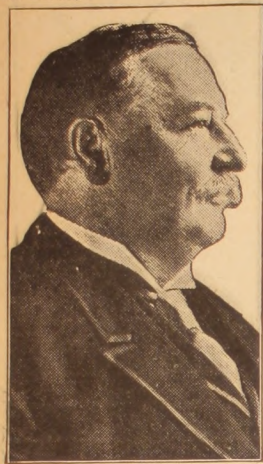


What Does a Change Mean For YOU?

With our abundant crops and prosperity in all lines of business in the country, our farmers, our laborers, and our business men are going to think twice before voting for a change in the republican management of our national affairs. The following wise words of Chairman Hilles, of the national republican committee, are worth pondering over by the voter:

Two groups of zealous politicians are crying to the country for a change in our national administration.



They want to take charge of the nation. They want to administer public affairs.

And they promise wildly, eagerly, what they will do in return— if only they are granted control.

From Maine to California, their words fill the air.

And have you, the workers and taxpayers, whose affairs these gentlemen would control, stopped to analyze their proffers and promises? You should.

To the politicians themselves these proffers and promises are of no special importance. They have nothing to lose. They have everything to gain. Even if they lose, they win; for the contest will keep them in the limelight.

But for you, the workers and taxpayers, this contest is serious business, and you should weigh the consequences with a serious mind. Don't take mere words. Seek facts.

Out of this whirlwind of language which the "spellbinders" send beating about your ears, what is it that stands out, first and all the time?

"We want a change in Washington."

A change for what? To what?

The present administration, after nearly four years' hard work, has finally succeeded in restoring the country's business to a prosperous basis.

The mills are running full time. Mines are operating all their shifts. Factories are working to capacity. Commerce is thriving. The country is free of labor troubles and financial troubles.

The working man is steadily gaining better wages. The farmer is growing steadily more prosperous. The market for farm products has never been so broad and generous.

The railroads report the heaviest freight and passenger traffic in their existence. Shipping is everywhere active. Public works on a great scale are everywhere under way. Trade is moving smoothly, in ever-increasing volume. The savings banks are overflowing with money.

The United States is on the threshold of the greatest boom in its history. Within six months, under present conditions, we will dwarf the great period that followed the Spanish War.

And our prosperity will be here to stay, for we are on sounder ground than we were in '98.

The trust problem has been settled—and settled right. "Big Business" has been put in its proper place, and this without halting industry or disorganizing affairs. The currency question is understood as it never has been, and will be solved along sound lines as soon as the heat of partisan political controversy dies down. The tariff is gradually being placed on a business basis, and soon will be out of politics, as it should.

Everything is shaping to give the American people a long, unbroken, unparalleled period of peace and plenty.

And at this time of all others, along come these political gentlemen shouting for a change.

Do you want to change? Do you want to check prosperity just as you are about to pluck its choicest fruits?

Would you, the workers who must pay, commit the mad folly of taking your government out of tried and proven hands and turning it over to the self-seekers who are clamoring for its control?

When President Taft took over the government the country was prostrate. Industry was paralyzed. Business was chaotic, uncertain, suspicious. Millions were out of employment. Investors, wherever possible, had withdrawn their capital. Enterprise was dead.

All this was the result of the panic of 1907, the "talking panic." The "Rich Man's" Panic, it was called. But do you remember any poor man who was not hurt?

It took the Taft administration over three years to repair the damage of this panic. It required infinite patience, skilful management at home and abroad, unflinching enterprise, good judgment and vast prudence to bring the country out of that black pit.

And now that the pit is covered, and the country is basking once more in the level sunshine of prosperity, do you want to take a chance on being thrown back? Do you want to take a chance on being talked into another and a needless panic?

The question is not to be settled by talk, no matter how smart. The huzzahs of the hustings may make sweet music, but in the background of the future you may hear the mutterings of a people unemployed.

Your family stands with you at the dividing line, which has happiness and prosperity on one side and unhappiness and even want on the other.

If you are a tramp, without kindred and without responsibility, by all means follow the adventurers. But if you own a stake in the country, if you have kith or kin dependent on the job you hold, weigh carefully the words and deeds of those who would lead you in a mad gallop to the precipice of experimental government.

Remember, a change at Washington would mean everything for them. But what would it mean for you?

Would Mr. Taft's defeat help you?

Would the theories, untried and unproven, on which the politicians are seeking to ride into office, benefit your wife and family?

Brush aside all the fine language of the orators long enough to dig out answers to these questions. You will then have a reasonably safe guide on election day, for, like true charity, true politics begins at home. The intelligent man votes for that which is best for himself and those dependent on him, and not for that which is best only for the other fellow. He is not misled by the shadow of the bone in the work.

The American people, for the first time in years, have the bone of prosperity firmly between their teeth. Are they prepared, like the dog in the fable, to drop it, to chase elusive shadows?

THE DANGER THAT WAS ESCAPED

WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF DEMOCRATIC TARIFF BILLS HAD NOT BEEN VETOED.

FACTORIES WOULD BE CLOSED

The Disaster Which Threatened One County in Connecticut Would Have Been Experienced In Almost Every County in the United States.

Congressman E. J. Hill is one of the greatest, if not the greatest, tariff experts in the United States. He represents Fairfield county, Connecticut, in congress, and he has recently published a startling document in which he shows the effect the Democratic tariff bills passed during the recent session of congress and vetoed by President Taft, would have had upon these industries if enacted into a law. He lists the factories in alphabetical order and shows in connection with each one just the percentage of reduction in the duty upon the article which it manufactures. The showing fills four pages of a newspaper and it has not only awakened Connecticut to a shuddering realization of the danger it has escaped, but it has aroused all New England to the menace of a Democratic victory.

Mr. Hill shows beyond question that if these Democratic bills had passed practically every industry in his district and in the entire state of Connecticut would have been put upon a free trade basis and a very large proportion of them would have been obliged to close their doors. Manufacturers from all over the country who have seen this exhibit are writing to Mr. Hill to thank him for making it and to tell him that they had no idea how near to extinction they had been. They had not realized the deadly menace to their industries which was hidden in the Democratic tariff bills and they had not realized the immeasurable debt they owe to President Taft for vetoing it. One correspondent from Delaware writes that Congressman Hill's disclosures had "set the state on fire," and that is hardly too strong a term to use to describe the intense interest aroused.

Another article which has recently appeared and which has produced almost as startling an effect upon those to whom it was immediately addressed as that of Congressman Hill, is an editorial in the "American Sheep Breeder." This editorial calls attention to the fact that neither Colonel Roosevelt nor Professor Wilson made any reply whatever when asked what their attitude would be on the question of protection to the wool industry, while President Taft answered by wire, calling attention to his veto of the wool bill and the expression of opinion which he gave in that veto.

The editorial very properly draws the inference from the silence of the Bull Moose and Democratic candidates that the wool industry need not hope for any consideration at their hands, and it quotes the message of President Taft to show that he realizes the absolute necessity of protection in order that the industry may prosper, and that so long as he is in the White House no free wool bill can become a law.

The "American Sheep Breeder" goes to many thousand men engaged in the sheep industry and it is not in any sense a political newspaper. It is devoted to the interests of the sheep industry, however, and its expression of editorial opinion that President Taft and the Republican party alone can be trusted to safeguard that industry, can hardly fail to concentrate upon the Republican ticket the vote of all those vitally interested in that industry.

The Democratic managers realize the deep-seated distrust toward their party which exists on account of its attitude on the tariff question and are trying desperately to make it appear that the tariff plank in their platform does not really mean so very much. They plead that the Democratic program would be to reduce the tariff gradually so as not to disturb business, with the idea that ultimately the country could reach a free trade basis by easy stages—which is like the old story about gradually reducing the feed which is given to your horse until by dint of habit he learns to do without any feed at all.

But the country will not be deceived. The country knows perfectly well that Democratic victory would mean a long period of tariff agitation with nothing certain except that in the end there would be enormous importations of foreign products with corresponding contraction and stagnation of domestic trade and manufacture. The country did not fail to take note of the tariff revision bills passed by the present Democratic congress under the boast that they did not contain a line of protection. The country knows that but for the courageous vetoes of President Taft these ruinous Democratic measures would now be on the statute books and in all probability the industries affected by them would be languishing and thousands of men out of work.

It is the knowledge of these facts that is responsible for the strong and steady drift toward Taft that is reported from all sections of the country and that is the forecast of a sweeping Republican victory.

B. R. Thompson for State Senator.

The Progressive party presents Mr. B. R. Thompson, of Pontiac, as its candidate for state senator in this district. Mr. Thompson is 38 years of age and is engaged with Mr. R. S. McIluff in the practice of law, at which he has made a success. He is in no sense a politician, but has always taken a keen interest in politics. While he has heretofore been a republican, yet he was an ardent Roosevelt supporter in the primaries and one of the organizers of the Progressive party in Livingston county.

He believes that good government is based on the principle of the greatest good for the most people; that Jack-Pot legislatures are strictly opposed to that principle, and that the Initiative, Referendum and Recall, the right to elect U. S. Senators, the Short Ballot, and clean elections, all of which he firmly advocates, are tools which should be given to the voters in order that the Jack-Pot and corrupt politics may be abolished. The failure of the old parties to give such tools is the prime reason for the existence of the Progressive Party.

This party of the people guarantees Mr. Thompson to be a man of character and ability and one, who, if elected, can and will, both by vote and voice, actively support progressive and clean legislation, regardless of the political party, which may advocate it.—Adv.

Holland's Flag.

Holland's flag is also the emblem of liberty; but nobody knows how during the long centuries the orange became changed to red.

Read, Think, and Then Vote.

We need a few ministers elected to the legislature to temper the moral atmosphere at Springfield. The election of Benjamin W. Tate from this senatorial district is a possibility. He is a minister who shares the pleasures and sorrows of the people and is best prepared to represent the interests of the common people in state legislation. He stands for integrity, morality, and common honesty in politics. He knows no boss but justice and recognizes no political code but the best interests of all the people. Three votes cast for Mr. Tate, prohibition candidate, will not weaken but strengthen temperance sentiment in this district. Vote for a man who represents the best interests of the home and the common people.—Tate Campaign Publicity Committee.—Adv.

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