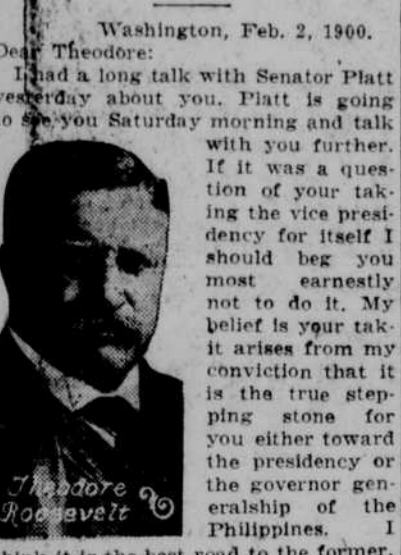


Teddy Sees Plan to 'Shelve' Him in Vice Presidency



Theodore Roosevelt

Roosevelt Insists He Does Not Want Place on Ticket on Eve of Convention.

Washington, Feb. 2, 1900.

Dear Theodore:

I had a long talk with Senator Platt yesterday about you. Platt is going to see you Saturday morning and talk with you further.

If it was a question of your taking the vice presidency for yourself I should beg you most earnestly not to do it. My belief is your taking it arises from my conviction that it is the true stepping stone for you either toward the presidency or the governor generalship of the Philippines.

I think it is the best road to the former, but the presidency is always uncertain. I believe it is to be an absolute sure step to the latter. With the existing law as to the succession to the presidency there is no good reason why the vice president should not resign there was a sufficiently strong reason for his doing so. In this case that reason would exist, and it would be clear to everybody that nothing would so impress the Asiatic mind, and nothing would so satisfy this country, as sending you the second officer of the government to be the first governor general of our new possessions. It would give the office the importance which it deserves, and would impress the inhabitants of the Philippines as nothing else could. I understand your objections perfectly to the place (the vice presidency). I see the importance of the question of money, but you must remember that if Morton and Hobart lived in a certain way St. Paul lived in three rooms at a hotel, and there is a reasonable medium which you could follow with perfect dignity and propriety without going beyond your income. The vice president, as you know, has \$8,000 a year, and I certainly should be the last to suggest that you ever over-run your income, and I see no necessity for it if you took the place. There can be no question about the president's intention, for he stated it not only to me but to Schurman,* and Schurman has promised to press it upon him again so as to have it all very clear.

Now you know the whole of my view in regard to it. I honestly think the trend of events is such as to make it almost impossible to decline the vice presidency. As for Woodruff having the delegates, the day you say you will be a candidate, with the support and approval of Mr. Platt, Woodruff could not get a delegate in the state. If New York elects Woodruff as the vice president the vice presidency will go elsewhere, and New York does not want to lose it, and if I am not much mistaken they will insist on your taking it.

As for what I do for you, you know very well I do it because it is one of the greatest pleasures and interests in my life.

Mr. Platt said yesterday that you have no enemies now who would interfere with your great strength as a vice presidential candidate at the polls in New York, but he added that no man can tell how long it would be before any governor of New York would find himself surrounded by a large crop of very dangerous enemies. I think we shall manage to keep our neutrality, and that the government will be kept from doing anything in the way of meddling in the Transvaal war. There is a very general and solid sense of the fact that, however much we sympathize with the Boers, the downfall of the British empire is something which no rational American could regard as anything but a misfortune to the United States.

H. C. LODGE,
 Joseph G. Schurman, president of Cornell University.

Albany, February 2, 1900.

Dear Cabot:

As you know, I feel that to con-

sider the presidency in any way as a possibility would be foolish. American politics are kaleidoscopic, and long before the next five years are out, the kaleidoscope is certain to have been many times shaken and some new men to have turned up. The only new thing for me to do is to do exactly as I have always done; and that is, when there is a chance of attempting a bit of work worth the trial to attempt it. You got me the chance to be the civil service commissioner and assistant secretary of the navy, and it was by your advice that I went into the police department. All three jobs were worth doing and I did them reasonably to my own satisfaction. Now the thing to decide at the moment is whether I shall try for the governorship again, or accept the vice presidency, if offered.

I have been pretty successful as governor. I have got the departmental work of the state on a really high plane of execution. I have committed myself to a great policy in reference to the canals. There is ample work left for me to do in another term—work that will need all my energy and capacity—in short, work well worth any man's doing. I understand perfectly that in New York with the republican party shading on the one hand into corrupt politicians, and on the other hand, into a group of impracticable and of the Godkin-Parkhurst type, the task of getting results is one of incredible difficulty, and the danger of being wrecked very great, and this without regard to one's own capacities.

For instance, if the machine were very strong and could get the complete upper hand, they would undoubtedly like to throw me over, while the Evening Post style of independent always tends to be so angered at my securing good results along lines which he does not understand, that he will join Tammany to try to destroy me, as he did when I ran before. But this

is simply the inevitable risk in such a state as this. It is not possible to count on a political career in New York as it is in Massachusetts, and the only thing to do is to face the fact, do good work while the chance lasts, and show good humor when, as inevitably must happen, the luck turns, and for no fault of one's own, one is thrown out.

I could not do anything as vice president; and yet I would be seeing continually things that I would like to do, and very possibly would like to do differently from the way in which they were being done. Finally the personal element comes in. I have not sufficient means to run the social side of the vice presidency as it ought to be run. I should have to live very simply, and would always be in the position of "poor man at a frolic." I would not give a snap of my fingers for this if I went into the cabinet or as a senator, or was doing a real bit of work; but I should want to consider it when the office is in fact merely a show office. Edith bids me to say that she hopes you will forgive me!

Ever Yours,
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.
 To Senator H. C. Lodge,
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Old Cabot:

Of course I should jump at the senate if there was a possibility of getting there. I think that a senator occupies on the whole the most useful and most honorable position to be found in any civilized government, and I should never think twice about the money in such a position as that. But, of course, Senator Platt will be a candidate for re-election, and equally of course, I shall support him. So the senatorship is out of the question. As for the vice presidency,

the "possibilities" which your prejudiced eyes see in my career are remote improbabilities, and I had better take the position, if offered, which gives the chance to do immediate work of use.

Best love to Nannie.
 Ever yours,
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.
 Hon. H. C. Lodge,
 Senate Chamber,
 Washington, D. C.

STATE OF NEW YORK
 EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
 ALBANY
 March 12, 1900.

Hon. H. C. Lodge,
 Senate Chamber, Washington, D. C.
 Dear Cabot:

I am having ugly times here at present. Among all my woes—the most vivid at the moment is the Rampap water job.* This is a sneaked through a few years ago by a combination of republicans, who controlled the legislature, and democrats who controlled the city government. We ought to draw its fangs at this session of the legislature; but for the first time this year I have seen what the papers so often talk about; that is, the alliance between the republican and democratic machine leaders for personal and pecuniary objects. Some of Mr. Croker's* lieutenants and possibly Mr. Croker, and some of those who have the ear of Senator Platt and are in the inner ring of the republican machine, are pecuni-

arily interested in the defeat of any anti-Rampap legislation. They want to try that perfectly cheap trick of making believe to do something, and not doing it; that is, they propose to pass the bill (which is and ought to be permissive in form) and put its execution in the hands of those whom they know favor Rampap. Comptroller Cole** is the only man surely against it, and they want to cut him out of the bill; and they try to influence me by saying that he may be my successful opponent for the governorship on the democratic ticket if I now build him up. Very possibly they are right about this, but it is just one of those cases where we cannot afford to take such

effort made to prevent my becoming active in the matter by holding up my forest, fish and game commission, whom I have headed with Austin Wadsworth. However, I of course, cannot afford to have my commission confirmed on any such terms. Heavens, how thankful I shall be when the session of legislature is over; and still more thankful when some time early in May I can get down to see you!

Warm love to Nannie.
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.
 *The Rampap water grab was a scheme to give the city of New York a water supply from the Rampap mountains where the people behind the plan had secured great land interests.
 **Richard Croker, Tammany boss in New York city.
 ***Bird S. Cole, comptroller of the city of New York, afterward democratic candidate for governor when B. B. Odell Jr. was elected by the republicans.
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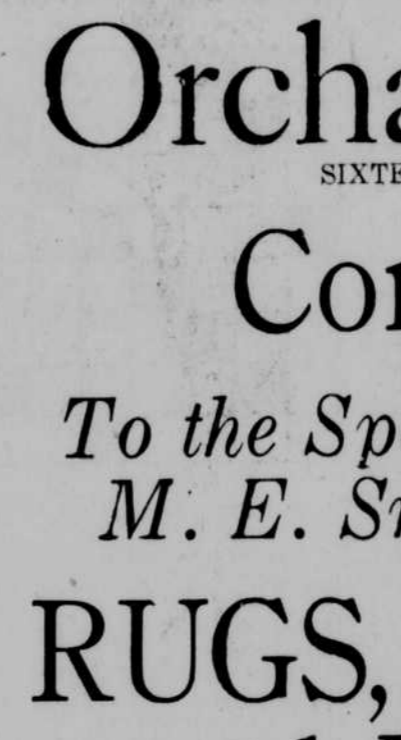
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