

their own hands, and the remedy will be quickly availed of when elections occur. In view of the constitutional difficulties, in the absence of political discontent, how on earth annexation is ever to be brought about in our days seems to me difficult to comprehend. Certainly its advocacy on the lines laid down by Mr. Glen, has a tendency to indefinitely postpone it.

"My position in this matter is simply this: That annexation is unnecessary, is undesirable and is impossible. It is unnecessary, because all that annexation would achieve so far as trade and commerce is concerned, would be effectually achieved by unrestricted reciprocity. A commercial union such as unrestricted reciprocity would afford, instead of a political union, is all that is needed to open up a market continental in its extent for the manufactures of this country. It equally opens up supplies of raw material more productive of prosperity in the United States than anything else just now needed. Of all things it opens up territory for the accommodation of the emigration that is pouring in upon us, and which such scenes as that at Oklahoma in the current week show there is no more room for. The 'land hunger' which these scenes indicate shows the need of wider areas, especially wheat producing territory. No one thing in all the category of events possible to happen, would be of greater advantage than to have the 1,000 miles square of wheat bearing territory in Canada to the north of Minnesota and Dakota filled with emigrants who would be ready-made customers of the United States. The United States are making boots and shoes for 100 millions of people, with less than 65 millions to wear them. Failures are frequent in the shoe business because of the overproduction. Collars and cuffs for 150 millions of people are made at Troy alone, and we have less than one-half that number to be collared and cuffed. There is not an interest in the land but needs room for expansion. The corners and combinations in oil, sugar, starch, lead and almost every department of human activity indicate that production