

THEIR OWN MISTAKE.

Numbers of the smaller fry among the administration newspapers refer to the Chinese complication as having been brought upon the country by the Republican party. It is true that the law was enacted during the administration of Mr. Harrison, but it was a child of the Democratic house. Congressman Thomas J. Geary, a Democratic representative from California, framed the measure and became its sponsor. There was a majority of such proportions against the Republicans that nothing that they could have said or done would have prevented the bill from going through. It is safe to say that few Democrats who voted for it expected that it would become a law, and the boast was made that Mr. Harrison would be compelled to veto it and that would insure the Pacific coast states for the Democratic national ticket. They thought they were playing a very smart dodge on the Republicans and were almost dumbfounded when the bill went through the senate and received the president's signature.

That was the only course left open to the Republicans. The conspirators were given their law just as it had passed their committee in the house, and now they are brought face to face with the responsibility which they themselves created. It was a partisan measure, its author being only a fanatical tool, and the part taken by the Republicans was merely an act of self-defense. It may be noticed in passing that the same congress that made the law carefully provided that its provisions should not be enforced by omitting to make an appropriation to pay the expense. And that feature of the complication can be traced directly to Republican influences.

It is best for these small bore critics that they keep themselves posted on the ways that are dark and tricks that are vain in the ranks of their own party before venturing to belabor their opponents. The Democratic party is wholly responsible for the Geary law, and the Democratic administration will have to get itself out of the muss in the very best way it can.