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THE election in Maine, with its possible gains for the "Greenback" or "National" element, has a significance beyond the mere local result. It implies that sentiments, of which Kearney is the uncouth exponent, have been permitted to grow in regions where, it was supposed, intelligence and education could have readily dislodged them. It compels men who think to take an active part in the councils of their party, so that no mere time-serving considerations shall supersede honest, zealous devotion to the country's good.

The election of 1876, and the turmoil that followed, have proved disastrous enough: can we endure a further struggle of two years, the certain consequence of the victory of the so-called "soft money" men, the "Nationals," and all who propose to "pool their issues" in a contest with national integrity?