

TAFT REPLIES TO BRYAN'S QUESTION

'People Have Ruled Through Republican Party,' Says Candidate.

SPEAKS AT HOT SPRINGS

Tells Virginia Admirers Many Accomplishments of Roosevelt Administration—Trusts Voters to Approve Course at Polls.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Aug. 21.—The people have ruled through the Republican party.

This is William H. Taft's answer to Mr. Bryan's challenge, "Shall the people rule?"

The answer was made in an address the Republican Presidential candidate made today before a gathering of several thousand Virginia Republicans who came to the mountains to see and hear him, and to celebrate Virginia day. To make his point perfectly clear, Mr. Taft referred to McKinley's first election as "one of the most intelligent and effective expressions of popular will ever manifested to the world, and the maintenance of the gold standard and a protective tariff by his administration was a correct interpretation of the people's will. "This was shown to be so," he continued, "by even a greater majority for the party in 1904, and a still greater majority in 1908, when Roosevelt was elected, and," he added, "we will submit to the country whether his administration has not expressed the will of the people."

Proceeding Mr. Taft's short address, Congressman C. S. Sloop had this to say in answer to the same question: "Can it be possible that Mr. Bryan had reference to the political situation in Virginia? Does he not know that under existing laws 60 per cent of the white and 50 per cent of the colored population of voting age have been disfranchised? Does he not know that they have no voice in the government of either this state or this Nation, and can he call this a rule of the people? No wonder Mr. Bryan will make no political speeches in the South. Conditions here don't square with his battery."

Crowd of 50,000 Present.

Mr. Taft was surrounded during his speech by approximately 50,000 people. Accompanied by Mrs. Taft, Colonel B. S. Allen and Representative Sloop, he drove to the little park in a carriage with Little Charlie Taft on the box with the driver, Mr. Vorys and Alvin Martin, National committeeman from Virginia, accompanied by a number of other carriage. The scene at the park was typical of a real country picnic. There were seats for but a few hundred. While the thousands had to stand or sit on the ground, Mr. Taft occupied a hastily erected speakers' stand in front of the "bleachers" benches. He was introduced by Colonel Allen, and his reception was cordial and his speech heartily applauded.

Mr. Taft reviewed the record of the Democratic party from the time of the late Democratic administration in 1892. "During this period," he said, "it repealed the McKinley tariff bill passed in 1890 and enacted the Gorman-Wilson tariff bill of 1893, which was a prospect of Democratic tariff for revenue and under the operation of the Gorman-Wilson tariff bill subsequently passed, a period of industrial depression set in which continued during the next Presidential campaign of 1896.

"As soon as the Republican party came into power in 1897," he said, "it repealed the Gorman-Wilson tariff bill, and with the present Dingley tariff bill and with the assurance of an honest monetary standard confidence was restored and a period of business expansion and prosperity followed to an extent never before known in the history of the world.

"Wages were never better," he declared, "and the high standard of wages earned by farmers and business men in point of comfort and enjoyment of life, was advanced beyond precedent. Attending this great prosperity abuses developed, growing out of the dishonesty of some men entrusted with the management of the business of others and of a greed of financial power on the part of some, stimulated by the enormous success incident to the combination of capital in large corporations.

Roosevelt's Suppression of Evils.

"These abuses," he said, "chiefly took the form of violation of the anti-trust law and granting of rebates and discriminations by railroads to large shippers. When the extent of these evils was brought home to the people," he said, "President Roosevelt invoked the attention of Congress and the public to them and proceeded to enforce the laws then on the statute books.

"It was not," he said, "until Mr. Roosevelt, realizing to the full the danger to which our society was exposed through the offending corporations, railway and industrial, were made to obey and fear the law, took vigorous action in the recommendation of new legislation and the enforcement of the old, that anything very effective was done to check the growing evil."

The Republican Congress which had been elected with Roosevelt in 1904, Taft said, made a record for remedial legislation along the lines recommended by the President, which, as he has said himself, has never been equaled in our time. Mr. Taft referred to the railway rate law, the law creating the bureau of corporations, the pure food bill and the meat inspection law; most of which, he declared, encountered the open, bitter opposition of the corporations and failed of passage in the previous Congress.

Remedial Legislation Effective.

"What has been the result of this legislation and executive action?" he said. "Secret rebates and unlawful discriminations have been actually abolished. No monopoly of business in any line is now maintained by a secret reduction of freight rates to it which is denied to competitors.

He declared that "the people have ruled through the Republican party; I have no hesitation in saying that, not since the beginning of the government has any other National administration done so much for the name of labor by the enactment of remedial legislation as Theodore Roosevelt and the Republican Congresses elected and sitting during his term of office."

It is true, he said, that additional legislation is needed to perfect the machinery for enforcing the principles laid down by Mr. Roosevelt and declared in the remedial statutes already passed. "The present Congress," he added, "has re-enacted the employers' liability act, has strengthened the safety appliance act, has passed the government employees' compensation act, has directed investigations into mine districts, and has passed a model child labor bill. It has not amended the interstate commerce

law so as to prevent over-issuance of stocks and bonds on interstate railroads, and it has not amended the anti-trust law as suggested by Mr. Roosevelt.

Democrats Need Experience.

Great care, he said, would be required in the enactment of additional legislation, "and the fact that the Democratic party has had but little recent experience in the responsibilities of power, and but little training in actual legislation, makes the party and its distinguished leader utterly oblivious of the necessity for care and caution in the enactment of statutes which are to accomplish changes in our social and business relations.

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Mr. Taft today made an appointment to meet in Cincinnati on September 22 a delegation of negroes from the National Baptist Convention, to be held in Lexington, Ky., from September 15 to 21. "They seem to have an impression that an evil which is very insidious and elusive in its character when definite legal description is to be given of it and heavy penalty is to be prescribed for it may be safely met by a statutory denunciation hastily prepared in a day or a week or a short period. We have seen within the short four years of the present administration, such measures as government ownership of railroads, election of Federal Judges and National Initiative and referendum proposed as remedies for our existing evils, and now withdrawn under assurances that they will not be again suggested."

STRIKERS' PLOT FOILED

ALABAMA MINERS PLANNED TO BLOW UP NONUNION MEN.

Sheriff Increases Force of Deputies and All State Troops May Be Called Out.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 21.—Reports received today from the miners' strike field were discouraging. Deputies in the Arcadia mine, in the eastern part of the county, brought to light a plot to blow up the miners' quarters and shoot down the deputies and soldiers who might turn out. The activity of the officers prevented trouble.

ROLLING STOCK DETERIORATES

Canadian Strike Indirectly Causes Three Train-Wrecks.

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 21.—That the Canadian Pacific rolling stock is getting into bad condition on account of the machinists' strike, was learned today when it was announced that three freight trains were derailed in Lethbridge, Alberta, yesterday. Much rolling stock was destroyed. It is reported that 150 engines between Swift Current and Calgary have been put out of business since the strike began.

PROPOSES NEW LIBEL LAW

National Editorial Association Sees Defects in Present Statutes.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 21.—A brief business meeting was held today by the National Editorial Association in the parlors of the Ryan Hotel, just before starting on the day's outing on Lake Minnetonka and in Minneapolis.

The report of the committee on resolutions was read and adopted without debate. The most important portion of this report was a second and supplemental endorsement of the position of the Postal Department as interpreted and applied by Mr. Lawless, Third Assistant Postmaster-General, in relation to the class of matter to be received and accepted for transmission through the mails as second-class matter.

The report of the committee also contained the following on libel laws: "That in all actions for damages for libel it is but a matter of simple justice that suits for recovery should be instituted in the place of publication of the truth, and that a judgment of recovery shall be a bar to further prosecution and that laws by National and State should be so drafted so as to cover those just contentions."

CUBAN PATRIOT HONORED

Monument to Jose Marti Ready for Erection at Matanzas.

ROME, Aug. 21.—A monument to be erected at Matanzas, to Jose Marti, the Cuban patriot, who organized the revolution which resulted in Cuba's independence, has been completed by the Italian sculptor Buesni, and a public inspection of it was held today in the presence of several members of the Cabinet, the Mayor of Rome, and members of the Senate and many guests.

The Cuban Minister at Washington, who came to Italy about three weeks ago in connection with the investigation of the assassination of the Italian patriot, made a speech in which he set forth that the affiliation of Cuba with Spain and the countries of Latin America had now come to an end. He concluded by toasting King Victor Emmanuel and sending a telegram to him to announce to him the completion of the monument.

KENTUCKIAN'S AIM POOR

Fires Several Shots at His Wife, but Misses.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 21.—William T. Webb, ex-District Judge of Clay County, Ky., early today attempted to kill his wife, firing several shots at her as she fled from the home, none of which took effect, however. Returning to his home, Webb told his wife that he was tired of her conduct and began shooting at her with a revolver. The woman ran out of the house, followed by her five children, screaming for help. Webb was arrested after he had emptied his revolver.

Glass From Old Wound.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Theodore Norman, an engineer at the Avon-by-the-Sea, fell from a flight of stairs at his home in Hamburg, Germany, 25 years ago and received a deep cut over the right eye that would never completely heal. Yesterday, when blood started to trickle from the wound Norman pressed his handkerchief against it rather roughly. The handkerchief caught in something and the engineer pulled from the wound a piece of glass. Then he remembered that he was carrying a glass bottle at the time he fell down the stairs.

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**RIBBONS** Plain satin or messaline Ribbons, in assorted colors. Come four and five inches wide and sell regularly for up to 50c the yard, special ..... 29c

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NEW FALL SUITS HERE IN PLENTY  
**OLDS WORTMAN & KING**  
FIFTH-WASHINGTON AND SIXTH STREETS

**Saturday Again Big Bargains For Children's Day**

**Children's Hose, 3 Pr. 50c**  
WOMEN'S ELASTIC RIBBED VESTS, 12 1/2c  
WOMEN'S UNION SUITS—Low neck, sleeveless style, umbrella knee, lace-trimmed; light weight, cool, comfortable Summer garments; the regular \$1.35 values, on sale at, the suit, 93c  
WOMEN'S BLACK COTTON HOSE, 12 1/2c  
WOMEN'S SILK LISLE HOSE, in all sizes; a plentiful assortment and enough for all who come; 50c grade, special price, pair, 37c  
WOMEN'S COTTON HOSE—In lace ankle, all over lace effects, or plain, in all colors; on sale at this very low price, the pair, 25c  
CHILDREN'S AND MISSES' HOSE—Cotton or wool; odd lines but all sizes; regular values to 45c the pair, special price, three pairs for, 50c

**Lace Robes at Half**  
All that are left from Friday's selling will be placed on sale again today, and all women who can use one of these handsome affairs better attend promptly. There are a limited number, only one and two of a kind. Some are selling for half regular price—some for less. Today ends the sale.

**Children's Dresses at 98c**  
For little ladies, 6 to 14 years of age. Materials are plain-colored chambrays, or plaid percales, in pleasing colors. They are made waist style, trim'd with wash braid and buttons. Regular values to \$2.50 each; on special sale for, each, 98c  
WOMEN'S NIGHTGOWNS—Of fine quality cambric or nainsook, high or low neck. Hubbard style or chemise effect; daintily trimmed with lace or embroidery. Come with elbow or full-length sleeves; regular \$1.50 values, now on sale at this very special price, the garment, 99c  
WOMEN'S PETTICOATS—Of splendid quality cambric, made with deep flounce of India linen, which is finished with tufts in clusters. Eyelet or blind embroidery effects; high-grade garments; regular \$3.75 and \$4.00 values, on sale at the special low price of, each, \$2.98

**Another Day of Curtain Sale**

Save a tidy sum without sacrificing anything in quality or beauty, for these are Curtains of the finer sorts. One of the best bargains you've ever been offered, we'll warrant.

**Men's \$1.50 Shirts for 95c**



This was a popular store yesterday with men who were looking for shirts. They came in goodly numbers and bought shirts at such a rate that any ordinary amount would have been gone before noon and all who came a buying later would have been disappointed. But there are hundreds of dozens still here—no dearth of good patterns either. Buy yours today or tonight, we are making a bid for the patronage of economical men.

All sizes, all sorts of patterns, light or dark, every \$1.50 shirt now in the store reduced to 95c  
Separate or attached cuffs, plain or pleated bosoms. Materials are Madras or French Percales.

**LINGERIE FROCKS Worth \$10, \$3.98**

For an end of the season sale, this one has a much better assortment to offer than you could possibly expect to find. Values, too, are greater than were possible if we did not have to make quick clearance of all Summer goods. Made of filmy white wash materials, trimmed with lace or embroidery, in many designs. Regularly worth to \$10.00 each. Now for Saturday, your choice of about four dozen at, each, the low price of only, \$3.98

**Women's White Waists**  
The better styles, in cool and dainty Summer Waists. Constructed of sheer lawn, trimmed with lace, embroidery and tufts. Regular value to \$2.75, special Saturday only, 79c

**Men's \$6.00 Oxfords \$3.19**

You simply can't be disappointed when you have such a large assortment to choose from. Every low shoe for men that has been sold at up to \$6 the pair—except 3 styles—All leathers, sizes and styles \$3.19 for today only \$3.19  
Men's Shoes, ten styles, worth to \$6.00 the pair, offered for today at only \$3.19  
Women's High-Grade Oxfords, values to \$6, nearly every oxford in the house, only \$3.19  
Women's Oxfords, any pair of the \$3 grade many at \$3.50, \$4, some worth \$5, at pair \$2.49  
Women's Medium Grade Kid Oxfords, and canvas oxfords, values to \$3, your choice \$1.49  
Women's Shoes, broken lines but good styles and sizes, values to \$6, special pair, \$3.19  
EXTRA GOOD VALS. IN BOYS' AND GIRLS' SHOES



**Alligator Hand Bags at 1/3 Less**

Repeating the sale today, so that those who missed it yesterday may share. Alligator Handbags in late styles, a special purchase; values to \$10.00, at ONE-THIRD LESS  
\$10 values, special \$6.65  
\$6.50 values, sp'l. \$4.35  
\$2.25 values, sp'l. \$1.85  
\$8.00 values, sp'l. \$5.35

**WASH DAY NEEDS**  
Galvanized Iron Washtubs, .65c  
Small Washboards, special, .13c  
Double Washboards, extra heavy and strong; special price, .25c  
Glass Washboards, special, .37c  
Wire Soap Holders, special, .6c  
Wash Boilers, No. 8 size, with copper bottom, special price, \$1.10  
No. 9, copper rim and bottom, on sale at this low price, ea. \$1.75  
No. 8, anti-rust, ex. heavy, \$2.39

Buy today the things you'll need for the Monday wash day and you'll save greatly over the regular prices. See demonstration of the Sanitary Fireless Cooker. One-third off on Refrigerators, Ice Cream Freezers, Lawn Mowers, etc.

**Sensational Specials For the Evening Shoppers**

Notice—After 6 tonight we will give free to each customer in our toilet goods department a sample box of the famous Colgate's Violet Talcum Powder.

Pasteurine Tooth Powder Paste, regular 25c tube; special after 6 for, 18c  
Women's Black Moreen Petticoats, 98c

**Gloves at Only 11c the Pair**  
Two clasped style women's fabric gloves in a pretty good run of sizes, black, gray or light colors, lisle or net. Original values to \$1 pair, special after 6 o'clock choice only 11c

Colgate's Talcum Powder, violet or cashmere bouquet; special the can, 15c  
Kid Curlers, after 6; the bunch, 10c

Wood Placques, for burning, large assortment of designs; after 6, each, 5c  
Sewing Machine Oil, 10c bottle for, 6c

**Gingham Aprons 19c Ea.**

Women's kitchen aprons in green, brown or blue checked gingham, with pocket and circular ruffle, worth 30c, special 19c

Full size petticoats, made of good quality black moreen, with full flounce and tailored band; \$1.50 value; after 6, 98c

Pinaud's Savon Sa-pho Toilet Soap, 25c cake; after 6, 10c  
Side Combs, worth 25c; after 6, 17c

**50c Fancy Hose at 37 1/2c**

Any pair of men's 50c fancy hose in the entire stock, all colors, all sizes, light or dark, lisle or cotton, after six 37 1/2c

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a letter I had already written on the subject. Sincerely yours, (Signed) THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Following is a copy of the letter referred to by the President: Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 23.—My dear Mr. La Follette: I have your letter of the 20th. My motives were simply those I have in signing any good bill. Beyond all question, the emergency currency bill was a good measure and I have not heard it attacked with any arguments which I thought even deserved an answer. It is avowedly only an emergency measure; it does not make any provision for the needed elasticity of currency and it does it in an utterly unobjectionable manner. It does not accomplish anything, and there is literally no one objection that has been raised to it worthy of paying the slightest heed to, while, furthermore, it makes the admirable provision for a commission to make a report on the permanent currency plan.

(Signed) THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Garfield Goes to Ohio.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Secretary Garfield gave one day to his official duties in Washington after his visit to Secretary Taft at Hot Springs, and left last night for his home at Akron, O., where he will spend some time on vacation. He will lend his presence to the opening of the Ohio campaign at Youngstown on September 5. He said before leaving for Washington that he would not make a

speech there. Mr. Garfield continues to have sanguine views as to Mr. Taft's probable election.

**REPORTER TRUSTS IN GOD**

Invokes Divine Aid on Entering Texas Gubernatorial Race.

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 21.—Texas has a new candidate for Governor in the person of Suddy Richardson, who has served as a reporter on many Southern papers. Mr. Richardson has issued formal announcement of his candidacy in the following unique platform: "With the help of God, I intend to be Governor," says he. "I enter the race seemingly handicapped, cut off from the great political parties that have ruled the land; but I shall win, as God is with me, and I stand for what is right."

Mr. Richardson opposes prohibition. He is well known in Southern newspaper circles.  
Senator Beveridge a Father.  
MANCHESTER, Mass., Aug. 21.—A son was born today to Senator and Mrs. Albert J. Beveridge, of Indiana, who are staying here for the Summer.

**WILL FREE MISS MALONEY**

COURT TO SIGN DECREE ANNULLING MARRIAGE.

Time Allowed for Reconsideration of Interlocutory Order Expires.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—What is believed to be a move for final judgment of the marital difficulties of Helen Maloney, daughter of Martin Maloney, of Philadelphia, and Arthur H. Osborn, of this city, was the announcement today that an interlocutory decree of judgment of annulment of marriage had been granted to the parties named. The fact is set forth in a memorandum stating that the decree was filed in the County Clerk's office on May 20, 1908.

The three months from the entering of the interlocutory decree elapsed yesterday, and although it was said that no final decree of annulment had been signed it was understood that today's action was for the purpose of bringing the mat-

ter before the Supreme Court for that purpose.

A ceremony after the form of a marriage was performed at Mamaroneck, L. I., on December 18, 1905, Miss Maloney giving the name of Helen Eugene. On May 20 Justice McCall of the Supreme Court, signed an interlocutory decree annulling the ceremony, saying that there never had been any marriage between the plaintiff and the defendant. The court directed that final judgment should not be rendered in the action until after the expiration of three months.

**Hammerstein Loses Lease.**

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Felix Isamat, of Philadelphia, who leases several theaters in this city, today purchased the land occupied by Oscar Hammerstein's Victoria Theater and the Belasco Theater at the corner of Seventh avenue and Forty-second street. Mr. Hammerstein leases the land on which his theater stands. Edward E. Pidgeon, of Philadelphia, an agent of Mr. Isamat, was quoted today as saying that Mr. Hammerstein's lease will be terminated.

**Minister Squires in New York.**

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—H. G. Squires, American Minister to Panama, and family, arrived here today on a two months' leave of absence.