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### A Great Danger.

There is a great danger that the Democratic party will be defeated in the national election because of being too sanguine of success. Throughout the country the cry comes up that Blaine is so weak that we will have no trouble in defeating him, and that we can elect any ticket we nominate. There is a false feeling of security in our ranks, and unless it gives place to honest work and a steady purpose to win on the right principles, our nominees will be defeated in November. It is not wise to underestimate the strength of Blaine. He is not, we believe, so strong a candidate as Hawley or Gresham or Harrison would have made, but he is not the weak candidate he is represented to be. Blaine is a man of acknowledged ability and shrewdness. We doubt if he has an equal in the United States in these two respects. He is also unprincipled, and would not hesitate or scruple at anything which would advance his interests. He is a wire-puller, a schemer, a trickster. It was Blaine, more than any other twenty men, who secured Garfield's election, and he has been during all the years since the war the most popular and successful of Republican leaders. It was Blaine who controlled the Republican Congress until 1875, when the Democrats came into power. It was Blaine who prevented Grant from having a third term, although the old leader was supported by Logan and the majority of Republican statesmen. It was Blaine who inspired enthusiasm into the ranks in 1880 when the hopes of Garfield and Arthur had flagged. It was Blaine who was the master spirit of Garfield's administration, and it was Blaine who would have plunged us into war with some foreign power if he had remained in the cabinet. It was Blaine who managed the great land steals by which the railroads obtained thousands of acres of valuable land for nothing. It was Blaine who led the party into excesses of extravagance and corruption. It was Blaine who has, more than any other man, controlled the Republican party since the war, and the present corruption of that party is due more to him than to any other man. He is an unscrupulous man, and his great ability and cunning have enabled him to out-general the other Republican leaders and have made him the idol of the masses of his party.

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All that we need is that our people should see the importance of acting in the matter, and when our constitutional slowness is once overcome, the taxes will be cheerfully paid, a pride in our schools will spring up and education will rapidly and safely advance. We believe that the Superintendent is now the most important officer that we could appoint to nominate, and it would be a serious mistake to place in nomination a man who could or would not excite interest in this most important of our State enterprises. Not a mere school man, for the ability that enables a man to preside successfully over the affairs of a single school is not necessarily the sort of ability that would make him a successful Superintendent of public schools of the State; not a mere scholar, no matter how profound and extensive his learning; and by no means a professional politician who seeks the office as a stepping stone to further political preferment, is the sort of man to select.

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