

THE GOLDEN AGE OF POLITICS POSTPONED.

The era of universal political amity that succeeded the Presidential election has come to an end. For a time party lines seemed to have disappeared, and the New York *Herald* had a leader on the golden age of politics. Everybody was good humored, and even the caustic Liberal journals, that had been the President's chief critics and best opponents, expressed a desire to support him in the future, and a sympathy in his reforms. But a change has come, and the happy fraternity among politicians and good will among the people has not been realized. The lion and the lamb have not lain down together because the lion thought his meek political brother a wolf in disguise and refused to let him into the caucus. The bloody chasm yawns again and the parties are again shaking their fists over it. The Liberal journals have already found cause to differ with the President's policy on certain Southern questions, and have reassumed the role of critics with sharper pens and keener wits than before. This condition is just what everybody expected. Politics in this country are too selfish and personal indeed to expect anything else. Those gentlemen and journals who had formerly called themselves Republican, who were included in the opposition during the recent campaign, some time ago generally expressed their intention to offer no factious opposition to the Administration and to sustain it whenever its policy was promotive of the public good and in accord with the progressive political thought of the time. This position, if maintained, would be one of strict impartiality and independence, useful to the country and honorable to those who occupied it. It could not long be maintained, however. Between the two great parties, those who assumed it would soon come to grief. This view is being adopted by the Liberals. They are fusing into the opposition, and, although small, leavening the whole lump. Their principles are being forced upon the Democratic party, or what was once that party, and which, as a separate organization, ceased to exist when it ratified the work of the Cincinnati Convention.—*Philadelphia Press*.

At White Plains yesterday the will of Greeley, dated 1871, was presented for admission to probate. Hearing in the matter, however, was declined until January 15th.

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