

CLAMP CLARK'S LETTER

Republicans Keeping Up Slander of Bryan.

SILLY LIES CIRCULATED.

Change in the Tenor of Roosevelt's Speeches.

WALK BULLY BECOMES A PLEADER.

Brave and patriotic Democrats to save the country and the human race from going to the bowwows by voting for him. I congratulate the colonel on his change of tone, if not his change of heart. Time is his great teacher as well as a great physician.

When the campaign is ended, Colonel Roosevelt ought to hunt up the fools who disturbed his peace at Victor, Colo., and make each of them a nice present, for they did more to contribute to his fame than any other men in the country. They may be said to have resurrected Teddy after he buried himself by his St. Paul harangue.

Republican papers made a great bulabalo about "the outrage on free speech at Victor," a faraway mining camp on the verge of civilization, but they were dumb as oysters about that other "outrage on free speech," when at the Coliseum, in the heart of St. Louis, the fourth city on the continent, a well dressed mob of club Republicans howled down Hon. David Overmeyer of Kansas and would not permit him to conclude his speech.

Like wine, Bryan becomes better with age. His speeches grow constantly better. The brain power and the oratorical capacity of no other man that ever lived have been put to as severe a test as his. For six years he has probably averaged one speech a day. For four years all of his speeches have been broadcast over the land by the Associated Press, and yet he never repeats himself and never says anything out of which the opposition press can make capital. He is the wonder of the age and appears to be a favorite of heaven.

His speeches in New York were studied with pearls of truth, eloquence and philosophy. Here are a few words uttered by him which are a complete refutation of all the campaign lies hatched and propagated by Republicans: "Honest wealth need not fear the Democrats. No honest industry, no honest occupation, no honest man, need fear the success of the Democratic party. I deny that the wealth producers of this country are enjoying their share of the government's protection."

Nothing could be in better taste or stated more forcibly or more effectively. The power of concise definition, of luminous expression, is the secret of all persuasive or convincing public speaking. This power Bryan possesses in a larger degree than any other man of this generation—perhaps of any generation.

Adlai Holding Up His End. Nor is your Uncle Adlai a slouch upon the stump or "a deadhead in the enterprise," to borrow the euphemistic language of Hon. James G. Blaine. No, your Uncle Adlai appears to be holding up his end of the handspike in great shape—in most approved fashion. Uncle Adlai has the peculiar good luck to run for an office when it is a Democratic year, which as much as anything else leads me to believe that the Democrats will win this "load of poles."

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From the day the campaign opened down to the present hour the prospects of the Democrats have improved till at this writing it seems reasonably certain that we will elect Bryan and carry the house—a double consummation devoutly to be wished—this after making due allowance for the senselessness and universal use of Mark Hanna's boodle and for the application of the process of coercion. Take away from Republicans their boodle and the power to coerce and the chances are that Bryan would have at least 100 majority in the electoral college, and we would carry the house by 75 majority.

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The Washington Post indorses these remarks and says: He might very well have added that the destruction of the Dutch republics in South Africa was originally instigated by the discovery of gold and diamonds in that unhappy region.

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Is that true? If we compare the course of England in South Africa with that of McKinley in the Philippines, will we not find the parallel? Will not Mr. Labouchere be quick to point it out and hold us up beside the English butcher?

The Washington Post concludes its editorial utterance with these two sentences—apply them either in Africa or the Philippines; while intended to cover one case, they fit both:

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BURKETT'S COWARDLY COURSE

Burge Issues an address to Voters—Burkett Took to the Woods and Refused to Discuss Public Questions.

To the voters of the First congressional district. In the closing days of this campaign, I feel it appropriate and justifiable to issue an address to all fair-minded voters of this congressional district, recapitulating, in the light in which I view them, the issues as they have been presented, especially as related to the contest for the seat in congress to be filled by the representative of this district.

I. My prime object in this campaign has been to declare my position upon every issue so openly, frankly and plainly, that he who runs might read. I conceived this to be due, not only for my own sake, but for the sake of the people for whom I am running. The reason is plain to all who understand the theory of our government. The officer chosen at an election is but the agent of those who choose him. The people is the master; the officer is the servant.

Second—That he himself expected to be too busy with the performance of official duties to take part in political discussions; and Third—That he had so much confidence in his official record speaking for itself, that he did not choose to spend any time in making a defense of it from criticism.

After the lapse of several weeks, I again, by means of another letter, called his attention to these several reasons, pointing out that each one of my first letter with three reasons, were not too busy; he was not too busy; and he occupied his time in a defense of his record; that thus every reason was exploded which he had assigned for declining to discuss the issues with me.

Second—Do you think that if Mr. Burkett and the party for which he stands stand now where it stood when led by Abraham Lincoln, he would now be wagging his tail, and interested rather to keep the people in ignorance of the plans and policies of his party, than to enlighten them upon those plans and policies?

I. While I have sought always to declare my position frankly, I have also been ready to defend that position, appealing to the hearts and intellects of the people whom I have met in my canvass. What are the issues? Let there be no confusion in the minds of earnest citizens. My only purpose now is to make a brief declaration of my position upon the essential questions to be determined in this election.

First—I believe that the formidable and unprecedented growth of trust in the past four years has made that question important. I am opposed to trusts. I believe that every monopoly in the hands of private individuals is dangerous, no matter how good those private individuals promise to be.

Second—The Paris treaty provides that the future disposition of the islands, which have come under the control of the United States as a result of the war with Spain shall be left to the action of the congress of the United States. It is therefore apparent that the congress to which I aspire will deal with this problem. As a candidate for congress, I felt it to be a solemn obligation upon me to state what my policies are. If it is right that I should do this, it is also right that the republican party's candidate should do this.

First—That the Cubans are and of right ought to be free and independent, and that the pledge of this government to them that they should have independence should be performed in letter and spirit as speedily as possible.

Second—That Porto Rico should be annexed to the United States, if the inhabitants of that island desire annexation; but, in the event of permanent annexation, my vote shall be recorded in favor of making the Porto Ricans citizens, with every guarantee of our constitution. I am opposed to any separation of the constitution and the flag.

Third—That the congress should promise the Filipinos their independence, and should speedily fulfill that promise, when the Filipinos shall have succeeded in establishing a government of their own.

Fourth—That this republican should not adopt a colonial policy. The republican party contemplates that Porto Rico and the Philippine islands shall be governed by the United States as colonies, as I am opposed to this policy and shall oppose it in congress.

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SPECIAL FALL OFFER! In order to get our catalogue and your order...

Teddy has More Trouble. Teddy has had more trouble since he got back to New York than he had out in Colorado.

Billy the Man. Are you not sorry for the honest Christian man who has determined that he will vote for the re-election of Mr. McKinley?

The Philippines. Aguinaldo wanted to plunder the city of Manila the republicans say. At that time he held every other city in the Philippine islands.

Bryan Pictures Free. To the subscribers of The Independent who pay all arrears...

General Merritt declared that it would not require more than 5,000 soldiers to hold the Philippines. We have had 65,000 soldiers over there for two years...

They told us that there was only one tribe opposed to the American rule. Everywhere our soldiers go they are attacked by all sorts of tribes.

They told us that the possession of the Philippines was a great source of strength in the Pacific. We had routed the Chinese and sent some soldiers there from Manila...

They have told us about a thousand other lies about the Philippines and keep inventing new ones every day.

Mark Hanna came to Nebraska as he said "To beat Bryan in his own state" and to accomplish this among other things he said in his speech in Lincoln, Neb.:

Will the people of Nebraska who are forced to pay trust prices for everything they buy agree with Mr. Hanna? He also said: "We do not believe in imperialism..."

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