

CHAMP CLARK'S LETTER

Republican Party Badly Demoralized.

SNARLING AT EACH OTHER.

McKinley and Congress at Loggerheads.

OVER PORTO RICOAN TARIFF BILL.

Secretary Root, Author of the Measure, Has Probably Killed His Vice Presidential Boomlet—Amusing Somersaults of McKinley and Payne—Amos Cummings' Coup, Wainmaker and Reed—A Republican Outrage.

(Special Washington Letter.) "Snarve qui peut" is the cry among the Republicans. Thirty days ago they were so arrogant as to be almost insolent; now they are humble as a lamb before the slaughterer.

The great question among them is not who struck Billy Patterson, but who killed Cock Robin, Cock Robin being the Republican party. The president's political body servants say, "Congress did it." The congressmen say—mentally at least—"The president did it."

Getting News From Home. They are getting the news from home, which indicates that scores of congressional seats have been imperiled. They read the papers, and they must have a creepy sensation up and down their spinal columns when they peruse such an editorial as this from the Washington Post, Independent, goldbuggish, high tariff. The Post says:

"Four years ago Mr. Bryan stood for what many regarded as a propaganda of anarchy. The silver plank in the Chicago platform, which was, unfortunately for the Democrats, made the most conspicuous and threatening feature of the conflict, enabled the orators and organs of the capitalistic combinations of the country to proclaim that Bryan's success meant 'dishonest money,' the degradation of the dollar and the robbery of the horny handed son of toil."

"But what a difference now! The Republicans themselves have deliberately removed the bacchus of free silver from their property room. The enactment of the law fixing the gold standard as part of our national policy makes silver coinage impossible for at least six years to come."

"On the other hand, what strength has the Republican party gained to offset this loss of weakness by the Democracy? Very little, we fear. The splendid and successful conduct of the war with Spain has been sadly clouded by the scandals of mismanagement and favoritism which attended the glorious consummation. The course of the

administration with reference to Cuba and the Philippines has lost the party many stout and potent friends. The strange policy recently adopted toward Porto Rico has outraged practically the entire country. The Hay-Pauncefote treaty has still further impaired Mr. McKinley's prestige, and the rumored purpose of the president to compel its ratification will, if it should be realized, not only discredit the government, but bring contempt and odium upon the party.

"In our opinion, the Republican party has lost ground to an alarming extent within the past three months. Its best friends and ablest exponents have not been able to explain the betrayal of our national integrity involved in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty or to defend the bad faith and cruelty involved in our treatment of Porto Rico. We say nothing of the stupid mismanagement in Cuba and the Philippines, the ugly and appalling suspicious current with reference to both them and Porto Rico. Having no certainty, we speak no word."

Who made the greatest speech in the Porto Rican debate? I don't know. Nobody can tell. Many great speeches were made.

Who made the most fetching and astounding short speech ever delivered in the American congress? Amos J. Cummings of New York—the big hearted, whole souled Tammany brave. Really, Amos ought to be arrested for violating the statute against cruelty to animals by reason of the startling and unprecedented manner in which he ambushed the Republicans. He did it willfully, deliberately, premeditatedly, on purpose and of his malice aforethought, to borrow the felicitous and comprehensive language of the indictments. Truth to tell, he surprised and took in the Democrats nearly as completely as he did the Republicans; only the Democrats finally had the best of it, and he laughs best who laughs last.

A Remarkable Speech. With this preface I give his remarkable speech:

"Mr. Chairman, when the vital interests of our country are at stake and the liberty of the people is endangered I believe it to be the duty of every man upon this floor to rise above party trammels and vote in accordance with his honest convictions. Believing this, after I had voted for \$50,000,000 to be spent by the president of the United States to prepare us for war with Spain and after voting for the declaration of war, I stood here, rising above party, and voted for the revenue bill which provided money to carry on that war. In that same patriotic spirit I declare here today, with a full sense of my responsibility, that I shall vote for this bill. I shall vote for this bill, Mr. Chairman, provided it is amended as officially recommended by the president of the United States; provided, Mr. Chairman, that it is amended as recommended by the United States recommended—so as to provide absolute free trade with the island of Porto Rico."

"Now, Mr. Chairman, Porto Rico is either in the United States or out of it. If the island is out of the United States, we have no business legislating for her here in any way whatever, and if she is in the United States she is in the same condition as Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and the other territories, and she ought to have some Dennis Flynn or Pedro Perca here representing her."

"Now, Mr. Chairman, this measure ought to be amended so as to be entitled 'An act to make a temporary purgatory for the island of Porto Rico.' You intended at first to put her permanently in purgatory, but the committee on ways and means, with the religious presence which always ought to characterize them, have limited the time in which she shall remain in purgatory to 1902. This limit has satisfied my friend from Vermont, Judge Powers, whose legal if not Christian ability has been abundantly displayed on this floor, but it does not satisfy me. I would suggest to the gentleman from New York in charge of this bill (Mr. Payne) now, before pressing it to its passage, to amend it in accordance with the suggestion of the president in December last and secure my vote. I am still standing patriotically by the president."

Mr. Lacy—Mr. Chairman, I want to call the attention of the gentleman from New York (Mr. Cummings) to the fact that there is a law in force in the District of Columbia against obtaining goods under false pretenses. Mr. Cummings—How did you get Porto Rico?

As another illustration of the divine harmony now prevailing among Republicans pious John Wainmaker in his personal organ, the Philadelphia North American, hopped on to Hon. Thomas Brackett Reed, late of Maine, with both feet, and danceth a war jig upon his ponderosity, all by reason of an article by Mr. Reed in the Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post, in which Thomas deftly inserted his knife under William's fifth rib. John complaineth that Thomas is not bold enough to come out in the open. This generation hath known no more skillful master of English than Mr. Reed. Here are the paragraphs which disgruntled pious John. Mr. Reed saith: "Whenever in a republic free discussion is refused, whether suppressed by law or by public terrorism, you may be sure that some wrong exists which must be destroyed or it will destroy the republic."

"There is no more pitiable thing that can be said by a great people at any time than the saying so often heard of in the life of many nations, 'It was a foolish and wrong thing to be in, but we are in it and must go through.'"

"Democracy in its practical workings exhibits, from time to time, very strange incidents, which are little to be anticipated by any foreknowledge we may have. One would have supposed, had we not had other experience, that the doctrines of liberty as carried out by a free people would lead to larger individual independence, to wider range of toleration and more freedom of action, but in our history the result has been otherwise, and the disposition to be intolerant has in many ways increased. Reliance upon numbers rather than upon strength of argument has grown with our growth. It is much to be hoped that this is only a temporary result and that the dream of full and free expression of dissent from temporary popular opinions may become a working reality."

Will it Pay? It will be remembered that Senator Tom Carter of Montana said that the great question touching the Philippines was this—"Will it pay?" Let's see if it will pay. The Philippine war up to date has cost us in round numbers \$100,000,000 for the army alone, to say nothing of the navy, pensions and of loss of life. It will cost us that much or more every year that we try to hold them. Will it pay? Here is an extract from an administration paper as to our commerce with the Philippines which answers that question most effectively:

"The war department has published some statistics of Philippine commerce for the quarter of last year ending Sept. 30 which throw new light on the export trade so far as it relates to the United States. It is shown that of the total exports of raw sugar, amounting to \$1,143,349, only \$85,002 went to the United States, while Japan and Great Britain took nearly all the remainder; also as to leaf tobacco, the exports of which were valued at \$355,493, the exports to the United States were trifling in amount, Spain taking the lion's share—namely, \$294,518—and England \$33,947. The United States also took only \$5,032 of Manila cigars out of a total export of \$239,239, and none of the other manufactures of tobacco came to the United States. In fact, cigars and cigarettes to the amount of \$3,790 were imported from the United States. Even in Manila the United States was second to Great Britain in taking \$305,815 worth, while Great Britain took \$1,147,424. The total value of the hemp exports was \$2,776,907 and the amount was 19,949 tons."

"The imports of merchandise into the islands were valued at \$6,437,017 and the exports \$4,884,057. Silver coin to the value of \$588,001 was imported. "The total imports from Europe were valued at \$2,253,529 and from North America \$331,473. The exports to Europe were \$2,400,398 and to North America \$1,036,598. The total collection of import duty was \$1,022,187 and of export duty \$165,424."

Republican Outrage. It strikes me that after the action of the house on Thursday, March 8, in bouncing Robbins and seating Aldridge Republicans will receive a horse laugh when they begin to talk about Goebellism or Crokerism or any other sort of ism. Robbins received about 1,300 majority and had as clear a title to his seat as any man who voted to unseat him had to his seat. Aldridge is a professional contestant. This is the third time he was defeated by the voters of his district, and three times he has been elected by Republican members of congress in the house. But the Republicans since their scare over the Porto Rican bill and their narrow escape from defeat on that measure have made up their minds that they need a larger majority, and they propose to get it by throwing out Democrats who were elected and seating Republicans who were never elected. Yet this party arrogates to itself all virtue, all intelligence and all patriotism!

The chances are that every Democrat whose seat is contested and whose contest has not been already decided will be compelled to walk the plank; not because he is not entitled to his seat, but because the Republicans have only 14 majority in the house—which is uncomfortably close in so large a body, especially when the element of demoralization produced by the new fad of imperialism is taken into consideration.

Champ Clark

TENDER CLOVER HAY.

With Sliced Roots Added to It, It Constitutes the Best Winter Feed for Sheep.

The best possible dry feeding of sheep is clearly out, tender clover hay, with the addition of sliced roots. This is the best possible dry, coarse feeding for the winter. Ewes may be kept in the best condition on this feed without grain. The addition of some grain later, when the lambs are to be thought of, will be necessary, but only a moderate ration need be given. Sheep are naturally herbivorous, and mischief is frequently done by overcrowding them with grain, when their digestive apparatus is suitable only for herbaceous fodder. Grain eating animals do not need a large stomach, nor a series of them, for a gradual reduction of the hard and concentrated food to soluble pulp. Doubtless the majority of sheep lost during the winter feeding season die on account of a misunderstanding of this natural condition and requirement.

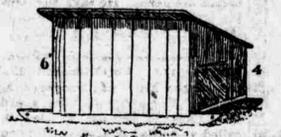
Bulky food is essential to an herbivorous and ruminating animal. Sometimes, for instance, cows have been fed a whole winter on finely ground cornmeal without any coarse food whatever, even hay. The result has been that, rumination not being required for the due maceration of the food, this function was wholly suspended. The size of the stomach even decreased, shrinking, as the common adage goes, "to the size of the ration." Life was preserved, doubtless, and this might have been useful in times of shortage of coarse fodder, but we never heard of any person but the discoverer of this new method of feeding in the winter who tried the experiment. This is a typical instance of natural requirements of herbivorous animals.

Nature has been an exemplary provider for her own needs, and the natural habits of feeding of any race of animals which has been in existence for years cannot well be set aside or disturbed by modern invention. The shepherd must take his flock as they were made and now exist. And the closer he can imitate the natural methods and habits of the race, the better success he will meet with in rearing the flock.—American Sheep Breeder.

A MOVABLE HOGPEN.

Quite Strong, Yet Light Enough to Be Drawn from Place to Place by Two Horses.

A movable shelter for shoats or brood sows which can be drawn from one part of the farm to another by two horses is shown in the illustration. It is very easily made. Construct a shed 12 feet long of two-by-eight-inch



MOVABLE HOGPEN.

board, using four crosspieces of same size seven feet long. Lay the floor lengthwise. Side one side with inch boards six feet high; opposite side for four feet. For plate to nail boards use two-by-four-inch scantling. Use a two-by-four at each end for rafters, to which end boards are nailed. Roof with matched flooring. The runners are sloped at each end, and there is a door in each end of the pen. This portable shelter will be found of use to every farmer and will cost little to make.—Orange Judd Farmer.

ROOTS FOR LIVE STOCK.

On account of the large amount of water they contain, cows on roots are never as thirsty in winter time as they otherwise would be.

If roots have not been cleansed of all particles of dirt when placed in storage in the fall, they should be cleansed with plenty of water prior to feeding. The dairyman who feeds roots to his cows in midwinter is always a wise one, no matter how plentifully his silo, hay mow and granary may be stocked. Besides their intrinsic value to milk production, roots fit that want in a cow's diet in winter of "something green," which aids in assimilating other foods.

A neighbor of mine had a cow to which he fed a bushel of roots daily, and, although on a hay diet besides, he said she never drank any water in three weeks, although offered it daily.—George E. Newell, in American Cultivator.

Taking the clean roots, an admirable way is to place them in a box and proceed to chop them up with a sharp spade. This can be very expeditiously accomplished, and then the feeding to cows should be done in fixed boxes in front of their stalls. Balanced Rations for Hens. The balanced ration is as necessary in the poultry yard as in the cow yard, and a man that feeds an unbalanced ration is wasting a large part of his food in either case. If a food contains 40 per cent. more fat-forming parts than nitrogenous parts then there is bound to be a large waste. If the fat is laid on, it is wasted and worse than wasted, for egg production; and if it is not laid on it is certainly wasted. Most of our people feed an excess of fat formers rather than an excess of protein, the latter being the more costly food. The man that got eggs all through the fall was the man that fed a balanced ration, and he will be the man that will get a good yield of eggs through the coming months.

JUST PLAYING RICH.

"MATHILDA," said the young married man to his wife on Sunday afternoon last, "will you be good enough to touch that button beside you? I want to summon my man and have him take a message down to the station for me. I have been sitting here longing for southern California, and I'm going to send James down to tell the man in charge of our private car to put her into commission and have her ready to be tacked on to the outgoing western express to-night. I suppose you are ready and will be glad to go, my dear, even if I have suggested it rather suddenly."

His young wife put her finger to her lip and studied for a moment. He could see by the expression on her face that his plan for a speedy departure was not entirely in accord with her wishes, and he prepared himself for a harsh answer if she should object. And why shouldn't he, he reasoned, for had he not made sacrifices to gratify her whims for travel, and departed for extended journeys to all parts of the globe on almost a moment's notice, and now if she could not accommodate her engagements to this one desire of his he would tell her what he thought about the whole domestic arrangement in their home.

"I really don't see how I could possibly get away so soon, Jack," she said. "Of course, Nituoches, my French maid, could probably pack in time—she is so quick and so thorough at luggage packing, Nituoches!—and Deborah, my other maid, could help her; but, Jack, there are so many other things to be considered. For instance, those dresses from Felix? Now, they should have been here by the last French steamer, and I was so grievously disappointed that they did not come! The next French steamer is not due until Wednesday, and they surely should arrive then. Then, too, that trousseau that is being reset for me, I should really like to have that before starting out on a trip to southern California. You know what lovely jewels the women wear out there. And, oh my! I forgot all about my new paddock coat and my new sash—that is coming from London—when, goodness only knows, it should have been here two weeks ago. No, Jack, I don't think it would be at all practicable to start to-night."

"How very annoying!" said the young husband, pettishly. "I do wish, Mathilda, that you would give up your obstinate habit of always placing obstacles in my path when you see I want to do a thing! Fact is, I had quite set my mind on going to-night, and I thought I should please and surprise you by telling you of it suddenly."

"But, Jack, you know I would really like to go," she said. "Now, when you decided suddenly last January that you wanted to go off on that Mediterranean cruise," interrupted the young husband, "did I have any stock of excuses ready to spring why I should or could not accompany you within the 24-hour time limit that your fancy dictated? Indeed, I did not! I ordered our yacht, the Crescent Moon, put into commission instantly—fact is, I telegraphed to our skipper to that effect within ten minutes after you suggested the cruise—and at seven o'clock the next evening we were bound for Gibraltar! Surely you remember that?"

"Why, of course, I do, you unreasonable old thing, Jack, but—"

"And, now that I've quite fixed my mind on taking a little run out to the southern coast of California, and starting this blessed evening on our private car, the Arcady, you seem to have a thousand and one reasons to present why you can't start for a week or so. Mathilda, it is distinctly exasperating!"

And the young husband rose from his chair and strode up and down, after the manner of a man very much put out. "Not under any circumstances would I have you put yourself out in the slightest degree. Of course, if you wanted to go somewhere, I could say no, I won't be able to start for a couple of weeks, my dear. I've got to run up to Vermont and look after my kennels; in the first place—I fear those dogs, and especially our prize \$15,000 St. Bernard, are being frightfully neglected by that dog expert we sent in England last summer. Or I could say that my stable of hunters down in Virginia needed looking after—that I didn't believe my corps of trainers were giving the look into your head one night that you jumped. Or I might, if I wanted to get out of accompanying you right off, say that our lodge up in the Adirondacks, or our chateau down in North Carolina, needed looking after. Again, I might say that the prospect of the issuance of a new loan by the government would keep me tied here for a couple of weeks. But I never make any such excuses, now, do I, honest, Mathilda?"

"Why, no, of course not, who ever said that you—"

"And then, do you remember when we were in Cairo last winter when you suddenly took it into your head one night that you'd like to take a dahabiyeh voyage down the Nile? Remember how I chartered the very finest dahabiyeh on the river that very night, so that she was ready to receive us the next morning?"

"Why, of course I've not forgotten that—"

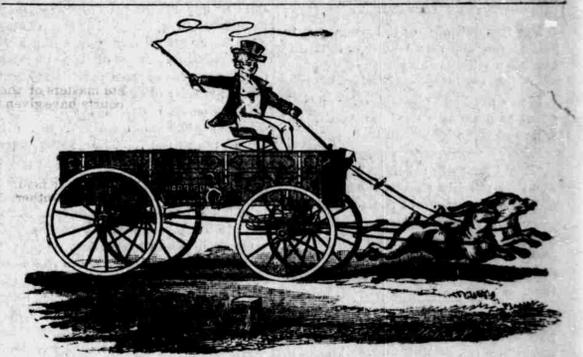
"And do you remember when we were at Marseilles, you felt too much fatigued to travel back to Genoa where our yacht was and I telegraphed our skipper and had the Crescent Moon in Marseilles harbor in the quickest time that was ever made between the two ports? And yet, when I suggest, thinking I'm making you happy, that I would like to start this evening for a little spin out to the coast, you invent—"

"Now, Jack, wait a minute," interrupted the young wife. "I only ventured to suggest that there were a few little things. I would like to attend to, but, really, I should be quite obliged to go immediately—this very hour, if you wish. We can arrange to have all those things I mentioned shipped after you. And isn't it jolly that the Crescent Moon just happens to be lying in San Francisco harbor now? We can take a little run to Japan in her when we become tired of southern California, can't we, Jack? And to the Hawaiian islands? Won't it be delightful? Oh, I am ready!"

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