

In an interview at New York, Chairman Clarkson of the republican national committee states that he will not be responsible for the result of this fall's election. This only shows that Mr Clarkson wishes to "hedge" as the evidences of another democratic landslide become more apparent every day.—Roseburg Review.

Great Britain offers \$4,000,000 to Portugal for its possessions in southeastern Africa, adjoining Mozambique. It has generally been England's way to take what she wanted, but it is found cheaper to buy than to go to war with any civilized nation. Besides, war with Portugal might arouse the slumbering volcano underlying Europe, of whose eruption all governments stand in fear.

The clear-headed editor of the Seattle Telegraph says:

The lessened cost of many articles, compared with twenty years ago, is not due to protection, but to improved methods of manufacture and much better transportation facilities. Taxing an article does not reduce its cost. Goods that are lower here are also lower in free trade countries. It should be borne in mind that every article protected by the tariff would be cheaper without a duty.

In their abundant crops the Kansas farmers are finding a more effective means of lifting their land mortgages than could be afforded them by the sub-treasury schemes of government warehouses for corn and government loans of ir convertible paper at a nominal rate of interest. Bounteous nature and deep ploughing legislate much more wisely than the Peffers and Simpsons.

All Eskimos are superstitious about death, and, although they hold festivals in memory of departed friends, they will usually carry a dying person to some abandoned hut, there to drag out his remaining days without food, medicine, water or attendance. After the death of a husband or wife, the survivor cuts the front hair short and fasts for twenty-five days.

The egg dealers and shippers of Canada are asking for protection against the American eggs, as the market is now flooded with them. They want a tariff put upon them. This being the case the inquiry virtually arises why McKinley found it necessary to place a duty of five cents per dozen on imported eggs in order to protect our hens, to whom good wages are paid against the pauper laid eggs of Canada.

It is to be hoped that the long contest over Mr Tilden's will has been settled by division of the property. He willed the bulk of it in trust for the city of New York, but his nephews contested, and on appeal to the general term the will was declared null. As the property amounts to \$5,000,000 there is enough for both parties. Four million dollars is enough to endow a library, which is the use that will probably be made of it, and certainly \$2,000,000 each is enough for any young men to spend.

The Statesman speaking of Senator Gorman, of Maryland, says:

"He made a great reputation among the democracy by his efforts to defeat the election bill in the senate last winter."

He made his reputation in defeating the Force bill and not, as the Statesman says, in his "efforts" to defeat it. It has been long years since any senator has done the country such a great service, and if he should be nominated for president the Statesman would find in him a foe man worthy of all the steel of the republican party, and it is noted for the great amount it always has on hand.

The Statesman labors with all its ability and zeal, and then calls to its aid the ability and zeal of the New York Tribune, to show the great benefit accruing to the people in consequence of putting sugar on the free list. It quotes "figgers" innumerable to sustain its position, when no one in the country is disputing it at all. But it is grotesquely humorous to see that paper labor so hard and long to show the benefits of free trade. British gold right from the hands of the Cobden club is doing a fearful work among the republican organs. But we trust the Statesman will keep up this good word for the "blind followers of the blind" will soon begin to ask why free trade in wool and woolen goods is not a good thing if free trade in sugar is such a blessing.

To show the straits to which McKinley is driven in defending his bill before the people of Ohio, it is only necessary to make a brief quotation from one of his speeches. Speaking of Cleveland, he said:

"The tariff reformer has in his wild ecstasy over the so called victory been betrayed into an avowal of his real design. He believes poverty is a blessing to be promoted and encouraged and that the shrinking in value of everything but money is a national benefit."

It would be impossible to conceive of a more cold-blooded, brutal falsehood than the above. It was conceived in the brain of one who had the clearest conception of the falsity of the statement. It is the last means to which a drowning man will resort when conscious that his ship is sinking. Verily, he must be devoid of all honorable means of defence against the formidable assaults made by the aggressive democracy upon the very citadel of protectionism.

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A WHOOPER

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