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The republican majority in congress at the suggestion of President McKinley, it is asserted, killed the river and harbor bill on the plea of economy. It is claimed. It is surprising the same plea was not effective in the case of the army appropriation bill and pension legislation and in other extravagant measures. The improvement of the harbors and rivers is certainly just as important and meritorious as any of these. The republicans have not added to their strength by their action in this instance.

If this day and generation it is declared that a democratic democrat is a man seeking an opportunity to do something for everybody. A degenerate democrat is a man seeking an opportunity to do everything for somebody. These definitions are not without pith and point. The latter class of democrats are inclined to make an effort to "reform" and "reorganize" the democratic party, instead of joining the republican party, which is already organized on these lines, and where they belong.

John W. Gates, of steel trust fame, came near dying in New York from a hemorrhage of the nose. With all his money and all of his audacious and offensive power he is still subject to the ill that flesh is heir to. Even if less so the sympathy of his fellows whom he has plundered though the manipulation of trusts and the favor of laws of which he has taken full advantage. The people having been "bled" they do not care if Gates should "bleed" at the nose a little more. The loss of a little blood will be good for him.

A millionaire in Detroit, Michigan, last fall, fearing Bryan's election, placed his money, some \$100,000 in cash, in Canadian banks, for safekeeping and then laid down and died. His heirs have recently discovered that wealth is taxed in Canada, as against their inheritance they find a charge of \$45,250 made by the Canadian government as an inheritance tax. If Bryan had been elected the "depreciation" in these funds would not have been any worse than what it was under Canadian law.

The woolgrowers' convention in Pendleton has been a very interesting gathering of men engaged in a very important industry. The proceedings of the convention have covered a wide scope and added to the information and knowledge of those who have participated and shared in them. The gathering is creditable to the interest taken in the industry and those in attendance have shown commendable intelligence and alertness which gives great promise of continued progress toward better things in growing wool and raising sheep. The woolgrowers are a live set of men and imbued with a spirit to learn more with the hope of effecting better results. In other words their dissatisfaction at conditions as they are is a healthy one, as it evidences that they do not intend to stand still but go ahead. Those who allow themselves to become too contented are likely to fall into a state of dry rot and the wool then appear to be fully conversant with this philosophy. The present convention is the most successful one the woolgrowers have ever held.

There are signs in Washington among the republican leaders and the administration that Cuba is not to be permitted to assume the sovereign right to make treaties, to engage in war or to create a public debt and that it is not well for the United States to retire altogether from a protectorate over Cuba until those at Washington are satisfied that stable government has been established.

tailor. In other words, there are signs that double dealing is to be attempted and that while the people of the United States are to have the dust thrown into their eyes the powers that be are to arrange the Cuban question as they see fit. There appears to be a doubt if Cuba is to be free, and that is what our promise implied when we made it. A great many people suffered from severe attacks of fits when the implied promise made to the holders of United States bonds was likely to be broken, but it is to be noticed that these same people are suspiciously silent when a more sacred promise made Cuba is threatened. We should all remember that the very first declaration in the joint resolutions of congress which served notice on Spain to get out of Cuba was this: "That the people of Cuba are, and of right ought to be, free and independent."

WHY SHEEP FEEDERS HAVE LOST.
The following communication, of interest to sheepmen, is from the Drovers' Journal and Stockman and is published by request:
In your issue of February 4, headed "Colorado Up Against It," and a few days later another headed, "Colorado Bungle," there seems to be a varied opinion as to the seeming low prices on fat lambs and mutton, and of course the feeders are all inclined to charge it all to the packers. I sometimes wonder if it does not sometimes dawn upon the average feeder that his troubles are not because the price for fat lambs and mutton is too low, but simply because he paid too much money for his feeders in the fall.

For the last few years fat sheep have brought exceedingly good prices the year around, both grass and grain fed, and once in a while the feeders have, by accident, reaped out a little profit, and after they have made a few dollars on feeding sheep, they are led to believe that they can still pay more money on the ranges in the fall in the anticipation of still higher prices in the spring. It is a foregone conclusion that within the last few years sheep producers in the sheep growing countries have feathered their nests most abundantly by selling their stock to the feeders at ridiculously high prices. In fact, they have sold them so high that I think it is safe in saying that 75 per cent of the sheep feeders were temporarily bankrupt; this condition of affairs I do not think was caused by the price being too low, but mainly because our feeders were bought too high to begin with.

If we, who feed sheep, would stop and be a little more considerate when we are buying sheep in the fall, and buy them at a live and let live price, all concerned would feel better in the end. As a matter of fact, we have allowed ourselves at buying time to become temporarily insane. I believe that the statistics of the market for the last ten years will bear me out in the assertion that when the feeders pay more in the south, for instance, in the territory of New Mexico, than \$1.25 per head for lambs and on the western ranges \$1.50 to \$1.65 per head for lambs and older sheep in proportion, that we are on dangerous ground, so that I feel that we, ourselves, are to blame.

It is perfectly natural with us all when we make a business mistake to hunt some one else to lay the blame upon. While I do not attempt to defend the packers, as I do not doubt but what they are powerful enough to pound the market, if they see fit, yet taking a common sense view of the matter, I have come to the conclusion that the feeders of the United States should make up their minds to buy their sheep for less money or let them remain in the hands of the producers.

These lambs can be produced and sold to the feeder at a price which would leave a handsome profit for the producer and still leave a handsome profit for the man who has taken the chances of preparing them for market. Five cents per pound for lambs is a good price, and when we have bought our staff for each price in the fall that 5c per pound for good lambs will not let us out, we are only to blame ourselves. Hence, if we who have had experience would profit by it in the future and not allow ourselves to become as a drove of sheep, all will follow after him, but simply make up our minds as a band of feeders to buy our stuff from the producer at a fair price, or let them keep them and feed them themselves and not bowl so much about the markets and not blame upon the packers, would be in a much better state of mind.

It is scarcely reasonable to expect that year after year we could obtain such fabulous prices as we have had at intervals during the last two or three years. We should date back to the time when we sold good fat lambs at 5c per pound. We then thought we were doing exceedingly well, and the producer was willing to thank the feeder to come and buy his drove of head, while now the same party feels that he has done you a favor when he has sold them to you at \$2 per head. I, myself, have seen Mexican yearlings sell in Chicago at \$2.75 per head; now the same woolers would bring in the neighborhood of \$5, so I see no particular reason to complain of the market, and I only hope that this year will be another object lesson to the mass, and not to the few.

I am inclined to think that the

packers have studied human nature to such an extent that each and every year, toward the close of the season, they will see to it that the market is put in excellent good shape, so that the few scattering grained sheep and cattle might bring a good price. The last price brought in the market is most vivid in our minds in the fall, and we go to work and figure up that we obtained the highest price reached that season for our stock. We would have a handsome bank account to our credit. Even the fellow who has fed and marketed his stock at a loss is apt to think that he could get in the next year on the top shelf and persuade himself to buy again in the fall in the same old line, and he gets short of grain or feed and he gets the weather, and markets his stock again without profit. Then he is ready to howl about the market again while his troubles have all been caused by his highly loving in the fall.

I do not desire to see the producer oppressed, but I do feel that they have reaped all the profit there has been in the sheep business for the last three or four years. A great many of the sheep feeders have absolutely "gone broke," while the sheep producers have grown rich. This is another point where the business seems to be equally divided, the producer's exceedingly great gains seem to have been the feeder's loss. I am of the opinion that the packer figures his dressing profit upon such carcasses, regardless of the price he pays, whether it be three or six cents per pound. If the packers are endowed with the power to buy live stock in the open markets of the world at any price they see fit, they certainly would be equally as powerful in placing the price upon the dressed product; hence, being able to fix their profit at the time of disposing of the same. So looking at all of these complaints from this point of view, it would seem that they could have no selfish motive in tearing down the market upon any special line of livestock.

For my own satisfaction I have given this subject considerable study and late and can arrive at but one conclusion, and that is: We have all been a set of "damned" fools at the time of buying our feeders. How quickly have we forgotten the time when we could buy a good young ewe at \$1.25 per head, while of late we went upon the ranges and paid from \$4 to \$6 per head for the same class, and yet we complain of someone pouncing the market. At the former time they were selling entirely too low, and at the present they are selling equally as much too high. It occurs to me now that I see in the not far distant future the time when we will be able to buy the sheep again at the price of today divided by two.

Whether the packers or ourselves are at fault, we may decide in our own minds, but we could scarcely come to a correct decision without some good reasoning on the subject. A feeder of any one class of stock rarely makes money two years in succession, which in my opinion, adds weight to my argument, if he succeeds fairly well this year he will give that profit to the man he buys his stock of to feed the following year. In this case who is at fault?

It is nothing more than a very natural consequence that in the late summer months when there are only a very few grain fed sheep and cattle in the country that the price should go higher, but let us not take that for a basis to figure out profits for the following feeding year when we are buying our feeders, but figure the months when most of our stock is marketed and buy accordingly or let the other fellow have the use of them himself. In conclusion, let us have a regular old Methodist class meeting, get up and confess your sins and you will find an honest confession is good for the soul.

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