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SAMPLE OF POLITE COERCION

Durango (Colo.) Democrat: Roosevelt has developed a sidestep which the good trusts will copyright.

Dayton (Tenn.) Herald: The letter that never came was written in commendation of the strong (?) statesmanlike (?) treatment of the trust question in the president's message.

David City (Neb.) Press: The demand of the Filipino carpet-baggers for the gold standard in the islands is based on the desire to get more out of their salaries.

Waynesville (Mo.) Democrat: The republican party is lining up for its grandstand play at downing the trusts. As the result we expect the trusts to have more down in their nests.

Howells (Neb.) Journal: Every time the price of silver drops a notch or two, the republican press sets up a howl of joy, as though it was a blessing to have one of the principal products of this country become less valuable in the markets of the world.

Coshocton (O.) Democrat and Standard: The one thing the trusts fear is the lowering of the tariff which allows them to prey upon the necessities of the people who live behind it, and the one thing the republican party will not do is to attack the trusts by disturbing the tariff wall.

Virginia (Ill.) Enquirer: When strenuousness gets its eyes fixed upon a second term the result is a cautious and conservative trend of thought eminently soothing to those "large interests" which sizzle pleasantly when the chairman of the national committee makes the rounds with the skillet.

Alamogordo (N. M.) Advertiser: The edition of the Rio Grande Republican gets off some very able editorials. Witness the following: "The people of this country had a great deal to be thankful for last Thursday, thanks to the wise administration of the republican party." The god he worships is evidently political pie, since he drew a postoffice in the shuffle.

Bowling Green (O.) Democrat: The republican purpose is to admit Oklahoma as a state, and refuse admission to Arizona and New Mexico. The reason why the two latter are refused admission is because the g. o. p. managers fear that they may give a democratic majority. This is a sample of the scrub statesmanship to which the old party of Lincoln has degenerated.

Placerville (Cal.) Mountain Democrat: Since reading the message of President Roosevelt, we have ceased to wonder that his precinct is democratic by a decisive majority. His neighbors know him better than we can be expected to and we defer to their better acquaintance and superior judgment. When up against the predatory trusts and tariff robbers, the strenuous rough rider is a harmless Aunt Nancy, in a side-saddle.

Plattsburgh (Neb.) Journal: "Ours is not the creed of the weakling and coward; ours is the gospel of hope and of high endeavor," says the president in his message. Except when "we" happen to bump into a tariff-protected monopoly or a criminal trust, and then "we" do not know exactly what "our" creed is. "We" wobble, "we" dodge, "we" hedge, "we" duck, "we" trim, and "we" await developments; for "we" are a candidate for re-election and "we" have been informed that "our" loquacity is likely to get "us" into trouble. "Our" gospel of hope and high endeavor has an eye single to a nomination. That is what it all amounts to.

Jackson (Mich.) Industrial News: The tariff upon every article in the production and sale of which a monopoly has been established, should be repealed or reduced to a point that will stand competition from abroad. The trusts must go.

Rapid City (S. D.) Union: Of course every republican editor has read Roosevelt's message. But the Union has not heard of any of them explaining which trusts are bad and which are good. And worst of all, the strenuous Teddy left the same point unexplained.

Bound Brook (N. J.) Record: Another bluff comes from President Roosevelt to the effect that he is going to go after the trusts again. The trusts, no doubt, will endure the trying ordeal. They can recall that the president went after bears a few weeks ago.

Sulphur Springs (Tex.) Democrat: Grover Cleveland's last manifesto in the mugwump New York Sun, (birds of a feather will flock together), reminds the democrats of the country of the traditional twelfth juror who denounced the other eleven as infernal fools for not agreeing with him.

Paragould (Ark.) Democrat: Of course Hanna don't think there is time for congress to take up the question of annihilating the trusts at the short session. It would be more appropriate from his standpoint, no doubt, to pass the ship subsidy bill and help out the poor millionaires who want to form a ship building trust.

Elkins (W. Va.) Enterprise: It is a safe guess that the democrats of Ohio will take no backward steps. Mr. Johnson or someone standing for the principles for which he stands in all political likelihood will be nominated for governor next year, and we believe that Mr. Johnson will be the man that in the great struggle, which his nomination will bring on, the powers of plutocracy will not be strong enough to prevail against him.

Brazil (Ind.) Era: This is now, has been, and will continue to be the principle for which all true democrats have contended for in the past, are contending for now. They are to be found in the Kansas City platform. And there they will remain. We have said and here repeat that if the Kansas City platform and the principles it contains are not sustained, farewell to the government of Washington, Jefferson, Madison and their compatriots.

Talladega (Ala.) Mountain Home: But when he (the president) comes to speak of the question of tariff, he touches it very delicately. He does not even say there is need for revision, but if revision is found necessary, it should be done on conservative lines, looking to the protective principle in such manner as to disturb no interest. Where there is need for strength and clearness he is disappointing; in uncontested issues, he is clear and imperative.

Lincoln (Neb.) Independent: A great deal of talk is indulged in by the dailies about the 30-cent dollar, but the national bank note is one degree worse than the 30-cent silver dollar, for it is redeemable in silver. If a man should conclude that the small piece of paper issued by a national bank was not "sound money" and want it redeemed, all he could get for it is one of these despised 30-cent silver dollars. But the dailies never denounce the national bank notes. Those dirty pieces of paper are, in their eyes, just "as good as gold."

Winona, Minn., Oct. 31, 1902.—Dear Sir: In writing you this letter I do not want you for one moment to think that I am trying to influence your political opinions; they are yours, and, as you know, you have perfect liberty in them. At the same time if I consider something of interest to me, as well as to yourself, and you know me well enough to know that I would tell you personally, there being so many employed here, I take this method to state a few facts for you to consider, and I trust and hope that you will consider and act upon them right.

When your city has been honored but once in its history by being the home of the governor of this great state, as a resident and neighbor, don't you allow the personal abuse which is being heaped upon him to influence you in any other way but by giving him your support as has been done heretofore. You have known him for many years as Captain Van Sant, and always as an upright, honorable man. He is still the same Captain Van Sant. His position as governor has not changed him one particle. At this late day, after all these years of your personal acquaintances, if they are trying to belittle him in your estimation, by such personal abuse in order to defeat him, don't you think regardless of your politics that you would be honoring yourself, as well as your city, to send back the largest majority for him that a candidate ever received from this city? I do, and I hope that you will agree with me, and think this matter over seriously over Sunday, and not only support him by casting your ballot, but try to get some of your acquaintances to support him also.

This company pays its taxes as a corporation in the city of Winona, because it is located here. The individual stockholders do not pay taxes, as stockholders, for if they did they would be paying a double tax, which you know is not fair, and is never done anywhere. His company being incorporated under the laws of Iowa pay their taxes there, which has been proven. You know that it would be ridiculous and silly to ask him to pay a second tax here. This one line of falsehoods seems to be their whole campaign argument. In order to uphold him and give him the proper support, it is not only right that he should be supported, but also his support should be strengthened in the legislature, and in doing likewise with Mr. Sinclair, you are helping to place there a very able man, and one that will uphold and dignify his position in such measures that are for the welfare of the state, which indirectly is for your welfare. And when you men, especially in the blacksmith shop, are fixing your fires and heating and bending the irons into the various shapes for our work, just stop to think that only a few years ago Jim Tawney was doing the same thing, and by his own exertions he has been rewarded, with your assistance, to his present honorable position. Don't you have pride enough to give your assistance to keep a man of his ability where he is for another term? I hope you do. It certainly is not only an honor to him, but to you, to be able to support for such a position a man who gained his livelihood, in an earlier day, at the same trade that you are now following. It might be that in after years, and, possibly, only a few, that you will be looking for honors politically, not so high perhaps, but whatever they are, should your companions and acquaintances in this same kind of work vote against you, because of your difference in political views,

would you not think him a poor specimen of an American man? I know you would, and if you agree with me, place this same idea in the other relation with Jim Tawney, and see what you can do for him between now and election night.

I leave this matter, as I have said before, with you as free and reasonable citizens, and I hope that you will act accordingly. If you consider this letter fairly, as I have intended it, you will do your city, as well as yourself, credit by taking this action as here specified. The man who rides on a train with his back to the locomotive never sees anything till he gets past. This is the position of the crowd who are vilifying and abusing. You just let them keep their back to the locomotive, but you face the locomotive, and if so, you will vote right. Yours truly, CHAS. R. KNAPP, General Manager and Secretary, Winona Carriage Company.

Tribute to General Booth.

The demonstration in honor of General Booth, veteran founder of the Salvation Army, at the Auditorium, was an impressive tribute to a religion that is based upon the obligation of men to help each other. It was a magnificent popular tribute to a religion that comes about as near to exemplifying the practical teachings of Jesus as it is possible for fallible, finite minds to get in this world.

We do not know what Jesus would do about the drums and the cymbals and the songs set to rag-time music, and the other devices employed by the Salvationists to attract the attention of the heedless and indifferent, but it is a safe guess that if He were on earth He would preach to the populace in the highways and byways and He would kneel in the streets to pray for sinners with the Salvation Army lads and lassies. He would go with them to the slums of the cities where the hungry and destitute are fed and sheltered by the Salvation Army. His heart would be in their rescue work and He would lend a helping hand in the work of reclaiming the fallen and lifting up the degraded and dejected derelicts that make up the flotsam and jetsam of human misery and woe.

It is not likely that He would neglect the rich, but the story of His earthly career justifies the conclusion that the work of the Salvation Army would commend itself to His deepest sympathy and support. The Salvation Army had its origin in the work of General Booth in east London, where a million people had not been reached by the churches. After thirty-seven years devoted to the work of the army, eleven of which were spent in the east end of London, its white-haired leader has the satisfaction of seeing it spread into all the countries of the world. In forty-nine countries and in thirty-one languages and in sixty-one periodicals the work of the army is being prosecuted.

The number of destitute and unfortunate that have been fed and sheltered, and the number of drunkards and other depraved and fallen outcasts that have been reclaimed through the work of the army cannot be approximately stated. It is a work that merits the kindly encouragement and help of all right-minded men and women. —Chicago Record-Herald.

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