A PERTINENT QUERY.

IS THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY COMPETENT TO HOLD POWER?

A Congress of Many Promises and Few Performances—A Striking and Unfavorable Contrast to Its Predecessor—Two Exploded Party Cries.

Is this a good party to intrust with power—this, whose representatives in a congress in which they boasted of a majority of 150 are just now packing their gripsacks and getting ready to meet their constituents? They have been on trial and on exhibition for eight months. In three months more the people of this country will be voting upon the question whether they want another such congress and an executive in sympathy with it; whether the party in whose name these statesmen were elected and whose principles they have been trying to carry out is entitled to a vote of confidence and a call to larger opportunities.

That is the test question in the coming election. And in that view of it the duty of the conscientious voter is to take at least a hasty glance over what these statesmen have been doing, or trying to do, for the last eight months; at the record of the long session of this congress—a congress in which, with a two-thirds majority and unlimited power to do or not to do whatever pleased them, they have no excuse for doing the things they ought not to have done, or leaving undone the things they ought to have done.

If the mission of political parties is to misrepresent opponents, raise false issues, excite the people by foolish apprehensions and groundless alarms, and then, when intrusted with power on the strength of vague promises, to go back on the promises and do nothing but dodge the most important issues they were expected to meet, and so keep up a system of falsehood and deceit, then the Democratic party is a success and the present congress its crowning glory; otherwise not.

In only one respect has this congress fulfilled the promise of its election. We were told that it would offer a contrast to its predecessor—the Republican congress of which Mr. Reed was speaker. It certainly has. A more striking contrast would be difficult to imagine. That congress, elected upon a fair and candid presentation of the tariff issue to the people, went straight to its work and did it. It adopted rules under which the majority could do business, and all the clamor of the opposition and the obstructive tactics of a factious minority failed to swerve it one moment from its purpose.

The initial step of the majority of the present congress was to adopt rules which should serve as an excuse for not doing the business they were sent there to do. The result is that they have done nothing whatever of any serious importance of all the things they so loudly promised two years ago. The one thing they have succeeded in demonstrating is their own inability to agree among themselves upon any question of principle or policy. They are at one among themselves upon nothing except a common hostility to the Republicans. They are a party of negations, without a principle or an idea upon which they can unite and call their own.

The history of politics and parties furnishes no such conspicuous and lamentable failure as this party with 150 majority has made in attempting to deal with the questions which it thrust into the foreground as of the most vital consequence in the canvass preceding the election two years ago.

The two things most harped upon then were, first, that the McKinley tariff would destroy the industries of the country and bring distress upon the masses by increasing the cost of living: and second, that the country was on the brink of financial ruin and bankruptcy through the extravagant appropriations of a Republican congress. "The robber tariff" and "the billion dollar congress" were the party cries.

One would suppose that a party riding into power with such an overwhelming majority upon such issues would do something in the direction of repealing the tariff and cutting down appropriations to attest its sincerity. It began with shuffling on the tariff and has concluded with offering practically nothing but an amendment or two, and in the matter of appropriations it has only succeeded in making itself ridiculous by quarreling over petty items while letting the big sums go through after a little flurry of opposition for appearances' sake.

Another question of the highest importance to the credit and financial prosperity of the country they have successfully evaded. For eight months this 150 majority congress has been struggling to furnish a pretext for its existence and a record to which it could with some show of confidence appeal for a continuance of popular favor and support. The record is pretty nearly completed. Is any Democratic newspaper or orator pointing to it with pride? And yet upon that record the party must be judged. "By their fruits ye shall know them."—New York Tribune.

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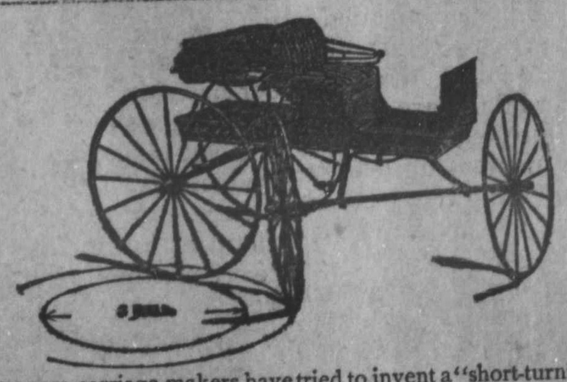
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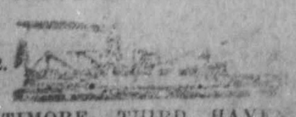
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