

**WASHINGTON LETTER.**

**Senator Clay Talks of the Ship Subsidies—Rural Free Delivery and Cuban Reciprocity.**

Regular Correspondence.

Washington, March 10th, 1902.—On Wednesday and Thursday of last week, Senator Alexander S. Clay, of Georgia, presented in an able and comprehensive manner the Democratic attitude toward the ship subsidy bill, but the length of his speech precludes the possibility of giving even an epitome in this letter. At my request, however, Senator Clay consented to make the following brief statement for your readers:

"My opposition to the measure, in which I am supported by the entire Democratic minority of the Committee on Commerce, is based on the fact that it will increase the expense of transporting the foreign mails from \$1,800,000 to upwards of \$3,000,000 without securing to the government any adequate return. I desire to see the mail service of the United States as perfect as that of any country in the world, but this bill does not provide for the establishment of a single route, nor for the construction of a single new ship. By the provisions of the bill this greatly increased sum will be paid to the owners of ships already in commission and sailing over routes now established.

"If there is need of increased facilities for transporting the mails why has not the Postmaster General been called before the committee as an expert witness, to indicate in what direction the increased funds may be best expended?"

"As to the simple subsidy provision of the bill, there is no necessity for such legislation. Our shipping trade is constantly increasing. We retain, by statute, all of the coastwise trade for our vessels and as, in the past that has been the most profitable, it has absorbed every increase in American shipping, but there are now ample vessels engaged in it and the attention of American ship owners is naturally turning to the foreign trade. Our ship yards have orders exceeding their utmost capacity. Our vast mineral resources, our improved methods of production and the superior productivity of the American laborer and artisan combined, more than counterbalance any difference there may exist between American and foreign wages, and without this unnecessary and extravagant legislation the American shipping industry will, in the near future, lead the world in its field as do American industries in other lines.

"There is one important point, however, which should not be lost sight of. The most serious detriment with which the American ship owner has to contend is the fact that our tariff duties rob him of so large a share of the profits on the cargoes which he must necessarily carry on his return trips from foreign waters. If our Republican friends honestly desire to benefit American ship owners, let them revise the tariff and so modify or remove this serious obstacle. The coastwise shipper carries his cargoes in both directions without let or hindrance by tariff duties and his profits are eminently satisfactory. Taking a lesson from this, the majority can materially aid our foreign commerce and simultaneously benefit American consumers without the expenditure of one penny of the funds in the United States Treasury."

Senator Clay was followed on Friday by Senator Hanna, who, with a sledge hammer style of oratory, reiterated all the Republican sophistries in regard to protection and claimed that because in the past it had been the policy of the government to build up hot-house industries there must be no deviation from that policy. The debate on this bill will continue until the 17th, inst., when a vote will be taken. Senator Vest will address the Senate on the subject soon, if his health will permit. The bill reported by the Senate Committee on Judiciary for the protection of the President has also received some consideration. It is opposed by many of the Democratic members on the ground that it is contrary to the constitution in that it is an extension of the law against treason and is a violation of the rights of the sovereign states.

The week in the House has been devoted to the consideration of the rural free delivery bill. The bill as reported not only provides for the establishment on a permanent basis of this form of postal service but goes

further and instructs that the routes shall be carried by the lowest bidder, bids to be advertised for, etc. This clause is opposed by many members of both parties and has been the occasion of prolonged debate. Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, tells me that he is confident that the service can be carried on more equitably and economically on a contract basis. He further claims that the funds appropriated for this purpose will reach farther if the contract system is employed. Mr. Swanson, of Virginia, is, on the other hand, strongly opposed to the innovation as he fears the service will not prove as competent or as generally satisfactory as would be the case were salaried employees to carry the mails. The question will come to a vote today.

The irrigation bill, which passed the Senate, has been favorably reported by the committee on irrigation but Representative Newlands tells me that he will not push its consideration at this time as some work remains to be done before, in his judgment, the House will be prepared to vote intelligently on the matter. Senator Hansbrough recently expressed gratification at the general support the measure had received in the Senate and told me that he felt that it could be in no more competent hands, than those of Representative Newlands, in the House. "Mr. Newlands is remarkably well posted on the subject," said the Senator, "and will give his best efforts in securing its enactment."

The Republicans are as badly divided as ever on the subject of Cuban reciprocity and there seems little likelihood of any immediate settlement of the question. The President has made public statement to the effect that he has not changed his position in the slightest degree and the House leaders are doing his bidding to the best of their ability but the revolt, led by Mr. Tawney, of Minnesota, appears to be gaining rather than losing strength and there is growing a general sentiment in favor of other tariff revision. It is confidently believed, by those who oppose the Ways and Means bill, which concedes 20 per cent. to Cuba, that if that bill ever gets to the Senate that body will so amend it as to reduce the schedules along several lines and that they regard with terror. Already the session gives promise of lasting far into the summer and the members who will stand for reelection in the fall regard any movement that will detain them in Washington with the greatest apprehension.

**The Part "3" Has Played.**

Charlie Johnson, colored, of Raleigh, was made the father of triplets last week. The figure 3 has played a prominent part in Johnson's history, according to his employer, who makes this statement: "Charles Johnson was born on the third day of the third month of 1839. His father had three wives and he was the third son of the third wife. He worked for my family and was a trusted servant for 33 years. He has killed three men, tried for his life three times, and came out acquitted in three cases. He killed a man in the year 1893, and was acquitted on the ground that the killing was in self defense. In 1883 he killed a man accidentally and was freed. In 1893 he was attacked by a plasterer, whom he cut in the back with a cotton hook. The wound was in the shape of a figure 3 and he died in 3 days. He has been married three times. He is now 63 years old, and this wife, which is his third, is 33. He has had 33 children, all boys, except the last, which were triplets."—Kinston Free Press.

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Gen. Carr has issued a pamphlet containing full particulars of the arrangements for North Carolina veterans who intend participating in the grand reunion. The convention begins at Dallas, Tex., Tuesday morning, April 22, and will close Friday, April 25, 1902.

"Taking it for granted that we will enjoy the benefits heretofore extended, the transportation charges will most probably be as follows: From Raleigh and return, about \$25; from Greensboro and return, about \$23.50; from Charlotte and return, about \$22.

"Provided we can secure a number sufficiently large to warrant doing so, a North Carolina veterans' train will be run direct from Raleigh through to Dallas without change, over the Southern Railway. It is proposed that we shall leave Raleigh Saturday, April 19, at 3:50 p. m., arriving at New Orleans Sunday at 8:30 p. m.; Houston, Tex., Monday at 9 a. m., and Dallas, Tex., Monday at 8 p. m. On the train will be splendid day cars, besides Pullman car accommodations for all who wish reservation berths, provided they take the precaution to write to Mr. Gowen Dusenberry, agent at Durham, or to Mr. R. L. Vernon, traveling passenger agent, at Charlotte. The tickets will be sold to veterans or to any member of their family, or to any friend who wants to take advantage of the reduced rates.

"Veterans or their friends can return pretty much as they please. Returning, the North Carolina train will leave Dallas Saturday night, April 25. The advantages of going to Dallas on this train are that you go through without change, and can have your meals served on the Pullman if you prefer, and you will perhaps be with a larger crowd of veterans enroute.

Mr. Chas. L. Martin, secretary of the Texas Reunion Association, writes me under date of February 5 as follows: "It is our purpose to put into camp at the fair grounds all Confederates who will go. These we will comfortably feed and lodge free of cost on the best that Texas affords. On the last day of the convention the veterans will be furnished barbecued buffalo."

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While Robert Stewart was governor of Missouri a steamboat man was brought in from the penitentiary as an applicant for a pardon. He was a large, powerful fellow, and when the governor looked at him he seemed strangely affected. He scrutinized him long and closely. Finally he signed the document that restored the prisoner to liberty. Before he handed it to him he said: "You will commit some other crime and be in the penitentiary again, I fear."

The man solemnly promised that he would not. The governor looked doubtful, mused a few minutes and said:

"You will go back on the river and be a mate again, I suppose?"

The man replied that he would. "Well, I want you to promise me one thing," resumed the governor. "I want you to pledge your word that when you are mate again you will never take a billet of wood in your hand and drive a sick boy out of a bunk to help you load your boat on a stormy night."

The steamboat man said he would not and inquired what the governor meant by asking him such a question.

The governor replied: "Because some day that boy may become a governor, and you may want him to pardon you for a crime. One dark, stormy night, many years ago, you stopped your boat on the Mississippi river to take on a load of wood. There was a boy on board who was working his passage from New Orleans to St. Louis, but he was very sick with fever and was lying in a bunk. You had plenty of men to do the work, but you went to that boy with a stick of wood in your hand and drove him with blows and curses out into the wretched night and kept him toiling like a slave until the load was completed. I was that boy. Here is your pardon. Never again be guilty of such brutality."

The man, covering and hiding his face, went out without a word.

What a noble revenge that was and what a lesson to a bully!—Success.

**The Old Huguenot Church.**

No visitor to Charleston who has an appreciation for the old and venerable in religion, or sympathy for the struggles of our ancestors in their search for religious and political freedom, can afford to pass without a visit, the old Huguenot Church on Queen and Church Streets. It is the sole surviving sanctuary of its kind in America, and still has in daily use the Huguenot Liturgy, framed upon that of the Episcopal Church. Among the first settlers of the Carolina Province were French Protestants, but immediately after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, in 1685, a large body emigrated to Charleston, and the records of this congregation go back to 1686. Its first pastor was Elias Prioleau, the present incumbent Chas. E. Vedder, who was installed in 1866, and still presides over a faithful flock, after thirty-six years of service for the Master. The church itself, is a fine relic of a bygone style in sacred architecture, and with its groined and vaulted ceiling, mural entablatures, hanging gallery and carved screen, will well repay a visit. In the old church yard may be read names that were as a trumpet call, in the days of persecution.

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**Pay Your Poll Tax.**

Every person in North Carolina liable to poll tax must pay it by the first of next May. If he does not then he cannot vote this year. This is in accordance with the suffrage amendment to our State constitution, and every voter ought to know it.

There will be an entire new registration this year, and no man can vote unless he registers, and no man can register unless he pays his poll tax by the first day of May. This payment of poll tax is required because heretofore there have been thousands of negroes in North Carolina who vote at every election without ever paying one cent of tax. This is not right, and it is surprising that any white man should say it is right.

According to the constitution of North Carolina (as framed by the Republicans in 1868) at least three-fourths of the poll tax must be applied to the public schools, and as the negroes have the benefit of the public schools equally with the whites they ought to be required to pay their poll tax or not vote. Is not this right?

But it is argued that this requirement may disfranchise some white men, because the law must apply to whites and blacks alike. Yes, the constitution of the United States as amended by the Republicans tries to make a negro the equal of the white man in every respect. Republicans therefore should not find fault with this feature of the law which they themselves made necessary!

But no white man need be disfranchised on this account, and if he is disfranchised it is his own fault. The constitution expressly authorizes the county commissioners to exempt anybody from poll tax on account of "poverty and infirmity." Therefore any man who is too poor and infirm to pay his poll tax can and will be exempted, and any man who is not too poor and infirm to pay his poll tax ought not to be allowed to vote until he does pay it!

The poll tax which is required to be paid by the first day of next May is the tax that was due last September, so that eight months indulgence is given everybody.—Pittsboro Record.

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**A Month of Sundays.**

As each day of the week is observed as Sunday by some nation, a month of Sundays is just an ordinary month. The first day of the week is our Christian Sunday; Monday is the sacred day of Persians; Wednesday of the Assyrians; Thursday of the Egyptians; Friday of the Turks, and Saturday is the Sabbath of the Jews.—Ex.

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