

A TARIFF DEBATE.

The following correspondence speaks for itself.

THE CONG'L PARSONAGE.
Ridgefield, Sept. 29, 1892.

DEAR MR. CARY:

Believing in your conscientious efforts to prosecute the interests of the political campaign on a broad, a fair, and a wide-awake basis, all of which is beneficial to the educational interests of the people irrespective of party, I would respectfully suggest as still further calculated to the education and training of the voters by the American method of dispassionate argument and discussion, that you, with a wise leadership may inaugurate a series of Joint Debates on the burning questions of the Tariff, the National and State Banking Systems, and Reciprocity, as also State Politics. Respectfully,

JOHN WINTHROP BALLANTINE,
To Mr. Melbert B. Cary, Member of School Board.

CLEVELAND AND STEVENSON CAMPAIGN CLUB.

Ridgefield, Conn., Sept. 29, 1892.

FRANK S. HURLBUTT, Esq., SECRETARY OF THE REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN CLUB OF RIDGEFIELD:—Sir, Since the issues of the present presidential campaign are on questions involving broad, fundamental principles of government, and since the chief of these issues is the question whether the tariff to be laid on imports shall be determined by the necessity of protecting American industry or by the necessary expenses of the government economically administered, and since such a question can only be properly determined by a full and frank discussion, this Club invites your organization to meet it in a joint discussion of the "tariff question," or of any branch of it at the Town Hall of Ridgefield on any evening from Oct. 12th to 15th both inclusive.

If your Club will accept this invitation we will agree that only residents of Ridgefield shall speak, or will leave the choice of speakers wholly unrestricted as your Club shall prefer.

This club also invites your organization to meet it in a joint discussion of the State issues involved in the coming election at some later date to be agreed upon.

The president of this Club is authorized to finally settle all matters of detail regarding this discussion and will meet any representative of your Club who is similarly authorized on any day between Oct. 4th and 8th and finally arrange all details.

Will you kindly send us your answer to this communication on or before October 7th. Very respectfully yours,

CLEVELAND AND STEVENSON CAMPAIGN CLUB,
MELBERT B. CARY, President,
ROBERT E. BARRY, Secretary.

RIDGEFIELD, CONN., Sep., 30, 1892.
REV. JOHN WINTHROP BALLANTINE,

My dear Mr. Ballantine:

I am greatly pleased to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of yesterday suggesting a joint debate upon the questions of national and state politics to be passed upon by the country in the present campaign. I fully agree with you that such a debate would be of great value to the voters of every party. Your suggestion has been laid before the Cleveland and Stevenson Campaign Club of this town which immediately adopted it and invited the Republican Club, recently formed here, to co-operate in such a debate. I inclose a copy of the letter containing the invitation. It would give the Democratic Club great pleasure to have you act as presiding officer at a debate if it is arranged, and I am confident you will be most acceptable to the Republican Club. Personally I know of no one on whose just impartiality I would more readily rely.

I trust you will allow me to suggest your name for this position. Very respectfully yours, MELBERT B. CARY.

The Republican Club has not as we go to press answered the above letter to them.

The next thing we know the Republican Committee will be distributing photographs of Dave Martin to the Sunday-school children.—N. Y. World, October 2.

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