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HITTING HIM HARD.

Colonel Roosevelt's visit to the coast has not been filled with as much enthusiasm as the Colonel himself might have liked. The Roosevelt of today is a different man from the Roosevelt that the people so much admired a few years ago. He is quick tempered, hard to please and weighted down with his own idea of his greatness and importance—a state of mind which is not shared by so many people now as formerly.

In Portland the other day Roosevelt flew into a storming rage because someone had misplaced a book that he wanted. Also he took offense at some action of the committee and refused to dine at the hotel and instead he went down to his private car and ate with himself as company. He also took occasion later in the day to brand Thomas McCusker, the independent republican candidate for congress as a hypocrite, a Judas and a few other prominent names that he found handy. McCusker came right back at him with a few truths that may make the Colonel take back his alleged liking for Oregon and its free-speaking citizens. McCusker's letter is a gem of its kind and we deem it of more than passing importance and therefore publish it in full. The letter follows:

Venerable sir: My attention has just been called to the scurrilous attack you made on me at the Multnomah hotel today. Neither myself nor the citizens of Portland are surprised at this, however, for the reason that you have been so busy defending yourself and explaining things lately that it is possible you are not accountable for your actions.

Some are so charitable as to say that you are crazy, while others who are more or less lenient say that you have been drinking to excess, and that these outbursts are merely the result of a disordered liver. If I were not a gentleman, I might reply to you in kind, but I do not care to put myself in your class, so refrain.

Coe and McHarg Attacked.

You say that I voted to seat 99 crooks, when, as a matter of fact, you abandoned all but 72 out of 253 contests, and your credentials committee voted with the national committee in a majority of the cases left, showing that you deliberately tried to steal the convention for yourself. Speaking of crooks, I know of no man who surrounds himself with more of them than you do. Your friend, Dr. Coe, who induced you to make this attack on me, has an unenviable reputation here, and Ormsby McHarg, another of your friends, four years ago attempted to corrupt our legislature and induce our representatives to violate their obligations to the people, and have them defeat the Oregon system, which you claim to admire, and this also during the time that you were president. And while you may not be responsible for McHarg's acts, in the light of recent events many of us have our suspicions.

McCusker Says He Voted Right.

If your standing in Oregon is to be gauged by the men leading your cause, I feel confident there will be no electors instructed for you. Speaking of that Judas kiss—and it was more distasteful to me than it was to you—and your statement that I voted for you, after you had asked the delegates instructed for you not to do so, I desire to say that I voted in accordance with the instruction of the people of Oregon, and that I do not consider that your instructions take precedence over them, as you are not yet the dictator of this or any other state. I did not vote for McGovern, for the reason that you abandoned Borah, who was your candidate for temporary chairman, purposely to discredit LaFollette and prevent his nomination by the convention. I was not sent to the convention by Roosevelt supporters, but by LaFollette votes—22,000 of our citizens having voted for him—and I certainly would have been a Judas had I listened to you and assisted you to discredit him.

Your people tried to have me bolt the convention and offered all kinds of inducements to have me do so, which from your point of view no doubt is honorable and at one of the meetings of the delegates in the Congress hotel, advocated this and would have done so except that you were prevented by Borah.

Chicago Letter Recalled.

You claim to have come in the race

for president after the alleged collapse of Senator LaFollette in Philadelphia, but you know that you sent the letter which I wrote you to the seven governors in Chicago, who had opened headquarters for you prior to this collapse, and I received a letter from your headquarters there asking me to come to Chicago to confer with them and take charge of your campaign there, showing that you were at that time seeking to undermine LaFollette, and that the alleged collapse of the senator was merely a pretext on your part to get into the game.

Your people have my letter, in which I said that I had pledged my word to Senator LaFollette, and that I had an unfortunate habit of keeping my word, which you may know, as I refused to play your game, either then or at the convention. I also have your letter, which is marked confidential and not for publication, in which you profess to know these things, so it comes with very bad grace from you to speak of anybody being a traitor.

Another Head Hit.

I am a candidate for congress from this district, and, while you did not speak of my opponent openly, you made the attack on me, as the gentleman in question has been openly advocating your election, notwithstanding he was opposed to you in the primaries, and it is well known that you are in the habit of tickling those who tickle you.

You doubtless are laboring under the impression that, on account of your great popularity, your contemptible attack on me would crush me out of existence, as it is well known that you have never hesitated to besmirch anyone—man, woman or child

—who stood between you and your ambition. I must modify this in a way by saying that you never have hesitated to openly do so except in one instance, viz., you have never, with all your boasted courage, dared to openly assail Robert LaFollette, as he is the one man in the United States of whom you are in deadly fear.

"Booze" is Blamed.

I gave you credit for being too adroit a politician to attack me, as in this state I have the great honor to represent that incomparable statesman, Hon. Robert M. LaFollette, and you no doubt know that he has many followers here, but I fear you have been ill-advised, and your esteemed friend, Dr. Coe, got you in wrong, or is it possible that there is some truth in the rumor that you have been hitting the booze too heavily and have lost your political cunning?

I assure you that it will have the very opposite effect, for I will be elected and you will not carry Oregon. Notwithstanding that at one time you were the popular idol, and I myself placed you on a pedestal above the ordinary human being, but we have seen the cloven hoof, and, strange as it may seem, have noticed by the lack of cheers when you passed along our streets. It must be a sad blow to you, and I feel pity for you on account of what you were, or rather on account of what we thought you were.

I trust, my dear Colonel, it will not be necessary for you to secure the services of an interpreter to get the meaning of my letter, and further, that should you ever return again to Oregon that you will be in a better

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Precipitation in inches and hundredths:

Highest temperature yesterday 87
 Lowest temperature last night 57
 Precipitation, last 24 hours 0
 Total precip. since first of month 1.84
 Normal precip. of this month 1.04
 Total precip. from Sep. 1, 1912, to date 1.84
 Average precip. since September 1, 1877 .33
 Total excess from Sep. 1, 1912 1.51
 Average precipitation for 34 wet seasons, (Sep. to May inclusive) 32.36

WILLIAM BELL
 Observer

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Lydia S. Adams, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Douglas county, State of Oregon his final account as such administrator of said estate, and that Thursday, the 10th day of October, 1912, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M., has been fixed by said Court as the time for hearing of objections to said account

John Hutchison, aged 86 years, and for some time past an inmate of the Oregon Soldiers' Home, died late Saturday night after a lingering illness. The funeral was held this morning, interment of the remains following in the Home cemetery. As far as is known, the deceased leaves no relatives on the Pacific coast.

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