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## THE PRESIDENT'S JOURNEY.

About 9 o'clock tonight a large man with tired bones and brain and a look of relief in place of the habitual genial smile will pass gratefully into the white house. It may be doubted whether Mr. Taft was better pleased to enter those doors on March 4, last, than he will be to return to them tonight. In the past eight weeks he has traveled almost continuously, made innumerable speeches, shaken myriads of hands, and tasted banquets ad nauseam. To what purpose this stupendous undertaking?

Time will supply the definite answer. We know that President Monroe inaugurated the "era of good feeling,"<sup>xx</sup> with such a tour. By a visit during his second term Andrew Jackson so far disarmed New England prejudices that Harvard ventured to make him a doctor of laws. Presidents Harrison and Cleveland added their influence by traveling among the people. Less fortunate results have followed in other cases. Two presidents, Garfield and McKinley, lost their lives, Garfield at the beginning and McKinley near the end of a journey. And it was on a "swing around the circle" that Andrew Johnson made some of the statements used against him later in his impeachment trial. Mr. Taft, to the relief of all good citizens, will have made his trip in personal safety unless today should bring disaster. The question remaining is, has he, like Monroe, Jackson and Roosevelt, strengthened his position; or has he, like Johnson, said things that will rise to block his way later on?

Among those with whom he came in direct contact during the journey Mr. Taft has evidently strengthened himself. He is personally a lovable fellow, of that there is no doubt. It was not to be expected that he could set the country afire as Roosevelt did. His judicial temperament forbade that. The personal gain of the trip must therefore be rather indirect. Those who came under the spell of his presence may pass on their enthusiasm to their less favored neighbors. It is an unfortunate fact that, through no fault of the president, in some cases local arrangements were so made as to bar from contact with him the sort of men that most truly represent and most largely influence the public. Where this happened it tended to shut the president off from a clear idea of the people and to give the people a wrong idea of the president.

By his absolute refusal to tune his speeches to local sentiment or general opinion the president shut himself off from immediate popular response on their account. If Senator Aldrich gives us a beneficent currency reform the president's good word for him, a cold shower at the time, will be justified. If his administration saves the power sites and the coal lands, his defense of Ballinger cannot be used against him. If public opinion acquiesces, finally, in the tariff law, his defense of it in the Winona speech as the best obtainable will be proved wise. It will take at least another year, a session of congress and a congressional election, for the fruit to make known definitely the sort of seed the president has planted these two months.—*State Journal*.

## THE CAMPAIGN OF EDUCATION.

Those who have heard Senator Aldrich, or who have read his faithfully reported speeches on the subject of currency reform, cannot fail to have been impressed with the straightforwardness manifested in discussing that intricate problem. His frankness and lucid-

ity is calculated to disarm any suspicion or prejudice that a hostile press has sought to arouse, and it is a credit to the fairness of the American people that in every city where he has thus far spoken he has generated the same spirit of candor and consideration that he himself has shown. Bringing before the public a presentation of the monetary conditions and systems abroad, he affords his hearers a new breadth of view. When it comes to a specific for curing the financial ills known to exist in our own country, he disclaims, for himself and his colleagues, who have been studying the matter, having agreed upon any definite plan, but having suggestions from various sections of the country.

The visit of Senator Aldrich must make people realize that the commission, which he represents, is engaged chiefly for the present in a campaign of education. In addition to the utterances of their spokesman, the commission is planning the widespread circulation of a great variety of literature designed to flood the whole subject with the light of our own and European experience. In exchange for the information which it has garnered for the American nation, the commission asks that competent judgment be forthcoming here to aid in determining ultimately what is best to be done. With a receptive eagerness of mind on all sides, some improvement in our currency system, not a panacea for financial ills, ought to be forthcoming.

The Bee does not look for immediate or even early legislation of comprehensive character on the currency. The commission has been as deliberate, and will doubtless continue to be, as deliberate as the diversity of thought on the subject requires. Its European conferences extended over a period dating as far back as August, 1908, and the investigation of the adaptability of European safeguards to this country has only begun. The commission is non-political, as is indicated by the presence in its membership of such opposites as Hale of Maine and Bailey of Texas, or as Overstreet of Indiana and Teller of Colorado. The secretary of the treasury has already given assurance that he will not go into the subject in his forthcoming annual report, which is additional intimation that nothing is to be attempted until the campaign of education brings about something nearer consensus of opinion among the financial doctors who are waiting on the patient.—*Omaha Bee*.

We don't particularly care whether our senators from Nebraska are friendly with Aldrich or not. We are not bothering our head very much or howling very hard as to whether our congressmen support Cannon or not. But the thing we do want is for the men who are sent down to Washington to get to work and accomplish things. They are not sent down there to buck the line when they know that the only thing they will get out of it is the plaudits of the multitude for having the nerve to buck up against a stone wall. The thing they are sent down there for is to get results. They are expected to get into the game and carry the ball over the goal and not to buck up against the line when there is no show of getting through. We want a gain and we want it somehow. If it can be made around the end, or by a forward pass, then let's have the gain! The ball can never be successfully carried by going up against a part if the line that is impregnable. The question for our representatives to solve is how to accomplish results for their district and state. If to do this it is necessary to stand in with Cannon or

with Aldrich, then let them stand in with Cannon and with Aldrich. In doing this it is not necessary for them to blindly follow the lead of these men but they can accomplish many things, which their constituents want by appearing to some extent friendly to the powers that be. The people of the west are up against a large majority against their interests. It is foolishness for a couple of dozen congressmen to buck up against ten dozen and expect that they are going to win out. They cannot do it, and until such time as sentiment in congress changes there is no other way to do but to a certain extent stand in with the organization and thereby get some concessions. They cannot be gotten any other way, and certainly not by opposing the men who have the concessions to make. This may be an unpopular stand to take, but the history of politics has proven it to be the only way time and again.

## WELL, I GUESS.

Are you a progressive republican or are you a stand pater, with a bob tailed flush, an imperturbable countenance, and a heart full of hope.—*State Capital*.

The opinion of the editor of the State Capital as to what constitutes a republican may or may not be of very much consequence. The editor of this paper is a progressive republican, but probably not the kind which Mr. Harrison considers "progressive." We are not so "progressive" that we want to deliver the country over to the democrats, nor are we so "progressive" that we kick at everything that does not come up to our own peculiar ideas of thinking. If having confidence in President Taft and the republican party and its ability to run the government and meet the issues successfully which have to be met is being a "stand pater," then we plead guilty to being a "stand pater." If having a "heart full of hope" is one of the requirements of a stand pater then we have just that kind of a heart. The editor of this paper has a clear conscience, a good stomach, faith in the republican party and a "heart full of hope," consequently we wake up in the morning feeling good and have no occasion to cuss the government, find fault with the president, or criticize people who know more than we do.

It is simply amusing to pick up some of our republican non-partisan exchanges and see how they try to get cheerful news out of the result of the late election. One fellow figures that the result was a swipe at the stand patters, another sees in it the downfall of the republican party if they don't vote for more democrats, another tries to make it out that 11,000 republicans voted the democratic ticket this year as a rebuke to the republican leaders, and so on and so on and so on. Well, the fellow who sees in the result of the election a swipe at the stand patters has got another see coming. The fellow who would rather vote for the democratic candidates than vote for his own can probably find greater satisfaction in doing so. The fellow that thinks 11,000 voters this year switched just to get even, still has a think coming. But the fact stands uncontradictable that these same non-partisan editors were just simply worked by the democratic party and there is not any use to beat about the bush to discover something else. You might just as well own up to it and resolve not to get taken in so easily again.

Don't get too much in a hurry. Don't go off half cocked because things don't go your way. Did you ever in all your history know a problem which ever came up in these United States which the republican party was not able to solve, and solve it right? The nation has been up against problems in the past which were of just as vital importance as now, and in some instances more so, yet the republican party has been able to meet them and bring success out of the chaos. You can't solve great problems in a hurry. It pays to make haste slowly. Acts, not talk, is what counts in this great government of ours. If talk would solve problems, the democratic party would be able to quickly settle all difficulties. A man stands on his record. Why should not a political party be judged the same way.

## WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER BE!

If the editor makes a mistake, people say he ought to be hung; but if a doctor makes any mistakes, he buries them and folks dassent say nothing, because doctors can read and write latin.

When the editor makes a mistake, there is a lawsuit and swearing and a big fuss; but if the doctor makes one there is a funeral, cut flowers and perfect silence.

A doctor can use a word a mile long without him or anybody else knowing what it means; but if the editor uses one he has to spell it.

If the doctor goes to see another man's wife he charges for the visit; but if the editor goes he gets a charge of buckshot.

Any college can make a doctor; an editor has to be born.—*Rapid River Rusier*.

The Pender Republic takes occasion to feel badly because some fellows say that Victor Rosewater is the leader of the republican party in Nebraska, and says further "the idea of such a little whippersnapper of a fellow bossing him around and dictating to him makes one feel like washing his hands of the whole shooting match." The great big overgrown editor of the Republic should remember that sometimes these little fellows have more brains in their heads than some of the great six footers. The fellow that has brains enough to be a leader of a great party in any state, is certainly worthy of considerable commendation, especially in a "non-partisan" year when his party comes out on top with the opposition in control of the political machinery of the state and running it to its full political capacity.

The editor of the Minden Courier answers an argument of this paper by asking a fool question and then saying that the people of Cass county must be silly. We would advise the editor of the Courier to present facts and not foolishness when he attempts to enter an argument. It is evidence on the face of it that by dodging the question he knows he cannot meet it.

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The "Glory" editor is in great evidence just at the present time. If the democrats had carried the state they would have taken all the glory to themselves claiming that their "non-partisan" ideas did the business. Now that the democrats did not win out they are claiming glory for coming so close to it. It is the action of the "Glory" editors in every county in the state where republicans were defeated for office that was responsible for that defeat and the putting into positions democratic officials who will do their best to elect a democratic governor, a democratic legislature, a democratic congressman and a democratic United States senator next fall. We had rather be in the Fiji Islands with a tin can tied to our coat tails than to be a "Glory" editor in Nebraska at the present time.

Governor Shallenberger seems to be an undesirable article. First the Ak-sar-ben bunch slighted him and now the Bryan-Dahlman-Howard conglomeration have left him out of their deliberations. The result of going back on his friends. It don't pay.

If there is anything that has a tendency to make the average citizen weary it is to see some fellows posing as republican editors when in fact they are nothing but counterfeits. They recognize the fact that in order to have any standing with the people they have got to counterfeit the real thing. But as usual they are a great deal like the latest counterfeit five dollar bill, just two pieces stuck together with nothing between.

Enemies of President Taft, posing as republicans, but in reality assistant democrats, are knocking on the president and trying to create a sentiment in favor of Roosevelt for president in 1912. Let 'em knock. In all probability when Teddy returns from the jungles he will himself promptly notify them that their efforts are not appreciated. The Knockers Brigade may have to disband when Teddy comes marching home again.

No wonder our democratic exchanges are kicking on the tariff. Champaign has gone up to \$4.50 a bottle.

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