

LET INCENDIARIES BEWARE

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It would seem to the person of a fair degree of perspicacity that the lesson taught by the incident of Leon Czolgosz three years ago was sufficiently forceful to have lasted longer than the present actions of certain persons and publications would lead us to believe it has lasted.

But the lesson has not lasted. Now, that the heat of another campaign is upon us the old slanderous, firebrand method is again coming into vogue. Certain newspapers and certain periodicals are picturing Theodore Roosevelt as an emperor; as one who is itching for an opportunity to exercise tyrannical power and take away the dearly bought and dearly held liberties of this people.

Now is a good time to have a care. It is a good time for such publications to call a halt and think a moment of what might be the results of someone's accepting as truth the exaggerations and barefaced lies they are now eagerly and ruthlessly promulgating.

Have a care, incendiaries, have a care.

UNWORTHY OF TRUST.

Gold Democrats Shunning the Hill-Sheehan Combination.

The Gold Democrats of Indiana are unwilling to trust Judge Parker's sponsors. They are willing to contribute \$10,000 to the campaign fund, but the money will not be sent to the Hill-Sheehan combination. They have asked Parker himself to take the money.

It is gratifying to learn that such a man as Mr. Holt entertains the same view of Hill and Sheehan that Republicans do, but it is certainly remarkable that Mr. Holt does not realize that Parker is merely the creature of his managers, and that any money given to the judge will find its way, through some channel, to Democratic headquarters.

Parker's Neighbors Against Him.

Congressman George J. Smith of the Twenty-fourth New York District, in which is Judge Parker's home, told President Roosevelt a few days ago that he had made a tour of the district and found no Republicans who would vote for Parker.

Parkerites Alarmed.

There are a large number of Bryan Democrats in New York State, and their present attitude is viewed with alarm by the Hill-Belmont-Sheehan organization. It is said every follower of W. J. Bryan will vote the Populist National ticket.

The Real Question.

On the day of the issue of President Roosevelt's letter of acceptance—the day of the Maine election, by the way—the press reports noted a long visit to Judge Parker by David Bennett Hill.

It is probable, if not certain, that the two friends who "have drunk from the same cauldron" throughout more than one campaign, discussed, thoroughly, one im-

mortal saying of their well-beloved Thomas Jefferson, namely: "IF A DUE PARTICIPATION OF OFFICE IS A MATTER OF RIGHT, HOW ARE VACANCIES TO BE FILLED? THOSE BY DEATH ARE FILLED; BY RESIGNATION, NONE."

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THOROUGHLY EXPOSED.

The Weakness of Parker and Davis Grows Plain Each Day.

It appears that Judge Parker of Esopus is going to New York City to run his own campaign. The revelation has come, but it has come more swiftly than most of us expected. The revelation is simply this—that the idea of the country that the Democrats had nominated a fine old judge whose character led up to the standard of what a judge should be is shivered into splinters.

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RAILWAY MAN'S VIEWS.

Country Is Prosperous, and Roosevelt Will Be Elected.

E. H. Harriman, one of the best informed railway officials in the country, says a continuation of national prosperity is assured. Recently he said to a New York Herald reporter: "Conditions which in other years caused panic and national distress do not now exist. In all localities—in Nebraska and Kansas, in the East and the Far West—the local moneyed interests are conservative. It is possible to investigate with accuracy any financial or industrial question. The small money centers as well as the large ones are well supplied with funds, and this fact insures careful investment and minimizes risk."

Democrats Admire Roosevelt.

Radical Democratic newspapers are forced to admit that President Roosevelt's letter of acceptance is a strenuous presentation of the issues from a Republican standpoint. Even the New York World and Denver Times commend the President's "keynote." The fact is, there is not a Democrat in the land who does not admire Mr. Roosevelt's direct way of going at things, and all would vote for him if they could at the same time retain their party organization.

Retail Merchants Busy.

Reports from every city in the country tell of great activity among the retail merchants, who are laying in stocks and preparing for a lively fall and winter trade. When the retail merchants are busy the country is prospering, for they depend largely on the working people for custom. Democrats who are howling calamity and hard times should retire to the Halls of Silence at Esopus and immerse themselves until the campaign is over lest they be engulfed by the Republican wave of prosperity.

Parker's Political Confernces.

It is announced, with a flourish of trumpets, that Richard Olney, who was in President Cleveland's cabinet, has visited Judge Parker, spending two hours with him at Rosamont. Nothing is said about the visits of "blue-eyed" Billy Sheehan of Tammany fame, who is a near neighbor of Judge Parker, and who can run in any time. It would take many pounds of Olneyism to cure one ounce of Sheehanism.

Mr. Parker, Democratic nominee for President, has never journeyed west of Buffalo, N. Y. What does he know of the great West, its people, their achievements, their possibilities, their needs? How can he reconcile the demands of the different sections, and decide great questions properly and for the good of the whole country? Of limited experience, a narrowed horizon, he is not comparable with Theodore Roosevelt, who has traveled the country over, lived east and west, knows the people, the country, and is a President of the people, not controlled by Wall street and its influences.

"We are not unmindful of the immense foreign-born population has made to the upbuilding of the Republic. Its work and influence have been felt throughout the country, and much of all that is great and splendid about us is the fruit of its genius and industry."—Senator Fairbanks in the Senate, January 11, 1898.

Democratic claims of carrying New York this fall do not appear to appeal to the class of men whose money talks in the betting ring. The \$100,000 hung up by a wealthy Broad street broker to wager that Roosevelt carries New York has scarcely received a ten per cent nibble.

If Democratic promises were of value it would be proper to insist upon less expression of "woe" and a little more "right."

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DEMOCRAT'S ADMISSION.

Parker's Party Afraid to Stand on Its Past Record. John B. Stanchfield, one of the leaders of the New York Democracy, said in a speech at Schenectady: "The Democracy do not stand on their past, but they present a live interpretation of the issues."

As to Maine. And did you hear the news from Maine? From Maine, Maine, Maine! She went hell bent for Governor Kent, and Tippecanoe, and Tyler, too.

PARKER'S DEFICIT SCORE.

It Is Easily Exploded by an Appeal to Facts and Figures. The Ulster County candidate, laboring hard over Judge Parker's speech to the faithful Democratic editors, scissored out some statistics with which to hammer the Republican administration. But while the judge was toiling over his empty sentences, "His cogitative faculties immersed in his aptitude for figures went on a vacation, and he prepared, or accepted, some very queer conclusions, which he gave to the admiring editors with much pomp and circumstance."

Have Our Troubles.

This is the attitude of the Republican party in the present campaign. It is "spoillin' for want of a batin'." It is "Crested Jayhawk of the Mountain" and can find no "Bald-headed Snipe of the Valley."

First Voters' Clubs.

Roosevelt and Fairbanks First Voters Clubs are being organized in every State in the Union. If you are a first voter and intend to cast that vote for Roosevelt and Fairbanks this fall, you ought to join one of these clubs.

Why?

The last four years of Democratic rule that we had should be a warning to the people not to repeat the experiment. At the end of Mr. Cleveland's second administration the public credit had been lowered, the revenues were declining, the public debt was growing, labor was unemployed and business was paralyzed.

BROKEN PROMISE CASES.

Have Not the People Grounds for Damages Against Democracy? A Denver man has sued a restaurant for damaging his stomach. He says the restaurant solicited patronage on the ground that it served good food, but that the promise was not fulfilled.

CONVENTION OF CLUBS.

Low Rate of Fare Secured by Leaguers for Indianapolis Meeting. At the request of the officers of the National Republican League, who are working up interest in the convention of Republican Clubs at Indianapolis, Oct. 5 and 6, the Central Passenger Association has conceded a rate from all points in the territory of the association of one fare plus 25 cents for the round trip.

President Moore of the National League, after consulting with President C. W. McGuire of the Indiana League, and representatives of the Illinois organization, returned to Philadelphia. He said the organization of Republican clubs was being pushed with vigor and that an attendance of at least 1,000 delegates from the various State and territorial leagues was expected at Indianapolis.

Headquarters will be opened at the Denison Hotel in that city at once. The League men are especially pleased with the low rates of fare secured, and anticipate large audiences to hear Secretaries Shaw and Taft and Senators Fairbanks and Beveridge, and Hon. George A. Knight of California.

PARKE'S PARTY AFRAID TO STAND ON ITS PAST RECORD.

John B. Stanchfield, one of the leaders of the New York Democracy, said in a speech at Schenectady: "The Democracy do not stand on their past, but they present a live interpretation of the issues." Truly, the Democratic party does not stand on its past. It dares not stand on its past—on its advocacy of free coinage of silver, on its demand for the hauling down of the flag in the Philippines, on the business paralysis that marked the last period during which the Democracy party was in control of the government; on its declaration that the war for the preservation of the Union was a failure; on all the blundering opposition of which its history is a continuous record.

The Democracy party does not and dares not stand upon its record, because its record would discredit the most enticing promises that it could make.

A Rear Guard Action.

Already in the presidential campaign of this year the Democrats are fighting a "rear-guard action." The Russian Gen. Kuropatkin has his troubles and has been fighting rear-guard actions for some time, but his condition is good as compared with the condition of the present leaders of the Democracy party. The Democracy is fighting a "rear-guard action," and about the only trouble the Republicans have in the premises is that there will not be fun enough in the campaign. Even the "rear-guard action" appears to be about over.

Flocking to the Populist Candidate.

Bryan's bitter denunciation of Parker is bearing fruit. Dispatches from several States report that the Nebraska's admirers are flocking to the Populist standard. Some of Judge Parker's close friends are accusing Bryan of directly inspiring the desertion of such men as Melvin G. Palliser, the New York leader of the Bryan forces.

The Astute Mr. Watson.

Candidate Watson knows a thing or two. He calls Roosevelt the "genuine article" and Parker the "spurious substitute." Rollicking Tom need not be alarmed for the republic. The voters will never be fooled by something "just as good" from the pack of the itinerant statesman of Wolfert's Roost.

Sure Sign of Confidence.

The price of railway shares on the New York Stock Exchange is steadily advancing, which is a sure indication that railway traffic is good. It also is a sign that holders of stocks are confident there will be no change in the national policies which have made good times for the whole country.

A sound and stable currency, good as par in all countries, is a badge of national honor and a source of individual profit. For this condition the American people are indebted to the party that has always stood for maintaining the public credit and a sound currency.

Under the Republican policy of protection our manufactured products have become one-third of those of the civilized world, and American workmen secure almost double the pay for their labor that similar labor receives in other countries.

A young man about to cast his first vote should identify himself with the party of progress. Why should he ally himself with a party that has never shown any capacity for managing them?

The record of the Republican party is one of things done and pledges fulfilled; that of the Democracy party is one of the things promised and pledges broken.

THE UNDERGROUND LINE.

Virtue reigns supreme to-day about Esopus; It is purged of all that jars the proper mind. The thing that's most conspicuous 'round Esopus Is the absence of the peanut eating kind; And in all the air that circulates at Rosamont Not a plutocratic odor can be found; But the public still suspects there's something doing In the subway to Esopus, under ground.

In the cold and shady distance they're remaining. Willy Dave and wicked August all alone. Their base presence no more casts a dark reflection In the limelight that descends around the throne; For the candidate's declared he never knew them; He repeats it while the white robed are around; Then he coyly turns one ear to earth and listens To instruction from the subway under ground.

And August smiles serenely o'er at Davy, And Dave looks back and winks the other eye; And all the while they keep right on arranging The place and style of each plum in the pie. "Yes, it is a trifle lonesome, this seclusion," Says August, "but you bet the plan is sound. For Dave and I ain't longin' to be hoodoos." Then they hit the trail for Rosamont under ground.

—Garret Smith in New York Tribune.

SUGGESTIONS TO DEMOCRATS

Great Thoughts of Great Democrats Should Be Widely Circulated. The Democratic party is boasting of the fact that in this campaign it is sending out a great number of tons of literature, though why literature should be sent out by the Democratic party no one can understand.

It is to be hoped that they will be grateful for these suggestions, but the chances are ten to one that they won't.

CATHOLIC PAPER BOLTS.

Sunday Democrat, of New York, Praises Roosevelt to Parker. The Sunday Democrat of New York, one of the oldest Irish-American and Catholic journals of the United States, has declared for Roosevelt. It says editorially: "For more than thirty years, in political storm and sunshine, the Sunday Democrat has supported the Democratic party, advocated its principles and sustained its candidates."

The Party for Young Men. Edward Hoch, Republican nominee for Governor of Kansas, in an address at Marion, in that State, said: "But now these vociferous gentlemen have suddenly discovered that the gold standard is all right, and their candidate for President blandly announces that that question is 'irrevocably settled.'"

The Policy of Silence.

A German proverb says: "speech is silver, silence is gold." The Democracy party certainly has come out for gold if that means silence on the money question, and it certainly has gone back on silver, if that means any speech positively committing it to friendliness to any sane system of finance.

When we increase our population we increase our national revenues in proportion. Unless we reduce the rate of taxation we would double our national revenues if we doubled our population. As President Roosevelt said in his message: "The western half of the United States would sustain a population greater than that of our whole country to-day, if the waters that now run to waste were saved and used for irrigation."

The annual report on the coal industry of Illinois, furnished by the State bureau of statistics, shows that miners were never so prosperous as under the McKinley and Roosevelt administrations. The coal output of the State now is nearly twice what it was under Cleveland; 15,000 more men are employed than six years ago, and wages are fully 50 per cent. higher than in 1897.

"It may well be that our opponents have no real intention of putting their promise [to give Filipinos independence] into effect. If this is the case, if, in other words, they are insincere in the promise they make, it is only necessary to say again that it is only to treat men who are false in one thing to deal with anything."—Roosevelt's letter of acceptance.

When the industries of the country prosper coal is in demand and miners get their full share of the general prosperity. When the mills and factories close or work on short time for lack of orders, railway traffic falls off and the mining industry suffers. Miners are as much interested in maintaining the Republican policy of protection as any other class of workmen.

The value of farm lands has been materially enhanced by rural free delivery. This increase of value has been estimated as high as \$5 per acre in some States. A moderate estimate is from \$2 to \$3 per acre. For the rapid development of rural free delivery the farmers are indebted to the Republican party.