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Under the caption, "Taft a Scion of a Mighty Family," our esteemed contemporary, the Philadelphia Record, publishes an interesting sketch of the forbears of the Republican nominee for President. It is natural for a man who aspires to the highest honors in the gift of the American people to feel a certain pride in his descent from ancestors who were "eminent, industrious and frugal" as the Tafts of past generations proved themselves, according to an address delivered by the Secretary's father in 1874, at a family reunion at Uxbridge, Mass. We learn from this authority that in past centuries, before Uncle Sam had established himself in the Western Hemisphere, the Tafts were domiciled in Kesh, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. In Ireland, it is estimated, they were identified with the old Irish nobility. In England and in Wales the family name may have been spelled "Taffee," or "Taffie." But the father of Secretary Taft was an out-and-out American, who made no claim to anything but the name of American blood. There was glory enough for him in the thought that the first American Taft had been worthy and useful citizen, who served his country in the Indian wars and settled in Mendon, Mass., in 1850.

In the Revolutionary War and in the Civil War the Tafts were on the fight line. It was the grandfather of Secretary Taft who descended from ancestors who have done the state some service in the two and a quarter centuries in which the Tafts have been living in Oregon. We have no doubt that the Tafts, or "Taffees" or "Taffies" played a worthy part in their day and generation in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Secretary Taft's grandfathers prepared for attacks by enemies, not only in the opposition camp, but by enemies within his own fold. The eminent authority on Welsh biography, in her immortal work of one of the celebrities of Wales:

Tafty was a Welshman, a true Welshman. Tafty came to us by way of a grand old ancestor. We are convinced that fair-minded and discriminating men of both parties will not be influenced by attempts to connect Secretary Taft with the name of the old country with the "Tafty" whom Mother Goose handed down to fame. But the Secretary ought to be on his guard. There are certain signs this year which are not in the least encouraging. We believe that if the Mother Goose campaign Secretary Taft should be in a position to "pull it" promptly.

SAYS OREGON WANTS TAFT. Writer Argues That Federal "Push" Want to Hold Their Jobs. KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 31.—(To the Editor.)—The Tafts of this state are making a great effort to raise funds and organize Democratic clubs in Oregon. This effort and expenditure of money, in my judgment, are not in the least likely to be a Republican state in November. The Federal machine in this state will vote for the Republican electors for precisely the same reason that it voted for Governor Chamberlain, and which also is the same reason that the President and his cabinet are not to be let undisturbed in their offices for four years more. In Oregon, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, West Virginia and Illinois this extension of the principle of direct nomination has a disintegrated the Republican organization and divided the party that there is no longer a united front. They see in its recommended adoption by Minnesota the probability of like results to the Republican organization. In this nomination contest, a minority party is less than a majority party. A minority party is less than a majority party. A minority party is less than a majority party.

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Side Lights on History. The geese, by their loud cackling, had saved Rome. "That'll do," said the old gander, irritably. "You've done as anybody could. A right good job from you. Stop your noise now and let me go to sleep!"

The Banker's Responsibility. New York Times. A banker who felt that the sums entrusted to him by depositors would be repaid out of a Government fund if he should lose them would certainly be under temptations not likely to be resisted by the banker who felt that his responsibility of his trust rested upon himself alone.

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