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# WHAT HAS HAPPENED **TO PUERTO RICO?** DISCUSSION OF THE ALL AB-

BORBING TOPIC.

The President's Object in Dealing with the Important Question Has Been to Adopt an American Policy. His Proposed Tariff Policy Simply a Patriotic Act of Generosity.

### Special Correspondence of The Tribune.

Washington, D. C., March 16 .- What is all this fuss and walling and gnash-ing of teeth on Puerto Rico about any-way? What has happened? Why all this crimination and recrimination? Why all this caucusing and political cisive and honest adjustment of all these questions, political or economic, it may be dismissed. It took nearly twenty-five years to settle the simple question of honesty involved in our financial policy, but it was settled on Wednesday by a Republican congress and a Republican president. It is simply a question of good faith, com-mon honesty and constitutional methclamor? Why all this ominous fore-boding as to the future of the Repub-lican party? Why all this senseless walling and lurid prediction of Repub-lican defeat in the coming presidential campaign

mon honesty and constitutional meth-ods in dealing with Puerto Rico and the Philippines, and the American peo-Why the accusation of cowardice, selfishness and venality against the president? The Republican conference Wednesday wisely concluded to take the second sober breath and think it all over. Suppose the president did make a mistake in proceeding for ple will trust the Republican administration to settle them.

make a mistake in recommending free trade with Puerto Rico? He saw his mistake and had the courage to qualify it. He took the leaders of both parties in his confidence in maturing a policy in regard to Puerto Rico that some unforeseen exigency might change. The president's object was to adopt an American policy-not a Republican policy. He took the whole country into his confidence, not the Republican party alone. All who talked with him about his Puerto Rican tariff policy, whether Democrats or Republicans, understood the president's desire to treat the question from a non-

partisan standpoint, and they all ac-quiesced at the time. There was a distinct and emphatic understanding weeks. So the Quay case ought to have been disposed of long before this. That he will be seated is hardly doubted now that the president's proposed tariff policy was a simple and patriotic act by the most skeptical of the opposition, but there is a way to keep him out of of generosity.

Puerto Rico had been hurricane swept. Her helpless people were starvhis seat and deny Pennsylvania the constitutional rights to representation in the senate by dilatory action. Any ing. In discussing the administra-tion's offer of help in the way of free trade, no thought was entertained, or old pretext, whether plausible or not, is dug up, first by one senator and then by another, to postpone the final if entertained, never expressed, in the consideration of the case. Exasper-ated at the condition of things, Senaremotest way suggestive of the opposi-tion and clamor that has followed the tor Penrose was provoked yesterday to introduction of the question in con-gress. If the president blindly trusted tor Penrose was provoked yesterialy to address some very strong language to Senator Gallinger. It was a misunder-standing, possibly, but the final under-standing was made too plain for any one to doubt what the two senators meant when they gave each other the bala common eventory lie to Democratic assurances in the formulation of his message to congress, he knows better now. He understands now that the Puerto Rican and the Philippine questions are Republican plain, common, everyday lie. responsibilities and Republican prob-

The senate was dreadfully shocked; lems. The Republican party will settle and it looked for a time like a fight. them and they will be settled to the Gallinger opposes Quay because, it is honor and credit of the country and to said, his colleague, Senator Chandler, is on the Quay side. These two senathe entire satisfaction of the American people. But has the president blun-dered in this matter? Has he subortors make it a point never to vote on dinated humanity to dollars and cents? the same side of any question that will admit of a non-party vote. They do not speak to each other except on im-In accepting a nominal duty on Puerto Rican products as a better tariff policy portant official business and they talk than free trade, has he made any misin monosyllables, meanwhile looking in take? Is it a blunder, or has the change of policy offended the north-eastern lumber and flour dealers, who opposite directions. Senator Quay has returned to Wash-

ington. He appears to be in the very best of spirits and expresses himself want free trade with Puerto Rico? Was it a mistake to do exactly what as absolutely certain of an early vote the importunate Tobacco and Sugar trust and the Standard Oil trust aland of being seated. most demanded he should do and adhere to his free trade recommenda-

If Mr. George Nox McClain, staff tion? These great commercial intercorrespondent of the Philadelphia Press, could be persuaded to take a ests are at the bottom of the clamor against the administration. The whole day off, come to Washington and spend will come out soon and instead

umped on the constitution. It made jumped on the constitution. It made no difference whether the speaker was a "constitutional" lawyer, a "constitu-tional" school teacher, a "constitu-tional" politician or whether he was author, writer, publicist, farmer, mer-chant, "baker or candiestick maker." he expounded the constitution. It made no difference that a few years are be was shooting bullets into it: made no difference that a few years ago he was shooting bullets into it; in this orisis he was holding it high above the Capitol dome swearing that the "constitution followed the flag," that the flag meant citizenship, that Puerto Ricans are citizens of the United States, that the Philippine sav-ages are citizens, hence "imperialism." Now if there is one Republican in the whole country who has even the bare suspicion of a doubt as to the wisdom, justice, common sense and good politics of the president's inten-tions and purposes in the prompt, de-cisive and honest adjustment of all these questions, political or economic,

THE LEISURELY SENATE.

There is not the slightest doubt of

the determination of the Republicans

to meet the demands for immediate

action in reference to Puerto Rico. The duties collected from the Puerto

Ricans will be restored as soon as it

suits the easy-going senate to pass the house measure looking to that end. It

ought to have passed today, but it did

not. Nothing is in the way of it but

the senate's everlasting way of doing business. The Hawailans were suffer-

ing from fire and pestilence but the senate discussed the proposition to

extend the necessary aid nearly two

REPRESENTATIVE CONNELL

He would, reluctantly perhaps, agree

The whole story, Mr. Connell said, in his quiet, good-natured way, is made up with the least possible basis to sup-port it, so far as any reference to him is it is concerned. The old story about the "machine" is a very old one, ho says, and the Press correspondent has got so in the habit of writing about it that his effusions on the subject are perfectly harmless, and everybody in Pennsylvania who reads them under-stands his force as a versatile writer of fiction. Mr. Connell expresses some regret that the correspondent's weak-ness in this regard led him into the fatuous error of writing him down as an "ex-congressman," because some-body, possibly, who does know the corbody, possibly, who does know the cor-respondent's distinguished characteris-tics, might infer his retirement to the luxury and case of private life. Pennsy.

# CHURCH REUNION.

The Third Bounion and Boll Call of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Factoryville & Very Enjoyable Affair.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Factoryville, Pa., March 16 .- Owing to the inclemency of the weather Thursday afternoon, there being a heavy snow storm raging all day and evening, the number of members of the Methodist Episcopal church that answered to the roll call was not as large as was expected. The opening services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Leacock, of Dalton. Prayer was of-Lencock, of Daiton. Frayer was or-fered by Rev. Fred Hiller, of Dryden, N. Y. Music, calling of the roll and remarks from visiting clergymen, members of the church and other visi-tors made up the balance of the afternoon service. A very appropriate poem entitled "Reunions," written and read by the Rev. P. R. Tower, of Thomp-son, Pa., and by request of the members of the church we publish it be low in full.

The ladies of the church served bountiful supper in the lecture room from 5.30 to 8 p. m.

There were present as former minis ters of the church the following: Rev J. S. Lewis, of Pittston, pastor here twenty-seven years ago; Rev. P. R. Tower, of Thompson, pastor here twen-ty-five years ago; Rev. H. C. McDer-mott, of Oneonta, N. Y., who was pas-tor here sixteen years ago. There were also the following visiting clergy-men present: J. C. Leccock Detter men present: J. C. Leacock, Dalton Rev. Fred Hiller, Dryden, N. Y.; Rev E. L. Sanford, Nicholson.

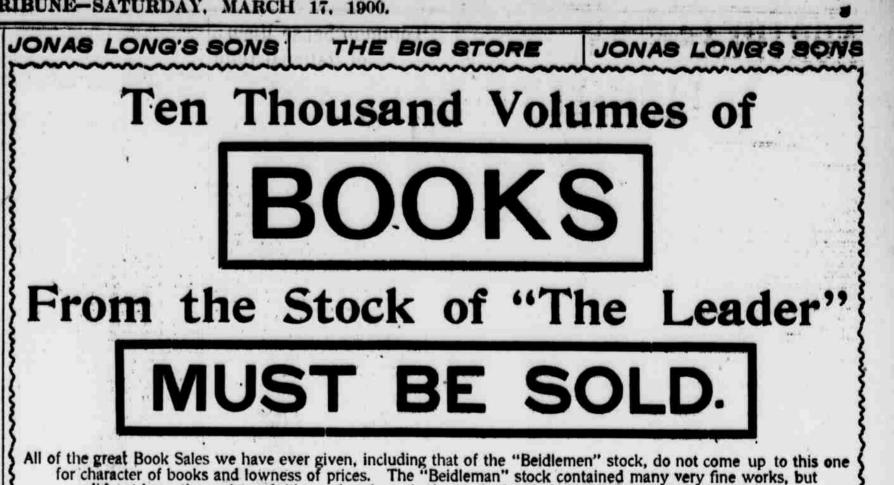
#### REUNIONS.

By Rev. P. R. Tower, and Read by Him at the Reunion of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Factoryville, March 15, 1900.

Reunions! Yes, in olden times, God's children oft did meet, With those who loved the Lord our God, And worshipped at His feet; They told their story o'er and o'er-They praised our God most high, And He, well pleased to feel their joys, Most graciously drew nigh.

As iron maketh iron sharp, The countenance of friends, Doth make the heartsick glad again, And joy and comfort sends. In every age has come good cheer, And strength and vim and dare, By touching elbows now and then, With those who burdens share.

Yes, it is well to greet our friends. Our friends of long ago. To feel again their friendly grasp And catch their eyes' bright glow; To list once more their words of cheer And see their bosoms swell, With love to God, and all mankind.



did not have the variety of titles and authors, both standard and fiction, as are included in this immense lot from "The Leader." Books bought apparently without reason, so far as quan-tity was concerned, but judiciously selected as to style and quality. Literature to satisfy every taste-mostly all in handsome cloth-bound editions.

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of murmurings and unjust accusations and baseless suspicions, the president will have the triumphant acclamation of a grateful, if now deluded people. WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED.

that Lackawanna has never had in Suppose the president had adhered congress a more conscientious, faithful, industrious, or vigilant represento a free trade policy with the Puerto Ricans? What would have happened? tative in Washington than Mr. Connell.

The most rabid and rancorous Demo-cratic opposition. "It was a conces-sion to the Standard Oll trust; it meant At 8.30 a. m. the Press correspondent would find him at his office engrossed with his mail. If the walking should that the Sugar trust and the Tobacco trust absolutely controlled the Repubbe good, the aforesaid correspondent lican party; it was a bold and corrupt would find his locomotion severely deal with these corporations for cam-paign funds." All this and a great deal taxed before he reached the capitol. After his daily departmental visits, he more the Democrats were ready to goes promptly to the capitol and is always there at noon when the house convenes. If not detained on account of some public party qustion, the Press corerspondent will find him either in say. Free trade with Puerto Rico, they would have said, meant that Puerto Rico was de facto and de jure a part of the United States and that its his committee room or employed in some investigation in the Agricultural thousands of black savages were citithe sense of this country. They were ready to roar themselves hoarse in saying that free trade was a declaration of department, or busy with some ques-tion under consideration before the citisenship and irrevocably committed committee on mines and mining. In the evening the Press correspondent will look in vain in the hotel lobby or the Republican party to the senseless dogma of imperialism. They were ready to charge the president with the cafes for the Scranton congressflagrant usurpation, and Sulser, it is said, had a resolution of impeachment man.

Upon the whole, he is a very, very busy man-for an "ex-congressman"ready charging the president with and as busy as the liveliest represenusurping the functions of scongress tative in this congress. So well informed a newspaper writer upon the Democratic theory that the

president's free trade recommendation was santamount to a declaration of as Mr. McClain ought to know all this. And he ought to know, what everybody sovereignty over Puerto Rico which else knows, that it will probably be belonged to congress as one of the coordinate branches of the government. What an opportunity was lost? What caloric political calculations were upsome time before "ex" is written before Representative Connell's name, Mr. McClain's letter in yesterday's Press, under a Scranton date of March

14, was read by Mr. Connell today. Disappointed and chagrined, they

it with Representative Connell, he As they their story tell. would doubtless think that instead of being an ex-congressman Mr. Connell How, when to Him they lift their eyes, is very much of a live congressman.

All streaming down with tears, He shines away the darkest cloud, And quells all needless fears; How God hath brought them all the

way Through storms and pleasant place And conflicts flerce—to victory Through His abounding grace.

How, when their earthly house seems frail. frail, And totters toward the tomb, They feel His Resurrection Power, And find in death no gloom; They see the opening heavens above, All giorious and bright, They hear their Savior calling them To share 'the Saint's Delight."

They blde their time-thus living with Our Savior and our king, And while their steps halt feebly on, Their hearts, all joyful, sing Redemption's song-thro' Christ the Lamb

From sin and death set free-The song the angels brought to earth-Best song for you and me.

Then let us meet when'er we can, Our old friends and the new, And do our best to strengthen them, Their journey to pursue: These times are few to some of us, The moments fly apace, We soon will join the bloodwashed throng, And ever see His face.

Reunions! Yes. We haste to one, Why should we be so slow? We have more friends beyond the flood Than greet us here below: Then let us watch and work and trust. "Till Jeaus bids us come, With all the ransomed of the Lord, To our Eternal Home.

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circuit.

will have a most successful season. A well-known local base ball man, whose absence from the city during the team for Scranton in the Atlantic league took a wonderful rise yesterday. Thursday the idea had been practically abandoned.

week served to cast a gloom upon prospects, will also be back again and is expected to give his support to the and M. E. Sanders, who was engaged in furthering the scheme here, gave out as his opinion that sufficient funds club. Strenuous efforts will be made could not be raised, and that the coming season would behold no team in Scranton.

Yesterday, at the meeting of the di-rectors of the teams which will make up a league, in Allentown, Scranton up a league, in Allentown, Scranton way represented by proxy, President Fogel taking care of the local end of the deal, as the result of a conversa-tion he had over the long distance tele-phone with Mr. Sanders. Renewed efforts will be made to raise the necessary amount to start a team, and Wednesday or Thursday of next week President Fogel and Walter Burnham, of Portland, Me., will visit the city and confer with local enthusiasts. Mr.

Burnham, who is a tried and experi-enced base ball manager, would be glad to be at the helm of a nine in Soranton and would be willing to in-vest largely in it himself.

Vest largely in it himself. He is well and favorably known to the base ball public throughout the country, and has managed successfully several teams in the New England league, and was also at one time man-ager of the Louisville club. He has are of the Louisville club. He has it is reasenably thought that with a man of his ability at the head of a feam, and, moreover, being financially

by President Fogel and the other magnates to give Scranton a team, as in case there is no local nine, Wilkes. Barre will not go into the league either. Two thousand, three hundred dollars has been pledged for a down the valley nine, but unless Scranton is in the league, the Coal Barons will not enter the circuit.

Mr. Sanders will now call on the various parties interested in the movesubscriptions. ment and renew the work of securing

## Strikes and Spares.

T HE same scheduled for last night at Wilkes-Barre between the West End club of that city and the Elks was postponed until Tuesday, and as a result the question as to who carries off first place in the league will

ment.

number of pins scored, will therefore probably go to them. The Backus team stands alone with-

out a single defeat to its name, and bowled a clean, steady game through-out the entire tournament. They put the same five men into every game, not making a single change in their per-sonnel. Although they only once reached the 800 mark, that occasion being at Wilkes-Barre, when they scored \$13 in one of the matches, they have rolled a uniform, consistent style of game and come through the league with flying colors.

The Elk team on the contrary did not bowl such a steady game, but rolled at times very heavy scores, on several occasions going over the 800 mark. In their last game on their own alleys, with the Bicycle club, they averaged 799 1-3 for the three games, and in their first game with the West End club went even higher by scoring, in the first match \$35, in the second 739 and in the third \$48, a total of 2,425, and an average of 808 1-3. This was the game, however, in which old pins were used and which was at first contested by the Bicycle

club and Backus team, and which was Tot Steel Craw Whit settled by those teams rolling again the first game played in the tourna-Some very fine bowling has/ been Haro done so far, Wright, of the West End club, leading in high scores with 212, Barti, of the Elks, being & close

the Elks, rolled one of the most con-THE St. Louis club is making a sistent and steady games of any of the men engaged, and Captains Davis, Hopkins and Wardell, of the West strong bid for the National league End, Backus and Bicycle clubs, all bowled strongly, while Moore, of the Bicycle club, in the few games he played, did great work. After Tuesday's game

a new series may be inaugurated and it is likely in such an event that still another team will be taken into the Great bowling was done in the early part of this week at Blus & Shafer's. In Chicago one evening when two picked teams met and in three games the one side aggregated 2,740 pins and the other 2,733. One Bangart went

through the evening without an error, and, as a result, averaged 189, with a high score of 215, while Uirich, of the same team, went through with a perfect record, averaging 203 and hav-ing a high score of 234. The detailed scores were as follows:

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Bangart	215	186	1 7
Baker	196	162	t
La Balle	194	202	t
Schmidt	136	200	C
Ullrich	234	207	Ĩ
			1.0
Total	975	957	P**
Steelo's- 1st.	2d.	3d.	
Steele	181	178	
Crawford	192	153	12
White	170	191	1.5
Harold	184	182	1
Geroux	185	164	1
		20.20	

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Championship. The signing of Mc-Gann to play first base, followed shortly by negotiations being closed with the Brooklyn management for the re-lease of McGraw, Robinson and Sheck-

team in the league being after the pugnacious little baseman. New York wanted him, Chicago was eager to secure him, and several other magnates were on the lookout for a chance to sign him.

> St. Louis will need the services of the new men however, as a break has been made in the strong infield of last ear by the sale of "Cupid" Childs, the ast second baseman, to the Chicago eam, where he will play second, Mcormiek third, Clungman short, and veritt first, constituting a very fast

Cunningham has at last secured a place. The ex-Colonel has been signed by Loftus for the Chi ago team and is expected to display championship form this season. One of the princi-pal reasons for his being signed was his invariable success against the Chi-

cago nine and, as Loftus whimsically | Among the Pugs.

expresses it, "We would rather have him with us than against us." The

The Pittsburg team is carrying something like two dozen men with them to their happy practice grounds there being pitchers enough alone for a nine. Among them are Tannehill, Waddell, Chesbro, Leever, Flaherty, Woods and Phillips. These are all new-comers, but every man Jack is of splendid ability. Woods is well known In this city, having formerly played here with the Springfield Eastern league team and Chesbro is likewise a familiar figure, owing to his having been the winning pitcher on the sta Richmond team in the Atlantic league last year, on which club Fisherty also played. The infield will probably be made up of Jimmy Williams at third,

Ely at short, Ritchey on second and Dillon on first. Leach, the crack third baseman of last year's Louisville team, will probably be sold or traded. Be-hind the bat the team is not all that

hind the bat the team is not all that is desired. Lattimer being a new and almost untried played, while Zimmer and Schriver, though both experienced, hard working players, are not in the same class with Robinson, Farrell, Maguire or other of the backstops playing with last year's winning tamp playing with last year's winning teams The outfield will be exceedingly strong, there being Wagner. Beaumont, Dex-ter, Fred Clarke and O'Brien to choose from,

TN SPEAKING of the fight to take Chicago team is getting in practice at West Baden, Ind., and the men are displaying good form. The Pittsburg team is carrying something like two dozen men with

"In Jim Judge, Donovan will have a In Jim Judge, Donovan will have a hard man to contend with. Judge has been up against all the top-notchers. and although he has had to be content with the short end of the mone? on one or two occasions, he has alwhy given a good account of himself. He fought "Mysterious Billy" Smith nine-teen of the hardest rounds the fiveteen of the hardest rounds the mys-terious one ever engaged in. Smith won by knocking out his man, but up to the moment the decisive blow was struck, it was nip and tuck as to who would be the winner. After this Judge was matched to fight Joe Walcott, the appropriately named 'Black Demon.' He lost to Walcott, but only after giving the black 'un the flercest kind of an argument.

"These two battles serve to show what kind of game Donovan is going against. Mike is more than confident of his ability to dispose of the Scran-ton man inside the limit of twenty rounds. Donovan has been training for a week endeavoring to get off enough weight to be able to meet Youngs, therefore he will not do much work in preparing for Judge. A large party of local followers of the fistic game will go to Buffalo with Dono-

## ard, look as though the Browns are after the pennant and intend to secure it. A big hitch has occurred, however, in the refusal of the cx-Orioles to play in St. Louis, and just what will be the outcome it is inter-esting to imagine. There has been a big demand for McGraw, nearly every