

# Roosevelt Told Vice Presidency Is His for Asking

## Political Buzzing Starts in Earnest for 1900 Campaign; Teddy Visits County Fairs.

(The first letter in today's installment of the Roosevelt-Judge series was written after Billie Root became secretary of war in McKinley's cabinet. At the time Gen. Nelson A. Miles was making himself president, Roosevelt was making himself secretary of war. He was in the saddle as New York republican boss. T. R. was enjoying himself as governor, despite his ties in and out of the machine. The reformers who attacked him included the late Carl Schurz.)

STATE OF NEW YORK EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, ALBANY.

At Oyster Bay, N. Y., August 10, 1899.

Hon. H. C. Lodge, Dear Cabot:

I have just lunched with Root, who is taking hold of his work in just the right way. He went into it at all only because he felt the task as so serious, of such vital importance to the nation. Otherwise, as it is really out of his line, he would never have left his great practice for it. He has been a little disappointed with me, or at least was last spring, because of my action on the franchise tax matter, he being so difficult and a great corporation lawyer and retained by Whitney and the street railway men. But he is such a good fellow that I was sure it would not last, and now I think every shade of it has vanished. I am confident he will do exceedingly well as secretary of war. I very much fear that he will find difficulty in getting on with Miles. As you know, Miles unfortunately has the presidential bee in his bonnet, even to the extent of wishing me to run as vice president on the ticket with him.

Above all, Root realizes that the first thing to do is to smash the Philippine insurrection, and he has got the president's authority to enjoin additional recruits, but he keeps his attention absolutely secret, as he wants first to select the volunteer officers and escape as much political pressure in the matter as possible.

I am not easy over some of the developments of popular feeling here. Fortunately there is nothing much up this year; but we have an under-swell against us. In the west I believe we are better off than in the insurrectional election. In the east, we are very considerably worse off. The agitation against trusts is taking an always firmer hold. It is largely unreasonable and is fanned into activity by the Bryan type of demagogue, ably seconded by Gorman, Croker, et al., who want to change the issue from free silver.

But when there is a good deal of misery and of injustice, even though it is mainly due to the faults of the individuals themselves, or to the mere operation of nature's laws, the quarrel who announces he has a cure-all for it is a dangerous person.

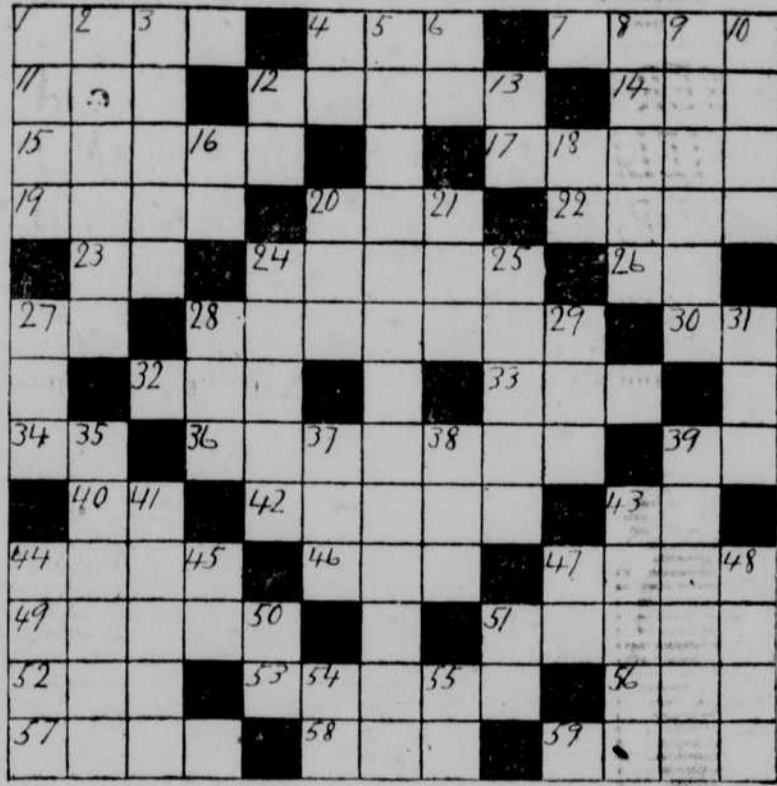
Around the state of New York I am surprised to find how many of the working men who were with us three years ago are now sullenly grumbling that McKinley is under Bryan's dictation; that Bryan is the only man who can control the trusts; and that the trusts are crushing the life out of the small men, etc., etc. In our local affairs, by industrious working I have got the republicans and the independents pretty thoroughly in line for a union on a legislative ticket. Quigg and the New York machine for once have acted with equal wisdom and virtue.

More McKinley Opposition. The Brooklyn people are a small lot and they have their own troubles, while in New York City the Post is so busy denouncing Platt and my imperialism that it can't see Tammany. Whitlow Reid feels vindictively towards McKinley and Platt, and therefore towards the whole republican party, and he is deliberately striving to bring about our defeat. He has attacked Root most maliciously, saying that the president has added to his council merely a clever corporation lawyer, insinuating that he was appointed more to please great financial interests than to right the wrongs of the War department. Recently he has even attacked me quite as bitterly as he has Root.

I am soon to start off on a tour of the county fairs. I have a special

# The Daily Cross Word Puzzle

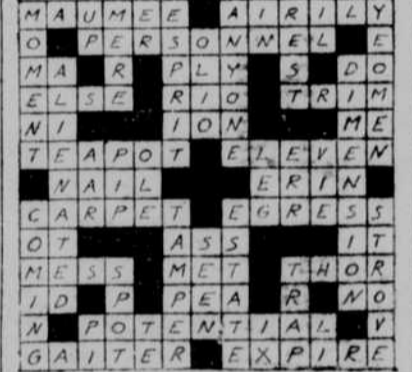
By RICHARD H. TINGLEY.



- Horizontal**
1. A band.
  4. To chill.
  7. A gambling game of cards.
  11. A wing.
  12. Amidst.
  14. Male sheep.
  15. Animal secretion.
  17. Compound of oxygen with another element.
  19. Equal.
  20. Mischievous child.
  22. A streak of metal in rock formation.
  23. A plural prefix.
  24. Parts of legs.
  26. Musical note.
  27. Preposition.
  28. Congenital.
  30. Fifty-one.
  32. To deface.
  33. To employ.
  34. For instance (abbr.).
  35. An imposing parade.
  39. And, in French and Latin.
  40. Bachelor of Arts (abbr.).
  42. Designations.
  43. Life guards (abbr.).
  44. An inland Asian sea.
  46. By.
  47. An angel debarred from heaven.
  49. A popular broadcaster.
  51. To pep-up.
  52. Period of time.
  53. Indicating the presence of nitrogen.
  55. Estate (abbr.).
  57. Inclination.
  58. Point of the compass (abbr.).
  59. Similarly.
- Vertical**
1. Depraved.
  2. XI.
  3. Roman household gods.
  4. A prefix for not.
  5. Annual June functions in colleges.
  6. Printer's measure.
  8. Spirit of air.
  9. Pertaining to lines drawn from the center of a circle.
  10. A portent.
  12. Part of "be."
  13. Proceed!
  14. Prefix signifying not.
  15. Fifteen.
  20. A tavern.
  21. A vegetable.
  24. Mohammedan scriptures.
  25. Renders insensible.
  27. I have (contraction).
  28. Headgear.
  29. Estate (abbr.).
  31. Interest (abbr.).
  35. Automobile home.
  37. An opening.
  38. Relation to air.
  39. Exit.
  41. A German city.
  43. A horizontal plane.
  44. A homeless street urchin.
  45. Long island (abbr.).
  47. A Greek letter standing for a number which, multiplied by the diameter of a circle will give the circumference.
  48. Preposition.
  49. A city mentioned in the Bible. Same as Heliopolis.
  51. Behold!
  54. That is (abbr.).
  55. Musical note.

### The solution will appear tomorrow.

### Solution of yesterday's puzzle.



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mer that I could have been abroad with you. However, I have thoroughly enjoyed being at home. In fact, I do not believe any other man has ever had as good a time as governor of New York. I am not, thank heaven, under the least illusion as to the permanence of my position; for both my good qualities and my defects—including the last, the habit, to which you have once or twice unfeelingly alluded, of expressing a great variety of opinions on a great variety of subjects, and, formerly, at least, with some intemperance of expression—will tend to make my official life short. I should like to be re-elected governor, but I do not expect it, and I should be quite willing to barter the certainty of it for all possibilities of the future. As for the vice presidency, I do not think there is anything in that. But in any event, I shall do just as you advise—that is, let it take care of itself.

Meanwhile, I am having a splendid time, and I really have for the moment a strong hold on the people of the state. Edith and I spent eight days going around to the pioneer fairs, county fairs, etc., and I really think she enjoyed it as much as I did. We ended by a visit to the president at Plattsburgh. He was, as always, most pleasant. My relations with Platt are as cordial as ever, and the machine, as a whole, is a good deal impressed by the way I am received around the state.

Root is doing very well. He has called for a number of additional regiments, and the mere fact of having done so will help matters in the Philippines. I believe they will all be needed there. Of course, I still feel very doubtful about Otis\* personally, but I earnestly hope that the president is right—that no great difficulty will be found in pacifying the islands after the dry season begins.

Wood is continuing to do splendid work in Santiago, but thinks the whole policy of managing the island needs revising.

The beloved Speck\*\* is here fresh from Samoa, where he has worked to good purpose with our man Tripp. He is going back to Germany in a fortnight. I wish to heaven he would instill a little common sense into the Kaiser!

Give my best love to Nannie and the boys. Edith is very well. We spent about six hours in our rowboat yesterday.

Ever yours,  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

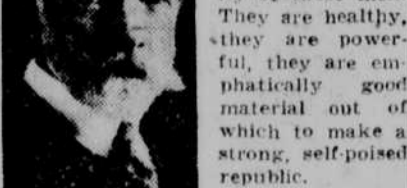
\*General Otis, in command in the Philippines.  
\*\*Harrison Speck, son of Eisenberg, afterward ambassador from Germany.

# STATE OF NEW YORK EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, ALBANY.

At Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 11, 1899.

Hon. H. C. Lodge, Dear Cabot:

I am still in the midst of the county fairs. It has been very tiresome, and in some way, a bore; but on the other hand, I have been glad to meet the men who make up the backbone of the bulk of the republican party in this state—the old style American countrymen. I am greatly impressed with the strong, rugged, simple nature of the great majority of these men. They are healthy, they are powerful, they are emphatically good material out of which to make a strong, self-poised republic.



Did I write you of my delight at meeting one Hiram Tower, his wife and his 17 children? I have had very few uncomfortable incidents and think my trips have on the whole done good. The only trouble at all has come because one county felt jealous because I went to another. Inasmuch as I could not possibly go to them all; or where there has been hostility on the part of outsiders to the men in control of a given fair.

It is a dreadful task to try to keep the republican party united here. Aside from the deep-seated causes of division between the two wings, which shade off into the irrational and unscrupulous machine men on the one hand, and the quite as irrational and unscrupulous independents on the other, there are the bitter factional fights and splits caused by mere personal vindictiveness and soreheadedness on the part of some men. Moreover, while the great bulk of the secondaries in any job are democrats, it is exceedingly difficult to prevent just enough dabbling in scoundrelism by republicans to give the independents a chance to say that both parties are equally bad.

As for the antics of the independents, they are of course past belief. At present Tammany is in disfavor. Many of the independents want Van Wyck\* legislated out of office, while others blandly declare that in any event they desire to run their own candidates, and would just as soon accept Tammany help as republican help. It is a dangerous thing to let

slate a man out of office, for it is easy to create sympathy for him, and I am not certain what is the wise and proper thing to do in the premises. I wish that Senator Platt, who has an extraordinary mastery over all the leaders, great and small, of the organization itself, not only in the city, but in the thoroughly healthy country communities, could gauge public opinion better.

We shall go up to Albany about the first of October, but I hate to leave Oyster Bay, and shall come back here whenever I get the chance, so as to get a little exercise. Our rowing trips have become the greatest pleasure to us this summer, and we have succeeded in teaching every child, bar Quentin, to swim.

Faithfully yours,  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

\*Robert A. Van Wyck, Tammany mayor of New York City.

STATE OF NEW YORK EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, ALBANY, October 20, 1899.

Hon. H. C. Lodge, Boston, Mass.

Dear Cabot: I didn't read what Schurz\* said; I don't care what that prattling foreigner shrieks or prattles in this crisis, and I would no more read his speeches than I would read the editorials of the Evening Post, unless for some reason it was necessary to answer them. The leather-tongued Warner\*\* has been denouncing me. I had a good meeting and hit straight at Tammany. Of course I am having a rather hard time, as I have got a heavy cold and this traveling about is perfectly infernal.

With best love to Nannie and again telling you what I know you know how deeply concerned I am about your mother and about your anxiety, I am  
As ever yours,  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

\*The late Carl Schurz.  
\*\*John DeWitt Warner, active in reform circles in New York.

Washington, D. C., December 1, 1899.

Personal.

My Dear Theodore:

The general impression of course is that you would be very foolish to take the vice presidency, although I have never failed to convince the two or three people with whom I have talked

fully about it. My own opinion has not changed. I can put it most tersely by saying if I were a candidate for the presidency I would take the vice presidency in a minute at this juncture. Of course I may be all wrong, and I am not going in the least to push my opinion on you. I did not hesitate to urge you to take the assistant secretaryship of the navy, or the police commissionership of New York, but this is a very different matter. When a man is a candidate for the presidency, no friend, however close, has the right to urge him to follow a course in the slightest degree against his own judgment. In such a very momentous matter a man must himself be sole judge. Your own inclination is against it, and very likely it is correct, for I have great faith in your instincts about yourself.

The opinion of most of your friends points probably the same way. You can have it if you want it by simply saying so. There is no doubt on that point, but under these circumstances I shall not urge you to take it, or indeed to say anything further about it, and I am sure that you will stay where you are. You are in a splendid situation in any event so far as the future is concerned, and whatever you do or decide will satisfy me, and I shall work along the line you prefer to follow just as vigorously and zealously as if you were pursuing some other which I might think more favorable. I feel very sanguine about your future, and you are quite certain to be re-elected, which is the next step, and beyond which there is no need of our looking at present.

I see that Dooley has been making game of you, and as he once devoted

a paper to me, I naturally take pleasure in the misfortunes of my friends, although I am bound to say that I felt that when I was made the subject of a Dooley paper I had advanced far on the high road of fame. With best love to Edith and the children,  
Always yours,  
H. C. LODGE.

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