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CLARKE NOT SEATED

The charge is often heard of late years that both houses of the American congress are dominated by capitalists and politicians to such an extent that neither is entitled to be considered as representative of the wishes of the great masses of the people.

Recent events have furnished a clear refutation of this charge. Only a short time ago, the people of Utah—which state was admitted to the Union upon a clear and definite agreement that the practice of polygamy should forever cease within its borders—elected to the lower house of congress a man who was an avowed polygamist, and who openly announced his intention of taking up his residence at the national capital with his three wives.

The national sense of propriety and decency was shocked. Political considerations were lost sight of, and a determination was made manifest that such a gross insult to the American home should not be permitted. The matter was made the subject of heated debate in congress and of animated newspaper discussion throughout the country. The result was a triumph of right, and a refusal upon the part of congress to become a party to a violation of law so flagrant and scandalous.

The report of the senate committee on privileges respecting the case of multi-millionaire Clarke again demonstrates the fact that the national American legislative assemblies are still entitled to the confidence of the people. Clarke is considered by many people to be the wealthiest man in America. However that may be, he was able and willing to throw hundreds of thousands of dollars into an effort to have himself elected United States senator from the state of Montana, which state he and his hated rival, Daly, practically own.

By means of wholesale bribery, single votes costing him as high as \$20,000, he gained his point, and received sufficient votes from the Montana legislature to elect him. But election did not procure him the coveted seat. For several months the senate committee on privileges has been investigating the case, and, as announced in the dispatches today, have reached the unanimous conclusion that Clarke is not entitled to a place in the United States senate.

This decision, which undoubtedly will be confirmed by the senate as a whole, will stand as a warning to ambitious rich men that money alone will not procure political preferment in Uncle Sam's domain.

It has probably cost Clarke in the neighborhood of a half million dollars to ascertain the fact that seats in the United States senate are not for sale. The lesson he has learned, how-

ever, should prove a salutary one. Clarke is a representative of a class of men—happily, small in number—who are a standing menace to popular liberty. He made little or no effort to conceal the fact that he intended to corrupt an entire legislature, and, apparently, looked upon the matter as a perfectly legitimate transaction. The rebuke which he has received at the hands of the senate committee will revive the confidence of the American people in the integrity of their governing bodies.

Legal action has been taken in New York against the collection of duty on imports from Porto Rico. It is claimed that the island, which has been referred to by President McKinley in his official papers as a part of the new possessions of the United States, is not a "foreign country" within the meaning of the customs laws, and that the collector ought to refund the \$500,000 which he has collected in duties on the \$2,000,000 of Porto Rican goods brought to the port of New York since December 10, 1898, the major part of which was shipped since April 11, 1899. Pending the trial and decision, a temporary injunction is asked restraining the customs officials from levying further duties on Porto Rican goods. —Toronto Globe.

As has before been noticed in these columns, the capias ordinance is capable of being grossly abused. An instance of this kind was brought out in Judge Dugas' court yesterday in the case of a man who was placed under arrest because a creditor had the impression that the man was contemplating leaving town. Too frequent recourse is had to criminal law in actions which properly belong to the civil courts. It is no crime for a man to be in debt, unless criminal motive can be shown. When men rush to the criminal courts for the sake of gratifying petty spite, the process should be made as costly to them as possible.

Valuables sent through the mails from now on until the opening of navigation will necessarily be subjected to the risk of being lost. One mail sack became closely acquainted with the waters of the Yukon while the last mail was en route to Dawson, and only a fortunate combination of circumstances prevented it from disappearing forever. Fortunately, the telegraph line is available for the transmission of money, and doubtless the wire will be liberally patronized for that purpose during the next few weeks.

Will Come by Scows.

Judge R. T. Irwin, an extensive Klondike mining property owner and operator, arrived yesterday on the Dirigo, bringing with him a part of one of the largest and most important stocks of merchandise that will go down the river with the opening of navigation. He has two knocked-down scows and 25 tons of general merchandise and several horses.

It is the intention of the judge to go only as far as Bennett with the scows and outfit and there await the opening of the lake. He is one of the first, if not the first man, to this season bring north any considerable stock which will be shipped from Bennett. Nearly all others now coming north will push on over the ice to Lebarge before stopping to build their craft.

The judge also brought 36 quarters of beef with the intention of taking them down the river, but finds that the river is too soft to hazard the trip, and he will dispose of the meat elsewhere. He says he will soon return to the Sound to get a small band of cattle to take to Dawson on scows at the opening of the lakes. —Alaska.

Same old price, 25 cents, for drinks at the Regina.

Two bits for joy at Rochester Bar.

STROLLER'S COLUMN

A few weeks ago there was talk of several articles of merchandise being cornered. There is one man in Dawson who never hears the word "corner" without having a shiver run through his timbers similar to that experienced by a steamer when she runs against an iceberg as big as Mount Rainier.

It was in the year 1897 when Dawson was first given a position on the map, and when there were millions of mosquitoes here, all as big as humming birds, and when there was not a yard of mosquito netting in the entire country. In those days it was not uncommon for people to wake up in the morning 15 pounds lighter than when they retired the night previous, the missing parts having been eaten away by mosquitoes during the night.

The following spring all the big stores placed orders for and received a large amount of wire netting.

"Here," said O. W. Hobbs, "is where I will make a fortune to last me the remainder of my life, and still leave a handsome legacy for my posterity. I will make a corner on mosquito netting and in six weeks there will be a big demand for it at many times the cost price to me."

No sooner said than done. Hobbs bought all the wire netting in the city. His corner was made and all he had to do was to wait for mosquitoes.

He is waiting yet, as there has not been a mosquito in Dawson since the fall of '97; and the popular mill man has on hand a large lot of as pretty wire netting as was ever seen. He has had it nearly two years and is quite likely to continue to have it. One warm evening recently he was seen standing in the twilight with both hands behind his ears listening for the buzz of the advance guard of a large crop of mosquitoes. But he heard nothing save the ticking of the night watch in his mill.

Yesterday Hobbs offered the Stroller \$50 to start a mad dog scare in town, thinking perhaps that it would create a demand for wire netting for dog muzzles.

"See that fellow dancing over there in the gum boots?"

The Stroller saw him.

"Well, I have known that fellow since the knee-breeches days of his childhood. He has a wife and four children outside; they live not far from my folks, and a tetter I got from home lately said his wife and kids have had tough times getting along this winter. The kids have had the measles and his wife has worn herself out caring for them."

"Now, watch him promenade to the bar. See that? By Jove, he pouts hootch down just the same as if he had never posed as a pillar in the church. Well, I'll be — if he isn't going to dance that waltz! Say, let's get out of this before I get mad and break up the dance by going over there and mauling the floor with him."

The regular meeting of the Hogan order was held on last Sunday afternoon. The members convened in the large cave which is situated on the west side of the Yukon river. Though the entrance to the lodge is unattractive, the interior is conveniently arranged and most handsomely furnished. Immediately after the transaction of routine business, the assembly resolved itself into a social session. Vocal and instrumental musical selections were rendered by capable members of the order. All the Molly Hogans were attired in Easter costumes, and their \$60 bonnets and expensive silks added an effect of brilliancy to this representative body of individuals. Just before adjournment, Gussie Lamore created considerable excitement by falling in the punch bowl. She was rescued by the heroic efforts of Cecil Marion and Martin Anderson. Aside from this unhappy incident, the meeting was pleasant and instructive.

In the ante-room of the district court, a prominent member of the local bar told to a coterie of his professional colleagues the following story, which seems quite apropos:

"The notoriety which the assistant gold commissioner has incurred on account of his refusal to give information to press representatives, reminds me of an incident that was once experienced by a gentleman who essayed the role of the blind goddess in India. You know," continued the barrister, "that the introduction into that portion of the Orient of British ideas of jurisprudence was received with great disfavor by the native population. For many years, England's judicial appointees were subjected to such bitter criticisms that they were successively recalled after brief terms of service. Men, eminent in the profession, were tried; but none could give satisfaction. Finally a resident of

Ireland was selected to fill the unenviable position. He was not well versed in law, but legal attainments were not considered as necessary requisites in India. He assumed his official duties; and, to the surprise of the home office, his efforts were rewarded with great success. For 20 years he administered justice without incurring complaints from litigants. Then all at once his official acts were harshly criticised. Bad reports were so general and so frequent that he was recalled. Upon his return to England he was asked what had occasioned the sudden change of public sentiment. 'Well,' he replied, when I arrived in India I had no knowledge of the law, and made no pretence to legal learning. I decided all cases in an off hand manner; I gave no reasons for my judgment; and everybody was satisfied. A little while ago I began to think I had acquired some judicial attainments; and, conforming to the English customs, I considered legal actions carefully, and I endeavored to explain my final determinations. The result was disastrous, and the government was obliged to request my resignation. Perhaps," continued the speaker, "the assistant gold commissioner would have been wiser had he refrained from attempting to justify his recent order."

Chewing tobacco \$1 per pound. Royal Grocery, Second ave.

For Sale.
Steam launch, with boiler and engine complete. Apply Nugget office.

Table de hote dinners. The Holborn.
"Mainland" and "British Lion" cigars 25 cents. Rochester Bar, cor. Second ave. and Third sts.


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