

Arrangements for the distribution of the Bird and Arbor Day Manual...

Macon Postoffice Robbed. FRANKLIN, Neb., March 28.—The postoffice at Macon, Neb., was robbed last night...

Experts in Horlocker Case. HASTINGS, Neb., March 28.—In the Horlocker-Morey poisoning case...

Death of Netherton Hall. OMAHA, March 27.—Netherton Hall died suddenly yesterday at Maunuillo, Mex...

Four Ex-Officers on Trial. OMAHA, March 27.—The preliminary hearing of the officers of the Grain Growers' Mutual Hall association...

Crank in Omaha Church. Interruption Sunday Morning Services in Trinity Cathedral. OMAHA, March 26.—The appearance of a crank in Trinity cathedral during services Sunday morning caused a flurry of excitement...

Shannahan Goes Free. County Attorney Declares He Will Make No Further Prosecution. OMAHA, March 24.—John Shannahan is free. He was called from behind jail bars yesterday...

Dinsmore to Hang in July. Judge Sullivan Passes Sentence Upon the Condemned Man. LEXINGTON, Neb., March 22.—Judge Sullivan overruled the motion for a new trial in the Dinsmore murder case...

Demurrer is Overruled. Supreme Court Cites the Standard Oil Company to Face the Bar. On Thursday last the supreme court overruled the demurrer of the Standard Oil company...

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CHAMP CLARK'S LETTER

Republican Statesmen in Belligerent Mood.

FIGHT AT DROP OF THE HAT.

Seem Imbued With Sense of Impending Disaster.

GALLINGER AND PENROSE OLASE.

Ray and Grout in the House Also Engage in a Wordy War—A Bright Young Man From Texas—The Jekyll and Hyde of Politics—The Next House—Growth of the Majority. Snubbed by John Bull.

It is really astounding to observe the facility with which Republicans fall foul of each other these days. They quarrel and abuse each other after the manner of fishermen about anything from a great national policy to a matter of \$500 on an appropriation bill.

The other day Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire and Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania had an uproarious time in the senate, practically called each other liars and made motions as if they seriously meditated pulling each other's hair, scratching each other's face, smashing each other's prophecies. Some lingering remnant of respect for the chamber once honored and glorified by Webster, Clay, Calhoun, Benton and other giants restrained them from flying at each other's throat.

Just about the same hour in which Senators Gallinger and Penrose were threatening to maul each other into pulp Representative George W. Ray, whole hog Republican of New York, ran amuck on the venerable General Grout, whole hog Republican from Vermont. The venerable Green Mountain-er had brought in a philanthropic appropriation bill for educating criminal and semicriminal colored boys of Washington, which bill Ray characterized as a steal. Under pressure he changed his charge of "steal" so as to read, "The provision may permit what may be called a steal," but that he first charged that it was a "steal" can be established beyond question.

Let us turn from the disgusting spectacle of Republican senators and congressmen hurling criminations and recriminations at each other over a question of spoils to something more edifying. A Rising Young Statesman. Every sort of speech imaginable was made in the house in the Porto Rican debate—great speeches, brilliant speeches, logical speeches, illogical speeches, commonplace speeches and one speech which came near defeating its author for renomination and was dubbed by his constituents "that fool speech."

Among the great speeches was one by Robert L. Henry of Texas, popularly called Bob Henry. It is always refreshing and uplifting for a Democrat to see or think of Texas. The mammoth and magnificent commonwealth which boasts of the Alamo and San Jacinto, whose soil was enriched by the blood of Bowie, Davy Crockett and old Sam Houston, is one of the glories of the republic. She has a wonderful array of mighty men and God be praised, they are nearly all Democrats.

already arrived on the field, armed cap-a-pie like the knights of old. He is growing and growing rapidly. He has every qualification necessary for a great career in the home—brilliant learning, industry, studious habits, courage both moral and physical, integrity of character, correct political principles, a luminous style, a commanding presence and a voice clear, powerful and well modulated. I wish I had space to quote his speech on the Porto Rico tariff entire. Those who desire to understand that vexed question ought to send to him and get it, for it is a masterpiece. It was enthusiastically applauded by Democrats and conceded by Republicans to be a very fine presentation of our views.

The wonderful and disgraceful plight in which the Republican party finds itself—the president recommending one thing, the house of representatives doing precisely the opposite on the same subject and claiming to be doing the will of the president—must be taken and accepted as the most inexplicable phenomenon of our times. If Mr. McKinley does not look out, he will come known as "the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" of our politics.

In my opinion the Washington Post is the best political weekly indicator in existence. It is not a slavish party organ. It believes in goldbuggery, high protective tariff and Philippine expansion. It is rich, independent and capable. It is personally fond of President McKinley and, until very recently, believed implicitly that he was as much a man of destiny as Napoleon believed himself to be before Waterloo. Therefore what the Post says, which is not laudatory of the president, comes with the force of a pile driver.

So far as the country now knows, so far as the Post knows, so far as any authentic utterance warrants the humblest citizen in believing, the president still stands upon the declaration in his message and advocates free trade for Porto Rico. He made that declaration so liberally that upon such a solemn and persuasive array of facts, which responded to his overture with fervor and sincerity, he has changed his mind since then, if any of this agitation is to have a tariff against Porto Rico has his encouragement and sanction.

What are Mr. McKinley's supporters, the loyal Republican masses of the nation, to infer? Are they to take his word, as he proclaimed it last December, or are they to assume that Mr. Lodge and Mr. Smith, the postmaster general, are authorized to represent him as having changed his mind? It is perfectly evident that members of the house have voted for the tariff of 30 per cent their wishes and convictions. It is notorious that the house, if permitted to reconsider its former action, would defeat the tariff by an overwhelming majority.

Democratic prospects are growing so bright that no one hears any prophecy concerning the next house except that the Democrats will have it by a handsome majority. To show how easily they can do the trick one gentleman with a turn for arithmetic gives these figures, showing by what narrow margin several of our Republican brethren hold their seats:

lean majorities of 12,000 and 14,000 in 1896 were converted into Democratic majorities in 1898 and heard the cussing howl going on about the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, the Porto Rican bill, etc., they have a bad case of the nullgrubs.

"The Majority Growing." With flaming headlines, printed in type nearly as large as that used in circus posters, The Globe-Democrat, thick and thin, Republican organ, announces that "the majority is growing" in the house of representatives—1. C. the Republican majority. The G.D. is gleeful over this phenomenon. "The majority is growing," quoth The G.D. "My bank account is growing," says the burglar after a successful night of housebreaking. The principle underlying the two performances is precisely the same—theft. Hog stealing for some reason is accounted the most disgraceful species of larceny, and yet the Washington Post remarked recently that there is no appreciable difference between the moral status of him who purloins a ham and of him who steals a seat in congress.

The fact that the Democratic national convention is to be held in magnificent Missouri and on the 4th day of July has engendered great enthusiasm among the rank and file. It was really impolite, unneighborly and cruel in Lord Salisbury to snub President McKinley and Secretary of State John Hay when they were attempting to make a flank movement on the pro-Boer sentiment of this glowing and gorgeous republic and to thus make them the laughing stock of men and angels. He might have let them down easier. Considering how the administrative heart has been yearning for Johnny Bull, the noble lord might at least have used more diplomatic language.

When John was the under dog in the fight and was getting woefully chewed up, our smiling president and his amiable secretary of state were dumb as oysters. They lifted not a finger, they opened not their mouths in behalf of as brave a people as ever fought for liberty. Wherefore so silent? Because if peace had been made then the terms must have been ex necessitate in favor of Uon Paul and his heroic burghers; but after Lord Field Marshal Roberts gained his great (2) victory of 16 to 1, the tables were turned. John had the advantage; if peace came the terms thereof must favor him, therefore Mr. McKinley and his premier concluded that they could kill two birds with one stone—please the English, don't make a grand stand play to the galleries at home by tendering their services as intermediators—but Mr. Bull is perhaps the most intensely selfish creature under the sun. So, having his appetite whetted for blood and his lust for gold and diamonds being excited to an abnormal degree by his proximity to the richest mines under heaven, he curtly, rudely, unceremoniously and outrageously told Messrs. McKinley and Hay to go about their business and that he would not be interfered with in his delectable task of murdering the two little, weak, heroic republics. So our worthy diplomats have been given the horse laugh by the civilized world. But only think how much they had done to earn better treatment from Mr. Bull. Item, neglect to secure reparations for seizure of our four item, Hay-Pauncefote treaty, by which we get John's consent to spend \$150,000,000 digging a canal, which we are not to dig and which John is to use in peace and in war; item, bouncing Macrum for getting his back up because John opened our official correspondence and censored it. Having done these self-abasing things out of love and affection for John he played them a scurvy trick not to show them better manners at least.

Another Straw. No English alliance on the tapis, oh? How does it come, then, that nothing can be done in congress which has even the appearance of asserting our own rights against England? Mr. Sulzer introduced this resolution: Resolved, That the secretary of war is hereby directed to inform the house of representatives as early as possible what fortifications Great Britain is erecting, completing and completing along the northern frontier of the United States, especially at Puget sound and other places on the Pacific coast contiguous to the state of Washington and the district of Alaska.

Did Sulzer get his information? "No," Mr. Chairman Hull reported it back to lie upon the table, and his motion or report prevailed by a strict party vote on roll call, and Sulzer got no information, but he made a red hot speech. Really, Sulzer ought to be indicted for leze majesty. He is likely to disturb the entente cordiale between us and Mr. Bull, don't you know?

A change of representation in three-fourths of those districts would give us the house. A change in all of them would give it to us by eight majority. And there are others equally good for missionary work. When Republicans remember how Repub-

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