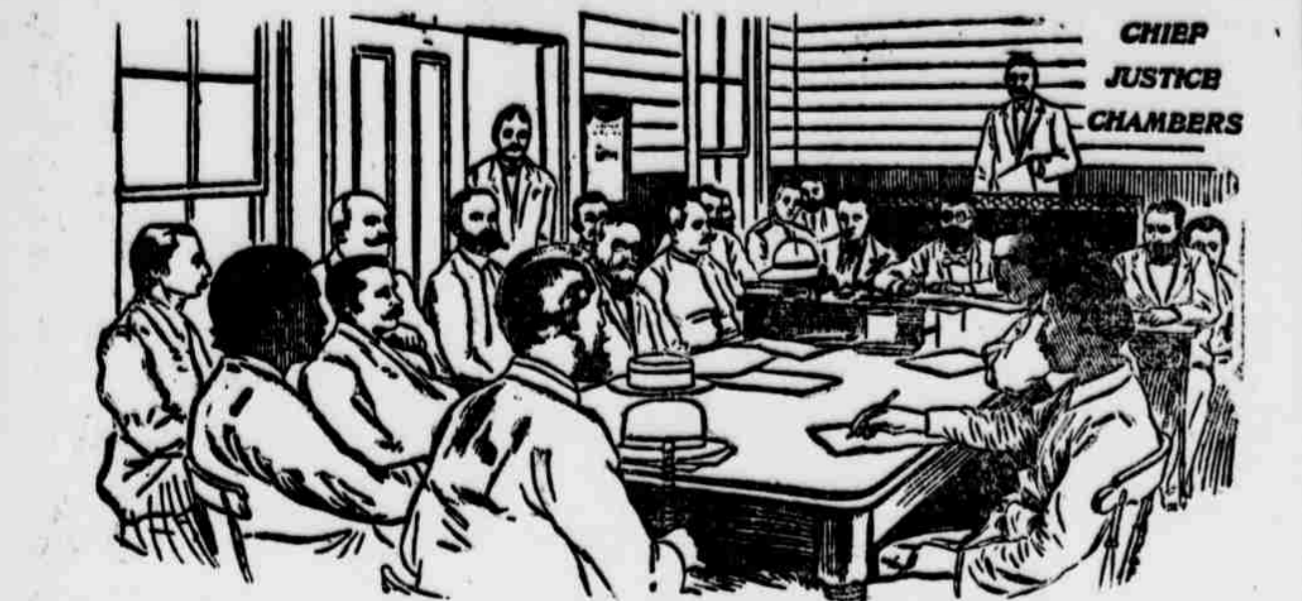


The Chief Justice of Samoa Says Peruna Is the Very Best Catarrh Cure.



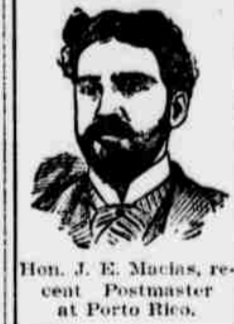
Court Room Scene where Judge Chambers Maintained the supremacy of the United States in Samoa. IN A RECENT LETTER TO THE PERUNA MEDICINE CO., CHIEF JUSTICE CHAMBERS SAYS THE FOLLOWING OF PERUNA:

"I have tried one bottle of Peruna, and I can truthfully say it is one of the best tonics I ever used, and I take pleasure in recommending it to all sufferers who are in need of a good medicine. I can recommend it as one of the very best remedies for catarrh."
W. L. Chambers.

On December 31, Chief Justice William Lee Chambers, a native of Georgia, held court in Apia, Samoa, and told the stalwart natives and the German and English and American residents why they should all regard Malietoa Tanu as King, instead of recognizing the rival claimant, Matafao. The trial had lasted eleven days; Samoan genealogies, customs, titles and practices had been examined and discussed; and finally the Chief Justice decided that Tanu, who was the son of the late King Malietoa, and who, by the gift of the people, had been endowed with the name of Malietoa, was the duly elected King.

A tonic is a medicine that gives tone to some part of the system. There are different kinds of tonics but the tonic most needed in this country, where catarrh is so prevalent, is a tonic that operates on the mucous membranes. Peruna is a tonic to the mucous membranes of the whole body. It gives tone to the capillary circulation which constitutes these delicate membranes. Every organ of the human body is lined with mucous membranes. This membrane is made up, principally, of a delicate network of minute blood vessels and nerves. The slightest der-

angement of these fragile vessels leads to what is known as catarrh. Hon. J. E. Macias, recent postmaster at Porto Rico, writes from 1417 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., says: "As a native born Cuban, serving as postmaster in Porto Rico, I contracted yellow fever and have been suffering from the ill effects of this dreadful disease since my return home. I was advised by a friend to use Peruna and I can speak in the highest terms of your remarkable medicine. I feel like a new man and shall take pleasure in recommending it to those similarly afflicted. It is a fine tonic, and is in every way a wonderful medicine. Peruna is a remedy for catarrh which has become of national importance. It has the record of the greatest catarrh remedy of the age."



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Hon. John W. Neff, County Auditor for Buffalo, N. Y., recommends Peruna.

and St. Patrick's church choir, under the direction of Professor T. W. Watkins. The prize was awarded to St. Patrick's church choir. The evening session closed with a selection entitled "The Light House by the Sea," by the double quartette. At the close of the extended lunch was served. At both sessions Professor William D. Evans, of Carbondale, was adjudicator of music, Rev. J. S. Thomas, of Peckville, and Lewis Evans adjudicated on literature. Lewis Evans was accompanied.

LEFT FOR CANADA.
Detective Moir and Chief of Police Robling left yesterday. City Detective John Moir and Chief of Police Frank Robling left the city yesterday morning for Montreal, Canada, in quest of Antonio Morel and Auguste Robert, the two men arrested there, charged with shooting Officers Keys and Snyder, of Dunmore, last July.

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PENNSY'S GOSSIP OF WASHINGTON

REPUBLICAN FINANCIAL BILL MATERIALLY IMPROVED.
A Word Concerning the Puerto Rican Tariff Question—An Explanation of the President's Policy Toward Our New Citizens—The Constitution in the Way—Justice Will Be Guaranteed the Puerto Ricans.

Special Correspondence of The Tribune.
Washington, D. C., March 1.—Reflection and conference have materially improved the Republican financial bill. It will speedily become a law. That single enactment, should congress adjourn today, would secure the re-election of a Republican president, and a Republican congress. Nobody doubts the courage and patriotism of the American people in the settlement of all public questions affecting the valor and manhood of the country. If it is a question of war, we are not afraid of the world. The nation doesn't live on the face of the globe that can whip us. An insult to our flag means that one million of the best and bravest men on earth are ready to resent it.

Everybody knows the American people in the final adjustment of our relations and responsibilities with connection with Puerto Rico and the Philippines, and, ultimately, Cuba, that the American principle of fair play and exact justice will prevail. But every body does not agree about the financial policy of the government. A man is either a coward, a traitor or an American. They all, or nearly all, are Americans when it is a matter of defending the flag.

But when it is a question of money, a question of debt paying, a question of an honest dollar means, or a question of commercial progress, a question of national development and progress, a question of keeping pace with the other great powers of the world, the air is full of Democratic protest, woe and lamentation. The one question of all questions, that ought to have absolute immunity from all partisan, sectional or political agitation, is made, through the blindness, stupidity or desperation of Democratic politicians, a great national issue. The people are honest. They know that a Republican dollar means an honest dollar. They know, now, if never before, that a Democratic-Populist dollar means discredit and repudiation, low wages and high prices. That has been demonstrated.

The apprehension that Bryanism might dominate the country, to its overblowing dishonor and bankruptcy, elected Mr. McKinley. They were right in 1896. They will vote the same way in 1900. The financial bill of this congress materially minimizes the possibility of any radical upheaval for years and generations to come; but it will take just one more decisive Republican victory to stop a harmful agitation of the question. The country wants to know that it is settled, and honestly settled, and settled for all time. They are tired of the long-haired doctrinaires, and the short-haired calamity howlers. They live in panic; and there will be no more panics under this bill. Inflation and stringencies ought now to be a thing of the stormy past. No more Wall Street bogies. There ought to be, under this bill, enough money in circulation, based on the gold standard, to satisfy even the greedy and rapacious Populist, whose wall, like the horse leech, is more, more!

Twenty-seven millions will be added to the bank note circulation, under the authority to issue note circulation to

the par value of government bonds. About eighty millions will be paid out by the government under the refunding feature of the bill. As here is circulation, money unshackled and let loose, not inflation, abundant sufficient to meet any exigency that may happen in the administration of our fiscal affairs, what more does any honest man, any laboring man, any farmer, any manufacturer, any man or people engaged in industrial enterprise want? A state circulating medium of ample sufficiency to meet all demands. The agitation of this question has been more destructive to the material interests of the country than a war. It has destroyed enterprise, paralyzed business, demoralized industry, bankrupted honest people, and subjected the nation to discredit and contempt.

But it is all over now. The Republican party has settled it. It has redeemed its pledge to the people. And in so doing it has compelled the confidence of the honest voters, and that means a great Republican victory in 1900.

PUERTO RICAN QUESTION.
Whatever may be the shortcomings of the Republican party, it never lacks the cohesive power of final action on party measures. The simple consideration involved in the discussion at this time of the Puerto Rican question was one of expediency. Was the administration or congress prepared to consider the new conditions precipitated by the acquisition of that country? Had the president's free trade policy in connection with Puerto Rican products prevailed, it would have been meaningless and utterly without significance as indicating a change of sentiment on the general tariff policy of the Republican party. The president wanted to be generous and liberal with these people who had suffered so much and so long. He was disposed to elevate the question above the common plane of cross roads politics. There is a difference between Spanish intolerance and tyranny and American generosity and liberality. Here was an opportunity for a practical demonstration to the world that the republic was big enough and honest enough and fair enough to do what was right and just in this matter. But the constitution was in the way! The party that fought desperately four years ago to destroy it now bewails the tendency of the party that preserved it, to ignore and distort it. So that the grave question of allowing the Puerto Ricans such government protection as would enable them to overcome a century of impoverishment and prostration to meet existing and apprehended exigencies, was considered from the lowest plane of soup-house politics.

All that saved the discussion in the house this week from the most offensive reproach and discredit was the general ability, agreeably obvious, in an uncommon academic debate. Many of the speeches were much above the average and showed a surprising familiarity with constitutional history. But all this talk amounts to little or nothing in practical politics. The Republican party will settle these questions, big or little, original or commonplace, and settle them to the perfect satisfaction of the whole country. Where the American flag is concerned the people will trust the Republican party in the future as it has done in the past—whether it floats over the whole republic, in the Occident as well as the Orient, over the Pearl of the Antilles and the thousand islands near far-off Cathay, upon land and sea, over schoolhouse and church, the emblem of integrity and good faith, of liberty and freedom, of the inestimable advantages of Christian civilization, of human rights guaranteed in the Constitution, not dependent upon the evanescent will of state or national legislators, too often frightened by their own shadow; it will represent

American manhood, American justice, American valor, American integrity—the greatest and strongest republic on earth.

OLYMPIAN.
The members of the old Susquehanna Street Baptist church held an extended Thursday afternoon and evening session in the commemoration of St. David's day. Both sessions were very largely attended. The first session began at 2 o'clock. Rev. George Hague acted as chairman and introduced the conductor, David E. Lewis, who delivered a brief address of welcome. This was followed by the opening song, "Those Wedding Bells," very acceptably rendered by Miss Maggie Thomas. The first competitive piece, "Somebody's Darling," a recitation for children under 16 years of age, had only one contestant, Ellen Jones, of Peckville, who was given the prize of \$1. "No Hope in Jesus" was the title of a hymn for children under 15 years of age. There were two competitors and the prize of \$1 was awarded to Miss Annie Jones, of this place. There were four contestants for the prize for reading literature at sight. It was awarded to James Williams, of Providence. The next number was a soprano solo, "Why Linger My Love," Miss Maggie Thomas appeared as the only contestant. She sang the piece excellently and was given the prize of \$1. Following this was a quartette, "Depths of Mercy." Five quartettes entered for the prize of \$2, which was won by David C. Davis and here, as a solo, "The Warrior Bold," was then rendered by W. W. Watkins, of Peckville. David C. Davis, of Providence, was also called upon for a solo and rendered a beautiful Welsh melody. He was compelled to respond to an encore, "The Hues of Daylight." "Faded" was the title of a selection for the competition for male chorus. Four parties entered and the prize of \$8 was carried away by Professor T. W. Watkins and party. The afternoon session was brought to a close by the rendition of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" by the audience, led by Professor T. W. Watkins. Between the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock supper was served in the vestry of the church by the ladies. On account of the disagreeable weather a large number remained and took supper in the church. David E. Lewis was conductor of the evening session and performed his duties in an efficient manner. He introduced William H. Davis, who was to act as chairman of the session. The opening song was rendered by Professor John Parry. Following this was a selection on the piano by Misses Mame and Edith Sarge, which was well received. The first number for competition was a tenor solo, "The Missing Boat," prize \$2. There were nine competitors. John Brooks was awarded the prize. Three contestants took part in the spelling bee, Misses Edith Evans, Maggie Evans and Richard Watkins. Miss Edith Evans won the prize. A bass solo entitled "Love's Old Sweet Song" was the next competitive piece. Eight contestants for the prize of \$1, which was carried away by John Brooks. A duet was then rendered by Miss Maggie Evans and D. L. Davies. There were five competitors took part in the impromptu speech. The prize was awarded to W. H. Priest. The next competitive selection was a duet, "Spirit of Freedom." The prize, \$2, was donated by David E. Lewis and was won by David X. Lewis and William T. Evans. Four contestants entered the competition on reading music at sight. Miss Maggie Thomas was awarded the prize. The next number on the program was the chief competition, "Lead Kindly Light," for a chorus of not less than twenty-five in number; prize \$15. Three choirs entered, the Baptist church choir, led by Professor W. T. Evans, Methodist church choir, conducted by Professor John Parry,

St. Stephen commandery, No. 236 of the Ancient and Illustrious Order Knights of Malta, stationed at Dunmore, had the following officers installed for the ensuing term, on March 1, 1900, by Deputy Grand Commander Sir Thomas L. Sennebaugh, assisted by several past commanders: Sir knight commander, Sir J. M. Wert; generalissimo, Sir J. W. P. Cummins; first guard, Sir William P. Win; prelate, Sir C. P. Sennebaugh; recorder, Sir Marvin Tuthill; assistant recorder, Sir Charles R. Boyd; treasurer, Sir Grand Captain General, E. S. Evans; representative to grand commandery, Sir Fred W. Dodge.

The Electric City Commandery, No. 177, of West Scranton, had the following officers installed for the ensuing term, Thursday evening, by Deputy Grand Commander Sir Gwilym Jones, assisted by several past commanders: Sir knight commander, Sir W. F. Davies; generalissimo, Sir George W. Hoffman; captain general, Sir Henry W. Sexton; prelate, Sir Roy Guest; recorder, Sir D. E. Williams; assistant recorder, Sir A. T. Bidleman; treasurer, Sir W. A. Hayward;

senior warden, Sir George W. Thorn; junior warden, Sir James Williamson; standard bearer, Sir Adam Stockel; sword bearer, Sir Charles J. Johnson; warder, Sir Cass Morgan; sentinel, Sir D. W. John; first guard, Sir Charles Wagstaff; second guard, Sir David R. Gibbs; trustees for eighteen months, Sir E. H. Kresge; representative to grand commandery, Sir David J. Jones.

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