

FAVORS EXPANSION.

Senator Platt upholds the Policy of Extending Territory

AND SAYS IT IS CONSTITUTIONAL. Senator Platt (Conn.) on Monday made a speech in the Senate on the resolution of Senator Vest declaring that under the constitution the United States is not given the power to acquire territory. Mr. Platt's argument was in direct opposition to the position taken by Mr. Vest, and maintained the argument that the United States had undoubted legal rights to acquire territory.

"I do not propose to discuss the policy of expansion," said Mr. Platt in the preface of his argument. "I do not propose, either, to discuss the features of the government we might establish in any foreign territory, we might acquire. Expansion has been a law of our national growth, the main spring of our national development."

"I shall maintain that the United States has shown a great capacity for government in all trying times, and that it is capable of meeting any emergency likely to arise. I propose to confine myself to the question of the right or power denied by the resolution. I shall contend that the United States is not given the power to acquire territory, and that it possesses every sovereign power not reserved by the constitution to the States, or to the people themselves; that the right to acquire territory is not reserved and that, therefore, that right is an inherent right, a sovereign right, a right which there is no limitation. I shall show, also, that in certain instances, this inherent sovereign right is to be inferred from specific clauses of the constitution itself."

Mr. Platt then entered upon a constitutional argument, quoting extensively from authorities treating of the question. "Suppose," he continued, "that the Senator from Alabama (Mr. Morgan) secures the passage of his bill for the construction of the Nicaragua canal (and I pray he may), and suppose in this connection it should be deemed necessary for the United States to acquire a strip of land along the route of the canal of 2,500,000 acres—I think that is the amount suggested—can we not take it? If we take it, directly or indirectly, says we must organize a State out of the acquired territory, or confer citizenship upon the people who inhabit it?"

In response to a question from Mr. Allen, Mr. Platt said that he did not think there was any limitation on the power of the United States to acquire territory. "It is as complete as the power of Russia, for instance, in such a matter?" asked Mr. Allen. "Yes; the right to acquire territory is an element of nationality. And I do not believe that there is any obligation to give to the people of acquired territory the right of self-government until such time as they are fit to exercise that right. If we believe the people of a country acquired are not fitted for the government of themselves, it is our duty to give them the most liberal government they are capable of accepting, and to educate them up, as best it may be, to the point where they will be able to self-govern themselves. The constitution does not confer the right of suffrage."

Mr. Hoar asked Mr. Platt whether he deemed the doctrine of self-government derived their just powers from the consent of the governed. "Of all those governed was not consent necessary. He referred to the fact that there was no suffrage in the District of Columbia, and again called attention to the fact that citizens of Massachusetts who could not read and write were prohibited from voting. Yet these people in Massachusetts were governed most effectively."

In conclusion, Mr. Platt said that he could not understand the sentiments or motives of those who wished to circumscribe the powers of the nation. Why, he asked, should we believe that those powers or drive by subtlety and sophistry to hamper the progress and glory of the country. Rather than pursue this course why should Senators not wish the nation expanded in its mission of extending our free institutions as far as possible.

As for himself, he said he knew our people to be a sturdy-loving, hard-working, right-doing people, and he had no misgivings that any administration of the United States would fall in its duty toward the people of any foreign territory. He had faith in the government and faith in its future, and had no disposition to condescend to carping criticism or craven fear. He had not lost confidence in the country that right makes might, and with a nation guided by that principle, as he believed this nation to be, there could be no doubt that its destiny would do its duty bravely toward any people which might fall within the limits of its jurisdiction. It had been the liberty bell, he proclaimed, the singing of the constitution, and it was not for us now to declare that we cannot proclaim liberty to any land from our own shores. "Oh for the faith our fathers," he concluded.

Mother's heart thrilled with joy after giving a dose of Victor Infants' Relief, the babe's digestive tonic.

An Indignant Shopper.

One of the best jokes of the Christmas season was unconsciously perpetrated by a little miss of 7, who insisted upon doing her own shopping. Like the regular manager that she is, she made arrangements to have her purchases sent to the house of a neighbor, to be delivered to no one save upon her special order. She secured the necessary funds and started out with a full appreciation of the importance of her mission.

Her first call was at a toy establishment. There were toys on the counters, toys on the shelves, toys in the windows, toys in the show cases, toys on the floor, toys everywhere, and nothing but toys.

"Do you have toys to sell?" she asked, marching up to the proprietor.

"Toys? Do we have toys to sell?" in a dumfounded manner as he looked about him and frowned at the laughing clerks. "Did you ever hear the like? Do we—?"

"Yes, do you keep toys? That's what I'm asking you," and she put just as much acid into her tones as a grown woman can do under like provocation.

"Toys?" gasped the proprietor, waving his hands about him. "Toys?" "Yes, toys! Toys! Toys!" and she stamped a little foot by way of emphasis. "Very well, sir. If you haven't any toys I'll look wherever else," and she sailed out with all the dignity at the command of one of her age.

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours.

EXPERIMENTS WITH LIME. Interesting Tests of the Value of Lime for Wheat.

College Park, Md., Dec. 21.—Numerous experiments with the use of lime for the renovation of worn-out soils were conducted at the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station this season with very satisfactory results. The experiments prove the advisability of applying lime to soils which have run down generally, and helps materially to heighten the standard of the mechanical condition of the soil. Experiments were conducted with the use of lime on lands planted to wheat, winter oats and barley, the results of which were very gratifying. With two crops, corn and wheat, the increased yields produced by different amounts of lime applied at the limit of profit with an application of 40 bushels of lime per acre, in connection with cowpeas, increased the yield slightly, and produced a marked improvement in the set of grass.

Twenty bushels of stone lime per acre applied for corn in 1893 produced an increase of 110 per cent. in the hay crop of 1894, and a second application of 25 bushels of oyster shell lime for corn produced an increase of 66 per cent. of grain in 1897.

In the experiment testing the effect of different amounts of lime on wheat eight plots were used, on which applications of lime of 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 bushels to the acre were made. Two of the plots received no lime. A marked effect was observed from the use of lime on the plots receiving it, and it was noticed that the plots receiving 10, 20, 30 and 40 bushels of lime to the acre, respectively, were in direct proportion to the amount of lime applied, and it was further noticed that this relation did not obtain on the plots receiving more than 40 bushels of lime, which showed conclusively that this would be the most profitable amount to apply per acre. This explains the large sale of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The people have been using it for years and have found that it can always be relied upon. They may occasionally take up with some fashionable novelty put forth with exaggerated claims, but are certain to return to the one remedy that they know to be reliable, and for coughs, cold and croup there is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Experiments testing the best variety of winter oats to sow, showed that Virginia Gray, which made an average yield of 48.8 bushels per acre, was the best variety.—Balt. Herald.

How to Prepare Packages for Mailing.

Some of the Christmas presents sent by mail will never reach the persons addressed, while many will be received in a damaged condition, all due to the fact of insufficient wrapping. Many of the packages presented for mailing are so lightly and flimsily prepared that only the most careful sort of handling, such as cannot be supplied through the means of leather and canvas mail pouches, will guarantee the perfect delivery desired. During the holiday season, more especially, the mails are burdened with packages from the size of a thimble, to an ordinary pillow, weighing anywhere from an ounce to four pounds, and these packages, of a necessity, are often handled rapidly and roughly, dozens of times, particularly between far distant points.

Preparing a package, properly, for the mails, requires common sense and skill. First, the contents should be made as compact as possible, even at the expense of some crushing. If boxed, the box itself should be strong, and capable of resisting pressure from all sides, then wrapped in strong smooth paper and tied securely with strong twine. A great deal depends on the tying. If properly done, the contents of a package is not likely to be lost, even if the package itself is broken. The mailing of a box, for instance, in a light paste-board box, seven-eighths of which is simply filled with air, is a labor lost. It is true in the matter of delicate articles of various kinds. Photographs, particularly large ones, should always be mailed between picture frame backing, the grain of the wood running both ways. Very light, fluffy packages, like worsted knit work, should always be wrapped tight, and enclosed in heavy paper. Pieces of jewelry, or small breakable articles, should never be mailed in ordinary letters, as the postmark or backstamp, is almost sure to demolish them. Small, hard articles, should always be doubly enclosed, so that in case the outer package is broken, they may not be lost.

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What His Voice Lacked.

A soldier who served in Cuba tells the Boston Globe that one night after a march it happened that a few of the boys pitched their tents in close proximity to the tent of an officer of another company. The boys were talking quite loud, as taps had not been sounded. "Hush up out there!" shouted the officer angrily. "Who are you?" asked one of the boys. "Who are you? Who am I? I come out there!" was the answer. The talking continued, and soon out came the officer. His anger was great, and he threatened to report the men to their colonel, winding up with, "Don't you know enough to obey an officer?" "Yes," replied one of the boys, "and we should have obeyed you if you had had shoulder straps on your voice."

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Mr. Justice Boddam of the Madras high court has just given at a festive function what he describes as "the degrees of comparison" applying to barometers. The first is "to get on," the second is "to get honor," and the third is "to get honest."—London Chronicle.

Two Pointed Questions Answered. What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you can not get a better price for it? Ans.—As there is no difference in the price the public will buy only the better, so that while our profits may be smaller on a single sale they will be much greater in the aggregate.

How can you get the public to know your make is the best? If both articles are brought prominently before the public both are certain to be tried and the public will very quickly pass judgment on them and use only the better one.

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CHRISTMAS

at OAK HALL, New Windsor, Md.

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TOYS IN GREAT ARRAY.

The Special Bargains will be in Ladies' and Children's Coats, Overcoats, Suits, Dress Goods, and Blankets. 25 Ladies' Coats, 25 Ladies' Capes, one-third to one-half less than regular. 25 Overcoats, 25 Suits, one-third to one-half less than regular. 20 Children's Long Coats, to go for \$1.50; reduced from \$3.75 to \$2.00. 20 pieces of DRESS GOODS, one-third to one-half the regular prices. Don't miss these coats.

A nice Muff given with every Coat or Cape from \$5.00 up. A Hat or Cap given with each Suit or Overcoat from \$7.50 up. To show our appreciation a present will be given to each customer at the end of the month buying \$3.00, or upwards of goods during the month—value according to purchase. A Photograph Concert will be given every evening and night during the Holiday week. We hope that you will call to see us; bring your children. Letters from children should be directed in care of Santa Claus & Co. A small present given every child during Christmas week. Thanks for past trade. Respectfully, etc., Santa Claus, Low Prices & Co. (Successors to GEO. C. ANDERS.)

Christmas is Almost Here! Every one wants to present a neat appearance at all times, but especially at Christmas-time. If you have not already done so, you should lose no time in equipping yourself with one of our up-to-date Suits or Overcoats; also Hats, Caps, Underwear, or anything in Gents' Furnishings. Then too, you will likely need a pair of Boots, Shoes, or Rubbers. A trial will convince you of the truth of these statements.

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Mens' Suits. The best makes of America's foremost makers are represented in our peerless stock for Fall wear, the prices for which range from \$6.00, \$8.00, \$10.00, \$15.00. Youths' Suits. We know that no critic in dress equals the youth between the ages of 14 and 19, when he is inclined to be particular and become somewhat proud—we have Suits for him. \$4.00, \$5.00, \$7.00, \$9.00.

Boys' Knee Pants. SCHOOL SUITS—ages 4 to 15. We bear the palm alone, as providers of the World's Best, at the World's Cheapest, in juvenile wearables. This season we have really outdone ourselves in the splendid Hanes and the incomparable variety of Boys' School Suits. \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.50, and \$4.00. Hats! Hats! Fashion's edict prohibits the wearing of a straw hat after Sept. 30th. Stow it away and buy a new Fall Derby, and be in fashion. The Fall styles are all in, and range in price from \$1.50 to \$2.50.

ECKENRODE & SON, TANEYTOWN, MD. Taneytown Markets. Corrected Weekly. Flour, per barrel, 4.00@5.50. Bran, per ton, 17.00. White Middlings, per ton, 18.00. Timothy Hay, prime, per ton, 4.00@5.00. Mixed Hay, per ton, 5.00. Rye, new, per bushel, .67. Oats, new, per bushel, .50. Corn, per bushel, .40. Clover Seed, .25. Butter, Creamery, .24. Eggs, .20. Hams, .06@.10. Hides, .06@.10. Hogs, .20. Sheep, .20. Calves, .50. Beef Cattle, best, .25@.35. Cows, .25@.35. Bullocks, .25.

Westminster Markets. Corrected Weekly. By E. O. Grimes. Flour, per barrel, 5.00@5.50. Bran, per ton, 17.00@17.00. Middlings, white, per ton, 17.00@17.00. Wheat, per bushel, .67@.67. Corn, in ear, per barrel, 1.00@1.00. Rye, per bushel, .50@.50. Oats, per bushel, .40@.40.

Baltimore Markets. Corrected Weekly. Wheat, .72@.73. Corn, .30@.30. Oats, .