Charlotte Taibott. She inherited two some way were invited and whose be worth \$70,000,000. Why don't some of these fellows who want to trade off their titles for wealth go after girls instead of coming over here? Or, better still, why don't some of our American noblemen even things going over there and getting them and bring them and their money this side?-Woman's National Daily.

## PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE THE PRESIDENTIAL THE AND CAMPAIGN.

Naturally enough some are asking whether President Roosevelt's mesnot a bid for the Presidentnomination for himself-a sort of "outcry from Cincinnatus at the plow disclosing his whereabouts if wanted." They feel that such a message cannot help Mr. Taft. It puts him in the plight of the man who boasted to a friend of a bargain in c.othes. "How do you like these clothes?" he asked, adding that he had got them at a misfit parlor. The friend replied: "They are the most perfect misfit I ever saw." And if the message is too rugged a misfit for Mr. Taft, it would cast over Governor Hughes a big, black shadow. Had it been deliberately timed, as probably it was not, to throw the Hughes candidacy into outer darkness, it could hardly have come more opportunely. For Mr. Hughes, by preengagement, began his speech of nominal acceptance just as the people were digesting a Presidential message by no means alien to his general subject, which with them was to his speech about as water would be to sawdust with a thirsty man. It Mr. Roosevelt could under any circumstances accept the nomination of

very effective in securing a spontaneous tender of it. But he has so positively refused (p. 901) to accept under any circumstances, that his accepting even a spontaneous nomination under these circumstances might be looked upon as very significant of bad faith-a charge which is the last that even his worst enemies would hope to sustain under other circumstances. In consequence, the Republican candidate is likely to be pretty haevily handicapped by the President's message, whoever that candidate may happen to be. Shouldhe be a reactionary like Foraker or Cannon, he must ignore the message, which would be politically impossible; or denounce it, which would spell destruction; or support

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it, which would be comical. Should he be 'safe and sane,' like Taft or Hughes, he must ignore it, as Mr. Taft already shows a disposittion to do, which would be as impossible politically for them as for anybody else; or defend it, which neither of them could do with discrimination, nor with 'the ring of sincerity that course, you immediately think of roy- the masses will recognize in Bryan.

## TWO BANQUETS.

A week ago I attended what its probably the most celebrated annual banquet given in America, the Gridiron Dinner at Washington, D. C. The guests of that dinner included the great men of the nation, President Roosevelt, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Root; the leading financiers and captains of industry of America. The banquet hall was superbly decorated, the service and dinner and wines the best that money could buy. It was an

magnificent estates, and is said to invitations are eagerly sought, and whose guests come thousands of miles to be present . Last night I attended a banquet given to a plain German citizen, in his own little cottage, to celebrate his 72nd birthday. The night was blustering with a winter's fierce storm, the roads were ankle deep with mud, the way was long, but gathered under that roof were fifty stalwart men, merchants, farmers and business men to do that old German honor on his 72nd birthday. He. had made no reputation save that of stalwart honesty, he had done no act of renown other than to treat his neighbors among whom he had lived for three-quarters of a century, honestly and kindly. He had no hovors to bestow, no influence or power to seek, yet through the blinding storm and dark night, from miles around had come busy men to his anniversary. There was a difference between those two feasts, as wide as the earth and the sky. That old fellow, in his rugged, plain life, had gained a dividend in the respect and love of his neighbors which wealth and influence could not buy. He had found one of the real pearls of life and, after all, the real pearls are scarce.-E. G. Lewis in the Woman's National Daily.

> A Mount Vernon (Ill.) woman who has just divorced her fifth husband says she is not discouraged. To the men in her neighborhood, this announcement must sound ominous.

> Secretary Taft says that no war is possible, and after one has looked at the size of Bill and the size of the fleet, they can't blame the Japs for changing their mind.

> Mr. Bellamy Storer's great indignation hecause of the way we treated Spain in 1898 is hard to understand. If it had not been for that War, Mr. Storer would not now be Great Chief Prevaricator of the Ananias Club.

> An eccentric American directs in his will that his body be converted into violin strings. Still, flat dwellers will agree that it might be worse. Suppose he had directed that it be converted into cornets?

If ye have tears to shed, prepare to shed them now. Mr. Onion is candidate for the Senate in Texas.

An Alabama mob lynched a negro, fired a volley of pistol shots at him, and dispersed; whereupon the negro climbed down and walked away. Are Alabama lynchers mollycoddles?

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