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WHEN THE PANICS COME.

It is Claimed That a Little One is Due About Every Four Years or Thereabout.

The Larger Ones Come Along Regularly, but With Longer Periods Between.

A President Who Came Near Being Called by a Mysterious and Afflictive Providence to Office.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—There is a tradition in Washington to the effect that a certain man who was a compromise candidate for vice president, was elected by a scratch and unexpectedly became president felt it incumbent on him to write an extremely modest introductory paragraph to his first message. He accordingly began, as nearly as his secretary can remember, in these words: "Called by a mysterious and afflictive Providence to the chief magistracy of this nation from the far inferior place to which I had been elevated by the chances of politics, I feel that I ought," etc.

The secretary of state of that day was emphatically boss in his party, and when he saw this he broke out with more heat than politeness: "Great heavens, man! If you begin that way, they never will get done laughing at you. You will be burlesqued in every paper in the country, and these Washington journalists will make that sentence a byword. What! Ascribe your elevation first to an accident and then to an afflictive Providence? No, indeed! You must assume that you are rightfully here and mean to be boss of the situation."

Of course this was expressed in somewhat more diplomatic terms, and there is a current opinion that the new president changed his policy at once and suffered in consequence. Occasionally congressmen spring up by something like the causes modestly mentioned by this president.

The contrast was very marked between the debate on the Wilson bill and that on the McKinley bill. It fell to my lot to read carefully every speech delivered in the house on that bill and to condense them into one-third of their space for popular use, and I was much impressed with the great ability displayed on both sides of the discussion.

In the recent debate there were single speeches of ability equal to any in the Fifty-first congress, but the debate, as a whole, was somewhat inferior. I was particularly amused by the very sweeping assertions made by some eastern men on the one side and by the still more sweeping—indeed positively reckless—statements of western men on the other. The latter declared that the entire period from the accession of Polk to that of Lincoln was one of continuous and uninterrupted prosperity, while the former declared it a season of almost uninterrupted hard times, but that certain other decades showed unbroken prosperity.

Now, one would naturally suppose that these statements would read the commercial history of their country, at least of nights, Sundays and rainy days, for diversion if nothing else. They would there find that there have never been 15 years of continuous prosperity since the pilgrims landed; that there never have been 13 years without a panic since Ben Franklin was old enough to keep a diary, and that since the adoption of the constitution there have never been seven years without some kind of financial disturbance.

Does Not Prove the Rule.

The funny feature of the case is that one can take almost any year from Polk to Lincoln and prove by good Democratic testimony that it was a year of misfortune and by good Republican testimony that it was a year of prosperity. The one marked exception is the year extending from August, 1857, to the same month in 1858. All authorities on all sides agree that that was a bad year. One member was so unfortunate as to select the year 1855 as an awful example of what misery low tariffs had wrought for the farmers, and one on the other side was still more unfortunate in selecting certain years since the war. One asserted with great vehemence that free trade had reduced England to a general condition of commercial helplessness and pauperism among the laboring classes, while another demonstrated to his own satisfaction that protection was literally eating out the heart of Germany.

Now, a common man is hardly at liberty to ridicule a congressman. Indeed it would be a sort of moral treason. Nevertheless it might have occurred to these gentlemen that one example does not establish a general rule, even in sciences much less complicated than politics, and that England's insular possessions, her enormous merchant marine and immense continental possessions might count for a great deal on the one side, while Germany's immense standing army and her position begirt by hostile, or at any rate not very friendly, nations might count for a good deal on the other. As to the United States, a few facts may here be fittingly set

WILLIAM A. MCKEIGHAN, down. They are known, of course, to statisticians, but it will be interesting to briefly set them forth for general reading.

The Record of Panics. The 105 years since the adoption of the constitution have shown the following commercial record: About once in four years there has been a minor panic—a stock panic, a bank panic or a sudden fall in prices of produce, resulting in considerable embarrassment. About once in 10 years there has been a great and serious panic, affecting all branches of business, and once in thirty odd years, or, say, about three times in a century, there has been a worldwide and terribly destructive panic, which, in the language of farmers, "killed everything that was caught out." And these panics of various grades of intensity have come with almost mathematical regularity, regardless of the party in power, its foreign or domestic policy, the banking system in vogue, the kind of currency in use or the percentage of the tariff.

The logical conclusion is that the causes of panics far lack of any of those usually assigned in congressional debate, and as the party calculators are already figuring on the chances for next November it may interest them to note that all our very bad panics have come the year after a presidential election and have invariably been followed by a terrific defeat of the party in power. If there is an exception to this rule, it was the panic of 1817-19.

Another feature of the case, which is amusing or instructive according to the way one looks at it, is the fact that the men who are brought into congress, by chance or Providence, as aforesaid, in these times of disturbance almost always grow more conservative the longer they stay in the body. Thus, when the house began to divide on minor points the Wilson bill, it was estimated that there were 17 extremists, meaning men who held views very similar to those of the Populists of Kansas, but when the last amendments offered by Jerry Simpson were put to vote only nine

men passed, between the yeas, and now four of these are counted as Democrats.

Due to Environment. Of the new men whose entrance to congress was a surprise to the country I considered Senator James Henderson Kyle of South Dakota among the clearest headed. He could not very well have helped being a radical on a question of primary human rights, for he was born at Xenia, O., in 1834, was graduated from Oberlin college and from the Western Theological seminary at Allegheny City, was a Congregational preacher in Utah and a missionary in Dakota. Like all the rest of us, he absorbed the atmosphere of his environment and consequently became the United States he is quiet, cautious and level headed—one of the very few congressmen whose opinion is affected by the able speeches delivered by his colleagues.

Another man of the same type and apparently growing conservatism is Congressman at Large Harris of Kansas. He is very quiet and earnest, a very nice look-



LATE PENCE.

ing man, but is no longer spoken of as a Populist, being counted as a straight Democrat. One of the best speakers in the third party is William A. McKeighan of the Fifth Nebraska district, and the longest winded in Senator Allen of the same state, whose chief title to distinction so far is that he spoke 15 hours on the silver question. McKeighan is quite an uncertain quantity in politics and is jealously classified by his colleagues as a Demo-pop-independent-silverite. He prepares his speeches with great care, and even to one who does not accept his conclusions they sound like really classical productions.

Senator Roach of North Dakota, formerly set down as a Populist, is also now counted as a Democrat. It fell to my lot to read carefully every speech delivered in the party division in the house that division has changed no less than five times by deaths, resignations and changes of class, but the Democrats and such Populists as act with them on all economic questions still have a certain majority of 94.

Fence and Cooper. An interesting fact in the makeup of the house is that one of the most active Populists and an equally active Democrat were boyhood companions, and their mothers are still next door neighbors and friends in Columbus, Ind. One is Late Pence of Colorado and the other George William Cooper of the Fifth district of Indiana. Mr. Pence was a Democrat from way back, but in 1892, in common with most of the Colorado Democrats, he booted the platform of the Chicago convention and went for General Weaver and silver. But, just the same, he is now counted as a pretty good Democrat, with only occasional outbreaks of Populist fervor. He is a small, quick, vivacious man, who flits at any subject with intense earnestness and shakes hands with an ardent grip.

Especially all these things are of some interest, but politically still more, for the calculators on both sides are already counting the districts which the Democrats will lose next November, and for a wonder the losing party good naturedly admits in advance a very heavy loss, while the other party expresses no anxiety to capture the house. In fact, it seems to be taken for granted that the possession of the next house representatives will be of no advantage to the party which has it. There are 23 districts in which the Democratic majority in 1892 was less than 1,000, and some calculators expect all these to be lost. In addition they expect to lose the really debatable districts in the seven large states where the tariff will be the great factor.

Partisan Calculators.

Of course there are many other states in which the tariff is important, but some of them are Republican and some Democratic anyway, while in others the districts are so jerry-mandered so judiciously that it would take a change of 20 per cent or so in the votes to make any change in the representation. Democratic calculators say, "We can lose every really debatable district in the seven tariff states and every other district which the majority is less than a thousand and still have a working margin in the next house." Republican figures say, "We shall carry every district where the majority against us was less than 1,500, all the debatable districts in all the tariff states, all the Populist districts in Kansas, and both Rhode Island districts besides, which gives us the house by a good working majority."

Very Queer

Are the sensations experienced by the nervous and dyspeptic. Unaccountable palpitation, buzzing in the ears, flushing of one side of the face, odd taste and tingling in the mouth, constant restlessness, stinging the quiet and sinking in the stomach, acute sensitiveness to slight sounds that magnifies them ten-fold, let spirits, whose are only a few of the charming exercises of the individual who suffers from combined no-rouness and indigestion—a team that really travels together. They may not, fastive consumption, chronic rheumatism and kidney complaint, restores nervous quiescence and promotes appetite, vigor and sleep.

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