

Roosevelt, Lodge Opposed Blaine for Presidency

Both Political Leaders Were Relieved When Harrison Was Nominated to Race With Cleveland.

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In 1858 James G. Blaine of Maine was again an aspirant for the presidential nomination. Roosevelt and Lodge were well acquainted with Blaine when he won the nomination four years earlier. The candidate of 1858 was President Blaine. As the next letter recalls, Joseph H. Choate was in the anti-Blaine wing of the party. Seth Low referred to in the letter was prominent in New York city politics and became mayor more than a decade afterward.

659 Madison Avenue, Jan. 15, '88.
Dear Cabot:
I do hope the republican party can steer clear of becoming a mere party of reaction. To pass a dependent pension bill and try to abolish the total tax on whisky are not symptoms of advance.

I am delighted you introduced your civil service extension bill: it is on just such questions as that that we can make part of our fight. Choate will be with us in the next campaign. He views Blaine's nomination precisely as we do. Seth Low is preparing to bolt.

Best love to Nannie.
Yours ever,
T. R.

659 Madison Avenue, Jan. 17, '88.
Dear Cabot:
I am very glad to hear what you say about the republican attitude in congress towards the whisky tax.

My minority report to the Union League club, not being printed before hand, was suppressed by our ultra-protectionist committee—although mind you, I had all the intelligent protectionists with me.

I advocated taking off the tax on tobacco and sugar and spirits used in the arts; and the employment of part of the surplus in building a navy and providing adequate coast defense. Whisky, I believe, should be taxed.

Asent the tariff, I state that both the republican party and the country at large were definitely committed to a policy of protection; that any reversal of the policy at the present time would be in the highest degree unwise; but that we certainly should not declare that the maintenance of the present tariff unchanged with all its anomalies was a point to which every other interest and issue should be subordinated.

Give my best love to Nannie; Edith is so sorry she can not come.
Yours ever,
T. R.

Oyster Bay, Long Island, N. Y., Sagamore Hill, April 7, '88.

Dear old Cabot:
I am awfully afraid we are going to have Blaine again; I wish it could be Gresham—or Harrison or any other really first rate man.

Are things still going perfectly smoothly in your district? Best love to Nannie.
Yours,
T. R.

Oyster Bay, Long Island, N. Y., Sagamore Hill, July 14, '88.

Dear Cabot:
I am myself more and more en-

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couraged over the political prospects. We have got back only a small percentage of the mugwumps, but many of the real independents, of course will lose the office holders; and some of the Blaine Irishmen, as well as some excellent men on the whisky question (which I think it unwise to have put in the platform, whatever we did in congress—it is an ugly cry to meet) but the bulk of the temperance people are with us, and we are undoubtedly making enormous gains on the tariff question. Both here and in Genesee the country politicians seem very confident. But of course it is as yet guesswork.

Yours,
T. R.

Oyster Bay, Long Island, N. Y., Sagamore Hill, Aug. 19, '88.

Dear Cabot:
In September I shall be out west. (I start Sunday or Monday.) I am coming back in October to take part in the canvass; it is very difficult to prophesy in politics and I am afraid I may take too rosy a view, but I can't help thinking things look better here than I have seen them since Garfield's run. It really looks very bright; and unless we have some check I believe we shall win.

Yours,
T. R.

Oyster Bay, Long Island, N. Y., Sagamore Hill, Oct. 19, '88.

Dear Cabot:
Of late years I have been out in my political prophesies on two or three different occasions, so I have some hesitancy in trying my hand again; but I can't help thinking that this time we have our foes on the hip.

I hear of, and see on every side defections from the democratic ranks; but I know of very few indeed on our side who have followed Seth Low and Ashbel P. Fitch—the latter, however, will I am afraid be re-elected as a democrat. This county, usually 1,500 democratic, will I think be nearly a stand off. (I find my coachman, as well as various democratic laymen, are going to vote republican, for the first time.) The silent—much the largest—mugwump vote is with

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, March 29, 1889.

Dear Theodore:
I had a little talk with the pres-

ident about you and he spoke very pleasantly but he is a reserved person. I met Reed* today. He said he had been waiting to see me because he wanted to talk to the president about you and said all kinds of pleasant things and went there and then to the White House, but the cabinet was meeting, so he goes again. He is a loyal friend and as true as steel. I have spoken to Walker Blaine about Butterfield and will look after him. Blaine told me that Everts had spoken to him about you, saying you should have handsome recognition and be brought into public life again. I tell you these things because I know you will like to hear them. I am harassed to death and if this accursed patronage does not kill me politically and destroy my health and temper nothing will. It is wimpy awful.

Love to all.
Yrs,
H. C. L.

*Ashbel P. Fitch, one-time comptroller of New York City.
*The late Senator Quay of Pennsylvania, state boss.

659 Madison Avenue, March 25, '89.
Dear old Cabot,

You are certainly the most loyal friend that ever breathed. Edith and I were more touched than I can say over your letter; all the more so from its absolutely unexpected nature. I hope you will tell Blaine how much I appreciate his kind expressions. I would have particularly liked to have been in Washington in an official position, while you were in congress; we would have had a very good time; and so I would have been glad to have been appointed. But aside from this feeling—and of course the pleasure one feels in having one's services recognized—it is a good deal better for me to say where I am. I would like above all things to go into politics; but in this part of the state that seems impossible, especially with such a number of very wealthy competitors. So I have made up my mind that I will go in especially for literature, simply taking the part in politics that a decent man should. I am going to keep my residence in the city because I have more hold here.

Ever your friend,
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1211 Conn. Ave., June 12, 1889.
Dear Nannie and Cabot:
When I reached here Tuesday morning I found my room all ready and a very nice breakfast waiting for me. (By the way, I gave her Nannie's note.) Everything is as comfortable as possible; you have no idea of the difference it makes, coming here instead of to a hotel; and I am fully aware of what I owe you, Edith to the contrary notwithstanding.

Of course I feel a little homesick at being away from Edith and the children; but I have my hands fairly full of work. On Sunday we leave for a 10 days' trip through some western postoffices.

I called on the Blaines; and on Quay; then my (two) visiting cards gave out, and I must wait until Edith sends me some more.

Goodby; I shall keep you informed from time to time how things are going on.
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.
UNITED STATES

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24, 1889.
Dear Cabot:
Well, here I am back again, to routine work, and heat. We had only a week's trip but we stirred things up well. The west knows much less about civil service reform than the east, and there will be a row next winter; nevertheless some of their papers are very strong on the subject.

Best love to Nannie. T. R. (For tomorrow's Sunday installment of

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