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TAFT AS A "PROGRESSIVE."

Ask the average "progressive" politician what he understands by a "progressive" political program and in all likelihood he will say that he believes in the initiative and referendum, the recall and the direct election of senators. He may also add something vague about tariff reform and "curbing the trusts," but when he enters this field of political discovery he is not sure of himself.

The hide-bound follower of La Follette will not admit that there can be any brand of "progressiveness" within the republican party that has not been exploited by the insurgents. But the citizen with an absolutely fair mind ought to examine the situation for himself and then pass judgment. Is not President Taft, after all, the real "progressive"? In other words,

has he not espoused the kind of progress that brings results?

In all of his messages Mr. Taft has sought to do things. It was under his administration that the first serious effort to enforce the Sherman anti-trust law was made, and today the department of justice can point to a list of victims which included such big game as the Standard Oil company, the tobacco trust, the steel trust, the sugar trust and probably the big packing companies. Could any real "progressive" do more than has been done along this line? There is today firmly established in this country a system of postal savings banks. This was achieved under the Taft administration. For the first time the postal department of the government has shown a balance to its credit. Is this not true "progressiveness"?

President Taft has been a sincere advocate of the federal civil service, and he has consistently carried out this idea in all departments. Where an employe of the government has proven capable he has been retained in his position regardless of his politics. The president has put the consular service on a civil service basis and has made it an attractive career for American young men. The president has negotiated various peace treaties looking toward world peace. He tried to secure a reciprocity treaty with Canada which would have opened an enlarged market for American goods. Mr. Taft has been an earnest advocate of employers' liability legislation, and he would reorganize the rules of practice in order to expedite justice in the courts.

What is real "progressiveness" if it is not the kind that President Taft stands for? The initiative, referendum and recall are purely socialistic measures, experimental and dangerous. They are not soundly "progressive" at all. Better a scientific revision of the tariff such as the president has provided for than a continuation of the iniquitous tariff tinkering to which politicians have given their attention for decades. The president has taken advanced ground on many great questions, but he has done so in such a quiet and business-like way that the country scarcely realizes the sum of his services. One of the original civil service papers says: "If the recommendations which President Taft now makes were carried out, we should have an extension of the civil service reform going beyond the fondest dreams of the earliest advocates of that cause in this country."

The thoughtful citizen should first ask himself the question: "What is real progressiveness?" Then he should compare what President Taft has actually done with the fanatical theories of men like Bryan, La Follette and other "reformers" who have never actually accomplished a thing except in the way of reckless agitation and obstruction of true progress.

The "def" to the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress, challenging it to prove that it was not controlled by the railroads, the sugar trust and the robber express companies, which Geo. J. Kindel of Denver issued, will not be answered by the officers of railroads

entering in Chicago. They are heartily sick of "sensational declamation," they say, and Mr. Kindel long has been a thorn in their flesh. Mr. Kindel, it will be remembered, spoiled the well-oiled harmony of the Kansas City convention by his remarks which, however, were much to the point. "I apprehend that there is much misconception on the subject of parcels post. Otherwise there would be no opposition to it, except by our robber express companies," he declared. "As for myself, I took up parcels post as a final means to conquer discriminate freight and express rates in this, the trans-Mississippi section, and more particularly Colorado. Notwithstanding that I invariably secure reduction of railroad and express rates, I have come to the conclusion that life is too short and progress too slow to continue to fight before our two million dollar per annum interstate commerce commission and its new and worse than useless appendix, the commerce court. Hence, I have investigated parcels post with the result that I firmly believe that the vital question of transportation can be best reformed by means of an efficient general parcels post and a rural parcels post. The rural parcels post would do more to overcome our present greatest menace of centralizing the population at city centers than any other one thing. How to send small shipments quickly, cheaply and securely is a thing which America apparently has been unable to learn from the enlightened countries of Europe, Australia, Asia, Africa and South America."

England's Silver Greyhounds.

The "silver greyhounds," as the king's foreign service messengers are called, wear a broad silver disk stamped with a greyhound in full gallop, surmounted with a crown. They are entrusted with the most delicate duties. The chief qualification for the post, as defined by Lord Palmerston to a friend who applied to him for the office, is a knowledge of the gentle art of "holding your tongue in several languages."—London Express.

Declined With Thanks.

The Duke of Wellington, who had a taste for anything that Napoleon had liked, applied to David, the artist, who had painted Napoleon's portrait, requesting David to execute one of himself.

"Sir," replied David, "I paint only historical characters."—Life.

He Began to Talk Business.

"I shall make you love me yet," declared Mr. Stinjay determinedly. "I shall leave no stone unturned." "Ah, that sounds something like!" exclaimed the fair girl. "If the stone weighs not less than a carat and is pure white you may interest me."

Too Short.

"I don't like these modern sermons much." "Why not?" "They're over before a man fairly gets to sleep."—Detroit Free Press.

Malicious.

Relie—Edgar has such tact in choosing an engagement ring. Nell—Yes, and such knack in getting it back from every girl he gives it to.

Every man's task is his life's server. Emerson.

PAPER MONEY.

It Was First Issued by Count de Tendilla at Alhambra.

The Count de Tendilla, while besieged by the Moors in the fortress of Alhambra, was destitute of gold and silver wherewith to pay his soldiers, who began to murmur, as they had not the means of purchasing the necessities of life from the people of the town.

"In this dilemma," says the historian, "what does this most sagacious commander? He takes a number of little morsels of paper on which he inscribes various sums, large and small, and signs them with his own hand and name. These did he give to the soldiery in earnest of their pay. 'How,' you will say, 'are soldiers to be paid with scraps of paper?' Even so, and well said, too, as I will presently make manifest, for the good count issued a proclamation ordering the inhabitants to take these morsels of paper for the full amount inscribed, promising to redeem them at a future time with gold and silver. Thus by subtle and most intricate alchemy did this cavalier turn worthless paper into precious gold and silver and make his late impoverished army abound in money."

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