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PORTLAND, SATURDAY, APRIL 5.

RIVAL CLAIMS ON RECIPROCITY.

The saying that protection and reciprocity are twin principles of the Republican party is almost old enough to be accepted as a legend. But now comes Representative McClellan, of New York, in support of concessions to Cuba, with the assertion that the ways and means committee's bill "is an enunciation of the Democratic doctrine of reciprocity."

and the discontented. They can't convert the world, they can't even agree among themselves. Numerous as barbarians have always been, and game fighters, too, they have never been able to combine successfully against civilization.

Whether there be little or much truth in the renewed gossip that General Miles is to be preemptorily placed on the retired list, it is manifestly the fact that the day of his usefulness in the Army is past. He is hopelessly at odds with the President, the Commander-in-Chief of the Army under the Constitution.

What is his really fine record as a soldier and of the many real distinctions which have marked his career, General Miles' military life has been a splendid one. He has never been a public officer in this country; and during the course of his career, which which I grow old, I have never asked for any particular service; I have never once declined or asked to be excused from any service; I have never asked for a promotion.

The fact is that reciprocity has two aspects, one of which is Democratic and the other Republican. Wherein it is positive, as a threat, it is Republican. Where it is negative, as a concession, it is Democratic. Now, reciprocity itself is a concession only in the capacity of a temporary abdication of its office as a threat.

General Miles has suffered some slight in the course of his service as the head of the Army. He ought to have been sent to Cuba in command of our forces in the place of Shafter; and, again, he ought long ago to have been sent to the Philippines.

This Louisville convention which has just completed its organization and platform is a far more serious affair, one to be judged by the aggregation of participant parties, viz.: THE PEOPLE'S PARTY, THE UNION POPULISTS, THE SOCIALISTS, THE REFORMERS LEAGUE, THE NATIONAL LABOR PARTY, THE PROHIBITION PARTY, AND THE UNITED CHRISTIANS.

Truly, this is a formidable array of organizations, each of which must have represented in its formation and must still represent to the minds of its promoters the only true and efficacious policy of popular government.

Southern Democracy away from free silver and Bryan is found in the fact that Senator Bailey, of Texas, is favorable to the nomination of Mr. Gorman for President, and a majority of the Southern Democratic Senators are ready to drop Bryan and his financial phantoms.

Others scoffed at the notion because they said they were not willing to admit the inferiority of the white race as such to any. That life in the tropics might cost less money, but it would prevail in the end.

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