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#### WHERE ARE ROOSEVELT'S OLD FRIENDS?

How completely Theodore Roosevell has broken away from his old political moorings and how generally President Taft is regarded as the true leader of progressive Republicans may be judged from the fact that almost every sur-viving member of Roosevelt's Cabinet s aligned against him and in favor of laft. These were the men who adrised and sustained Roosevelt in devis ing and carrying out what are known as the "Roosevelt policies"—the polifender of the progressives. They still are as progressive as they were when they served under him, but they have turned to Taft as the man to carry out progressive policies. They have not abandoned those policies, but Roosevelt has broken away from his old sur parters to follow after the strange gods of interpretation of law by popula

Chief among these men is Etiho Root, who served Roosevelt first as Secretary of War and afterwards as Secretary of State, and of whom Roose-

Root says that proposals for recal of court decisions "proceed from a fall to realize that this involves an shandonment of the most essential feature of our system of constitutional government." He continues:

A securation." He continues:
A securation people which declares that all men have certain inalienable rights and imposes upon itself the great imposesual rules of confinct decimed mecessary for the preservation of those rights, and at the same time declares that it will disregard linder rules whenever in any particular case it is the wish at a majority of its voters to fee en establishes as complete a contradiction to the Tabilamental principles of our Government as it is possible to conserve.

Others of Roosevelt's former lieu enants who no longer support him P. C. Knox, ex-Attorney-General,

now Secretary of State. Robert Bacon, ex-Secretary of State Leslie M. Shaw, ex-Secretary of the

Luke E. Wright, ex-Secretary of

E. A. Hitchcock, ex-Secretary of the Interior

Charles J. Bonaparte, ex-Secretary of the Navy and ex-Attorney-General, James Wilson, Secretary of Agricul-

Robert J. Wynne, ex-Postmaster. Victor H. Metcalf, ex-Secretary of

George B. Cortelyou, ex-Postmaster

General and ex-Secretary of the Treas-George von L. Meyer, ex-Postmaster,

Jeneral and atill Secretary of the Navy, as he was at the close of Roosevelt's Oscar S. Straus, ex-Secretary of

Of those who formerly held affice it

Roosevelt's Cabinet, only two are openly supporting him for nomination-James B. Garfield, ex-Secretary of the Interior, and Truman H. Newberry, ex. Secretary of the Navy.

Roosevelt's most steadfast cham-pion, in fact his recognized spokesman In the Senate was Lodge of Massachu setts, but he cannot go with Roosevel in his new departure, though the fies friendship forbid open opposition Hazein he is millio Ronavult whom such ties do not prevent from entering into rivalry with the man who was always at his right hand, ready to do and do well, any difficult task, and who has continued with even greater success the policies handed down to

# COMPETITION IN CANALS.

Haunted with dread fest another isthmian canal be dug to compete with that at Panama, Mr. Bryan proposes that we charge tolls only sufficient to pay the cost of operation and that we make no attempt to recover from users of the canal interest on our great inbe dug at half the cost of that at Pan-It is barely possible that a compet-ing caral could be dug at half the cost of ours, since we have done the ploneering and solved the great problems which future canal-diggers roust en-But it is well to remember that estimates of the cost of so great a work are seldom borne out in construction. Our canal has cost twice as small reason to believe that others rould do better. It will be time enough to meet that contingency when any nation or corporation has made its survery and estimates and seriously pro-

Any body of men contemplating such an enterprise would be confrontwith other difficulties besides. those of construction and financemight, and probably should, hold that a concession by any Central American republic for such a work to any for-oign power would be a violation of the Monroe doctrine. If the Nicaragua sute were adopted, our financial guardinnship of that republic would put us good position to impose our veto. Were this obstacle overcome, the intending buffders of a competing canal would ask themselves: What will the United States do? Union commerce scross the isthmus had grown to such two canals, we should meet any cut should be in at least as good a position, f not a better, to pass ships toll-free. If traffic grew to such proportions widen our canal at less expense and in less time than a rival canal could completed. Under such conditions would think more than twice before investing several hundred millions in venture which offers so dubious

Mr. Bryan makes much of the adrantage to transcontinental railroads from the imposition of oanal tells the highest toll yet proposed is \$1.50 a ton, it will not go far to aid railroads in retaining a share of transcontinental traffic. If Mr. Bryan wishes to withiraw from the railroads the advantage they enjoy over water transportation he will accomplish immeasurably more by using his influence in favor of revision of the shipping laws. Let for-eign-built ships owned by Americana admitted to American register, that hey may engage in constwise and the railroads will be deprived of a ubsidy equal to the earning power of me-third of the cost of such ships if oads have enjoyed this subsidy since they were built and will continue to enjoy it after the cannt is opened uness we adopt the free ship policy.

### IDEAL PARTY LEADERS.

Mr. La Follette is Mr. Bryan's ideal of a Republican. There is reason to suppose that Mr. Bryan is Mr. La Fol ette's ideal of a Democrat. Quite interesting and quite conclusive, if you agree that there is preclous little difference between a Republican and a Democrat. But it does not leave much room in either party for those Repu licans and Democrats for whom Mr-La Foliette is not the ideal Republican and Mr. Bryan not the idea Democrat Perhaps there are enough of the off side players some day to form a party of their own. It would be an interesting aggregation that would include all the anti-La Foliette and the anti-Bryan

ery pointed and striking things late-y, aside from his praise of Mr. La Fol-ette. He has given much attention Mr. Roosevelt. Here is something from Bryan worth reading more than

When have we ever had in the Nation's latery such a speciacie as that of a man oming into the Presidency on the recom-mendation of one man and going out of in the recommendation of the same runs.

Of course Colonel Roosevelt might etort on Mr. Bryan by similar ment as to another party which has mly one man fit to be President. Bryan has made a fair hit. The Republican party will have to get alons It looks as if the party had decided to start in on its own account in 1912.

## A PLAIN DUTY.

Some 13,000 persons we are told re-conded to the call of Gövernor West hat they write to persons in the East and Middle West on Colonist day (Febmary 22) advising them to come out and locate in Oregon. All of this is well, provided the letter writers had some difinite suggestions to make to their friends in regard to location, the price of land, opportunities to engage edge of the canabilities, resources and inclinations of the people whom they rged to come hither

A general appeal to homeseekers in the name of Oregon's gracious climate, generous soil and exceptional advantages is one thing. Personal appeal to family ties and come hither to make a new start, without specifying in the matter of apportunities and location is The man who a personal appeal on this basis takes on himself a grave responsibility and one that, if his appeal is answered favorably he is in duty bound to follow to the end at least of meeting his nd, upon arrival, making him welme and supplying him with all the nformation that a stranger who omes resking a new bome and occuinformation pution amid unfamiliar surroundings

requires, and to which he is entitled. It is relatively easy to get addition to our population by advertisement of our climate, opportunities and sources, but to retain them by friendly another matter. These things are not erous impulse. They represent a duty conor, or in the interest of the friend, he letter of invitation, should be faith-

The object of our effort to increase our population is not alone to get peo-ple to come to the state. It should supplemented by an honest, con sentious effort so to direct and ad vise those who come that they will be atisfied to remain and make the most of opportunities as they present them selves. The first year will usually tell the story for the incoming colonists. If by that time they have become located in their various vocations the prospect that they will become dissatissled and return to "old Missouri" or any other section of the country where the climate is savage and the Winters long, is very remote. It is therefore plainly the duty of these who induc-friends or acquaintances to "come to Oragon," to see to it that those who accept the invitation are given a proper welcome upon arrival and such direction, as to localities or business appore as the case may be, as land them at once upon their feet and

## point the way to contentment, and ultimute prosperity.

CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY. Mr. Ackerson's letter printed in an other column is bewildering in several particulars. It is indefinite and imag-Instive in its opposition to the new shandoned test of the Presidential primary law and inconsistent in its anmeement of principles. It is worth perusal as an example of the temerity with which some men rush into prin without knowing what they are talk-

ing about That a few of the 'old guard' should attempt to overthrow the laws of Oregation in some back room that would be servile to their wishes is the bellef. of the man on the street," says Mr. Ackerson. Who is this "man on the Is he always reactionary Why should he believe in a return to machine rule any more than the man

But if the man on the street believe Judge Carey and others should go ahead because they may thereby be ahead because they may thereby be by taken from some one product-able to name the delegation, "the man like wheat, corn, hops or tobacco-

ture of the Presidential primary lawthe silly provision that permits the spread disaster. elector to vote for but one delegate

when there are ten places to fill. If the law remains as it is, Mr. Ackerson will have as anany opponents as He must ask the voters to vote for him and him alone and to ignore every other candidate. If one of his friends will not be counted.

As the law now stands no candidate an safely enter the race for delegate unless he is confident that approximately one-tenth the people of the if a large number of candidates were out or if there was in the race a man of exceptional popularity. But onetenth is the sufest figure to rely upon. If he is known only in Multnomah County he must be able to count on one out of every three voters. platform and qualifications must appeal to one-third of the party in Multnomah as superior to those of every other man running. The proposal was unconstitutional then every voter vould be entitled to vote for ten men nstead of one man alone. Each elec tor could then designate the ten men who he thought should go to Chicago

It would, moreover, be interesting to learn how Mr, Ackerson would put both the Roosevelt doctrine and the Oregon plan into the National plat-Mr. Roosevelt frankly opp the application of the recall to short erm officers. But we have just that ecall in Oregon and it is one of our coasted powers. Mr. Roosevelt op last resort. Obviously he believes it dangerous to trust the people with It inless the courts are so corrupt that to damage could possibly be done, no matter how the recall was inflicted on them. We have an unrestricted judicial recall in Oregon. Mr. Roosevelt words that cannot be interprete otherwise, has declared that the initiative, referendum and recall are local He simply favors letting the decide in each community whether they want or ought to have them, subject of course to the reserva-

tions mentioned. One cannot consistently stand fo the initiative, referendum and recall is we have them in Oregon and ap prove the Roosevelt doctrines also. The Republican who believes the Oregon plan is perfect is logically a La Pollette supporter. Mr. Ackerson must be mixed on candidates and dectrines.

### A JUST RENDERTON

For the first time in the history of the Mare Island Navy-Yard-and, so far as we recall, for the first time in the history of social economics and jurisprudence—the wife of a man serving a prison sentence will receive the wages or salary of her convict husband, minus his legitimate prison expenses. This initial case is that of Chief Yeoman Henry Hilpein, of the Navy-Yard, who is serving a three years' sentence as punishment for misappropriation of Government funds.

This naval convict is incidentally re-

celving his first lesson in pers economy, along with the rest, since he is allowed but \$10 a month for "prison expenses," while by the order noted his wife receives \$60 a month, the residue of his salary. At the expiration of this man's term in prison he will be dishonorably discharged from the Navy, but for the three years of its duration his wife is insured such support as the sum mentioned will

Common sense and equity rule in not in all cases where, through the defamily is left without support while he is paying the penalty adjudged by Clearly an economic reform in law and custom is due in such cases Of course not all delinquents have their pay go on when their activities cease, as in this case, but family men of the criminal class who are put to work, as all should be, whether upon the rock pile, the roads, clearing land on the county farm or elsewhere, should, of the reasonable wages paid, be allowed only their own personal expenses and the residue, whether small or great, should be applied to

dependent upon them. As against the almost universal method of imposing fine and imprison ment in the case of petty lawbreakers thus imposing the major part of the penalty upon their families, this method of turning the wages earned, after wance is made for the expense their detention to their wives, is justi-

fied by humanity and economy. The refusal of a beaten wife to testify against her husband and thus insure such punishment as the law pro-vides for his brutality is largely based upon the fact that fine and imprison ment in his case will mean hunger and cold for herself and her children, without furnishing a safeguard against the repetition of his abuse when he is

In the hope of making the punishment more nearly fit the crime in the case of the wifebeater the law providing the whipping post for his offens grown callous in the case of beaten wives, was found to be very tender when it came to beating brutal hus bands, hence this law was practically inoperative from the first. But there should be no such sentiment in the matter of turning the wages earned upon the rockpile or elsewhere by delinquent husbands while in durance over to their wives. The Navy De-partment has established a wise and just precedent in this matter which ught to rule in naval cases hereafter. Would that the principle involved, that of justice to those who suffer, financially as well as physically, by the delinguency of the breadwinner, extend

## to criminal jurisprudence in civil life. WHAT FAMINE LOVES.

A wise old philosopher once said, "Famine loves the land of a single and we have all seen that exemplified in more cases than one. Not that we have ever had in this favored country anything to approach what may be called a famine, for that would imply a widespread disaster. Our blessed land has too many sources revenue to suffer as a whole from the of any one or two or half

dozen of them. But we can take individual localiries where the chief income is annualthat there was too much for one canal on the street" has a wooful miscon- and cite instances where the failure for

but not enough for two, we could ception of the issue assailed. The pro- even a single year has caused much widen our canal at less expense and posed suit was to attack but one feathe following year there was wide-

> Yet in some localities, particularly where the soil is nearly or partiall; "worn out," where it seems impossi-ble to instruct the land owners into there are other candidates for delegate. new methods, where it seems to them possible only to grow such crops as their forefathers grew on the same inadvertently votes for Mr. Ackerson away from the old methods and take up and some other candidate or candidate or candidates for delegate, the friend's ballot | tically mil of Oregon, there is no such where a diversity of interests can be fostered on the land it is in this state of ours. If there is any land on earth where there is less excuse for invitstate prefer him above all others for delegate. He might win on fewer votes one crop then we do not know where

> that land is. The farmer who ties his financial faith to one crop may be well compared with a grocer who would sell only one staple-soap, for instance t on Why should a business man commit His such a folly? None would, for he would soon find that he could just as well at the same runhing expens other commodities and he does. It is only the farmer that commits such to test this feature of the law. If found folly, and only the farmer who is away behind the times—the farmer who learns nothing and forgets noth-

> > A banker was speaking the other -and he is a wise, shrewd finan-. He asserted that farmers were cier. very desirable customers, especially (mark the words) those who had a diversity of industries, particularly those who raised some livestock in connection with their farming operations; those who fed to such stock what was raised on the farm. This banker also said that no farmer with a good reputation for integrity need sell his hay or grain because he had no stock to feed it to, for any reputable banker would lend such a man the money to buy stock. There could be

Perhaps the best way to find out where the farmers are the most prosperous is to go down to the stockcattle, sheep, hogs and calves come from. You will soon discover that the same farmers who are shipping this stock to market have many other things to sell, such as milk, poultry, eggs, honey, potatoes and fruit, You will more than likely find each of them has a berry patch and oung orchard recently set or about t ome into bearing. For the land owner who is wise enough to ship all farmers and takes advantage of every chance to enrich himself without exhausting his land.

The Democrats have been trying to ground, but the Lawrence strike has reed it to the front and may compel them in self-defense to take some action on the Tariff Board's report. When a whole family in the employ of the most protected of all trusts earns \$7 a week, the props are knocked from under the "pauper labor of Europe" argument and the Democrats have a good opportunity to deal a blow at that trust with assurance of aid from the Republican President

The Democratic victory of 1910 was hailed as a disaster for Taft and as a forecast of his defeat in 1912. It has but served to give the Democrats an opportunity to display their own insions. It has compelled a showdown and proved Taft to hold the winning

The English suffragettes may have verplayed their hand in smashing the windows of the London shopkeepers. So long as they confined their attention to the Cabinet Ministers and their houses, the disposition was to laugh, but when every man's window is in danger, the joke is not so obvious.

San Francisco tongs declare for war and Portland tongs are ready for the These misguided heathen killing." must be shown the way. Now that China is a republic, they are needed at home to become policemen, when they can kill with a free hand.

A good sample of practical idealism breach in 1912 of a pledge given in 1904. Of equal importance with the right of the people to rule themselves is their right to have men keep their

Judge Putnam's objection to crimiery trust officers has probably won for him unfavorable comment in the Com moner, which wants the jails filled with trust officials.

The wife who objects to her husband's buildog becoming one of the family might cultivate acquaintance with the stork and show the old mar the error of his ways.

What charm is there in blue uniforms to win respect for soldiers? If the man inside the uniform is worthy of respect he will get it, whether the

Where eggs are always high-priced Vancouver maybe read the Portland of the "square deal."

Let not the motive of the Salem nother be questioned. She kept her little band together while she and in death let it be hoped they are not separated.

A white man cannot, like the Wilsonville Jap, make \$1800 on three acres, because the brown man does all the work, and the white will not-

With 300,000 trumphant revolution. st troops under arms in China, foreign undertaking than it was in 1900. If any argument for equal suffrage

were needed, it is supplied by woman on a jury in a murder case, especially when the victim is of that sex. About all the Republican aspirants having announced themselves, this

week should show activity along Democratic lines. Mrs. Pankhurst and her aids mus eir time expires. This

Major Butt denies being engaged. In the nature of his job he cannot indulge

is the country for them.

# What Oregon Press Says of Roosevelt

Up-State Newspapers Comment on Third Term and Other Phases of Ex-President's Candidacy-Much Opposition Expressed.

T. R. Is Converted

Teddy also favors the recali-of ex

Clairkanie Chief.

Taft will get the nomination in spite of all the duplicity of the Rossevel-dans, and then the voters will get

Question Is One of Availability. Hillsboro Independent.

The question, then, is simply one of availability of candidates and decision upon the man who can insure Republican success. This choice should not be limited by the leaders to any one Haker Democrat.

"Teddy's" anouncement that his hat is in the ring to stay and that he is a andidate for the Presidential nomina-

tion places the Republican party in the worst fix that it has been since just before the election of Grover Cleve-land.

Looks Like Toft. Hillsboro Argus. it locks as though Taft will win in a walk — but Roosevelt already has many Western states on his list of delegations. If the progressive element in the party united on one man, either La Follette or Roosevelt, there would be a pretty fight for the nomination.

#### sevelt a Progressive. Brownsville Times.

Mr. Roosevelt is a progressive from the ground up and in favor of rule by the more modern method of the ini-tiative and referendum. He stands r to the people than does Mr. Taft.

Third Term Custom Wise.

Portland Catholic Sentinel.
Of course, if the country really no Mr. Roosevelt's services as President it would be foolish to let the tradition stand in the way of securing those services. On the other hand, "the wise custom which limits the President to two terms," as the Colonel called it in 1904, is a wise custom and should not lightly be overturned.

Democratic Outlook Good.

East Oregonian. It is possible that Roosevelt may not win against Taft before the Repub-lican convention but may so tire out his opponent in that race that Taft will not appear to good advantage when henters for the main heat next Fall-particularly if at the time there should be a long-legged man upon the track

Roosevelt Is Choice.

Grants Pass Observer. This paper favors Mr. Roosevelt for two reasons: One is that he is better able to restore financial confidence in this time of general business stagna-tion than is Mr. Taft. The other is that Mr. Taft is largely responsible for the break up of the Republican party; that he can never reunite it, but that Mr. Receeveit probably can.

> Little Enthusiasm in Store. St. Helens Mist.

St. Helens Mist.

To the great body of Republicans who are sincere in their belief that this party is the advance agent of prosperity and that a continuance of the party in power is necessary for the continued prosperity of the country, the entrance of Roosevelt into the race for President will not be received with the enthusiasm that he and his backers will suppose.

Makes Democrats Squirm.

Astorian.

The injection of the Roosevelt spirit and personality into the political melange has had the effect of making the Democrats sit up and squirm some; and so long as he lasts, too, and after the convention in Chicago in June, they will never know a safe and peaceful moment. They had relied upon his exclusion, voluntary or otherwise, and their disappointment is as profound as their peril is obvious. However, Mr. Roosevelt is not yet nominated.

Friends Disappointed,

Amity Standard. This move on the part of Mr. Roos veit is a great disappointment to many of his staunchest friends and supporters who held to their faith that h would stay by his declaration of 1904 and 1907, and would not again become and 1902, and would not again become a candidate for the Presidency. . . The editor of the Standard believe that a renomination is the just due of President Taft from the hands of the Republican party, and will use all pos-sible influence to that end.

One Dose Enough,

Kiamath Falls 1 oneer Press.

Roosevelt may have been a good thing to have happened to the body politic in America. It is our opinion that his two administrations made people do a lot of thinking. But he was very much like a dose of strong medicine given to arouse the stagmant its sues of the body. The first dose may he weed no matter how unpleasant its se good, no matter how unpleasant its effect, but why under the name of neaven repeat it?

> Not a Square Deal. Cottage Grove Sentinel.

Many who admired Roosevelt for his firm stand against a renomination in 1908 have lost that admiration since his recent declaration that he is willing to accept a nomination now. His with-drawal of support from his friend Taft, who was a bulwark of his own Administration, and whom he himself practically put in the Presidential chair, does not look well coming from

Voice for Fair Play

McMinnville Telephone Register. He becomes a candidate virtually for a third term against a man who has had but one term and seeks a second. He does this without telling the people why Taft is not acceptable for a second term, or why he should not continue loyal to a friend whom he had thus exalted. Poubtiess these reasons will be forthcoming later, but unless will be forthcoming later, but unless they shall prove satisfactory to the people, it would seem to us that Roosevelt's candidacy would redound to the interest of President Taft, prier to the convention, and if Roosevelt is nomi-nated. Republican disaffection would materially add strength to the Demo-crat, should he be an able man. Above all things Americans admire and believe in fair play.

Taft Deserves Second Term.

Medford Sun.

There will no doubt be a number of staunch admirers of Teddy who will be disappointed at this announcement. It

disappointed at this announcement. It doesn't show the most magnanimous spirit in the world toward his own nominee, President Taft.

We believe in President Taft. We believe he deserves a second term. We believe the time will come when the calm Judgment of the American people will appreciate his true worth, his courage, by his loyal sense of duty, his quiet but unswerving devotion to the best interests of the people.

But if the majority of the Republican

party is for Roosevelt, then Roosevelt it should be. With all his shortcom-ings, no fair-minded person questions Roosevelt's honesty, his force for pub-lic good, his faith in and his devotion

Portland Advocate (Colored.)

The enthusiasm aroused by Mr. Room

to the American people White Man's Hope,

relies blant announcement that he will accept the Republican nomination for President looks as though the Colonel is not in Jim Jeffrles' class.

The Taft administration. How now do you contrary go? Who is it doth flop over so. And former words devide? Not Dr. Jekyl) Roosevelt. Many Content With Taft.

It is a well-known fact that Roose-velt is very popular with a large class, but a great many voters who calmly look at the situation are content to let well enough alone, for Taft has made good and given the country a progres-sive administration.

But Two Candidates Now. The Dalles Optimist.
The action on the part of Theodora
Roosevelt will eliminate all other Republican aspirants but himself and
Taft, as Roosevelt has taken a progressive stand. It would be impossible for r. R., with his disposition, to do other-

Movement Purely Personni,

Pilot Rock Record. In view of the fact that none of the omers for Roosevelt from the Western Governors, down to the en husfastic straw voter, has in a single country is expected to gain by the res-toration, we think it is stating the case fairly and truthfully to say that the ent is wholly personal.

Square Deal Will Be Applied.

Dallas Observer.

Theodore was the disciple of the square deal" which he told the American people about a few years ago. He made the saying popular, and now the people will follow it faithfully. They do not see a "square deal" in deserting a former friend under a specious plea and the abandonment of an expressed principle merely to secure office.

> Harsh Words for Colonel Pendleton Live Wire.

At last Colonel Roosevelt has "yield-ed to the importunities of his friends." and will permit his name to stand as a candidate for the Republican nomina-tion for President. If we had not been deeply disappointed at this semi-hys-terical, spotlight-seeking demagogue terical, spotlight-seeking demagoger repudiating his own promises not to violate patriotic precedent by accepting a third term, we should be shocked and overwhelmed with mortification at the utter lack of originality displayed in his form of announcement.

Utterance Is Against Him.

Roseburg News, Mr. Roosevelt, with all the expres-sions that have been heard in his favor and with all the apparent popular sen-timent made for him, cannot hope to be nominated at Chicago. He will not b able to muster the delegates from th states that are really controlling in the convention. And, besides, he has a powerful obstacle in his way, an ob-stacle which will grow as the date of the convention draws near. That ob-stacle is a paragraph that he uttered himself on November S. 1904, after he had been nominated for the Presidency.

Many Friends Disappointed.

Eugene Register. In again becoming a candidate for the Presidency, Colonel Roosevelt has disappointed a great number of his friends and admirers. When in 1964 he declared most positively that he con-sidered the three and one-half years that he had served to be his first term; that the wise custom that limits the President to two terms regards the substance and not the form; and that under no circumstances would be be a candidate for or accept another nomination, be made a clear and definite statement of policy.

Newberg Graphic. The big "1" has been getting the better of Roosevelt, and it has been evihis African hunting trip that he has been itching to get into the political game with a view of a seat in the White House again. He seems to be white house again. He seems to be puffed up with the idea that he is the only man who can do things. A few years ago we all thought he was too big and brainy to lose his head in this way, but he is human like all others who have gone before him.

Roosevelt Ambition Fenred.

We are prepared to think that if Mr. Roosevelt should fail in the con-vention of obtaining the nomination, he would acquiese in every action of his friends, no matter how subtle, in his friends, no matter new subtle, in placing his name at the head of an independent ticket or having it written in as a substitute for Mr. Taft. His action is simply the dismemberment of the Republican party under any circumstances. His ambition to rule will the control of the results of t stop at no obstacle, and in that potion is a menace to the welfare of the

> Roosevelt's Words Recalled Salem Statesman

Great numbers of Colonel Roosevelt's best friends and most ardent admirers continue to believe what he said when he told the country Mr. Taft would make an ideal President. So he has, and he deserves the "well done, good and faithful servant," of his countrymen, which they can give only by elect men, which they can give only by electing him the second time, as is the immemorial custom in the United States.
A custom that should neither be departed from nor extended to a third
term, elective or otherwise, successive as to time or at great or small in-

# METAMORPHOSES

By Dean Collins.

Said Dr. Jekyll Boosevelt. "This is the man for me." And Mr. Taft for President Full strong supported he.
All this took place some years ago.
We looked again last week, and, to—
What was it we espiced?
Instead of Dr. Jekyll R.
'Twas Mr. Teddy Hyde.

Oh, Dr. Jekyll Roosevelt, With deepest approbation,
You raised your voice and well indorsed
The Taft administration.

Said Dr. Jekyll Roosevelt, "Never again will I E'er, under any circumstances For nomination try."
Would be go back on this? Ah, not
Then who is this hops to and fro
At politics' ringside?
Not Dr. Jekyll Roosevelt.
But Mr. Teddy Hyde.

Oh, Dr. Jekvil Roosevelt, To quote the poet plain,
"There's surely something putrid
In the kingdom of the Dane." I'll not go into detalls-no But, where you were a while ago,
Who now have I espied?
Not Dr. Jekyli Roosevelt,
But Mr. Teddy Hyde,
—Dean Collins, Portland, March 2.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of Murch 4, 2862. A letter from London says: "The A letter from London says: The funeral of the Prince (Albert) took place on Monday at Windsor Castle. It was strictly private and the persons who followed the coffin to the tomb were chosen from among the personal friends or relatives of the royal family. Even the French Ambassador was not present. In London the day was observed by a corsation of business and empty streets, but there has been no funeral ceremony such as would have been more than usually proper for the memory of a man who has done so much for England, nor have the walls of Westminster Abbey seen any new funeral pageant in behalf of the poor

There is the highest authority for there is the inglest attribute for stating that there is no truth in the report that a rebel flag has twice brought a communication to headquarters threatening the lives of Coionel Corcoran and others in the event of the execution of the Missouri bridge-

The expulsion of Bright from the Senate will likely prove only the be-ginning of a war against all suspected Senators. Attention has already been directed towards Powell. It is said that a resolution will shortly be introduced urecting the superin'endent of the document room to inform the Senate what public documents Powell has or-dered sent to members of the South-ern Confederacy since the formation of the provisional government

The Paris correspondent of the London Morning Herald says that the French government has determined to send an additional force of 8000 to Mexico. This step is decided upon in consequence of the pretense of Spain, who refuses to act in concert with the ailles, and seems inclined to carry on the war for her own especial beneat. It is also stated that formal overtures have been made to Austria, offering to nave been made to Austria, offering to bestow the throne of Mexico on the

It is reported that a considerable It is reported that a considerable force of Texans was advancing up the Rio Pecos to attack Fort Union. An express sent to Denver City states that reinforcements had been sent and martial law proclaimed in the territory. All able-bodied men are to be drafted to serve in the militia, and all mules, horses and ammunitien in the territory have been selzed for the use of the Government. The Indians are reported troublesome. ported troublesome.

Ex-Governor G. L. Curry has retired from his positon as editor of the Port-land Daily Advertiser. Mr. Joseph Alli-son has assumed the responsibility of

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ments for a grand so ree, Mr. Ackerson's Notions.

PORTLAND, March 2,-(To the Ed-PORTLAND, March 2,—(To the Editor.)—In regard to the so-called "friendiy" test of the inconstitutionality of the law regarding the election of delegates to the National Republican convention, I wish to state that I, as a believer in the direct primary law, oppose the action of State Senator Nottingham, Judge Carey and the "ne quorum" meeting of nine members of the state central committee at the Multnomah Hotel. That a few of the "Old Gnard" should attempt to overthrow the laws of Oregon to enable them to choose a delegation in some back room that would be servile to their wishes, is the belief of the man on the street.

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It is announced that the progressives are agreeable to this test, that is not so in my case. I am a candidate for delegate to the National convention believing in the Roosevelt doctrines, the initiative, referendum and recall, hav-ing filed my petition some time before Roosevelt announced his latention of

becoming a candidate for nomination at the convention.

If I am elected as delegate to the National convention I will support the choice of the voters of Oregon at the primary election April 12, 1912, be be Roosevell, Taft or La Folietie. I will ne my best efforts to insert in the Republican platform the progressive doctrines, namely; the direct primary, initiative, referendum, recall, Pederal supervision of forests and tariff revision downward. CHARLES W. ACKERSON.

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