

Teddy Nominated as Vice President; Starts Campaign

Colonel Reconciled to His Fate and Jumps Into Political Battle With Bryan.

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(As has been shown in previous letters of this series, Roosevelt tried for months to avoid running for vice president. He was finally commanded, although he knew that his foes, the corporations, were behind the scheme to get him out of the governorship of New York. The letter below was written a few days after his nomination. He immediately went into the campaign with his usual vigor and became the central figure as Mr. McKinley stayed quietly at the White House or in Canton. One incident of the fight was the charge by the Boston Herald that Roosevelt and Lodge were drunk at Senator Williams' Colorado home. It was disproved; but the correspondence of the tour signed a round robin of denial.)

STATE OF NEW YORK,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
ALBANY,
June 9, 1900.

Dear Cabot:
You have exactly my views of the matter. The ice trust is a heaven-sent piece of business for us. Our people have short memories, and ice is not of much account in November, but I cannot help thinking that this will count seriously, and it takes the pitch right out of them on the one great issue which they thought they had. But haste and over-zeal on my part may undo all the good effects. It is not an easy situation, because failure to act may look as if I were condoning their wickedness. Still I think I shall be able to steer through it.

Ever yours,
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
ALBANY,
At Oyster Bay, June 25, 1900.

Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge,
Nahant, Mass.

Dear Cabot:
Well, old man, I am completely reconciled and I believe it all for the best as regards my own personal interests, and it is a great load of care.

Instead of having to fight single-handed against the trusts and corporations I now must take pot luck with the whole ticket, and my anxiety on behalf of the nation is so great that I can say with all honesty there is none left. As regards my own personal election, on one thing you may rest assured—I am most deeply sensible of the honor conferred upon me by the way the nomination came. I shall do my best to deserve it and not to disappoint those who trusted me and think well of me. I should be a conceited fool if I was discontented with the nomination when it came in such a manner, and according to my lights I shall endeavor to act not only fearlessly and with integrity but with good judgment.

Nannie's letter was just dear. Give her my warm love and say to her I do wish she could have seen my hour of triumph.

As for you, old trump, I shall never forget how, as I mounted the platform, you met me with a face of almost agonizing anxiety and put your head down on the table as I began to speak, and, as I turned for a glass of water in the middle of the night, you whispered with a face of delight that I was going splendidly. It is certainly odd to look back 16 years when you and I sat in the Blaine convention on the beaten side while the mugwumps foretold our utter ruin, and then in this convention, over which you presided, you how you recognized me to second McKinley's nomination and afterwards declared myself nominated in the second place on the ticket.

Faithfully yours,
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

UNITED STATES SENATE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
Nahant, Mass., June 29, 1900.

Confidential.

Dear Theodore:

As you well know, I have never had the slightest doubt that for your future the vice presidency was the best thing, but I loyally submitted to your decision last winter. Now it has come, and in a manner which was perfectly irresistible. Any man might be proud to take that great nomination coming as it did from the heart of the convention. I am sure it is for the best, although I do not pretend to say that the office in itself is suited to you and to your habits, but for the future it is, in my judgment, invaluable. It takes you out of the outthroat politics of New York, where I am sure they would have destroyed your prospects, if you had remained two years longer, and it gives you a position in the eyes of the country second only to that of the president. All my views are fixed upon the future, and it is in regard to that that I want you to be very careful. You probably realize all I am about to say just as well as

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I do, but still there is no harm in my saying it.
The president, being the president, can take but a slight part in the campaign. It would not be becoming or possible for him to make speeches as he did in 1896. You will, therefore, be the central figure of the active campaign. Our enemies are going to make this a feature of their attack. I enclose a cartoon from the Boston Herald—one of the meanest of our foes—which shows what I mean, and there have been dozens of others like it. Now we know that there is no foundation for such a thing as this, but nothing finds lodgment in the human mind so easily as jealousy. We must not permit the president, or any of his friends, who are, of course, in control of the campaign, to imagine that we want to absorb the leadership and the glory.
I want you to appear everywhere as the champion of the party, and above all as the champion of the president. That is, on every occasion I want you to appear as you did at the convention, simply as a leading advocate for McKinley and to make this clear in everything you say. Fortunately his policies on the great questions are our policies. He is doing admirably so far as I can see in all directions and especially in the difficulties in China, and I am anxious that your advocacy of him should appear in everything you say. My purpose in this is to secure by every righteous means the confidence and support for you of the president and of all his large following. This is going to be of immense importance to us four years hence, and that is why I desire that you should appear, not only during the campaign but after the election, as the president's next friend, just as Hobart was.

There is today no one who could stand against you for a moment for the nomination for the presidency, but no one can tell what will happen in four years. I believe myself that by judicious conduct we can have it just as surely within our grasp four years hence as it would be today, but we should make no mistakes.

This is a long lecture, but I have had it on my mind to say ever since the convention, because my thoughts are running so steadily to your future.

I have thought a great many times of the dramatic meaning of vice-presidency. It is one of the things that is very pleasant to think about, although I doubt if anyone but you and I thought of it, which, perhaps makes it all the pleasanter.

I am surprised at the manner in which you noticed my expression when you took the platform. I was so anxious that I bowed my head over the table when you began, and I did not know that you saw it. Was all right, however, for you never spoke better in your life, and what you said could not have been improved.

I do not want you to become too vain, and so I enclose herewith a view taken of you by William Lloyd Garrison and Edward Atkinson. I should also like to call your attention to the fact that the Springfield Republican said the day after the nomination, "that the republican party was now given over to the corrupt materialism of Hanna, the cynical political ethics of Lodge, and the swashbuckler fervor of Roosevelt," so there we are, all three in a bunch.

I see that the Anti-Imperialists are going to have a great meeting in New York and perhaps start a new ticket. They are vocal, but I do not think they have many votes.

Give my best love to Edith. I am sure that she will soon come to see that it is all for the best.

Always yours,
H. C. LODGE.

UNITED STATES SENATE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
Nahant, Mass., Aug. 2, 1900.

Personal.

Dear Theodore:
Do you forget your promise to me to make one speech in Boston. It is very important to us to have that one meeting, and I want you to bear it in mind when making your arrangements. I suppose, of course, that it will be when you return from the west, and the sooner you can fix the date the better.

I have just read in the Boston Her-

ald a long interview with Godkin, which you will probably see. It is quite astonishing the way in which you and I seem to weigh on his mind. He is unable to leave us out of anything and his agony of impotent hatred is pleasant to witness. It is very fitting that he should support Bryan. Give our best love to Edith.

Always yours,
H. C. LODGE.

Hon. Theodore Roosevelt,
101 Stockton, editor of The New York Evening Post.

UNITED STATES SENATE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
Nahant, Mass., Aug. 18, 1900.

Personal.

Dear Theodore:
I start in in Maine on Wednesday. I fear we shall be disappointed in the majority both there and in Vermont. I cannot quite make up my mind as to the right interpretation of the apathy which is very apparent. As I see it here, it exists on both sides, and I am inclined to think the same is true of the country. If it means that the country has made up its mind and is going to elect McKinley as a matter of course and therefore does not care to be bothered with an exciting campaign, very good; but if it means that the republicans are over confident, or for any other reason are not going to exert themselves to get every vote out, then we may get beaten in some of the doubtful states, because the democrats always come out better than we do.

Always yours,
H. C. LODGE.

Hon. Theodore Roosevelt,

STATE OF NEW YORK,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
ALBANY,
Oyster Bay, N. Y.,
Aug. 27, 1900.

Hon. H. C. Lodge,
Nahant, Mass.

Dear Cabot:
Henry Payne writes me a rather discouraging letter from the West where he says the apathy is as great as here. Odell is to be nominated for governor, and it is unnecessary to say I carry him through. Platt and the machine generally have spent the last two months in making it just as difficult for me as possible to get the republican independents to support the ticket.

With best love to Nannie.

Ever yours,
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., afterward governor of New York.

UNITED STATES SENATE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
Nahant, Mass., Aug. 30, 1900.

Personal.

Dear Theodore:
I think very well of Odell, as you know. In fact I have always had a very high opinion of him, and under the circumstances it seems to me he is a very strong man for governor. I had rather thought that Coler's nomination would be the best thing for us. In view of the hostility of Tammany, but I am not at all sure that his defeat may not work as well. Coler would have a certain number of independent and uncertain republican votes which no man picked out by Croker can do. I think his defeat will tend to solidify our party and help Odell.

The apathy and indifference are hard to understand. I have been trying to analyze them and determine on what they rest. It seems to me that the principal cause lies in the fact that the people are busy and prosperous, and with the easy-going temper so characteristic of Americans decline to admit to themselves or to think that there is the slightest danger of changing the conditions under which they are now doing well. I think we shall carry in the east all that we carried before, by reduced majorities. I think we shall make very large gains west of the Mississippi and in the inter-mountain states and have very much the same fight in the middle west that we did in '96 with much the same result. The states which I think are in danger are Indiana, Maryland and West Virginia. As I have watched the campaign, I have come to the con-

clusion that the net result will be that we shall get as many, and probably more, electoral votes than we did before with smaller popular majorities in the east where they were perfectly abnormal in '96, which will tend to reduce the total popular majority. After it is all over we can see how bad a prophet I am.

Always yours,
H. C. LODGE.

Hon. Theodore Roosevelt,

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To Hon. H. C. Lodge,
Nahant, Mass.

Oct. 6, 1900.

In view of scoundrelly statement of George Fred Williams I suggest you immediately dare him to tell all he knows, stating there is not a detail of trip which cannot be given widest publicity. You might as well call the bluff.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

I joined Roosevelt at Cheyenne and spoke with him during his trip through Colorado. After speaking constantly from the train we spoke in Denver and thoughtfully went to Woodbury at Senator Wolcott's place at Woodbury where we passed the night. The next day we began at Colorado Springs, then went to Victor and we had a stormy time and were mobbed and stoned at Cripple Creek. Mr. Williams put out a story that we were drunk at Woodbury and apparently the next day and this was the cause of the disorder at Victor. I was out there a very tired company and after a simple supper went at once to bed. Williams' story was entirely false and a pure fabrication. My wife and niece were with us on the trip.

UNITED STATES SENATE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
Nahant, Mass., Oct. 8, 1900.

Personal.

Dear Theodore:
I received your telegram yesterday and I hope you got my answer saying I had denied what Williams said at once, invited him to tell anything he thought he knew, and informed him that we were not to be blackmailed into silence. I confess to an emotion of surprise that you should have thought it possible I should have allowed such a statement to go unnoticed. Williams' interview appeared in the Evening Globe on Friday. My reply appeared Saturday morning in the Journal, Herald, Advertiser and Globe. I send you clippings from the Herald and Journal. You will see that it was complete, and by the headlines anything more that I can say, let me know and I will say it, but the appearance here that I have driven Mr. Williams into a complete retreat. I suppose the Associated Press, as usual, sent out his statement and omitted to send my denial. That appears to be the way they usually treat me.

I will send this letter to Mr. Youngs so that he can make sure of its reaching you, and when you get it if you will send me a line to say whether you are satisfied or not I shall be very much obliged.

Here in the east I think everything is looking well. I do not like the reports from Indiana, but otherwise I see nothing but assurances of victory.

With best regards,
Always yours,
H. C. LODGE.

Hon. Theodore Roosevelt,

Spring Valley, Ky., Oct. 14, 1900.

Dear Cabot:
I have your letter of the 8th. You did exactly right. All the newspaper correspondents joined in a round robin which was published in the Chicago Times-Herald, and other Chicago papers of October 5th. If it had not been published in Boston I would suggest getting a copy of the Chicago Times-Herald of October 7 and having

it published there. It smashes Mr. Williams in fine shape. I think we shall carry Indiana. I have waded into brother Bryan pretty heavily and he is beginning to feel sore. What a thorough-paced hypocrite and demagogue he is, and what a small man!

Ever yours,
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Stromsburg School Feast.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Stromsburg, Neb., April 4.—The Junior class of Stromsburg High school entertained the seniors and faculty at a banquet at Scott hall Thursday.

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NEBRASKA YOUTH TO BE ORDAINED

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Harrison, Neb., April 4.—Stephen P. Heib, son of Rev. and Mrs. Louis Heib, will be examined for ordination by the Elkhorn Valley Association of Congregational Churches, May 7 and 8. The ordination sermon will be delivered by Dr. Frank L. Moore of New York, secretary of the Congregational Home Missionary society. Stephen Heib, after graduating from Doane college in 1922, attended the school of theology at Oberlin and the Union Theological seminary in New York and in June this year will receive his master's degree from the University of Nebraska. After his ordination he will go to Ceylon to teach in a Congregational college, on which island he was born when his father was secretary of the Y. M. C. A. work there.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

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