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A TORY GLEAN.

Victoria, Queen of Great Britain, and also by the grace of Beaconsfield Empress of India, has lately been making some deprecatory remarks about this country, and also affording the world a glimpse of her private opinion on certain subjects.

In the correspondence of the poet Tennyson, lately published, a number of letters from the Queen to the late poet laureate appear in which she parades herself in the frank garb of an uncompromising Tory. It would appear that it was the Queen herself who defeated Gladstone's plan of Irish reform and forced that statesman into retirement. No doubt the "grand old man" could have made it very uncomfortable for her Tory Majesty, and possibly led a formidable revolt against her personal opposition to his plans, but he was too loyal to do so, and was thus forced to see his great career wrecked and the cause of Irish reform struck down by the royal hand itself.

With this light on Victoria's political sentiments, it is not difficult to understand why she should view with alarm the political future of this republic. Her opinions as a Tory, however high-minded or sincere, need not affect us in the least. For nearly a century and a quarter the best Tory thought of England has predicted the downfall of this government in awful disaster. We are still here, however, and richer, stronger, and more masterful than ever.

But how about Great Britain? For fifty years she has enjoyed the highest fruits of a constitutional monarchy subject to elective parliamentary control. No other monarchy has ever before had so mild and wise a ruler occupying the throne for so long a period. During her reign Great Britain has developed practically into a limited republic with an ornamental rather than obstructive throne and aristocracy. It has been a period of great growth in prosperity to the British people, largely owing to the statesmanship that brought about and adhered to a broad and noble policy of free trade.

But how about Great Britain's future? Victoria's reign nears its end. Those who study critically the present English system can see cause enough for doubt as to the future of the British monarchy. With a male representative of the Guelphs on the throne, much of the glamour of royalty will depart. The family is not noted for producing men of wisdom and virtue. It will not need a large display of obstinacy or profligacy on the part of one of Victoria's sons to arouse an irresistible republican impulse among the English people. Certainly no future King can safely cut down a great popular statesman as Victoria did Gladstone. No male heir of the royal line would be forgiven the blunders that Victoria has committed, as in the case of Ireland, India and Egypt. The British monarchy is sailing slowly but surely into troubled waters. The aged and well-worn Queen might well turn her apprehensions toward the fate of her own royal line. It needs little discernment to see that the republican sentiment in England must start into activity as soon as Victoria dies. A long period of violent agitation is likely to follow, and Great Britain will be fortunate indeed if she emerges from the troubled political waters before her as a republic formed of independent States on the American plan, instead of a cribbed and decaying monarchy despoiled of its richest and most progressive colonies.

DYSPEPSIA, OR REPENTANCE?

Bill Chandler, by virtue of the tolerance of New Hampshire's legislature a Senator of the United States, and who will be remembered in connection with the theft of the Presidency in 1876, has evidently experienced a change of heart. How sincere is his repentance is as yet, from this point of view, utterly impossible to determine. Unfortunately, the Butlerian complet is too pat upon the mind. This complet reads: When the Devil was sick, the Devil a monk would be. When the Devil was well, the Devil a monk was he!

If Hon. Bill's digestive apparatus is out of kilter, if he is a shade bilious, or if he has been compelled to spend the summer in the mountain fastnesses of New Hampshire, where you have to fertilize the ground in order to raise a disturb-

ance on it, then a dose of medicine or a change of scene will drive his political conscience back into its erstwhile retreat, only to emerge again upon like conditions.

But if it be the heart of the Hon. Bill which is touched by a people's woes, then there is a deal of trouble for the lash handlers of the Republican Senate the coming winter.

The Hon. Bill has lately been meditating upon the wickedness of the Dingley-Hanna tariff bill, that great campaign-debt discharger, with particular reference to the notorious section 22, which imposed a discriminatory tax upon goods brought into this country from foreign bottoms, and which Attorney-General McKenna (until March 4 last a well-known railroad attorney of California) has decided does not apply to railroads—mark you, railroads.

As a result of his cogitations, the Hon. Bill has furnished the press with a letter in which, after declaring Senator Frye had nothing to do with the incorporation of section 22 in the tariff bill, and that Senator Elkins is incapable of deliberate deception, he says:

"The main object is not, however, ended. Senator Elkins gives notice that he will next winter press the plan of restoring American ships in the foreign carrying trade by charging extra duties on imports into the United States coming in foreign ships. Senator Frye shows that the combination behind this plan is a powerful one, consisting of a committee of twenty-five of the leading ship owners and builders, representing the Pacific, the Atlantic, and the lake interests, the Cramps, Cylds Company, Hyde's Yard, Arthur Sewall, and the Lake Carriers' Association, with counsel employed to help forward the plan. This is, indeed, a serious, formidable, and by no means impetuous, combination. It needs watching.

It is urged that the St. Louis platform binds Republicans to support the scheme. This claim should be candidly considered. If we are sure that President McKinley will achieve bimetalism and make Cuba free because the platform requires him to do so, we might well perhaps take also discriminating duties in favor of importations in American ships. It is well, however, to know how that plank came into the platform. The shipbuilders raised and expended money and employed counsel to get the plank adopted by State conventions and the national convention. Before swearing by the plank as a cardinal principle of Republican faith, it would be well, in order to ascertain its precise moral value, to learn how much money was expended to make it so sacred.

That's a wise old saw which says that when a certain class of people fall out a certain other class regains their own.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

But for the fact that the Ohio State convention endorsed Hanna for the Senate, the career of the "business manager" of the McKinley administration in the upper branch of the National legislature would soon be at an end. The Democrats of Ohio are going in for "anything to beat Hanna," and it is not among the improbabilities that they will give a solid vote to Gov. Bushnell for the office of United States Senator provided he can carry the few Republican votes necessary to assure his election. Any plan to shelve Hanna, the arch conspirator against the rights of the common people, is good politics for the Democratic party.

The greatest of the two great yellow journals of New York city, the *World*, has about-faced on the Cuban question, and displays strong sympathy for the patriotic struggle for liberty in the unhappy isle. The importance of this lies in the fact that it is strongly confirmatory of the rumors current a week ago that the Cuban junta in New York had disposed of a lot of Cuban bonds to a cash purchaser.

The doubtful Republicans in the Ohio legislature, now that there is a fierce fight on in the matter of the senatorial vacancy, will have all of the benefits of a sojourn on the most favored fields of the Klondike, without experiencing any of the climatic rigors surrounding that argentiferous treasure field. But they may look for at least one cold day when they appear before the people again for endorsement.

The Republican mayor and city council of Philadelphia sold the gasworks of that great city to a favored company for \$10,000,000 less than was offered by another. As this was not done by a party which advocated "reputation, distortion, and anarchy," it is to be presumed that it was a thoroughly moral transaction.

A hasty, ill-tempered old man who had lost some \$2,500 by a dishonest bank failure in Ohio, last week shot and killed the unfortunate banker. The rascal will be duly hanged, of course; whereas if he had not been so vicious he

might have gone to the poor house the rest of his days.

High Joint Commissioners Wolcott, Stevenson and Paine are back home, and declare that England will not consent to bimetalism, while the Hanna Havemeyer-Morgan-McKinley close corporation say we cannot have bimetalism without England's consent. Well, it's your move, Mr. Congress.

The Supreme Court has hit the interstate commerce law another blow below the belt. Those who affect surprise at the announcement are referred to the income tax decision or any other old decision in the past twenty years.

Great Britain is now kindly telling us that our municipal elections are merely "races for the spoils." Coming from this great international exemplar of self-abnegation, this should be a stinging rebuke.

The Baltimore *American* has detected a great and sudden increase in vote-selling in that State. Humph! Anybody could have told that by scanning the State's election returns in the past three years.

The election is over, but those negroes who were promised offices in Ohio in return for their support of Hanna are still outside the breastworks.

The Hanna colors showed first under the wire, but there is a disposition to file complaint of a foul with the judges.

STATE NEWS.

The University of North Carolina has 470 students enrolled.

Forty four of the 212 gold mines of the State are in active operation.

Fire at Mt. Holly on Friday destroyed the grist mill of W. C. Abernethy.

Dr. John F. Setzer, of Newton, committed suicide by means of a pistol last Thursday.

A rich deposit of crystallized garnet in mica schist has been found near Wake Forest.

Governor Russell has designated Thursday, Nov. 26th, as the day of thanksgiving for the State.

The town of Wilson has the record of having sold 5,000,000 pounds of tobacco this season.

Hon. Henry Watterson will lecture in Charlotte tonight, his subject being "Money and Morals."

Sam Wright, the murderer of Mr. Lou Carr, paid the penalty of his crime by hanging at Goldsboro, Wednesday.

An election will be held in Rutherford county on December 21st to decide whether or not to adopt the Stock Law.

John Evans was found guilty of assault on Miss Cole at Rockingham, and was sentenced to be hung November 26th.

Dennis Cannon, while intoxicated, was struck by a Southern freight train at Charlotte Tuesday morning and killed.

The Episcopalians are endeavoring to raise a fund to purchase St. Mary's school, Raleigh, for the Episcopal church in that State.

Meeklenburg county is to establish the whipping post, its authorities believing it will be a better preventive of crime than the chain gang.

Rev. Dr. W. R. Gwaltney, pastor of the church and chaplain of the college at Wake Forest, has tendered his resignation to take effect on the first of June next.

The remains of the late General Thomas L. Clingman are to be reinterred in Asheville, among the everlasting mountains that he loved so much, one of the highest of which he measured and is named after him—"Clingman's Dome," three miles from the top of Mount Mitchell.

Bounty Is Bloody Deep. Clean blood means a clean skin. No blemish without it. Carefully cleanse your skin with our "Beauty Balm" and keep it clean by storing up the "Beauty Balm" in your medicine chest. It is the best for all skin troubles, such as pimples, blackheads, and that sticky yellow complexion by taking "Beauty Balm" for 10 cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed. 10c. 25c. 50c.

A fire at Tarboro on Saturday destroyed the Bryan House, McNair's drug store and several smaller buildings. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. The Rocky Mountain company went on a special train and rendered valuable assistance to the Tarboro fire department.

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

The W. S. C. Conference.

The Western North Carolina conference met in the Central M. E. church at Asheville Wednesday morning, and is presided over by Bishop Joseph S. Key, of Sherman, Texas.

There are ten districts in the conference and 186 pastoral charges. It was organized in 1890, and embraces all the territory in North Carolina west of Greensboro.

There are in the conference 199 traveling preachers, 19 supernumerary preachers, 632 churches valued at \$1,300,000 and 108 parsonages valued at \$1,200,000. The Sunday schools number 680 with 46,000 scholars. Last year the conference raised \$86,000 for the support of preachers, \$13,000 for missions, and \$2,000 for education, the total amount of money raised for all purposes being \$102,000.

The conference will continue in session until Monday.

Interested in Graphite.

Dr. F. W. Line and J. L. Norton arrived in Asheville yesterday from Chicago, and are guests at the Glen Rock Hotel. These gentlemen come here to interest themselves in the American Graphite Company which is formed to develop the graphite deposits discovered in McDowell county.

Dr. Line is one of the most noted chemists and mineralogists in the country. Within full view of the streets of Morganton and not eight miles away as the crow flies is a country where some of the farming methods are identical with those in vogue in the time of Abraham. On the top of Kaylor's Knob, one of the highest peaks of the South Mountain, is a wheat field containing nearly a hundred acres, comparatively level and of remarkable fertility. In this field on the side next to Morganton is a great flat rock which has been used time out of mind as a threshing floor. Here the wheat and rye is brought and threshed with flails, and winnowed just as Boaz winnowed his barley at his threshing floor near Bethlehem centuries ago.—*Morganton Herald.*

The Greatest Discovery Yet. W. M. Repine, editor *Tuskilwa, Ill. Chief*, says: "We won't keep house without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery. No other remedy can take its place in our home, as in it we have a certain and sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, etc." It is alike to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures and besides is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy. Trial bottle free at G. I. White's Drug Store.

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What would some of our merchants of the present day think of being thus dealt with? The Maxwell Chambers referred to in this resolution was a very wealthy and benevolent Salisbury merchant, who left large legacies to Davidson College and to the Presbyterian Church in Salisbury.

At the same session of the committee an address to the several militia companies and their companies was promulgated, in which, while King George was acknowledged as the "lawful and rightful" King and also the duty of defending the succession of the Hanoverian line, it was declared that the "Constitution which limits both sovereignty and allegiance defends us from being taxed by any man or set of men without representation and consent," and "that it is our duty to surrender our lives before our constitutional privileges."

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