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COALITIONS SUCCEEDED.

When the people of the city of Hamilton looked around and found that the majority of party lines was not working good to the whole people, they formed a coalition of the better elements of both parties, Republicans and Democrats, elected CLEVELAND and they improved their local affairs. It was a similar case of things that befell him in the gubernatorial contest Albany, for while there was no direct opposition of the two parties, the Republicans refused to vote against him, which they knew to be almost equivalent to electing him. Hence they supported him by vote or by electing him.

Philadelphia also found that the party line, although pretended to be used to keep party members to their posts in the party lines was not working so well. The backs of the people and adding a certain amount of votes to each exhausted themselves from their gardens of the party. In which they belonged to the party of the other. Both parties gathered their best men together and formed a coalition in fact of the party line. The result was the improvement that both parties united in sending them up to Harrisburg as Governor to extend the term of the reform and to extend the boundaries of that great State.

Richmond also found the effect of party lines too tightly drawn, the people complained, and the party line dissolved over their heads with indomitable energy until the Republicans and Democrats concluded to form a coalition, and then men to manage their local affairs, with more regard to the interest of the people than the preference of the party.

THE WHEAT OF THE PHARAOH. There is a proverb which says that there are more facts than fables in the world. Indeed, the pharaohs were from mistakes as to facts, or a wrong interpretation of them. An instance of this is the case of wheat found in the coffins of Egyptian mummies. It has been found over and over again that such wheat retained its vitality for over four thousand years, and had sprouted as fresh and green as the seeds of last year's planting. Minister S. C. Cox, who represents this country at Constantinople, had this matter thoroughly tested. He sent a package of wheat found in the graves of mummies to responsible agriculturists in this country, who planted it under the most favorable conditions; but it would not germinate. Indeed, it was found on cutting the seed that it had turned to dust. — *Democrat's Monthly.*

Switzerland, the ancient Helvetia, was so named by the Austrians, who called the inhabitants of these mountainous countries Schwyzers. (It replaced its present name from a renowned prince called Helvetus. It was called Hesperia, from its western locality. Holland, the ancient Batavia, a name which was named from the German word bat, the English which is hollow, implying a very low country. The inhabitants are called Dutch, from the German deutch or deutch. Sweden and Norway were anciently called Scandinavia, which the modern antiquarians think means a country the woods of which have been burnt or destroyed. The appellation Sweden is derived from Sittuna, or Sittun, the native term Norway, or the northern way explains itself. Prussia, from the Prussian race; but some writers suppose it took its name from Prus, and the Scavone symbol by which means all ancient, or near.

Denmark means the peninsula territories of the Danes. Russia is the ancient Scythia, which has been subsequently named Muscovy. It derived its present name from Russia, a name which was founded the Russian empire. The original name of the Russians was to paint their bodies, in order to appear more terrible in battle. They generally lived in the mountains, and their chariots were their only habitations. The name of the Russian empire is derived from the word Rus, or the word Rus, which signifies wanderers, and occasionally belonged to the Scythians of Persia. It is sometimes called the Russian empire from one of their principal leaders.

A BABY GIRAFFE.—While hunting one day in South Africa, Mr. Babin and his companions saw a giraffe, quietly picking the seed-pods off the tops of the Keweenaw trees. Suddenly a small giraffe came out from behind a tree, and stood right in front of the hunters. "That's the baby," the others are close by," said J. B. as the little one stepped behind a clump of bushes near which two large giraffes were feeding. They never moved, but stared stupidly at the hunter, until the latter had approached within thirty yards of the herd, when they wheeled around and ran in their long, awkward legs, would carry them straight toward the hunters. The dogs brought the bull to bay. A shot tumbled him over. A wounded cow giraffe came rolling along, looking like a tottering juggler. A shot tumbled her to the ground.

"The baby giraffe," said a half-breed. "He went run away, but was for his mother. When the horses are rested, we will catch him alive." The orphan was found in a grove. The horsemen spread out and formed a circle about him. As they closed in, he stood still. Kias, a guide, galloped up to him, and the next moment was rolling in the sand, with his horse on top of him. The giraffe had reared and struck the horse on the shoulder, with his right fore-foot, and then given him a "left hander" in the side, knocking horse and rider down. "He shakes hands a little too hard," shouted a half-breed to the unfortunate Kias. "His feet are too plenty, Kias," said another. "I'll try." Neither man nor spear could induce the horse to go near the giraffe a second time. The "baby" looked down upon the mounted hunters with a pleading look in his large, dark eyes. "I'll try," said the half-breed, "I'll try to get him, but he is big enough to shake hands of himself," said the leader, feeling sorry for the poor creature.

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