Unbalanced Anesthesia? “Cleveland’s Ether” and “Political Oxygen”

“Can Dr. Lorenz Cleveland straighten out the old Democratic mule?” So asked Judge, a Republican-supported weekly magazine, which featured a cover pictorial (left), on its January 17, 1903, issue, of a weakened Democratic donkey wobbling on perhaps one straight leg and three crooked ones. Political cartoonist Grant Hamilton has labeled the weakened legs as the “Expansion Leg,” the “Financial Leg,” and the “Tariff Leg.” The former U.S. President and beleaguered Democrat, Grover Cleveland, apparently will need to administer “Cleveland’s Ether” along with “Political Oxygen” (close-up, right) to tackle what cartoonist Hamilton has titled “A Tough Job.” (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc.)

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