

CHAMP CLARK'S LETTER

McKinley's Moses Arises In New Hampshire.

GREENE IS HIS APT NAME.

"Alexander, Cæsar, Napoleon and McKinley."

IMPERIALISM SWALLOWED WHOLE.

Position of the Democratic Party Regarding the Supreme Court. Facts Established by Natural History—Bryan's War Record—Why the Democratic Candidate Did Not Go to Cuba.

(Special Washington Letter.)

All Bible readers are aware of the fact that at least as long ago as the Saviour's birth there were wise men in the east. Indeed, back of that was King Solomon, famous for his wisdom. Others, both before him and since, might be mentioned, but it would be a work of supererogation. But a new wise man has arisen suddenly in New Hampshire whom I wish to introduce to my readers as the real thing. As the Republicans in congress are all broken up and are busily and angrily seeking a Moses to lead them out of the wilderness into which the sugar trust and cigar trust led them on the Porto Rican tariff bill, I volunteer my services "free gratis for nothing" to announce to them the glad tidings, "Eureka!" I have found him—his Moses, of whom they are in such sore need. His name is J. Alonzo Greene; his habitat Moultonboro, in the old Granite State. He is a stem winder, and no mistake.

On the 23 day of February, A. D. 1890, just after William J. Bryan had finished his New England tour, Mr. Greene delivered a speech in the city of Concord, the place where Senators Gallinger and Chandler had their historic quarrel last summer, and where they came near to contributing to the gawdy of nations and the prestige of the God and morality party by a game of fistcluffs. Nobody else banking after the colossal job of answering Bryan Mr. Greene tackled it himself, for on the front page of the pamphlet containing his speech is this legend, printed in characters so large that he who runs may read: "Speech of J. Alonzo Greene of Moultonboro, N. H., in reply to Colonel Wm. J. Bryan."

A Republican Moses. One day in the Fifty-third congress Jerry Simpson arose and very gravely said: "Mr. Speaker there seems to be some question as to who killed the Carlisle bond bill. Republicans deny doing it. So do the Democrats. To remove all doubt about it, I openly confess now and here that I did it. I assume the responsibility."

So with Mr. Greene. He did it. He replied to Bryan. He says so himself. He may have had a call to do it, or he may have thought, as millions of others think, that the fifty odd Republican United States senators and one hundred and ninety odd Republican representatives in congress couldn't do it. So Mr. Greene assumed the patriotic duty of going forth to do battle against the redoubtable William Jennings; and bearing aloft the star spangled banner made of his wife's "blue handkerchiefs, red shawl and white petticoat," he stood, like Horatius, at the bridge, Leonidas at Thermopylae, and Davy Crockett at the Alamo, and delivered his speech. Mr. Greene or somebody else sent me two copies, for which I am profoundly grateful. 'Tis true that I read only one, but it afforded me more amusement than anything I have read since I first perused Mark Twain's side splitting story of "The Jumping Frog of Calaveras County." Yes, I read it, as will more fully appear further along in this letter. Mr. Greene is evidently a man of vast information. This he demonstrates by stating that Governor Altgeld is frequently mentioned as a Democratic nominee for vice president. Now I do not believe that anybody ever mentioned Altgeld for vice president. If mentioned at all, it was by Republicans; but Democrats are too well informed not to know that the constitution bars Altgeld from the vice presidency by reason of his birth in a foreign land.

Not satisfied with furnishing us that chunk of history, Mr. Greene causes us to gasp for breath by stating that Jefferson "purchased from France in 1803 all that great tract of land west of the lower Mississippi and Missouri rivers." Now, if that was all that Jefferson purchased how the deuce did we get hold of all that large, rich body of land west of the upper Mississippi and east of the Missouri, including most of Missouri, all of Iowa, most of Minnesota, North and South Dakota? Evidently before Brother Greene again assumes to know it all and proceeds to make any more replies to Bryan or anybody else he owes it to a suffering world to rub up on the geography of his country unless he intends to have his speeches regarded as works of the imagination—which they are.

The Supreme Court. We are further astonished by Mr. Greene's statement that "the combination party," as he denominates the opponents of McHannalism, is in favor of "a revolution of the constitution by the suppression of the supreme court." That's an absurd falsehood. He cannot produce the utterance of a representative Democrat, Populist or Free Silverite in favor of "suppressing the supreme court." He can find many

who are in favor of reorganizing it and not a few who think that Mr. Justice Shiras disgraced himself and the court by his sudden and miraculous judicial somersault on the income tax case. A great many good Americans would like to know, don't you know, why he changed, what motive impelled him. But how dares Mr. Greene or any other Republican make mouths at anybody for wanting to reorganize the supreme court? How comes it that that tribunal is so sacred to them now? Every intelligent man knows that it is only about 30 years since the Republicans enlarged, reorganized and packed—yes, packed is the word—packed the supreme court in order to secure the decision which they wanted in the legal tender cases? In order to do that, they had to reverse a decision made a few months before in the very same cases.

What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. If it was right for President Grant and a Republican congress to do that thing 30 years ago, how can it be wrong for President Bryan and a Democratic congress to do it next year? Brother Greene should rub up on the history of the Republican party and not stuffily himself and insult the intelligence of the country by lambasting Democrats for entertaining a desire to perform an action hallowed by the example of Republicans—conspicuous Republicans at that. Mr. Greene overtaxes the credulity of mankind by saying that Governor Altgeld "raised the blood red banner, bearing in letters of funereal black the traitorous motto, 'Within the law if we may, but in spite of the law if we must.'" Of course there is not one syllable of truth in the statement and it only shows to what forbidden and disreputable methods Republicans are driven in the vain endeavor to bolster up an unrighteous cause.

Again we have from Mr. Greene this monstrous lie: "He"—meaning Bryan—"has never denied but what he receives his 'sinecure of war' from the silver mine owners." That particular lie was never told before. Greene deserves all the credit of originality; but the charge was made in 1896 by a prominent Republican that Bryan was paid by silver mine owners, and was promptly denied by him, and the prominent Republican took back the charge declaring in his apology that "when Bryan states a fact it is true. His word goes with me."

Four of a Kind. The Republican president, senators, representatives and cabinet ministers have been wabbling around as to what they thought on imperialism, but in Mr. Greene's remarkable speech we find this luscious morsel: "Greene had her Alexander, Rome her Cæsar, France her Napoleon, who each in his turn made his country mistress of the world. Each age evolves its issues, each age produces its leaders." A new epoch is now upon our nation, and our leader, tried and true, for a second time bears aloft the standard of the Republican party—a leader, born of the occasion and the hour; a leader, a statesman, who was a representative of the people, serving his country while Colonel Bryan was "mewling and puking in his nurse's arms"; a leader, a soldier, who so loved his country that he risked his all, his very life, on many a hard fought battlefield before the name of Bryan was ever heard outside the valley of the Platte; a leader who gave his country the best protective tariff it ever enjoyed, while Colonel Bryan was mastering law and oratory in the educational institutions of Nebraska; a leader who, with master mind and giant ability sent the Spanish ships to the bottom of the sea and the Spanish soldiers home in disgrace, while Colonel Bryan found it convenient and expedient to relieve the army of his presence upon reaching Florida; a leader who is as far above his would be rival as is the heaven above the earth, outshining him as the dazzling brilliancy of the midday sun outshines the flickering flame of the tallow dip; a leader who is sure to be called upon to preside over the affairs of our country for another four years—President William McKinley.

Most assuredly that is an amazing passage, and ought to make Mr. Greene's calling and election sure of the postoffice at Moultonboro, provided Mark Hanna secures a second term in the White House for his protégé. But let us examine it closely and see how it looks when analyzed. "Alexander, Cæsar, Napoleon and William of Canton"—a conspicuous quartet truly; but, my countrymen, how do you, even Republicans, like to see an American president placed in such an evil company? Is Mr. Greene's speech a "feeler" on imperialism? Is he playing the role of Mark Antony to our American Cæsar, offering him a crown to see how the people will take it? When Louis Napoleon was meditating his bloody coup d'etat he felt the public pulse in this ingenious fashion: He had displayed in all the shop windows of Paris a fine engraving of the great Napoleon entitled Napoleon the First. After the people were accustomed to looking at that, along with it he had displayed a splendid engraving of Napoleon's son entitled Napoleon the Second. After the people became accustomed to that, he had displayed with those two pictures a magnificent engraving of himself entitled Napoleon the Third. As no riots ensued, he concluded the time for the coup d'etat was ripe, and shortly thereafter, at midnight, his illegitimate half brother, Le Duc de Morny, with the army at his back, clapped the French assembly in jail and proclaimed the son of Hor-tense emperor of France.

Alexander, Cæsar, Napoleon! Verily the whirligig of time brings its own revenges. The Kansas City Journal hopped on to me for saying in my speech on "The Philippine Problem" that "an American is not a pessimist because he is unwilling to see his country adopt as a settled creed the po-

litical principles of Alexander, Cæsar and Napoleon." Now comes Brother Greene and goes further than I did by linking William McKinley's name with that infamous trio of bloody tyrants and citing them as models to be imitated. Personal History. Now will the reader go back and read that extract from Mr. Greene's wonderful speech? He makes it an offense in poor Colobel Bryan that he was "mewling and puking in his nurse's arms" while Brother McKinley was fighting the battles of his country! Alas and alack! Could Bryan help that? Isn't it the nature of babies to "puke and mewl" in their nurse's arms? Didn't even Alexander, Cæsar, Napoleon and McKinley do that? Indeed, didn't Mr. Greene perform that universal caper himself once upon a time? I have no doubt that Bryan was thus engaged when Mr. McKinley volunteered in 1861, for Bryan was born in 1830. Does Mr. Greene think that Bryan ought to have been fighting instead of "mewling and puking in his nurse's arms" in 1861? How could he fix the day of his nativity? A witty Irishman once said that he could have been born in America just as well as in Ireland if he had so chosen? But Bryan was not so fortunately situated. Was Mr. Greene? Does Mr. Greene doubt that Bryan would have been a soldier during the civil war had he been old enough? Didn't he offer his services to McKinley among the very first at the outbreak of the Spanish war? Didn't McKinley ignore the tender for petty political reasons? And didn't Bryan raise a regiment and go to the war anyway? Where was Mr. Greene then? His picture on the back of his reply to Bryan looks as though he is not past the military age. Mr. Greene appears to be woefully weak in geography. He informs a startled world that McKinley risked his life for his country before "Bryan's name was ever heard outside the valley of the Platte." That's a mistake growing out of Mr. Greene's disregard for the truth of history and his inordinate desire to construct a sonorous sentence for the delectation of New Hampshire Republicans. As a matter of fact Bryan was born and reared in Illinois, and was never in the Platte valley till about 1886 or 1887. This may surprise Mr. Greene. Judging by his speech, most any morsel of information would surprise him. Furthermore, about the time McKinley was enlisting Bryan was learning to walk.

Again, we are told, contrary to all the facts in the case, that "McKinley gave his country the best protective tariff law it ever enjoyed while Colonel Bryan was mastering law and oratory in the educational institutions of Nebraska." Does not Mr. Greene know that Bryan never attended a Nebraska educational institution a day in his life? On the contrary, he was a graduate of one of the best colleges in Illinois and a successful practicing lawyer and a married man before his eyes ever beheld Nebraska. That he mastered law and oratory somewhere is clear, for it is admitted by all intelligent persons that he is the greatest living orator, and as he has refused an offer of \$25,000 per annum for his services as a lawyer he must be fairly well up in his profession. Bryan's Military Record. But Mr. Greene uttered a gross and deliberate slander when he said that "Colonel Bryan found it convenient and expedient to relieve the army of his presence upon reaching Florida." Voltaire's motto, "Keep on lying and some of it will stick," appears to have been adopted by Mr. Greene as his own theory. Colonel Bryan went, in command of his regiment, to Florida in the summer of 1868, by orders of the war department, William McKinley being ex officio commander in chief. By orders he remained in Florida till the treaty of peace between the United States and Spain was signed in Paris, and then resigned. Mr. Greene must have known these facts when he made his speech. He did know them, and on a cold collar he deliberately misstated them. He also knew that Colonel Bryan was kept by the McKinley administration in camp in Florida lest if he got to Cuba he might achieve some measure of military glory, thereby diminishing still further William McKinley's chances of succeeding himself. When Bryan resigned, the Spanish war had really been over for five or six months and nobody save a few Republican jobbers near the throne and in the inner circle of McHannalism dreamed there would be any Philippine war. The next time good Mr. Greene makes a speech won't he please inform a palpitating world why General Nelson A. Miles—the most distinguished American soldier now living—a lifelong Republican—was not permitted to go to Cuba and conduct our campaign there? For fear Mr. Greene will be bashful about answering, I will answer myself: Miles was kept out of Cuba because the McKinley administration knew that he was a soldier and that if he were given a chance he would win renown enough to enable him to beat McKinley out of a nomination for president, whereas nobody had the slightest idea that General Shafter would ever do anything anywhere to make him dangerous. Mr. Greene will observe that General Nelson A. Miles, Republican senior major general of the regular army, and Colonel William J. Bryan, Democratic colonel of Nebraska volunteers, were both kept out of Cuba for the same reason—Miles for fear he'd gobble the Republican presidential nomination, and Bryan for fear he would defeat McKinley at the polls in 1900.

TORTOISES BURNED ALIVE.

The Reptiles Are Cruelly Tortured in the Process of Shelling Them.

London humanitarians have received another shock, and as a result, several humane societies of England have raised their voices in a protest against the manufacture and use of combs, hairpins, cigar and cigarette cases, and other dainty articles made from tortoise shell. They have discovered that the procuring of the mottled shell is attended with considerable pain to the original possessors of the precious material.

The societies are making an effort to discountenance the use of all articles made from the shell until more merciful measures for its production prevail. The largest part of the shells which come to our markets are procured in several groups of islands near Ceylon. The animals are caught by the natives and their shells taken from them.

The shelling of tortoise is not as simple as the shelling of green pease, and for severity it sounds much harsher than the plucking of feathers from live birds for the adornment of feminine vanity. After being caught, they are induced by rather warm persuasive measure to come out of their covering. They are first semi-boiled over a red ember fire until the flesh that secures the shell to the body is softened. The animal is then shelled clean, and though the suffering must be intense, one rarely dies, but in a few months grows another shell, of which it is deprived in the same manner.

THE QUEER CRUSTACEAN.

Interesting Characteristics of Lobsters and Turtles.

Lobsters, when young and frivolous, change their shells several times a year, but as they grow older and, presumably, more sedate they are content with a new suit every summer. The lobster is his own tailor, and persons who have watched the process say that the difficulty seems to lie in getting rid of the old garb and not in fitting the new. First he is attacked by a series of convulsions lasting for several days. During these a faint line of breakage appears down the middle of the back, which gradually grows broader with every spasm. The headpiece is the first to break entirely, and suddenly a violent effort enables the lobster to withdraw his head, leaving the larger part of his eyes in the shell. After a rest of a few hours the struggle begins again, and the shoulders, or large claws, emerge, with effort so exhausting that nearly a day is required for recuperation.

During this time he presents a curious spectacle, with head and body completely out of the shell and only the tail inclosed. Then the convulsive movements are resumed, and shell by shell the tail covering is loosened, until, with violent struggles, the tail is free, and the lobster, looking as if he had been boiled, lies down for a sleep of two or three days. The new suit grows with great rapidity and fits in perfect tailor made style, literally molded to the form. Like the crab, which is most esteemed when "soft shelled," that is, at precisely this period, which is similar in both, the lobster is regarded by epicures as especially delicious when thus denuded of his shell covering, but as he hides carefully among the rocks he is seldom procurable.—New York Tribune.

Shooting Stars.

Sir Robert Ball, the eminent astronomer, once told an audience that any one who took the trouble to lie on his back on the ground and gaze at a clear night sky would, as his eyes became accustomed to the heavens, soon perceive numbers of shooting stars. It is pleasant to see a president act as a conjurer, pouring out of the same bottle wine for the Americans, water for the Porto Ricans and vinegar for the Filipinos. All this is very interesting, no doubt. But it is not government by the people for the people. It is plutocracy, thinly disguised with Democratic varnish.—The Public.

Neely thought Grosvener, the president's mouthpiece, meant just what he said when he declared, amid tumultuous Republican applause, that we were in the colonizing business for the purpose of making "all the money we can out of the transaction." But he didn't think the major would go back on him in this measly way.—Johnstown Democrat.

I think that all other questions are secondary to the questions of democracy as opposed to monarchy, imperialism, expansion or whatever name we use. Is the logical corollary of monarchy, consequently a logical menace to democracy. Spain has no title in the Philippines that we had any right to respect. The purchasing power of the bullet can never give the Democrats right to coerce. There is no righteous government except self-government. Any other government is tyranny. It may be benignant, but it is tyranny all the same.—Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones.

Less than ten years ago it was confidently believed that war, of any considerable magnitude, was well nigh impossible; that mankind had so developed in the higher civilization that all differences between nations could be readily settled by arbitration, and that the enormous destructiveness of modern implements of warfare would deter all nations from yielding to the aggressive instinct. Today we find the whole world more or less convulsed with the war fever and ready to plunge into the destruction of human life on a comparatively slight provocation. Verily the times have changed.—Rutherford (N. J.) News.

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