

say the gold, will fly, as it always does, before the bad, and general derangement will ensue. It is probable that though political economy is not as a rule the strong point of American politicians, most of them have the sense to see this and that in yielding to the pressure of the silver gang they will be sinning against light. Their weakness once more points the moral that with party government any compact and thoroughly selfish interest, by taking advantage of the balance of parties, may control legislation and gain its nefarious ends. Where is the optimist who will maintain that the world can be forever governed in this way?

—The chances of immediate legislation at Washington in any direction may be lessened however by the recurrence of a deadlock. The Republican majority has admitted Wyoming and Idaho as States, without a sufficient population, for the sake of the two Senatorships which each, being Republican, will give the party, while by a fraudulent decision, in which men who carry their heads morally so high as Senators Hoar and Evarts did not scruple to take part, they have stolen the two Senatorships of Montana. They have thus in all probability secured a majority in the Senate for some years to come. But it is generally conceded that the Fall Elections will go in favour of the Democrats, who will thus capture the House. The Senate will then be in the hands of one party, the House in that of the other; and to get any measure through both will be almost impossible. Here is the infirmity of the double-chamber system combined with party government. If a Democratic President is elected next time, the Executive will once more be opposed to the Senate and a diplomatic as well as a legislative paralysis may again ensue.

—The British Parliament seems to be labouring almost hopelessly with obstruction. The truth will be forced upon