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SENATOR SHAW'S SPEECH

THE Republicans papers in the east are filled with commendatory notices of Secretary Shaw's speech recently delivered at Manchester, Vermont. Secretary Shaw is a member of the Cabinet, a successful business man and he acceded to the request of the Vermont Republican managers to help them out of a hole by talking National issues, as to the average Republican a statement from a member of Roosevelt's Cabinet bears as great authority as Holy Writ. But to us outsiders, the Secretary's remarks are subject to criticism as are those of other men. Among other things, Secretary Shaw said:

"In 1882 the Republican party appointed a commission to consider the tariff question during vacation. The commission made its report and in obedience to its suggestions the Republican Congress reversed the tariff in about 1883. But the revision did not satisfy the people. The Republican party had conceded the correctness of the Democratic argument and in 1884, the people having been thus educated by the Republican party, elected a Democratic President."

Congress did not revise the tariff in obedience to the suggestion of the commission. That body recommended a reduction of duties. The Republican Congress increased them. From that came the people's dissatisfaction. Congress showed itself too subservient to the protective interests to meet the approval of the people. It was not because the Republican party conceded the correctness of the Democratic position, as Secretary Shaw says, that a Democratic President was elected in 1884, but because its representatives refused to concede it.

As a defender of the tariff, Secretary Shaw is not a success, as is manifested by the following extract from his speech:

He said that he was doubtful if any tariff schedule had ever been devised satisfactory in every particular to any person. The Republican party never attempts to defend their tariff schedule, but it does defend the protective principle. It is possibly true that many items of the present schedule should be modified, but no modification could be made that would not still leave many to be modified.

The Republicans do not defend tariff schedules. Why should they? They make and sustain them at the behest of the trusts. They have on occasion to argue about it. They are in power and have done what they were placed in power to do. The Secretary again says:

"The question is not whether there are inaccuracies, inequalities and imperfections in the present law, but whether it is wise to attempt a revision at this time."

If a revision is required, why not make it now? What is to be gained by delay? Does he think it would be such a concession to Democratic argument as he believes has brought disaster to the Republicans in the past? A considerable part of his own party, including his own State of Iowa believes that the revision should be made at once. The demand for such a revision is growing. The Republican party cannot keep faith with the trusts and also with the people. Which will it choose? Its past makes the answer easy.

"It is idle to suppose that any revision would satisfy our opponents who

have no revision policy of their own. No policy of legislation, no foreign policy, no expansion policy, no Philippine policy, is or ever will be devised that will satisfy the opposition."

Suppose the Democrats are not satisfied. What of it? Why not satisfy the people, the common people of the Republican party? Here is the answer:

"Only let the Republican party go forward to doing that which it believes to be the wisest for the party and the people. When this has been done and no concessions made to Democratic clamor the people have never failed to vindicate the Republican party, the party of progress."

It might imperil Republican success. It will never do to give the people what they ought to have, or what they want, or what the Secretary himself admits is desirable, because the people might consider it a concession to the Democrats and put that party in power. That is the drift of Secretary Shaw's argument.

Many of our Republican contemporaries make light of the Newlands irrigation bill and profess to see nothing of a beneficial nature in the purposes of the measure. Even if the bill is imperfect in some particulars, as it likely is (what new bill is not?) is a step in the right direction, and will ultimately lead to a perfect irrigation law which will make the arid lands of Nevada and neighboring States blossom like the water-kissed valleys of southern California, which once was as barren as Alkali Flat. But, gentlemen, don't condemn the bill because Frank Newlands fathered it. Time will prove he outlived better than he knew.—Tonopah Miner.

Mississippi's convict farms are said to be models of intelligent, enterprising and humane management, and in addition are yielding a handsome income to the State. Under the leases system the convicts were badly treated, so that system was recently abandoned and the State is now working its convicts on farms either owned by the State or leased for a term of years. The warden's report for the past six months of this year shows that the cash receipts of the system for this period have been \$190,436.32, while the total expenses were \$89,004.23, leaving a profit in six months of \$101,432.09.—Oakland Enquirer.

THE New York Evening Post (Rep) observes that "the glaring defect in President Roosevelt's Providence speech was his failure to take notice of the tariff as an instrument by which the industrial combines or a portion of them maintain their power." And it says that so long as Mr. Roosevelt ignores this branch of the question he leaves his flank exposed to a fire which must become more and more galling as the fight proceeds."

General Fitzhugh Lee says Cuba, in its own and the United States interests will have to be annexed. It is necessary, he remarks, to round out our boundaries in the south. That was the view which Jefferson took of the matter nearly a hundred years ago. Most of the leading American statesmen since then have had this view. Things are shaping themselves in Cuba, too, which may bring annexation soon.

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