

Champ Clark's Letter

Outlook for Democrats Bright. Republican Family an Unhappy One

[Special Washington Letter.]

THE New York Democrats did a rattling good thing when they nominated Mr. Coler for governor.

Coler of New York and Hollis of New Hampshire are a good third to draw to.

Pattison has been elected governor of Pennsylvania twice because he is an honest man.

The same thing may happen to each member of this illustrious trio this time and for the same reason.

But hasn't Republican politics fallen to a low level when a man can be elected governor of a great commonwealth solely because he is honest?

The New York Democrats not only put their best foot foremost in nominating a candidate for governor, but they made a radical departure in matter of platform by declaring in favor of government ownership of the anthracite coalfields.

There is meat in that proposition, sure as you live, and lots of it. Perhaps the time has come to settle once and for all whether J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. or any other set of men are or can be stronger than the government of the United States.

If the proposition of the New York Democrats should be accepted as the proper thing then we can see the beginning of the end of private monopoly in the public ownership of general utilities.

Presidential Perambulation. A great many persons are coming to the conclusion that the presidents of the United States should perambulate about the country less, thereby reducing the chances of death by accident or violence.

Dolliver on Trusts. My distinguished, mellifluous and eloquent friend, Hon. Jonathan P. Dolliver, junior senator from Iowa, spoke on the subject of trusts in Chicago not long ago.

When Hon. James Gillespie Blaine wrote his once famous letter from Genoa, a disgusted patriot declared, with beads of perspiration and agony on his brow, that he had read that mystifying document right side up, wrong side up and catwampus.

And then didn't have the remotest idea as to what the magnetic man from Maine was driving at. I am in the same frame of mind with reference to Br'er Dolliver's remarks as to trusts.

He speaks like the ancient oracle, in a double sense. He owes it to a suffering world to publish a diagram with his remarks. He must believe in the celebrated mot of Talletrand that language is intended to conceal thought.

For he most effectually concealed his thought, if any he has, on the subject of trusts. Senator Dolliver appears to have taken a lesson out of the book of his senior, Senator William B. Allison, who rivals the famous Earl of Halifax as a trimmer.

Great is the Iowa statesman! The Wall Street Gamblers. Two sets of gamblers got to playing high stakes on Wall street recently. The inevitable happened. One set got the other where the wool was tight.

to enable the trusts to mulct the people here at home of large sums of money—billions of dollars each year.

Senator Harris' Shoes. The other day Senator Harris of Kansas came home from a trip through Europe.

Time was by the way, when every Republican paper in Kansas would have pilloried a statesman who would indulge in such a luxury; but, happily, even Kansas is of late years growing so liberal that it sometimes breaks away from its old somnolent manner of thinking.

But, speaking of Senator Harris, that urbane gentleman brought home on his feet a pair of new shoes. He bought them in London, but they were of American manufacture, and, though freight had been paid on them to London and a traveling salesman's expenses had to be paid across the Atlantic to sell the shoes, yet Senator Harris bought them for 20 per cent less than the same shoes would have cost him in Washington.

He knows this to be true, because he priced the same kind of shoes, made by the same firm, on Pennsylvania avenue, and found the price to be 20 per cent higher than in London.

This is merely one of hundreds of proofs that the American manufacturers sell at lower prices in Europe than in America.

A few weeks ago the Democratic congressional campaign committee advertised in the New York papers an offer of \$100 reward for a copy of the export price list of the big Peabody concern.

After much effort they secured a copy and published many extracts from it showing that hundreds of articles of everyday use were sold by them in Europe from 10 to 100 per cent cheaper than they would sell in the same articles in America.

Of course it doesn't take a smart man to cipher it out that they sold them cheaper there because they had to do so, that they charged high prices here because the high tariff permitted it and that they would not have sold these articles in Europe as cheaply as they did if they did not find the business profitable.

If they can make money there, for heaven's sake, how much do they make by skinning those poor Americans who so dearly worship their high tariff that they would rather contribute toward making every American manufacturer a billionaire than vote against it.

What a pity it is that every fellow can't regulate his own tariff! The free trader would speedily be buying his shoes at the low rate paid by Senator Harris. I wonder if the high tariff men would show enough devotion to "protection" to continue to pay the Pennsylvania avenue price for their shoes.

Senator Harris in an interview said: "Everything of American make is cheaper abroad than in this country. My work for the St. Louis exposition took me to all the great stock farms, and I was particular to ask what the Englishmen paid for American farming machinery, pitchforks, hatches and other necessities of farm management, and I found that they paid a great deal less than I am forced to pay in Kansas City for the same articles.

It is very great injustice and imposition for American citizens to be forced to pay such high prices here when foreigners secure the same things at a much lower rate. It is the high tariff that to blame.

The American manufacturer says that he must be protected against the foreigner. This is not true. He has nothing to fear from the foreign manufacturer, because he is successfully invading the foreign market.

Neither is it true that the American goods which are sold abroad are surplus products. The American manufacturer is selling his goods at a fair profit abroad and at a tremendous profit at home.

premise, as his opinion on the annexation of the Philippine Republic is justified. He is a Republican by the way, Lincoln type—a type, extinct. However, rapidly becoming he be, he has evident justice though intricacies of the feat not studied the and the peculiar habit gasoline canical.

To those who imitate that chemage supreme court justice the averthing far removed from the some ordinary men, a something stage of apart, the following press d and will prove a revelation:

Justice David J. Brewer of the U. S. States supreme court was quite but burned about the face and hands at a summer home at Thompson's Point, Lake Champlain, last evening.

Justice Brewer has remained longest in the Point than have the other cottagers and was cleaning up some brush about his cottage, Liberty Hall, he used a small amount of gasoline to make the brush burn and was in the act of lighting the pile when the accident occurred.

His burns were promptly attended to, and with good nursing he hopes to be out in a few days without scars.

The moral of this really regrettable accident to Justice Brewer is—Every man to his own work.

Applied Republicanism. Nature endowed the state of Illinois most bountifully and made her a great state. I have said in these letters a good deal about "applied Democracy," a fine example of which is found in Missouri. There is no finer test of a state's real progress than can be found in the record of her schools.

Missouri is justly proud of her school system, built up and fostered by Democrats. The school attendance is large and constantly gaining, and she has the largest per capita cash school fund possessed by any state in the Union.

Texas has what will probably prove a larger fund, but it is now in the form of un-sold lands.

The Chicago Record-Herald publishes an interview with Mrs. Florence Kelley. Mr. William E. Curtis secured the interview. In it Mrs. Kelley called attention to the fact that in 1890 Illinois stood sixth among the states as to the percentage of children of school age in the schools.

The 1900 census showed that Illinois had gone back to fifteenth place. This is a frightful increase in the percentage of illiteracy and cannot help in a few years but show its dire results in increased crime and destitution.

Such a condition is bound to breed anarchy and riot, of which Illinois has surely had too much already. The lawmakers of Illinois are responsible for this condition because the laws of Illinois are so lax as to permit the employment of child labor, than which nothing can be more pernicious.

How different are the laws of "poor old benighted Missouri," where the heaviest penalties are prescribed for those who employ children where their mental or physical health is liable to become impaired in the slightest.

Mrs. Kelley speaks of the "shocking incompetency and indifference of the officials." Poor old Republican Illinois, "stony hearted stepmother" (to use the words of De Quincy when he apostrophized old Oxford street), "thou drinkest the tears of the children and hearest the cries of the fatherless!"

Rosewater and the Geese. Republican "harmony" in Nebraska properly begins with the letter "h," but it should contain but four letters if it is aimed to correctly describe the present condition of the G. O. P. in that state.

Editor Rosewater is at war with the party organization and is heading a bolting movement that threatens to defeat some Republican congressmen and the state ticket.

HARDY'S COLUMN The year 1902 will go on record as the year of strikes and big rains. Crops were good in the west, but great loss has been sustained by floods and long continued rains.

Thousands of bushels of wheat have gone back to the ground. Much wheat and corn were drowned while growing. Thousands of bushels of beans have rotted in the field.

Potatoes have scabbed over and rotted in large quantities. Apples are a bountiful crop and have ripened off in splendid condition. Sugar beets seem sound, big and sweet.

The eastern farmers have suffered far more than they flatter in the west. Over 2,000,000 tons of freight has been received at Buffalo from the lakes this year up to August 1. The amount is likely to be doubled by the 1st of Nov.

Abundance of coal and oil have been found in Alaska. One gusher, as is the one first found in Texas, is spouting. Co-operate. In England, factories seem to lead in Trenton, N. J. idea has been planted. Six elevators and mills in Kansas. Are now in Kansas, that way.

Not less than 10,000,000,000 of the gold in the hundred millions is represented by national treasury circulation and nearly 750,000,000 in silver is represented by much more notes. Paper is much better certificate for circulation and the loss in coin is not one-hundredth part as great.

Secretary Hay protests against the way Turks treat the Jews. Why do the Jews protest against the way the Illinois people treat the colored people in the southern part of that state?

The ocean cable is on its way to San Francisco to connect this continent with the Philippine Islands. Our Lincoln lawyers are pleading lack of business and we are glad of it.

When people do as they promise, pay as they agree and stop committing crimes the business of lawyers will be small. Let the republicans retire the rest of the greenbacks, take away the legal tender quality of silver, break up half the banks and business men, then the lawyers will have business enough for five or six years again.

As it is, five hundred dollars for defending a criminal negro will not be enough. Every criminal defended the lawyers will demand of our district judges a thousand dollars. Several of the early Lincoln lawyers have gone and opened offices in other cities.

To raise the taxes on railroads and require them to raise the wages of their men employed and at the same time demand a reduction in freight and passenger fare seems a little excessive. It should be remembered that railroad companies have large sums of accident damages and personal injury judgments to pay; then they are robbed and blown up as well as smashed up.

If the water in the stock could be squeezed out we would have less trouble. As long as dividends are demanded on water, surely the same water should be taxed. Selling value should be the basis of taxation.

We can see very little more than farm land value in country railroad franchises. Another road can be built along by the side by buying the land; not so with street railroads in cities.

Our school board has certainly acted wisely in not allowing our public schools and school buildings to be turned into dancing schools and dance halls.

Dancing, card playing and other kinds of gaming do not mix with study or general intelligence to advantage. The same may be said of the great college ball games.

The dancers and game players are not our best students by a long shot. Dancing, game playing, horse racing and prize fighting all dwarf the human mind and begot bad habits.

If a college bred couple to be better for the boys to go out and husk corn and the girls to help their mother wash and scrub. One popular writer thinks college education of girls militates against home interest and home love.

Smoking, chewing, drinking, gambling, and libertine men have good reason to think that education prevents many women from marrying such men. They sweeten their breath by chewing clover or cinnamon when they are likely to meet intelligent women.

As a rule our best educated women marry men as good as they are or they do not marry at all. They are capable of self-support and are not inclined to support such men. Then such men have to marry women of their own stamp and they don't like it.

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