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WOULD TAFT BE A GRACEFUL LOSER?

His Friends Believe He Could Meet Defeat and Still Smile.

How does President Taft view his own chances for re-election? If the fortunes of the campaign should go against him, would he be a good loser? Can he stand the gaff without his future being embittered?

These are questions being asked by politicians, who love the National game of politics and take interest in nothing more unceremonious than a game and if the tide should turn against the republicans and hand over the White House still smile? Taft's supporters do not believe he is a good loser, but his opponents believe he is a good loser.

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Political Announcements

To the members of the Republican Party and the electors of Columbia County, Oregon.

I, H. E. LaBare, hereby announce that I will be a candidate for nomination for re-election for the office of County Clerk, at the primary nominating election to be held April 19, 1912.

For Coroner

I have announced that I will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Coroner of Columbia County at the Primary election to be held on April 15, 1912. If nominated and elected I promise a strict and intelligent application to the duties of the office.

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MARK TWAIN'S TRAMP

And His Quaint Introduction in the Enterprise Office.

"It was the afternoon of a hot, dusty August day in 1822 that Albert Bice, a low fellow in harness, wearing a worn, travel-stained blue denim jacket, stepped into the office of the Territorial Enterprise, then in its new building on E street, and, wearing a heavy roll of blankets from the shoulders, dropped wearily into a chair.

"He wore a dusty slouch hat, no coat, a faded blue flannel shirt and a heavy revolver. His trousers were hanging on his back. A bundle of reddish-brown hair fell on his forehead and a mass of lank hair, dirty with oil and dust, dropped halfway to his waist.

"My starboard leg seems to be unshipped. I'd like about a hundred yards of line. I think I am falling to pieces. Then he added: 'I want to see Mr. Barstow or Mr. Goodman. My name is Clemens, and I've come to write for the paper.'

Too Late.

Daniel Webster used to tell a story about an old woman who was very ill and went into a trance. They all thought she was dead, and when she opened her eyes her husband said in a surprised tone: 'Why, Maundy, we thought you was dead.' The poor old woman looked at her husband in a moment, and then she burst into tears. 'And ye never bawled a bit,' she sobbed. 'Ye thought I was dead, and yer eyes was dry. Couldn't ye have bawled a little bit, Jabez?' The old man was deeply moved, and he did actually bawl then. But his wife said sadly: 'It's too late now. Dry yer eyes. If I'd really been dead and ye'd bawled 'twould have done me some good. But it's too late now.'

Insulting.

"Could you sing a ragtime song?" asked Mr. Lobrow.

"Why, sir," spluttered the musician who takes himself seriously, "you've found your b-b-bone bawled impudence!"

"That's a good start," was the complacent rejoinder. "You have a fine idea of the words. Now see if you can put a melody to them."—Washington Star.

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