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SOME REPUBLICAN FACTS.

Business never better. Wages never higher. Factories running full time. Railroads crowded with traffic. Labor in demand. Bank deposits increasing. Everybody busy and hopeful. Why change when all's well?

Corn pickers are getting three cents a bushel. Do they want a change?

Do you honestly want a change? Or have you been listening to a lot of clap trap?

The Tribune says that "the tariff should be shot at sunrise." It is apparent that the Tribune is "half shot" at all times.

When Tom Platt made Roosevelt vice president, he certainly had no conception of what he was starting.—Chicago News.

The Tribune says: "Prof. Wilson lost a button off his trousers and sewed one on himself." The Tribune is sure a great paper (?).

Mr. Roosevelt will never be president of the United States again—just our prediction. It will be Taft or Wilson.—Yorkville Record.

President Taft's proceedings against the trusts have been too vigorous to please the colonel or his chief financial manager, Mr. Perkins.

The idea that there was any politics in the shooting of Roosevelt is nonsense and comes from unfair people. Just as well say that crazy people were hired to shoot McKinley, Garfield and Lincoln.

The bitter denunciations of the republican platform by Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Johnson would have a clearer ring of sincerity if both these gentle-

men had not been at Chicago three months ago desperately trying to climb on that platform as republican candidates.—San Francisco Call.

A recent poll taken by the Chicago Tribune for Cook county gives Roosevelt 12,000,000 and Taft 1 and Wilson 0. The same ratio throughout Illinois will give Roosevelt 120,000,000 votes, Taft 100 and Wilson 0. This is the latest straw vote, and the Tribune is hopeful that the one Taft man will die before election.

Congressman James A. Tawney ranks as one of the ablest men in congress, is a fine speaker and debater, and one of the best tariff students known. He will speak at the Dwight opera house next Wednesday evening. Farmers especially are invited to hear Mr. Tawney, and everyone, no matter to which party they belong, are requested to be present.

President Taft in an interview has intimated that in case he is re-elected and the republicans control the next congress he will call an extra session of that body to deal with the tariff. The further revision of rates will proceed on a scientific basis, as determined by the findings of the tariff board. The President has stood consistently for revision and for a lowering of duties in some important respects, as everybody knows.

Mattoon Journal-Gazette: There is going to be a tremendous crop this fall. Wouldn't it be fierce to have a democratic national administration and see the price of good Indian corn drop down to fifteen cents a bushel. Some of you farmers who are paying cash rent for \$200 land, where would you get off if corn should drop to fifteen cents a bushel? These are things you will do well to think over before you vote in a democratic president.

Sift the matter down. Before Roosevelt made his spectacular play, were you dissatisfied with President Taft, and even now what can you truthfully say against him? You never heard any republican criticism until Roosevelt told you. Are you to be guided in your duty to your party and your country by the ambition of one man? Roosevelt claims he is the representative of a principle. He did not say to nominate some man to carry out the principle, but nominate me.

Some people seem to think that times are so good that a change could not make much difference. They thought the same when they elected Cleveland, and brought on a four year

panic. The conditions are exactly the same today, and if the democrats win the same thing will occur. There is one way to avoid the calamity and that is to vote for the party which brought and maintained good times and will continue the same policies. Every voter knows just what that means and if he don't do it, he will be a party to what occurs afterwards.

In Mr. Roosevelt's book, entitled "American Ideals and Other Essays," Mr. Roosevelt says: "Savages do not like an independent jury and upright judiciary. They want the judge to decide their way, and if he does not they want to behead him. The populists experience much the same emotions." That is what Roosevelt said at that time. Now he is in favor of recalling judges who do not decide his way. Mr. Roosevelt so frequently changes his mind that there is no keeping up with him.—Freeport Journal.

Of course Governor Deneen expected to be called a "liar" and "thief" when he said that Roosevelt told him that thirty-four votes in the national convention was all that he (Roosevelt) actually thought worthy of serious contest, and that if he had received them all he could not have been nominated. The Governor was a strong Roosevelt man and voted for him all the time in the convention, but he says Taft was fairly nominated and should be elected. No matter what anyone says, if Teddy don't like it he yells "liar" and "thief."

The election of 1912 will be decided in the home. Soap box campaigns and orations on the street corner to a crowd will play but little importance in the decision of the voters this fall. They will consider the vital questions for themselves, and will not be led away by the spellbinding oration of campaign speakers. Sentiment thusly produced will give away to the results of sober thought. Present day prosperity is too important to the nation to make a change, and when the time comes for marking the ballot, there will be few who will depart from the republican principles and the republican party.

It is as plain as daylight to a thinking man that the third party cannot win out in the coming campaign, and equally plain that this third party ticket will get at least nine-tenths of its vote from former republicans. That being the case, it is evident that this new movement can but play into the hands of the democrats, and that if Taft is defeated, Wilson is sure to be elected. That is the exact situa-

tion, and those who are inclined to line up with this third party should ask themselves if they feel that they can afford to help elect a free trade democrat.—Golconda Herald Enterprise.

A great many of us have disagreed with Mr. Taft, but he has not shamed us and he has not humiliated us. He has made mistakes, but he has not violated law; he has not suspended law for favored trusts; he has not had secret conference at the White House with men whom he publicly denounced as malefactors, undesirables and promoters of assassination, and he has had no anchors to windward in Wall street. With all his faults, Mr. Taft is a better man and a better President than Mr. Roosevelt. If Hiram W. Johnson could require a little of Mr. Taft's dignity, sobriety and reserve it would be a good thing for Hiram W. Johnson.—New York World.

President McKinley said of protection in 1891: "This policy of protection must be maintained and continued, because it represents to us the highest possible civilization and the best and noblest destiny. They talk about things being cheaper from the other side. There is nothing cheap from abroad to this people, that means idleness among themselves. The revenue tariff levels down; a protective tariff levels up. A revenue tariff would cheapen products by cheapening men; a protective tariff would cheapen products by elevating men and getting from them their best skill, their best genius, their best inventions." That's good, sound republican doctrine, on which the country has prospered, as never before. Is there any occasion for a change of administration?

Everybody is sorry that the vicious attack on Col. Roosevelt occurred, and pleased to know that he withstood the shock and is about well again. This might occur to any public man, but it is no reason why anyone should vote for a man because he was the intended victim of a crazy man. Every thinking man knows that the present prosperity has been brought about by good republican business ability, and if it is continued the affairs of the nation must be conducted along the same lines. Some people may make a lot of noise and make a lot of fuss, but every man who thinks knows the above is an honest fact. The solution is this: "Let well enough alone." A vote for Roosevelt means assistance to Wilson and Wilson's election means a change in the business policies of the nation. Why a change? Mr. Voter, do not be carried away by noise. Bet-

ter be satisfied with what you know is a dead sure thing, and vote the republican ticket.

The people need such men as John A. Sterling in congress. There are some voters who think the tariff and laws for the future prosperity of the nation depends upon the head of the ticket. It does largely, but the congress of the United States is the balance wheel, and if the right kind of men are there, they can maintain the laws which mean so much to all of us and which have brought about sixteen years of prosperity. By Mr. Sterling's vote and work he has been instrumental with others in maintaining these laws and passing new ones as the times demanded. No man in the district can point to one flaw in his record as a public official or as a man. Why vote against such a candidate? There is no reason, but every reason why every public spirited man, regardless of party, should vote for Mr. Sterling for congress. Mr. Voter, don't treat this matter idly, for it means much to you and for the future prosperity of the country.

According to Grand Master D. D. Darrah, of Bloomington, Masons who smoke in lodge lack refinement and need a thorough drill in the principles of Masonry. This assertion was made in Mr. Darrah's annual report to the grand lodge which met in Chicago recently. He avers that the habit of smoking in open lodge is a growing evil that should be suppressed. He further suggested as a remedy that any member smoking in open lodge be evicted. "A growing evil in our Masonic lodges," says the report "is the habit of smoking during business or work. During the year a good deal of complaint has been entered against the practice not only by brethren, but by masters who were seeking some means of curbing the custom. There is no more argument for smoking in lodge than in church, and no Mason of refinement and culture will do it. The brother who cannot refrain from smoking during the short period that the lodge is in session gives unmistakable evidence of the fact that there is one Masonic lesson he has failed to master—that of learning to subdue his passions. I am fully of the opinion that smoking should never be tolerated in a lodge room during the conferring of any part of a degree. The master has it in his power to order it stopped and to exclude any brother who disobeys because of violation of the discipline of the lodge. The rapid growth of Masonry was shown in other reports submitted to the grand lodge. Statistics were presented to prove that 2,032,654 Masons are now

affiliated with lodges who are under the obedience of grand lodges with which Illinois is in fraternal correspondence. The growth in the past year was little less than 100,000, the exact gain being 97,324. "There are 130,838 members of bodies claiming to be Masonic," says the report, "but which our grand lodge does not recognize as legitimate. In many particulars these bodies are striving for Masonic standing. They do not comply with requirements of legitimate Masonry. The number of those that are off color is so small in comparison with the number of regular Masons, that they are scarcely worth wasting time over. The chief objection to the recognition of the grand lodges and their satellites is that Masonry stands squarely on belief in God and the Bible as its great light. The others do not."

THAT REMINDS US

That a small boy went to school and the teacher said: "Now you have in front of you the north, on your right the east, on your left the west. What have you behind you?" "A patch on my pants and I told mother you'd see it."

That election comes one week from next Tuesday. "Let well enough alone. Why should anyone want a change?"

That we can't vouch for this, but it's pretty good, just the same: "When a person gets something for nothing, said something usually contains a joker or has a string attached to it. For instance a certain preacher received from a patent medicine company an offer to provide his church with song books free of any charge. It was explained that there would be a few ads. in the front and back of the books but that these ads. would not be offensive to the members of the congregation, since the books were being secured for nothing. The preacher gave the order and the books arrived. He found the ads. to be mildly worded and decided to use the books. He explained from the pulpit how the books had been secured and announced that they would sing No. 274. Imagine the people's surprise when on reaching the second verse they found themselves singing, "Hark, the heavenly angels sing Johnson's pills are just the thing; Angelic voice meek and mild—two for a man and one for a child."

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