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BOOST—DON'T KNOCK

A man may be a weather prophet and still pay his debts.

Soon it will be time to do the Christmas shopping early.

Chicago is now worth \$2,601,269,088, and not in watered stock, either.

It is a good railroad that manages to retain the respect of the biased capitalist.

Switzerland prohibits kissing in public, but that is not much of a deprivation.

Cornell's historic clubhouse was destroyed by fire, but the college yell was saved.

Another invention needed is a non-skid apparatus for women who get off the car backward.

Everybody seems to be running for something or other—a train or an office or a policeman.

A New York man recently died of old age at 26. It takes money to die of old age so early in life.

There are still old-fashioned souls who contend that aviation is flying in the face of Providence.

Take a good look at that word "hydro-aeroplane" and make a guess as to what is the matter with it.

On the other hand, how would the women like it if the men never scolded about the feminine fashions?

The actress who played the leading role in "Is Marriage a Failure" is suing for a divorce. She knows now.

A chauffeur who killed a man was "condemned" by a coroner's jury. A slap on the wrist probably seemed too severe.

Anthrax will fall short only 5,000,000 tons this fall, they say. Anthrax is a good deal like the Michigan peach crop.

A New York newsboy was struck on the head with a bomb that failed to explode. Beyond question he didn't know it was loaded.

Aviators are showing a distaste for meets in which they are killed in considerable numbers. Glory and life insurance hardly suffice.

It took four Chicago policemen the best part of an hour to kill one mad cat; which is rather tenacious, even for a nine-tailed critter.

When some means whereby a molecule can be seen is perfected, it will be possible to find the man who walked off with that umbrella.

"I'd die if I'd stop work," declares a Long Island chauffeur who has fallen heir to \$27,000 and refuses to quit his job. Many will die if he don't.

Up to date no Burbank of the kitchen has succeeded in producing a satisfactory vegetable substitute for the porterhouse steak of commerce.

A handle for safety razor blades has been designed so that they may be used as kitchen knives. But who wants to shave with a kitchen knife?

German scientists have discovered a way to make artificial daylight. Lady shoppers will not have to wait for a clear day to match dress material.

Approximately 26,000,000 persons will be eligible to vote in the United States next November, including the man who is too lazy to make up his mind.

Somebody has discovered how to "age" wine by giving it electric treatment. All that is necessary now is to train spiders to spin cobwebs upon the new bottles.

If the sun's rays can be stored in vegetation in unlimited quantities by the nitrogen method the anthracite trust is going to be severely jolted one of these centuries.

Philadelphia is "trying out" women in street car conductors. Philadelphia is historic and in every way worthy, but never before has been so unbecomingly.

In Washington they are trying a leg amputation, changed with alcohol, to see how it affects the body. It has been found that the leg is not so important as they are credited with.

"THROWING OUT" THE INDEPENDENT VOTER.

Nothing in Mr. Taft's career disappointed his friends more than the withdrawal of patronage from the insurgent congressmen. It seemed a generation behind the times. These are days when the effort is being made to take the government service out of politics. Mr. Taft's blunt admission that government preferment depended upon political support was a shock to all who believe in the merit system in public office.

It had been thought that through such blunders Mr. Taft was learning a degree of political wisdom that would keep him from like breaks in future. Yet, when the other day in an address before the Republican Club of Beverly, Mass., Mr. Taft urged that Republicans who do not support the whole ticket from top to bottom be "thrown out of the party," he committed a grave offense against the spirit of liberality and discrimination in politics.

The time has gone by when you can ask any citizen to march up to the polls and swallow any ticket blindfolded. It is this spirit that has given the politicians their deadly grip on public business. The moment they can persuade the average citizen that every nomination they make, good, bad or indifferent, must be supported at all hazards, that moment the power of the bosses is riveted on the nation.

There are few men who vote an absolutely straight ticket nowadays. They may feel a very decided preference for one party over the other. But they put patriotism above party, and when their own party nominates a distinctly unfit man, they feel it not merely their privilege but their duty to carry their protest to the point of

refusing to support the party candidate.

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend," says the proverb. The man who refuses to follow his party when it makes a mistake often performs the highest service to the organization, in teaching it a needed lesson.

Against this whole spirit of independent conviction Mr. Taft thus sets himself. From present appearances, after the "throwing out" process has been thoroughly conducted, there will not be many left to do the throwing.

PLANNING PURCHASES.

Buying goods for yourself or for the home can be done more efficiently by planning beforehand, like anything else in life. The newspaper reporter who hustles out to an interview without thinking over any of the questions he is going to ask, comes back with a lame story. The man who plans out his work in advance is the man who wins.

There are still some people who start out on a shopping foray with no preconceived plan, just entering the first store they see. That is all right if the cost of living does not bother you at all.

For people who must economize, a study of the newspaper advertising is absolutely essential before making a purchase of any importance. The buyer for a business concern would be very lame if he closed a contract without having read what his trade paper has to say about the market. The advertising columns of this newspaper are the trade paper for the home.

Cheap Dish.
Hunter's stew can be composed of any ingredients which can be obtained conveniently.—London Globe.

Fully Explained.

Every now and again some individual arises to tell us Why We Are, and What We Are, and How We Know Why We Are, and How We Are What We Know, and What We Would Be if We Weren't, and What, Precisely, Arenas Is, also Wereness, and Why We Aren't What We Mightn't Have Been if We Weren't, and other simple and entrancing facts. Such an individual is called a philosopher.—Bulletin, Sidney.

No Suffragette Views.

A visitor at a seaside boarding house went into the local postoffice and, seeking to draw the postmaster into conversation, asked him what his views were as to suffragettes. "Hain't got no views of that kind," replied the postmaster, "but we've got some fine postcard views of the new viaduct, the Baptist church, and the new library. Want to look at 'em?"—London Tit-Bits.

To Sterilize Cistern Water.

Cistern water can be thoroughly sterilized by the addition of one-tenth of a grain of hypochloride of lime to the gallon. This does not injure the water for laundry and bathing purposes.

Precious Attributes.

"Why are diamonds so highly valued?" "I suppose," replied Mr. Groucher, "it's because they are made of carbon, which is the equivalent of coal, and at the same time look like ice."

One More Item.

Not that we cannot think of other ways of frittering away money, but some day we hope to be rich enough to afford a "going away coat" for our dog.—Houston Post.

The Merry Advertiser.

Who says there is no more any genuine English humor? A provision dealer in Earl's court neighborhood, London, displays this on a window sign: "When visiting Shakespeare's England, eat England's Bacon."

And So It Goes In Life.

"A girl," remarks Mack Crecher, "must have dolls and ribbons and lots of fancy things to play with. A boy can have a pretty good time with nothing but a toad, a grasshopper and a few angle worms."

Difference.

The only difference between a caprice and a life-long passion is that the caprice lasts a little longer.—The Tattler.

Perhaps a Tragic Comedy.

A writer once said that the world is a comedy to those who think, a tragedy to those who feel. He doesn't say what it is to the fellow who tries to take a wide garbage can through a narrow alley-way.—Satire.

For Tired Feet.

When your feet ache, caused by long standing, exercise them by rising first to the toes, then on the heels, in a rocking motion for a few times. This was "advised by a specialist."—Woman's Home Companion.

Easy.

Young Widow—"Did you have any trouble getting Jack to propose?" Girl Friend—"No, dear; I told him you were after him."—Boston Transcript.

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HIS PLATFORM.
I believe in public regulation and control, by properly constituted authorities, of all public service corporations—railway, traction, telegraph, telephone, electric light, gas and all others. I believe that the public is entitled to know that it gets a fair standard of service, and at a fair price, and that the corporation makes a fair business profit. I feel that the PUBLIC IS ALSO ENTITLED TO ASSURANCE THAT ITS LIFE, HEALTH AND PROPERTY ARE SAFELY GUARDED IN THE UTMOST DILIGENCE. I believe that the public and employees of the company are entitled to know that every possible safeguard is thrown about the life and health of the employee. I believe in a fair working out of Employer's Liability.

I believe in putting the burden of TAXATION ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE PEOPLE WHO CAN BEST AFFORD TO BEAR IT, and who get the most benefit from the stability which this government offers to income and capital. I believe in an Income Tax exempting moderate incomes, and one in which the ratio of taxation—when the income is enjoyed by a private individual—increases as the income itself increases in size. I believe in an Inheritance Tax exempting moderate inheritances, but one in which the ratio of taxation increases as the size of the inheritance itself increases.

Republican Nominee at the April Primaries by a Majority of 6,900



Progressives Have Since Endorsed Him as Their Candidate

HIS PLATFORM.
I believe in the conservation of all the national and state resources for the benefit of all the people.

I BELIEVE IN PROTECTION, BUT I BELIEVE IN PROTECTION THAT REDUCES, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, THE COST OF THE CHEAPER ARTICLES that are necessarily consumed by the poor people and, if additional revenue is not raised from this source, let the tax on the LUXURIES. IT ARE ENJOYED BY THE RICHER PEOPLE BE MADE TO BARE SUCH INCREASES, as far as possible. I believe in the principle advocated by President Taft when he caused the present Tariff Commission to be established. After this body has had an opportunity to gather its facts, his country, for the first time, will be able to approach tariff legislation from a fair and scientific standpoint and, for the first time, the schedules will be framed in the interest of the ultimate consumer, as well as in the interest of the producers. Heretofore no one has ever been heard on a tariff schedule excepting the producer.


To sum up my platform in one sentence, I AM A "PROGRESSIVE" REPUBLICAN AND BELIEVE IN THE POLICIES OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT, NAMELY, "A SQUARE DEAL FOR EVERYBODY."

To Voters of the Eleventh Congressional District:
I have been twice nominated and once elected by you on the above platform and I am again a candidate for your suffrage without a single change of principle.

I call your attention to the fact, that every plank of my platform promulgated four years ago as an epitome of my progressive Republican principles, is now embodied in the platform of the new Progressive Party, of which Theodore Roosevelt is nominee for president.

The primary vote of this district and the primary vote of this whole country wherever primaries were held, bears witness to the fact that Theodore Roosevelt was the nominee of the Republican voters for president and the principles advocated by Theodore Roosevelt are the principles of a great majority of the voters of this country. As a delegate to the Republican convention in Chicago it is my judgment that the will of the people was overridden and the nomination of Mr. Taft by the convention was accomplished by delegates illegally seated.

I am enthusiastically supporting Theodore Roosevelt for president and if I am returned to congress will advocate and support the principles enunciated in his platform. The voters of this district know exactly where I stand and I submit my cause to them in the November election.



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