

# CHAMP CLARK'S LETTER

## Cuban Matters In a Muddled Condition.

### A HINT TO OUR STATESMEN.

#### Give the Islanders a Chance to Settle Their Minds.

#### CONFUSION WORSE CONFOUNDED.

**Conflicting Reports as to the Status of Affairs in Island—Congressman Bartholdt in a Passion—Bimetallists Prove Their Contentment—Senator Bailey as a Presidential Factor—Serenio Payne Accused of Pettifogging—Hanna Won't Fight a Duel Unless He Gets a Substitute. Keeps to His War Record—The New Attorney General.**

[Special Washington Letter.]  
 "Two many cooks spoil the broth" is an ancient saying applicable to the Cuban-American squabble. "Visiting statesmen" flock to "the Queen of the Antilles," stay a few hours around the hotels, return and break into print, each telling a different tale, each tale colored no doubt by the cuisine of the particular hotel at which the speaker stopped, for the condition of the stomach largely influences the vision of its owner. These numerous visiting statesmen only make confusion worse confounded. One says, "The Cubans are entirely fit for self government." Another denies it. One says they all hate us like "plizen." Another says they are infatuated with us. One tells us Cuba is clean as a new pin. Another asserts that it is filthy as a pigsty. And so on and so on. How would it do for our statesmen to stay at home for awhile and give the Cubans a chance to get their breath and settle their minds? There is a tradition that a certain woman, not clearly identified, on a certain occasion, whose date cannot be given with precision, married a man, whose name and habit are to the writer unknown, to get rid of him. Perhaps the Cubans will take us for better or for worse on the same principle. Quien sabe? At present, however, amid the babel of tongues we know nothing of the situation.

#### Hard to Please.

My good friend and esteemed colleague, Dr. Richard Bartholdt of St. Louis, is in a towering passion. Like Rachel, he refuses to be comforted, but for an entirely different reason. She mourned because her children were not. The doctor breathes out threatening and slaughter because he has too many constituents and too big a majority. He deems the disciples of the late Elbridge Gerry a bad lot, especially those in the Missouri legislature. He is on his ear because, forsooth, those eminent strategists gave him a district with over 300,000 citizens and with anywhere from 60,000 to 75,000 Republican majority. He is the most unreasonable of mortals. He ought to be proud as a pig with two tails and happy as a clam at high tide instead of nursing a bad case of mulligrubs. It really looks as though such a majority as a Democratic legislature bestowed upon him ought to warm the cockles of his heart and make him caper nimbly as a young William goat in the merry month of May. I have known good men who would have rejoiced with exceeding joy on account of a majority of 6,000 or 600 or even 6, to say nothing of 60,000. To represent 300,000 Missourians in the more numerous branch of the national legislature is an honor vouchsafed to no other living man.

#### A Chunk of Wisdom.

Hon. W. H. Fleming is a thoughtful, scholarly and conservative member of the house, undoubtedly a rising statesman in the Georgia delegation—one of the strongest in congress. In a recent interview Mr. Fleming gives the monometallists this body blow:

The rock upon which Democracy split in the last two campaigns was the free coinage of silver. That obstacle ought no longer to impede our progress or divide our forces. The free silver Democrats have already obtained in large measure, though from unexpected sources, the substance of what they contended for. The gold Democrats as well as gold Republicans have seen prosperity come to us coincident with an increase, from 1896 to 1899, of 25 per cent in the circulating medium, despite their predictions of the direful results of "inflation" and despite their arguments to convince themselves and us that the country needed no more money.

Mr. Fleming hit the bulls-eye fairly in the center. What he says so well has been said substantially before, but it was never better said, and it has never attracted the attention it should have attracted, for the fact that prosperity came with and because of the increased quantity of money in the country establishes beyond peradventure the contention of the bimetallicists. Mr. Fleming does well to put the fact in a taking way which will compel the attention of thoughtful persons. "Increased circulating medium means increased prosperity" is the essence of the bimetallic doctrine, whether the increase be silver or gold. It happened to be gold, but prosperity followed.

#### A New Richmond.

The Chicago correspondent of The Globe-Democrat declares that eastern and southern Democrats are combining to bring Joseph Weldon Bailey of Texas into the field as a presidential candidate. I am not advised as to the verity of that statement, but I am fully advised as to Bailey's eminent fitness for the first place in the republic. Ever since I began delivering my lecture on "Picturesque Public Men" in the spring of 1895 I have declared every time that I delivered it—now considerably more

than 100 times—that whenever Democrats concluded that it was feasible to nominate a southern man Bailey would be selected, and that when he is in the White House there will be another Andrew Jackson come to judgment. For years I was as one crying in the wilderness, and consequently I rejoice that others are coming around to my way of thinking. No Democrat in the land carries around a finer brain or a braver heart than the stalwart young Texas senator.

#### Amazing Impudence.

Recently the Washington Post gave a most astounding evidence of gall and courage. It actually had nerve enough to accuse the Hon. Sereno E. Payne of New York, chairman of the house committee on ways and means and ex officio floor leader of the R. publicans, with "puerile pettifoggery." I had to read it over two or three times to convince myself that my optical apparatus had not played me a trick. But there it was in plain, clear, large type—"puerile pettifoggery." Great Caesar's ghost, but that is too bad! That the most dignified of mortals, the member who of all the 300 wears the largest hat, should be accused of "puerile pettifoggery" passeth all understanding. Now, what had Hon. Sereno done to bring down upon his venerable caput such a charge? He simply and with fine disregard of dates attributed the panic of 1893 to the tariff bill passed in 1894! If a big bore statesman is to be charged with "puerile pettifoggery" for playing everlasting smash with the almanac, what are we coming to, anyway? Mr. Payne's logic will bring joy to another illustrious New Yorker, now defunct—that is, if the spirits of dead statesmen take any interest in the opinions and capers of the living. It is Martin Van Buren, who, using Brother Payne's logic, can demonstrate beyond all peradventure that the panic of 1837 was produced not by what he or General Jackson had done or omitted to do, but by the election of General William Henry Harrison in 1840. I humbly suggest to The Post that Mr. Payne's theory fills a long felt want, notwithstanding it runs counter to the constitution, to nature and to common sense, and is much like putting the cart before the horse.

#### Won't Kill the Goose.

The occasion for The Post's fling at Mr. Payne is the latter's remarks on Mr. Babcock's fake free trade bill to bust the trusts. On that head Br'er Payne relieved his mind thusly:

Mr. Babcock cannot succeed in creating a tariff agitation, with all its inevitable disturbance of business and commerce. The country not only does not want it, but the country will not have it. The people realize that the present prosperity is directly traceable to the protective tariff, and there is every indication that this prosperity will not only continue, but will increase. The injurious disturbance of trade conditions wrought by the tariff agitation of 1894 is too recent to allow its needless repetition.

When the old woman heard that the cow had eaten the grindstone, she exclaimed with delight, "I told you so!" I have repeatedly said in these letters that the Republican chieftains would never let the Babcock bill pass. They do not propose to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs for the Republican campaign fund. Mr. Hill of Connecticut said so. Mr. Payne says so, and "there are others."

Mr. Payne says in an ex cathedra sort of way, "Mr. Babcock cannot succeed in creating a tariff agitation, with all its inevitable disturbance of business and commerce." Of course Babcock can't, but there are many others who will join Bab or anybody else in this crusade. As a matter of fact, Mr. Babcock is only an eleventh hour worker in the vineyard. We welcome him to the free trade ranks. Mr. Payne, in his grandiose manner, says, "The country not only does not want it, but the country will not have it." That sounds like an ultimatum, but it must be remembered that Mr. Payne on a celebrated occasion introduced a bill to establish free trade with poor little helpless Porto Rico in conformity with President McKinley's "plain duty" message and then changed his mind overnight and made a bitter fight for a tariff against Porto Rico, and I have no doubt that upon intimation from the White House that Bab is right he will see a great light as suddenly as did Saul of Tarsus on his historic journey from Jerusalem down to Damascus and will wheel into line, throwing his vast influence in favor of Bab's bill, provided Bab doesn't flunk. Query: "If Mr. Payne does not know his own mind on two consecutive days, how can he speak so positively as to what the country wants and what it does not want?" It would really appear that his recent Porto Rican experience would teach him humility of spirit and caution in speech.

#### No Duel.

And so Marcus A. Hanna is going to ram a lie down the throat of Tom Johnson's brother for remarks made by the latter touching Mark's expenditures in the late mayoralty contest in Cleveland, and some of the papers are suggesting that a duel is on the tapis. Mark hired a substitute when fighting was the fashion and when he was on his first legs. There will be no duel unless Mark can fight by proxy. If Tom's brother is as fat as Tom, a wrestling match or a foot race between him and Mark would add to the gaiety of nations, for Mark is built somewhat on the Falstaffian pattern himself. A game of fisticuffs might do. Such a contest, if properly advertised, would beat the Jeffries-Rublin set to (which did not occur) all hollow. Perhaps, as Mark and Tom's brother are both Ohioans, Governor Nash might be willing to encourage home production by permitting this mill to be "pulled off" on the sacred soil of Buckeyeedom. If he made any objections, Mark could bring him to his senses by refusing him a renomination for the governorship.

#### Financial Rewards of Public Life.

The Troy Times says: In speaking the other day to a retiring senator of his early hopes and ambitious Senator Hoar

said: "Before I came to congress I had built up a law practice that brought me an income of \$20,000 a year, and I had every reason to believe that the practice would grow to \$50,000. I had saved from my income about \$100,000, and I believed I could keep my practice and still attend to my duties in congress. After more than 30 years in the public service I find myself at 75 with my law practice gone and the accumulations of my young days dissipated. It is impossible to remain in congress and attend to one's duties and at the same time to continue an outside business."

This has been called "the commercial age," and there are those who honestly believe and frequently vociferate that we have so degenerated that the almighty dollar is the be all and end all of our existence, yet here is a venerable and illustrious statesman who has thrown away a competence in hand and a fortune in the bush in order to continue in the public service. He placed duty above self. Of course there are few lawyers who make \$20,000 per annum and much fewer who make \$50,000, but there are many lawyers in congress who could make more than the congressional salary. Another thing must be remembered in this connection, and that is this: So far as making money is concerned, a \$2,000 private business in a country place is equal if not superior to the \$5,000 salary of senator or representative when difference in cost of living, neglect of private business and incidental and necessary expenses are considered. The average representative or senator remains in public life not for the pecuniary reward so much as for the love of fame, which is the master passion of the human heart. And it is an ennobling passion. To be favorably remembered is the consuming desire of most men. When Robert Southey finished one of his ponderous epics, he would say: "Now I have eclipsed 'Paradise Lost.' I am immortal!" True, nobody reads his epics. He was mistaken in his estimate of his mental output, but the desire animating him was laudable even if his manifestation of it is considered egotistical. The average senator or representative stands a thousand, perhaps a million, chances of oblivion to one of abiding fame, but that one chance animates him and holds him to the treadmill of public life. Senator Hoar, who has cut a wide swath and who is now in the rear, the yellow leaf, did a good thing when he wrote or uttered the sentences which I have quoted.

#### The New Attorney General.

Evidently Mr. McKinley does not believe much in the philosophic proverb that "it is waste of lard to grease a fat hog," otherwise he would not have two Pennsylvanians in his cabinet at the same time, as he now has with Mr. Knox of Pittsburg as attorney general. No doubt Mr. Knox is a tip-top lawyer. Andrew Carnegie employs no other sort. Nevertheless, with 45 states in the Union, it is rather piling up the favors on Pennsylvania, which has a most beastly Republican majority, to give her two such choice plums. Washington had two Virginians in his cabinet simultaneously, the younger Harrison two Hoosiers for a short time and Cleveland two New Yorkers. It is to be hoped that the appointment of Mr. Knox does not presage the retirement of the other Pennsylvanian, Postmaster General Charles Enoch Smith, for he is a most genial and popular official, in no way puffed up by the high position which he holds. In addition to his other valuable qualities General Smith is one of the happiest postprandial orators in the land and adds largely to the gaiety of nations when he delivers an after dinner speech.

#### How It Happened.

One of the most thoroughly hair raising stories ever written by an American is Dr. Edward Everett Hale's "The Man Without a Country." The venerable doctor has recently published a long article telling how he happened to write it. His explanation is decidedly interesting. It is almost certain that most anybody of average intelligence could write a fairly entertaining book if he would only write about what he knows and not try to write about what he does not know. Great books are rare. One of the most valuable books to those aspiring to successful authorship would be for the authors of great books or successful ones to honestly tell the process by which they achieved success, just as the most valuable book on speechmaking would be for the makers of great or fetching speeches to honestly tell how they conceived and wrought out their speeches. In 566 cases out of 1,000 the process, if faithfully set forth, would demonstrate again for our instruction the truth of the old Latin dictum, "Labor omnia vincit." Would authors and orators confess that great truth?

#### Rather Favors Income Tax.

As he grows older my valued Republican friend, General Charles Henry Grosvenor of Ohio, grows less partisan and more philosophic. He has become decidedly favorable to the income tax. With General Grosvenor in that frame of mind and Mr. Babcock advocating free trade—in large spots—it looks as though Democratic principles are in a fair way to triumph at last. Individually I welcome the general most heartily into good political society. In a recent address at Cincinnati he said:

I will venture the suggestion that, as a matter of equity, between the state levying and the tax-paying people there is no fairer or more equitable tax than that which is levied upon profits and the gains of business or inheritance. The framers of the constitution manifestly intended that the direct tax provided for in that instrument was to be in the nature of a provision by which the national government in cases of extremity might call upon the states to furnish their share of money to relieve a situation, and the advocates of income taxation at this time are at a loss to devise a system under which and pursuant to the constitution the assessment of an income tax could be made to conform to the constitution and at the same time do no injustice and not operate as a hardship upon the persons interested. These are subjects for thought and consideration and not for hasty settlement.

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# GOOD LIVING

Is Often a Cause of Bad Health.

That bad health and good living often go together as cause and effect is a proposition which will be accepted at once by any practicing physician. Common sense living would demand that we ate only when hungry and that food should be chosen first for its nutritive value and then for its palatableness. So-called "good living" reverses these rules. Meals are taken at stated hours without reference to hunger or physical requirements. If appetite is lacking, stimulating cordials or liquors are often used to induce a false appetite. Food is not



chosen with regard to its nutritive value but for its pleasure to the palate. As a natural result the stomach is over-loaded with a quantity of innutritious material and the body is deprived of its due nourishment. Presently disease of the stomach and digestive and nutritive systems begins, frequently involving heart, liver, kidneys and other organs.

#### THE PROSPERITY OF AMERICA

gives every man the opportunity for good living, and almost every man takes advantage of the opportunity. The average laborer in the United States lives as only very prosperous people can live in Europe. He lives too well. It is a singular thing to say but it is nevertheless a fact that one of the greatest evidences of national prosperity is found in the great army of dyspeptics which is being newly recruited every day in the year by good living. The great trouble is that when a man wakes up to the fact that his stomach can't be abused with impunity, the damage is already done. He has joined the army of dyspeptics, the people with "weak" stomachs. He can't eat much now without it hurts him. His stomach seems unduly distended after eating. There are bitter risings and belchings, a constant feeling of discomfort and weight in the region of the stomach. Probably, too, the liver becomes sluggish, and there is a feeling of lassitude with headache.

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