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But there is general legislation which could be profitably indulged in and which should receive serious consideration from the people. If this crime could arouse public sentiment to the enactment of a law which would effectually protect every official in the discharge of public duty from the humblest policeman of a town to President of the United States, much good will have been accomplished. A public officer should feel that he has the people at his back. Frequently he has offices to dispose of, as was the case with the President, and frequently men are driven to criminal action because they are not favored, as was the case with Guiteau. To this the officer ought to be protected in the discharge of his duty without fear or favor guided only by qualification and by no other consideration. In the same way the policeman should feel that he is protected by the majesty of the law no matter what means he may have to resort to for the protection of himself and the peace of the community. If there is any laxity in the laws, it is in this, that the hands of public officials are not sufficiently upheld. The majesty of the law should be a terror to evil-doers.

Be Warned.

The danger to the Democratic party which must be guarded against, is dissension in its ranks. And nothing gives fuel to this spirit of dissension more surely than questions upon which the people are divided. There are two such questions that are now giving much hope and comfort to Republicans, and these are prohibition, and the fence question. We heard a Republican boasting not long since that the Democratic party was dead already, and when asked the cause, he pointed to these two matters. The Republican party at the South don't care an iota for principle. Its leaders will take up anything that they imagine will hurt the Democratic party. With the cunning of the serpent, they see the divisions which prohibition and the fence question will create, and they leap at the opportunity for putting in a splitting wedge. Let us be on our guard, and take warning in time. We have a wily foe to contend with, and it will be well to count the cost before we go too far. We must make haste slowly. Rome was not built in a day, and we can't expect to reform things with too much of a rush. Exciting questions, in our present political condition, should be avoided, as far as it is compatible with principle.

At Last.

After ineffectual ballotings at Albany for these many weeks, the dead lock has at last been broken, so far as Platt's place is concerned, in the election of Warner Miller. Conkling still holds out, but he is getting pretty close to the margin of discomfiture. Miller is said to be better than Platt or Depew, the former, Conkling's kite-tail, and the latter, the representative of the Vanderbilt ring. New York politics are surely passing finding out.

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