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THE ORIGIN AND PROGRESS OF PARTIES.

Patrick Henry, in his memorable speech, said: "I have no lamp by which my feet are guided but the lamp of experience. I know no way of judging the future but by the past." Political parties might stand on their record, or

"all like Lucifer, never to hope again."

The party which, from the foundation of the government, has opposed every monarchical and aristocratical tendency, and has steadfastly contended for the rights of the States and the liberties of the people, was called "The Republican Party" until, sometime in 1860, the Jeffersonian Republicans dropped that name and accepted that of Democrats. Jefferson stamped his seal upon it at its birth, and it has proudly borne it, through every vicissitude of fortune, to the present day.

Friendship has been denominated "The science of circumstances." At all times, and under all circumstances, the Democratic party has shown its wonderful adaptability to all conditions including Constitutional Government. Just so echoed the sentiments of Jefferson when in his message to Congress he said: "The ambition which leads me on is an anxious desire and a fixed determination to promote my countrymen, so far as I may, that it is not in a splendid government supported by powerful monopolies and aristocratical establishments that they will find happiness or their liberties protected; but in a plain system, void of pomp, protecting all and granting favors to none, dispensing its blessings like the dews of heaven, unseen and unfeared, save in the freshness and beauty they contribute to produce."

This sentence, from the pen of Andrew Jackson, glowing with the patriotic sentiments of Thomas Jefferson, could have been incorporated into the message of Grover Cleveland, without causing the slightest deflection from the line of its argument.

As the army of the Potomac under Grant was formed of the remnants of all the armies that had been beaten by Lee, so the Republican party was formed of the heterogeneous masses of the defeated parties whose flags had gone down before the victorious Democracy.

Its first National Convention met in Philadelphia, June 12, 1856.

It assembled in pursuance of a call addressed "To the people of the United States, without regard to past political differences or division, who were opposed to the adoption of the Missouri compromise; to the policy of President Pierce's administration; to the extension of slavery into free territory. In favor of the admission of Kansas as a free State; of restoring the Union; of the principles of Washington and Jefferson."

It is not our purpose to speak of anything further than is necessary to the elucidation of our subject. When we have applied for admittance into the Union, her administration has opposed the admission of the

States of slavery in her territory, or in the language of the slaves, because she was a slave State. The conservatism of the South was equal to the occasion, and Missouri was admitted into the Union on the condition that slavery should never exist in any State of the Union north of the northern boundary of Missouri. This compromise was a plausible expedient, but it was contrary to the genius of the government. Where did Congress get the right to legislate for unborn States? Well did John Randolph ask, "By what formula can we bind future legislation?" It was right—it was in accord with republican institutions—that when new States were formed in the territory acquired from Mexico, that they be admitted into the Union with all the rights and privileges of independent States.

But what had the Pierce administration done to justify the formation of this sectional party? It had simply organized the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska in accord with the hitherto universally accepted doctrine that "The Territories of the Union are the common property of the people of the Union." The Republican party was made a sectional party, and it steadily conforms to the likeness in which it was created.

THE DEFECTIVE AND WEAK MINDED.

New Bern, N. C., July 4, '88.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—The following excellent letter was written by one of the most intelligent Christian ladies of the town of Washington; one whom I have known from her childhood. She is endorsed by many of the leading citizens of said town, and I also add my testimony as to her great mental and moral worth. I think, Mr. Editor, that a republication of the letter in your excellent paper would aid much in directing public attention to the steps therein suggested.

Respectfully,
JONATHAN HAYENS.

A TRAINING SCHOOL DESCRIBED.

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