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TAFT'S ANTI-TRUST RECORD.

Under the last five administra-
tions prosecutions under the
Sherman anti-trust law have
been brought as follows:

	Crim- suits.	Civil suits.	Total.
Under Harrison (three years).....	4	3	7
Under Cleveland (four years).....	5	2	7
Under McKinley (four and one- half years).....	Three bills in equity.		
Under Roosevelt (seven and one- half years).....	18	25	44*
Under Taft (two years and seven months).....	22	40	62

*One property seizure.
The ratio of prosecutions, al-
lowing for length of time in of-
fice, of the Taft administration
as compared with the records of
its four immediate predecessors
is approximately as follows:
Taft over Harrison..... 9 to 1
Taft over Cleveland..... 12 to 1
Taft over McKinley..... 30 to 1
Taft over Roosevelt..... 4 to 1

President Taft's administration has

broken an record for prosecutions
brought and won under the Sherman
anti-trust law. Without fear or favor
it has brought to the bar of justice cor-
porations and persons engaging in il-
legal combinations in restraint of trade,
the ultimate purpose of each combina-
tion being to create a monopoly and to
raise the prices on its products. In
two years and eleven months of his
administration President Taft has
caused to be brought four more civil
suits and fifteen more criminal pro-
secutions than Mr. Roosevelt brought in
the seven and one-half years of his ad-
ministration.

Until Mr. Taft became the president
the administration of Mr. Roosevelt
held the record in both particulars.
Thus has President Taft, who was Mr.
Roosevelt's right arm during his last
administration, kept his pledge to the
American people to uphold and main-
tain the policies of his predecessors in
punishing the criminals and undesi-
rable element in the big business of the
country.

In the Republican national platform
of 1908 reference was made to the
prosecution of evil trusts and monop-
olies as one of the great accomplish-
ments of the Roosevelt administration,
and the platform declared that the
Sherman anti-trust law had been a
wholesome instrument for good in the
hands of a wise and fearless executive.
In his speech of acceptance Mr. Taft
pledged himself to the enforcement of
this law and has kept his promise.

Problems Confronting Taft.

Stripped of controversy as to the
exact meaning of certain language of
the Sherman anti-trust act, the ques-
tions that had to be determined by
those in administrative authority and
those who judicially determine their
acts were, first, how effective the law
was to reach the great aggregations
of formerly competitive producers and
dealers, individual and corporate, who,
through intercorporate stockholding
mergers, consolidations and otherwise,
had acquired so great a control over
a particular line of industry as to en-
able them to dominate it and to ex-
clude or admit competition as they
might choose upon their own terms.

Secondly, to determine whether that
construction of the law was correct
which had been given to it by some of
the judges of the circuit court in New
York in the tobacco case and in the
opinions of some of the justices of the
supreme court in other cases to the
effect that any combination which in
any respect operated to restrain to any
degree a pre-existing competition in
interstate commerce was necessarily
condemned by law.

In the three years of the Taft ad-
ministration all of the sixteen cases
left pending by the previous adminis-
tration have been disposed of except
two, which have been argued and sub-
mitted to the supreme court of the
United States and are now awaiting
decision. Of the remaining cases the
Standard Oil case was argued early
during the present administration and,
after an appeal, decided entirely in
favor of the government. The same
was also true of the tobacco cases,
with the ultimate result of the dis-
integration of that big trust into four-
teen separate and distinct corpora-
tions. This, it is believed, will effec-
tively prevent a continuance of the
monopolistic conditions complained of.

Taft Anti-trust Record.

During the Taft administration up to
February, 1912, twenty-two civil suits
have been brought and forty criminal
indictments found under the Sherman
law, making in all sixty-two proceed-
ings. As a result there were fifteen
indictments, and eleven of these in-
volved eighty or more defendants.
Eight out of twelve defendants were
convicted on one indictment after trial
by jury and their conviction confirmed
by the court of appeals, and thirteen
criminal prosecutions are pending.

A brief review of the cases brought
under the anti-trust law during the ad-

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ministration ~~confronts~~ nearly the
same to the American people in their
protection of that equality of opportu-
nity which is declared by the platform
of the Republican party to be the right
of every citizen.

Reference to a few of the anti-trust
cases brought by the Taft adminis-
tration gives an excellent idea of the hard-
ships some of these illegal combina-
tions entail upon consumers. In the
prosecution of a case against a number
of individuals who attempted to corner
all the free cotton remaining of the
crop of 1903 it resulted in a raise in
the price of that commodity to the
spinners, prevented some from making
any purchases and was therefore re-
straining interstate commerce.

In like manner the government took
cognizance of the pooling in the wire
industry, with the result that nine in-
dictments were found in New York
against eighty-three persons engaged
in that business. It was an illegal re-
straint of trade, and when the court
proceedings had been finished the var-
ious defendants were fined in amounts
averaging \$1,000 each, with the excep-
tion of the supervisor of the pool, who
was fined \$45,000.

One of the most outrageous cases of
combination in restraint of trade and
a notable violation of the Sherman law
was that of the hand blown window
glass industry. Practically all of the
manufacturers (eighty-three in num-
ber) formed a company which control-
led the entire output of hand blown
glass. As a result the price was ad-
vanced 100 per cent within less than a
year. The indictment of the men re-
sponsible, the imposition of fines and
the restoration of the business upon its
former lines were followed by a sub-
stantial reduction in the price of hand
blown glass.

The federal government is prosecut-
ing suits against the beef trust and the
lumber trust with every promise of
victory.

EASTERN OREGON'S CHANCES.

(Ed. Pendleton Live Wire, Rep.)

From a strictly party standpoint
republicans must nominate a real
progressive for congressman at the
polls two weeks from tomorrow. The
temper of the people demands a
representative who is not rabid and
ranting and who is not at the other party. He does not go to the opposite

extreme. Of all the candidates in the
field there is but one who meets this
demand. Of unsullied personal char-
acter, standing on a record of years of
faithful service, personally acquainted
in almost every corner of the district,
knowing, from experience, the practi-
cal needs of the great Eastern Oregon
country which he will be asked to rep-
resent, George T. Cochran is the one
man who can fill the bill.

He was born in Union county No-
vember 1, 1877. He obtained his edu-
cation in the schools of Oregon and
graduated from Stanford university.

He is a western product with a
western school education—two great
fundamental qualifications for the man
who must represent Eastern Oregon at
Washington. In 1901 George Cochran
was admitted to the bar. He spent
four years in the government service
in the Philippine islands and resumed
the practice of law at La Grande in
1906. Thus he added to his textbook
knowledge the practical legal experi-
ence so necessary to the proper per-
formance of legislative duties and, in
actual field service, became acquaint-
ed with the Philippines and all the
affiliated Pacific coast problems.

Eastern Oregon's greatest need is
irrigation. Mr. Cochran was elected
water superintendent for this district
and has performed every function of
that office loyally and with an eye
single to the proper development of
the irrigation system. Even in our
own county he has succeeded in
placing water on thirsty acres where
the farmers had been clamoring for
years, and this policy has ruled his
official conduct throughout his term of
office.

He is a progressive in the true sense
of the word. He wants to restrict and
regulate, but he does not want to tear
down and destroy. His whole plat-
form spells reform, but it spells con-
structive reform. He does not say "If
Theodore Roosevelt is not the nomi-
nee of the republican party I don't
want the office," but he does say, "I
will support the candidate of my
party. He does not go to the opposite

extreme and stand for all that is re-
actionary, with a record for uphold-
ing all that is ultra-conservative in
government.

He does not merely say "Let the
people rule"; he pledges himself to
that end when he favors presidential
primaries and direct election of sen-
ators. He knows what we need to
solve the problem of putting the land
less man on the manless land; he fa-
vors 320-acre homesteads with three
years' residence and six months' leave
of absence. In every other plank of
his platform the fruits of his experi-
ence are seen just as they will be seen
after he is sent to Washington as the
representative of Eastern Oregon. He

wants the Panama canal free to
American shipping; efficient regula-
tion of trusts and the extension of
the interstate commerce commission;
a money system independent of Wall
street control.

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is water. Here is an opportunity to
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almost every drop of water in the im-
mense area by its first name, who
knows from his expert activities what
to do and how to do to place water
where it belongs. Here is an opportu-
nity to send to Washington an
Eastern Oregon man, born and raised
here, familiar in the practice of law,
acquainted with the soil and its peo-
ple, equipped in every possible man-
ner.

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