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"Funny Cuss" Gillilan Makes Serious Mr. Taft Laugh

Strickland W. Gillilan Introduces Executive to Peoria Crowd—
How He Does It, in His Characteristic Style.

When President Taft passed through the city last night he connected up a humorous speech in his recent trip with La Grande people. It came about this way: When in Peoria, Ill., President Taft was guest of honor at a banquet given by the Knights of Columbus. Strickland W. Gillilan, the Baltimore humorist and author who is read extensively by a great number of La Grande people, and who is a brother of Dr. J. D. Gillilan of this city, was called upon to introduce the executive to the 800 guests. This is what the "funny cuss" said:

"Mr. Toastmaster, Mr. President, Worthy Church Dignitaries, Ladies and Gentlemen and anybody else who may be here: I don't like the looks, in print, of my subject, 'Me and the President.' Somehow, it reminds me of something said once by a student friend of mine who talked entirely by 'ar.' He said Homer wrote the Iliad and the Odyssey."

"Maybe I had better hurry on and distinguish between the two parts of my subject. The gentleman on my right, whose displacement surpasses my own in so many ways, is the latter part of my theme. It is a proud night for him. Never before did he appear anywhere, in my presence. Although I live so close to Washington that, on a still day, I can hear Pauline, the insurgent cow from Wisconsin, howling Wisconsinately in the conservative white house stall, yet I've never seen the man before. I've arranged to meet him often, but he has always put it off some way. He said maybe we'd find a real nice town and the right kind of people, sometime, to make a becoming setting for the great event, and we have!"

Weary of Being Right.
"Perhaps I am expected to cover not only the two mentioned parts of my subject, but also what lies between. That space is wide. I've never been much closer to a president than I have been to the presidency. And heaven only knows how far that has been. Yet sometimes I have grown so utterly weary of being right all the time that I've felt like turning to the presidency for relief. And I am told, Mr. Taft, that as a form of relief the presidency is a false alarm, and very temporary."

"It was a disappointed office seeker, speaking bitterly, after the returns and himself were all in, who said, in a sour grapes tone of voice, that he would rather be right than be president. Doubtless the great compromiser, finding the voters had changed his name from Clay to Mud—had treated him as if he were a reciprocity treaty and they were Canucks—perhaps he was peeved at finding a question he could not compromise. Yet if we look carefully over the list of those who have been president, short as that roster is, it is about four times as long as the list of those who have been right. Most of us have had to struggle through life with no hope of being either right or president. But we have with us tonight one who had his choice, and look what he picked out!"

Me and the President.
"However, after being in the genial presence for a short time, my opinion of the president, like the tariff in his administration, has been revised upward. And I hope there may be a chance for reciprocity in this, at least. "I am glad to be here, and to note that though we have succeeded in leaving the days of Columbus far be-

hind us, the Knights have kept pace nobly. I want to congratulate them on their selection of speakers tonight. Who can imagine a wider variety than a president of the United States, an archbishop, a congressman and me? These represent every known form of piety and depravity."

"Yet, I cannot help thinking, here in this presence, of the total impossibility of the layman ever fully appreciating the weight of the burdens resting always on the unresting shoulders of him at the head of the nation and this table. Also I am smitten with the guilty consciousness of our proneness always to criticize freely. Freely is the exact word. If it cost us anything we wouldn't do it. We criticize out of the tops of our minds where gathers all the scum of our superabundant ignorance, and turns green and bubbly. It is impossible for any human—and, thank God, our president is a human—to settle to the satisfaction of all conflicting interests, the problems that hourly arise before him. So in the hour of physical nearness to this great man may there not be born a kindlier appreciation that makes us sympathetically, loyally and prayerfully silent."

All Toads and Butterflies.
"Kipling said—and the president will agree with Mr. Kipling better in this than in the poet's advice to Canucks on reciprocal relations—Kipling said:

"The toad beneath the harrow knows
Exactly where each tooth-point goes.
The butterfly upon the road
Preaches contentment to that toad."

"We are all toads or butterflies—working hard in the garden, destroying inimical interests; or butterflies idle, vapid, airily seeking honey for selfish uses, laying eggs for next year's pests and criticising and advising the useful ones who bear the burdens and the ignominy accompanying them. My knowledge of these dangers, coupled with a lot of knowledge other people possessed, has kept me from the presidency."

President Taft laughed heartily at Mr. Gillilan's remarks, and led the applause at the close of his address.

Treasurer's Call for City Warrants.

There are also funds in the treasury to pay all warrants issued against water fund of La Grande city up to and including No. 9814, endorsed

Interest on all warrants on water fund from No. 9732 to No. 9814 inclusive, ceases from date of this call.

La Grande, Oregon, Oct. 3, 1911.

ROY W. LOGAN,

City Treasurer.

State of Ohio, city of Toledo, ss.

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