

"Please, Mr. Roosevelt, Save the Republican Party"

The following dispatch is taken from the Philadelphia Public Ledger (republican): Washington, February 19.—With Roosevelt in the field for congress on the platform that if elected he will be a candidate for speaker, some of the astute republicans think they have solved the problem of how to hold the next house of representatives for their party.

Mr. Cocks, who represents the First New York district in congress, is well known in Pennsylvania and is a manager of Swarthmore college. Mr. Cocks says that while some plans were made for Colonel Roosevelt upon his return, they did not contemplate his going to congress, at least to the lower branch of that body.

Roosevelt is Essential

Every day new conditions arise that make it plain to the leaders that some drastic and bold measure must be resorted to in order to prevent trouble in the fall and the loss not only of the house of representatives, but several of the state governments.

It seems that every time President Taft delves into politics on his own hook he makes a mistake. This has been proven the case in Ohio, where the president has caused Wade Ellis to be sent from the attorney general's office to assume charge of the republican party in that state.

New York is Terrorized

But the conditions in Ohio are not one whit worse than they are in New York state. If the democrats were only in good shape there would not be any question as to who would win the governorship in the succession to Hughes.

they continue loyal to the party. Mr. Depew is nearly out of the running, and were it not for the Vanderbilts and the financial and railroad influences that are back of him he would be a cipher.

Trouble for Hale

Jumping into New England, the real power in the senate, Eugene Hale, of Maine, is in trouble. The senators are afraid of Hale, because he scolds like a woman and seeks to run things to suit himself and consults not even Aldrich, Penrose or any one.

Lodge Has a Fight

Senator Lodge may have some trouble in securing re-election in Massachusetts. Representative Butler Ames is in the field against him as are several others. The contest to control the legislature may have an effect on the governorship and throw that office to the democrats.

New Jersey is Doubtful

New Jersey is looked upon here as a doubtful state so far as the governorship is concerned. The legislature will, no doubt, be republican, and John Kean will be re-nominated and re-elected. That is the outlook so far ahead.

Dupont's Chances Improve

Matters are looking better in Delaware for Colonel Dupont. He is active in the campaign for a return to the United States senate. His friends declare that New Castle county will settle the fight, and that it will be for Dupont without question.

President's Aid to Beveridge

Jumping out to Indiana, the spectacular Beveridge has the stage. Two weeks ago he had been bowled out completely by the senatorial clique that seeks his downfall. All the trusts are against Beveridge, especially the tobacco trust.

trouble. But the president chose the latter course. This move helps Beveridge, and if he saves Indiana and secures re-election, he will have accomplished wonders. But the trusts are rich and revengeful!

EVEN THE INDEPENDENT

Even that staid old publication, The Independent, is insurging. The Independent says: "We would not be understood as holding that the recent increase in the cost of living has been due to either the tariff of 1909 or to that of 1897.

"In the face of political danger that can not be ignored, the members of the republican majority in congress should diligently strive to enact legislation for the public good. They can not make a better revision of the tariff at the present session, nor can they speedily reduce the cost of living, but it is within their power to give the people new laws for an honest management of the land service in the public interest.

A PRAYER

Father, I scarcely dare to pray, So clear I see, now it is done, That I have wasted half my day, And left my work but just begun.

So clear I see things that I thought, Were right or harmless were a sin; So clear I see that I have sought, Unconscious, selfish aims to win;

So clear I see that I have hurt Souls I might have helped to save; That I have slothful been, inert, Deaf to the calls thy leaders gave.

In outskirts of thy kingdom vast, Father, the humblest spot give me; Set me the lowliest task thou hast, Let me repentent work for thee. —Helen Hunt Jackson.

CAN ANY ONE SUPPLY THIS?

F. D. Cosner, Burnsville, W. Va.—Will you kindly publish in the columns of The Commoner the poem entitled "Carolina Jim?" I don't remember much of it, but some of the words are like the following: "Carolina Jim, he was old and weak and blind, and the rain or shine was all the same to him."

HUNGRY CHILDREN

Following is an extract from the Associated Press report of house proceedings: "Five thousand children who attend the public schools in Chicago are habitually hungry and 10,000 others in that city are not sufficiently nourished, according to a letter from the superintendent of the schools of Chicago from which Representative Henry of Texas read excerpts in the house today.

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