is going to be a new man worthy of the new woman, no longer the prey to drinking, smoking, or the latest fashion in neckties, receiving a larger salary for playing ball than he could as a minister, but a man, always a strong moral force in this community, playing ball for recreation, and in every way fitted to walk through this world of temptations with a serene and unfaltering step.

THE operation of the system of paroling prisoners from the penitentiary is well illustrated by a case that came up in Springfield, Ill., the other day. Frank Evans was set up from Petersburg for burglary. He was so well behaved at the Joliet penitentiary and made such a good impression on the authorities that he was paroled. It was but a few days until he was caught in a highway robbery at Springfield.

PROF. MOORE, the new head of the weather bureau, thinks that captive balloons can be of great use in collecting meteorological data. A North Pole expedition, by means of balloons, has been projected, and inventors are constantly struggling with flying machines. The possibilities of ballooning are just as attractive to scientists now as they were a hundred years ago, when Benjamin Franklin was foremost in predicting results, but little of much value has been accomplished.

AT the recent Anthropological Congress, held in Cassel, Professor Waller, of Berlin, in an address before that body, said that European boys at birth are from one-half to one centimeter longer than girls, but when fully grown the men are ten centimeters longer than the women. The average weight at birth of boys is 3,333 grammes, and of girls, 3,200 grammes. The muscles of the tongue, he said, are much more highly developed in the women than in the men—which is an unusual statement on the part of the scientist.

AN authority on European affairs recently, in speaking of the Japan-China war, declared that it was easy for the Japanese to win from the Chinamen. It was simply, he added, the victory of a gamecock over a big clumsy mud-turtle, which is so awkward and slow that he can hardly get out of his own way. "But wait," declared the war prophet, "and see this gamecock when he jumps up against the great Russian bear, and you will see more feathers fly than you can shake a stick at." He says that war is inevitable, and predicts that all the feathers will be plucked off the Japanese fowl.

A FRENCH medical authority has decided that death by falling from great heights is absolutely painless. He says the mind acts with great rapidity for a time, and then unconsciousness follows; and now a scoffer has come to the front with a pertinent inquiry as to how the Frenchman knows anything about it. The argument is made that no man has fallen from the height of, say, a mile or so, and landed on the earth in a condition to tell anything as to his feelings. Most of the people who have fallen great distances have not been greatly inclined to talk of their adventures, and, in fact, most of them, on arrival from their trip, have, if any acquaintances have been handy, made quick trips to an undertaker's shop.

IT may be of interest for ladies to know that one need not be very much of an heiress these days to catch a nobleman, even of some of the most ancient houses in France. Before the revolution there were some 50,000 noble families that flourished in that country, but it is said that to-day less than half of them have the means to live up to their titles, while many of them are in absolute poverty. Among the servants, artists, mechanics—everywhere there are hundreds of noblemen without means, many of whom might, no doubt, be had for the asking, by appreciable parties. The comte de St. Mérin drives a cab in Paris; the comte Jean de Retz is a grave digger in the Normandie; a descendant of

Mr. Reed steadfastly refuses to get out his campaign bicycle while there is so much energy displayed in distributing political tacks over the boulevard.—Washington Star.

true that he adds as an element in the case the confidence of business men that, "if the tariff is to be readjusted, in any particular, it will be done by the friends of protection to American industries," but this last clause is evidently thrown in only to "keep in line." The weakness of Ohio's candidate for the Republican nomination lies in the fact that McKinley stands not merely for "tariff-tinkering," but for an entire reversal of the present system.—New York Evening Post.

Trying to Fool the Farmers.
The high-tariff press is engaged in an attempt to coax the farmers back to the doctrines of high taxation and monopoly prices for manufactured goods, and points to the reduction in duties on farm produce as a reason for the restoration of McKinleyism. To make a case for protection the Repub-

licans is a letter carrier in Saint-Chamay; the comte de Saint-Jean peddles mousetraps, etc. Of course, the newly rich in France are as ambitious as those elsewhere, and generally endeavor to ally themselves with some noble family; but the supply of marriageable noblemen and noblewomen is not exhausted by this demand.

CLEAR LAKE, seventy-five miles north of San Francisco and 1,317 above the sea level, having its outlet in Cache Creek, a stream supplying 32,000,000 gallons of water daily, is to have its forces translated into electricity, sent on overhead copper and 20,000 horse power and up the motors at San Francisco, doing lots of useful work all day.

On the way, the waste is to irrigate hundreds of thousands of acres of land, making it bud and blossom like the rose. The water will be shot through Pelton wheels, which will be connected directly with the dynamos, the latter being among the largest and most powerful known. The transmission of the electricity under the water of the bay has been an intricate and difficult problem, but has found its solution, and now presents no obstacle of a serious character.

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