

# If President Roosevelt is a Republican

It has so come about that honesty is considered more or less a relative quality. In an upright man personal honesty is not merely a virtue, but a part of his character and without which he is undone, destroyed. It is no compliment to an honorable man to say that he is not a thief; that he should not be in prison; and yet, that is all that being honest means. If he be not honest, he is a thief and should be in prison. Other distinctions are not made by honest men.

But the present age, or, rather, method of men, and that more particularly allied with our commercial instincts and system, has qualified the term honesty with a meaning synonymous with any financial success in which positive and criminal dishonesty is not detected. Thus Marshall Field was held up to the admiration of men until, after his death, it was ascertained that he had dishonestly and falsely returned his property for assessment to avoid the payment of his honest taxes.

Untruth and successful financial dishonesty, so far as the world is concerned, do not wreck a man's character, but add a qualified feature that begets laudation. Thus, when we would today speak of a man's honesty, we must give it relation to a particular subject.

A few, however, are left to whom and respecting whom the old definition of honesty will ever remain. To speak of the honesty of Theodore Roosevelt in this old fashioned sense would be insulting, hence when we take up the question of his honesty we must do so with a direct application of present day methods and associate the question with a definite subject.

Therefore, politically, is Theodore Roosevelt honest?

Passing over the first years of his presidency as those spent in finishing, as it were, the McKinley administration, we confine the inquiry to his own term, beginning after his election in 1904.

His attempts during all the years of his presidency to enforce the laws and to secure the enactment of statutes that would enable him to punish wrongdoers have been constantly and successfully opposed. His every effort in behalf of the people and the country has been defeated by dishonorable political methods that were directly traceable to party purpose, and organization, and leadership. His every utterance along any and all lines of retrenchment of extravagance or other reform in the public service has been scouted and ridiculed by the political element that has had the legislative power to thwart his purposes. His every project looking to a conservation of the peoples' rights or welfare has been estopped or nullified. Every prospectively effective law desired by him or the people has been amended to worthlessness. His purposes he has declared and made known, only to prompt preparation to meet and overcome them.

And yet he has unwaveringly and firmly stood by every political influence, power and person that and who has opposed, obstructed, side-tracked, interfered with, checked, overcome, thwarted, defeated and destroyed the projects and purposes of his administration!

What opposed his "forest reserve policy," whereby he would preserve the timber of the forests of the west and northwest from the thieves and speculators whose great fortunes and large profits have been and are being derived from the stealing of timber from public lands?

His party!

What has opposed his "public land policy" whereby he would preserve for the actual honest settler the public lands of the west, from timber, land, oil, coal and mineral thievery that has been in unchecked operation for years?

His party!

What opposed his appeal for an appropriation to enable him to hunt down the public land frauds?

His party!

What (per Mondell amendment) prevented his use of any appropriated funds, for the prevention, discovery or punishment of land frauds,

and compelled him to distrustingly anticipate opposition by congress and withdraw from entry the forests and public lands that the railroads and other corporate and individual privileges of the public domain had their speculative eyes upon?

His party!

What, immediately thereafter (and following a storm of indignation on the part of the prospective thieves and their worthy representatives in congress) took from the president the right to withdraw from entry the forests and public lands that the plunderers wished to speculate in?

His party!

What has constantly opposed and now opposes his policy to withhold from the western railroads and their eastern exploiters and constituent organizations the control of practically all of the coal lands in the Rocky Mountains?

His party!

What supports the organized press bureaus and newspaper opposition to his attempts to check the illegal conduct of the trusts?

His party!

What stands for the monopoly class?

His party!

What is responsible for the conditions that permitted the accumulation of such unearned fortunes as those of the Rockefellers, Carnegie, Hill, Harriman, Rogers and men of their character and dishonorable methods?

His party!

What could have prevented such methods and has not?

His party!

What has sought to prevent his every effort to secure an equal standing before the courts of the land of the private citizen and the rich corporation?

His party!

What has stood for the longest hours of service and lowest wages of labor?

His party!

What has refused to declare for legal interpretation the three conclusive and exclusive purposes for which an injunction may issue?

His party!

What stands for judicial legislation?

His party!

What, in every instance where the claims of the rights of the people have clashed with those of organized wealth, has sided with the latter and against the former, contrary to his earnest efforts in behalf of the former?

His party!

What has held up the high tariff on the plea of its aid to American labor, and then held labor down and deprived it of the benefit?

His party!

What most bitterly denounces his policy of opposition to the issue of "printing press" railroad stock and his protection of the public?

His party!

What, for seventeen years, refused the people relief from poisoned foods and medicines and opposed every effort to compel manufacturers of food stuffs and medicines to keep poison out of their goods?

His party!

What opposed the pure food law and endeavored to continue the right to poison food products?

His party!

What did "Uncle Joe" represent when he kept his foot upon pure food legislation?

His party!

What has stood by "Uncle Joe" in his friendship for the "system?"

His party!

What, when President Roosevelt interfered, "played horse" with him and the "poor food" law and amended it to worthlessness?

His party!

What intended, under "Uncle Joe's" guidance, that such legislation should be worthless?

His party!

What upheld the beef trust in its untruthful, dishonest and corrupt and corrupting methods in its dealings with the government?

His party!

What gave the beef trust a "whitewash" and an "immunity bath?"

His party!

What gave the beef trust a "clean bill of health" for every bone and shred of meat it issues without the least power in the govern-

ment to prevent it from selling the people impure meats?

His party!

What so amended Senator Beveridge's amendment affecting the products of the beef trust that the statute is nothing more than a government endorsement of such products?

His party!

What is responsible for conditions that have made E. H. Harriman's methods possible?

His party!

What is responsible for creating in the mind of young America the desire for dishonorably acquired wealth?

His party!

What has given to the world the opinion that our business methods are disreputable and that we are corrupt?

His party!

What considers honest men like himself an interfering and hindering nuisance, because they will not subscribe to the methods of a Belmont, a Ryan or a Morgan or Harriman?

His party!

What has stood constantly in the path of and prevented any relief legislation for the people, that steel trust fortunes may be augmented?

His party!

What is responsible for the fact that American manufacturers are sold cheaper in foreign countries than here at home?

His party!

What has denied it with conscious knowledge of its being true?

His party!

What has sustained the combination of railroads and other corporate influences until they hold the law in contempt and are said to control the courts?

His party!

What opposed him in the settlement of the coal strike, several years ago, and sustained Mr. Baer when he insulted the president in the vulgar attempt, evidently, to provoke him to resentment?

His party!

What has most hindered his effort in the prosecution of railroads and others for violations of the rebate law?

His party!

What most interfered with his purpose to prosecute the Standard Oil and laughs at any idea that a judgment against it will be sustained on appeal; or that, if sustained, there will be any running amuck the owners of political funds?

His party!

What has given life and encouragement to every predatory organization that the law now threatens and the people condemn?

His party!

What stands for money as against man?

His party!

What is opposed to him in congress?

His party!

What sustains the railroad combine in its war upon and to delay the construction of the Panama canal?

His party!

What vulgarly, through a subsidized press, anticipates that the supreme court will stultify itself at the demands of expediency or the exigencies of party politics?

His party!

Wherefore, does not Theodore Roosevelt, as a party man, fail to represent the republican party?

If yes, is Theodore Roosevelt an honest man in proclaiming himself a republican in face of the facts that his party has been in absolute control of every department of the government during the entire time of his presidency; that his labors have been constant in behalf of the people; and that he has accomplished absolutely nothing to relieve or benefit the people because of the chicanery and opposition of the republican party? As his greatest and only successful opposition has come from the republican party the question remains: What party does Theodore Roosevelt represent as between the republican party that has constantly and effectively opposed him, and the democratic party that opposed him at the polls but has, by virtue of the integrity of its principles, stood by and supported him in whatever he has advocated that was for the good and well being of the people?

Is Theodore Roosevelt a member in good standing of the party of which "Uncle Joe" is