

**THE JOINT DEBATE DECLINED.**

**Congressman Davis Gives as His Reasons No Change of Opinion.**

Congressman Robert W. Davis was recently invited to a joint debate with Hon. Frank Clark, on the political issues of the day, and to present his claims for a re-nomination to the office which he now holds. His reply declining the suggestion has been prepared, and is presented herewith.

"House of Representatives, Washington, March 24, 1900.—Judge Milton Bryan, Secretary Bryan Club, DeLand, Fla.: My Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your courteous favor of the 21st., informing me of the invitation extended me to discuss jointly with Hon. Frank Clark before said club the political issues of the day and our relative and respective claims for the Democratic nomination for congress from the Second district of Florida."

"While assuring you of my high appreciation of the honor you do me, I am constrained to decline the invitation. Aside from the fact that I am kept busy with my public duties here there are other reasons why I cannot accept. Joint discussion has come to be understood as synonymous with joint debate, and joint debate means a controversy or a difference of opinion. There would seem to be nothing for my friend, Mr. Clark, and me to debate. He stands for the nomination of William J. Bryan, and so do I. He stands on the Chicago platform, and so do I. It was my privilege to be a member of the committee which framed and reported that platform to the Democratic national convention that adopted it, and I not only voted in committee for that platform, but also in the convention. I have advocated it ever since, and stand upon it now. During my congressional career I have lived up to my professions, and so far as I am now aware, I have nothing to explain or apologize for."

"You further say in your courteous invitation that the purpose of the club is to give Mr. Clark and myself an opportunity for discussing our respective claims to the nomination. I say to you very frankly that I make no claim. A claim means an assertion of a right. I have not been in public life long enough yet to have come to believe myself entitled to an office. The right to the office is in the people until they confer it upon some citizen. When the term of that office expires it goes back to the people."

"And so with a party nomination. When the next congressional nominating convention meets I shall return to them the banner they placed in my hands two years ago. If it can be said of me then, as my good friend, Governor Fleming, said of me in the last convention, that I have carried the banner faithfully and returned it unstained and unsullied, I shall be content."

"I have tried, in an humble way, to do my duty since I have been in congress, but this is no more than I should have done and constitutes no 'claim' on my part to a continuance in that office. My friends will present my name to the next convention, and I have no doubt that whatever amount of merit I may possess or whatever my shortcomings may be, will then be duly weighed, and the convention will exercise its right to re-nominate me or retire me. I shall be glad to serve them again, but I shall not complain if the convention wills otherwise."

"Mr. Clark has already addressed your club at length and was present, I believe, when you voted to extend an invitation to him and me for a joint discussion. He has, therefore, already given you his views on public topics. I trust my views are generally known throughout the district. I have made two very thorough campaigns and have never hesitated to give my views on public questions. I believe no one charges me with having changed my mind or my position about anything."

"Again thanking the Bryan club for its kindness and wishing you much success, I am, very truly yours,

"ROBERT W. DAVIS."

**Schooner Lost.**

The Crowell Savarese company, of Tampa, received a telegram last week from New Orleans, sent by one of the crew of the schooner Herriek, saying the schooner was lost, and asking for transportation to Tampa. It seems this man was picked up by some vessel and carried to New Orleans. The Herriek left in February for Honduras with a full cargo and quite a number of passengers, among whom were Capt. Miles, Mr. Geo. Boyd and family, Mr. John Hilliard and family, and others. The fact that one man has been saved gives a very faint hope that others may have escaped, but it is more likely that the worst has come to pass.

**A Night of Terror.**

"Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave Gen. Burnham, of Machias, Me., when the doctors said she could not live till morning," writes Mrs. S. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night. "All thought she must soon die from pneumonia, but she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, saying it had more than once saved her life, and had cured her of consumption. After three small doses she slept easily all night, and its further use completely cured her." This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all throat, chest and lung diseases. Only 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at B. R. Wilson & Son's drug store.

**MARINE HOSPITAL.**

**National Service Does Not Regard Florida's Action With Favor.**

The attitude of the marine hospital service seems to be clearly indicated toward the recent action of the Florida state board of health, in the plan to refuse to honor its certificates of inspection and disinfection in future, by the following dispatch sent out from Washington the first of this week:

"The marine hospital officials are confident there need be no serious trouble growing out of the decision of the Florida state board of health to maintain an independent system of inspection and quarantine of vessels arriving from Cuba, or other ports, to prevent the introduction of yellow fever. The states have the right to impose such additional precautions as they may deem fit and proper to those prescribed by the national government to prevent the introduction of diseases, and this, it is presumed, will be the course adopted by the state of Florida if the decision of the board is carried out."

"The disinfection and inspection of the marine hospital service, it is said, is complete and thorough, and the officials assert there is no basis for the allegation that the yellow fever epidemic of last summer was due to its negligence. The point is made here that if the Florida board of health declines to receive certificates of inspection and disinfection issued by the marine hospital service and imposes additional restrictions of this character, the state itself will be a sufferer by delays in the shipments of its commerce, and much embarrassment may result."

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**Weekly Weather Report.**

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WEATHER BUREAU.

Comparative statement of temperatures and rainfall for the week ending Tuesday, March 27, 1900.

DATE.	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.	MIN.
Mar. 21.	74	66	76	57
" 22.	75	68	77	60
" 23.	76	69	84	64
" 24.	81	70	76	65
" 25.	83	66	78	69
" 26.	79	66	88	64
" 27.	77	67	81	65

Total rainfall for the week, 4.41 inches. Departure from the normal rainfall for the week, plus 3.92 inches. Departure from normal rainfall since Jan. 1st, 1900, plus 5.80 inch.

HAL P. HARDIN, Observer Weather Bureau, Jupiter, Fla., March 27, 1900.

**Is Baby Too Thin?**

If so, there must be some trouble with its food. Well babies are plump; only the sick are thin. Are you sure the food is all right? Children can't help but grow; they must grow if their food nourishes them. Perhaps a mistake was made in the past and as a result the digestion is weakened. If that is so, don't give the baby a lot of medicine; just use your every-day common sense and help nature a little, and the way to do it is to add half a teaspoonful of

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**Bold Assertion.**

A Republican member of the house of representatives, a man whose name is not given, but whose identity and reliability are vouched for by that staunch administration organ, The Washington Star, makes the bold assertion that the Republican change of front on the Porto Rican tariff question is due to a deal by which the tariff people promise a large sum of money for the Republican campaign fund. In the senate Monday Mr. Hanna, of Ohio, who is chairman of the Republican national committee, rose to a question of personal privilege. He called attention to a published alleged interview with a Republican representative saying the Porto Rican tariff bill had been agreed upon as a part of a "deal" by which the Republican campaign committee was to receive a large campaign contribution. He said he did not believe any Republican member ever said it. "I hope measures will be taken to investigate this statement. I brand it as a malicious lie."

**State Farmers' Institute.**

Arrangements are being made to hold a state farmers' institute at Lake City April 4th, 5th and 6th, to close the present institute season. The program has not been entirely completed, but is in part as follows:

April 4th—Horticultural day. First, vegetables and truck crops; second, small fruits; third, citrus and tree fruits.

April 5th—General farm day. First, staple crops; second, cane and rice; third, cassava and new crops.

April 6th—Live stock day. First, feeding; second, dairying; third, breeding and diseases.

It is intended that in addition to the members of the station staff and college faculty, the program shall include the best and most experienced practical men along the lines mentioned, so that the institute will be a school and great experience meeting taken part in by the men who have been successful in their calling.

All railroads in the state will furnish round-trip tickets for one fare, and hotels in Lake City will greatly reduce regular prices.

**Editor's Awful Plight.**

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