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"THE KING CAN DO NO WRONG."

In days of old the doctrine of divine rights of kings held well nigh unversal sway. Today, in the minds of many good American citizens, Theodore Roosevelt, like the monarehs whose glory has long since faded, can $d \rightarrow$ no wrong.

Perhaps never before since the days of Washington of business,' in the east and a friend of humanity in the west, still holding has any American been so immune from criticism as the the south at arm's length and is abey president. What would shock the nation to the verge of hysterics under another executive is now passed by unnoticed, or commended.

Everyone who quarrels with the president, he calls a liar, and the public believes him, despite proof to the contrary. He swings his big stick, righteously and unrightcously, and the people applaud. He uses the immense The republicans themselves admit this power and prestige of his position to dictate his successor. and, forgetting his dignity as chief magistrate of all the is two faced and their ticket is two faced. If Taft be not Rosevelt, he is people, wallows in the mire of partisan politics to force the election of a personal favorite. His friends are discreetly silent, and his enemies have learned the futility of protest.

The country is witnessing a curious condition of polities. In the west both Taft and Bryan claim to be rightful heirs of the Roosevelt policies. Taft is now all but lost pleat remedies, protectionism-the fata-sight of in the weamedes is which the president of the Unit, sight of in the wrangles in which the president of the United States is the chief squabbler. Taft is running on an anti-Roosevelt platform, dictated by the president's enewolf ... mies, which does not contain a single policy favored by Mr. Roosevelt, yet is noisily supported by the executive, who is hostilely swinging his big stick. Bryan, who was the original advocate of the Roosevelt policies and whose platform endorses them, is as vociferously opposed by the

president on purely partisan grounds. In the cast, the tide of popularity has turned against the president. Taft is making his campaign on the anti-Roosevelt platform, and is strong because it is felt that he will abandon the president's policies and join the reactionaries. Bryan is gaining strength principally because Roosevelt is opposing him. The attitude regarding the

president was thus expressed by a New York banker: "If it came to a choice between Theodore Roosevelt and Harry Thaw, we would choose Thaw."

Roosevelt is evidently preparing to break another precedent and to take the stump for Taft in the middle west, hoping by his personal effort to stem the Bryan tide. It will be rather startling to see the president making stump speeches, but it need surprise no one, for the father of civil service reform has already dictated a presidential nomination by means of the federal office holders, and his cabinet has spent more time doing polities than looking after their business.

Many people will agree with Bryan in regarding the president's acts as "a violation of the obligation that the president owes to the whole people to use the office that belongs to the whole people as a party asset for the advancement of a personal friend and political protege," but the vast majority will not criticize, for to Roosevelt, has fallen the legendary mantle of the king who could do no wrong.

SPEEDY ACTION DESIRED



The result in Maine clearly presages he triumph of the national democratic cket in November

Never yet has the outllook for the republicans looked so gloomy, for the dem-ocrats so bright, at this mid period of a presidential battle. The whole trend of public sentiment is Bryanward. We shall sweep the country in 1908 precisely as we swept it in 1892. The people from Maine to Texas,

from Sandy Hook to the Golden Gate, are sick of republican waste and false retenses, of republican double dealing and extravagance, of republican assump tions of patriotism in the interest of th preferred classes, honest wealth ften making common cause with dis honest and lawless wealth, in short, of republican masquerading as a "friend

There is not an argument, not an epi thet, used by the "epublicans against Bryan which was not used by them against Tilden, against Haneock and against Clevelard. There is not a re bublican abuse against which democ-acy trained its gans in 1876, in 1880 in 1884 and in 1892, which is not yet alive and crying to heaven for reform and join in the call for the reform of their own abuses. Thus their platform cailing under false colors. If he have a solution we have a solution of a licke arying "Sunny Jim" Sherman and apported by Aldrich, Cannon and comny, trust builders and grafters inor dinary, preaching socialism to the so cialist, prohibition to the prohibition ets, promising mbat they have no powe a intention to give, witholding the sim

by-their single cure all. The trick is worn out. It will not ork any longer. They have shricked wolf" too often-even "man over-ward" will not suffice. The public intelligence is affronted and is tired. I, wants a change for the want of a hange. It knows that it is not in th ture of parties to reform themselve: n power. They need to be licked into t; to be reminded by defeat that there an institutinal system, commanding he allegiance of man, that there are scople and a God.

That the election of Bryan means susiness disaster, or stagnation—it is a -a plain, barefneed, palable lie-a out of the roten old cloth which has been worn by republican politicians and ditors until it can scarcely hold to gether and was long ago greasy, dirty

and disreputable. That Taft is Roosevelt, and Roosevelt is Taft—it is a trick, a sham—to rve its purpose in the west, whilst Sunny Jim'' keeps the boys quiet in Wall Street-the Roosevelt flag waving from the foremast, Taft and Roosevelt making signals from the bridge, whilst under the gunwales, are crouched in corealment, but ready to spring, all the pirates of high finance and all their grafters of high protection, from Harri man to Cannon, from Rockefeller Aldrich.

Even in Maine they see it, Rock sound, iron-clad, they are yet able to distignish betwixt hawk and buzzard As in the olden days when " Maine went

Hell-bent

For Governor Kent," the "pointer" is uncering-one lonely "straw" may show which way the wind blows-and once again, as in 1840 "as goes Maine so goes the Union"for, taking the percentage of the repub-lican losses and the democratic gains in last Tuesday's election, and apply this to the debatable states, and we carry all before us; only the percentage in our favor will be much greater in New York for example, than in Maine, increasing as we come westward, insuring u Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

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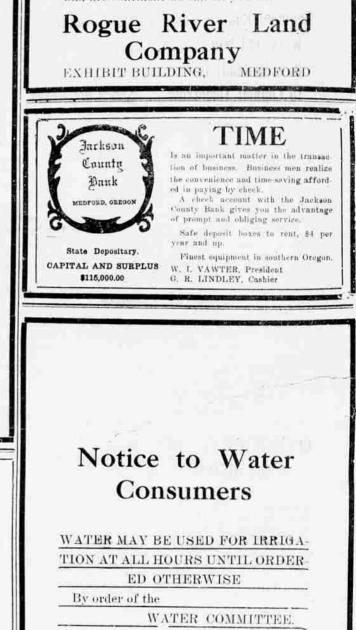
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September 21, 1908.

Engineer Roberts will make his report to the city council upon the various water propositions within a few days. Whether his recommendations are followed or not, speedy action by the council is desirable, for it is high time Medford's source of water supply was determined.

For several years the city has been agitated over the problem of securing an adequate water supply. This agitation culminated on April 3 in the voting of \$300,000 bonds for the acquisition of such a supply.

The bonds were voted upon the water committee's report and recommendation that the long hunted for and desired source had been found in Wasson canyon springs. The committee attested over its signature that the flow of water throughout the year was from 350 to 500 miners inches, or from five to eight million gallons a day.

When investigation and inquiry showed that the committee had overestimated the flow in Wasson canyon and that instead of 350 miners' inches minimum flow there was but 160 inches in summer time. Wasson canyon received a severe jolt in the minds of the taxpayers, who loudly protest the purchase of an inadequate supply.

The demand that other sources be also considered be came so universal that the council ordered the engineer to report upon them. It is this report that is nearing completion.

Speedy action by the council is desirable, so that the uncertainty that hangs over the city's future, which is dependent upon its water supply, may be dispelled.

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middle of October as their last desper ate resort they will have Theodor Roosevelt upon the stump vainly trying to stem the torrent. Nothing can avai them. They have been tried in the bal ince and found wanting. The tax ayers are weary unto death of billion lollar Congresses with mothing to show or them. They are weary unto death with promises to reform abuses, each and every one of them of republican igination

The devil is sick-the devil is full of uitence-let him die, the wretched ld son of a gun-let him die and be orn again, say the voters of Maine, and so say we all " will be the confirm oice of the nation the coming third of November

STEAMER SAILS, NEVER MORE TO RETURN HOME

WINNIPEG, Man., Sept. 29 -- Alary is being felt today over the where abouts of the steamer Wolverine, which is one trip overdue at Selkirk, 25 miles from here. The boat was on the way down Lake Winnipeg from Warren landing, which is many miles from Sel kirk, when all trace of her was lost As a very heavy storm has been raging n the lake recently it is feared that the passengers and erew, as miliaria

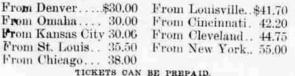
POWDER EXPLODES IN HANDS. BUT STILL LIVES

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HOQUIAM, Wash., Sept. 29.-That John Benson, a laborer, is still alive today to tell of his experience when can of blasting powder exploded in his hand yesterday, is considered remarkade by the physicians attending him. Benson's hands were terribly burned Tribune Ads Bring Results and in some places the flesh was al-most stripped from the bone. His face is swollen frightfully and his clother

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