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PARTY DISCIPLINE VS. INDIVIDUAL INDEPENDENCE.

In the strict sense, it is impossible that individual political independence should exist in any political party.

There is a dogmatism in every political party which does not permit the individual to exercise a complete freedom of thought or action.

Great political parties may get out of a strict conformity with their previous existing principles, for temporary expediency purposes, but no member of the party can set himself up as differing with some party announcement, without being a traitor.

The fatality of getting beyond one's political party's current, is known so well, that it is a matter of history.

Really great men, whose counsel was of value to their parties, and whose services were desirable to have had in official positions by the country, have found themselves set aside and retired to private life, all because they could not think and act in strict conformity to their party's dictates.

The fact that these men may have thought rightly, and that their party may have later on returned to their way of thinking, did not restore the politician to the position formerly held, nor was his judgment commended.

This is on the fundamental questions, in which a political party, per se, can commit no error.

While there may appear a harshness in this suppression of any individual political independence, it is easily seen what the results might be if party discipline was not rigidly maintained.

There is ever a striving by the politician of force and individuality of character, to overcome this absoluteness of party rule over its members, but nothing has been gained or accomplished through these attempts by the individual, except where a party majority has been secured to develop the independent thought of one, and make it the property of the majority.

Because of this sacrifice of the occasional person, it would seem a high price to pay for democracy, but the system is the only practical one, and keeps the representation of party in the many, and does away with the opportunity of the creation of a political oligarchy.

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Marketing and Transportation. In a lecture on "Raincoats and Lightning" a scientist explained the extreme blackness and grotesque shape of thunderheads as being caused by lightning rising upward from ground to cloud. Lightning continues until the thunderhead has risen too high above the subjacent ground for the lightning to find its path becomes more vertical. Thunderheads may be seen 20 miles.

Window glass has been broken by a heavy thunder. The current rose to a height of some six miles, then fell over from a base (rain) 1000 feet. Lightning will fall vertically from the cloud, but the rain will fall at an angle, and so itself become rain.

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The cost of the South African war to date is put at £228,000,000. The Boer states were not the price. The compensation may come in, though, in finding out how strong the empire was.

Spring Fever. Spring fever is another name for biliousness. It is more serious than most people think. A torpid liver and inactive bowels mean a poisoned system.

King Leopold seems to be a man remarkably free from vices, considering the extent of his whistlers.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

King Eddy is returning to his old habits. He visited a London music hall the other night. He'll be opening a little game next.—Hamilton Democrat.

A Good Cough Medicine. It speaks well for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy when druggists use it in their own families in preference to any other.

It is a well known fact that the density of the air at the bottom would be as great as that of quicksilver. By the same law a cubic inch of air weighs 4,000 miles above the earth's surface would expand sufficiently to fill a sphere 2,000,000,000 miles in diameter.

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