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WHAT'S THE GOOD OF PARTY?

If there is nothing to be gained through party, why a party primary? If a candidate who enters a primary or a voter who participates in a primary is under no obligation to accept the result of a primary, what is the good of party, or party rules, or party organization, or party action?

Mr. Bourne appeals to the Republican primary for nomination as United States Senator, but reserves to advance the right to review its action as to President. Mr. Bourne repudiated the action of the Republican primary in 1910 in nominating Mr. Bowerman for Governor, and boasts of it now.

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even wrote verses some of which have come down to us with the approval of the critics. Imagine J. P. Morgan writing verses. His patronage of art is purely from above. He never acquires his own hands either with brush or pencil. He acquires the little coterie of his worshippers can collect, but they cannot produce. While the age of Lorenzo was one of the most fertile in painting, architecture and poetry that the world has seen, the age of Mr. Morgan is one of the most sterile in all forms of art.

Of course the cry will go up from Mr. Morgan's parasites and the whole horde of sycophants who worship his money that his importations will give a magic impulse to American art, but those who understand such subjects know very well that nothing of the kind will happen. Art is not nourished by hoarding riches. It is a living entity and needs inspiration directly from life. There never was a great art which thrives on the contents of museums.

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mentation, all the devious and sinuous devices of the trained politician "knocker," who wears down confidence in his rival. The man who "becomes a candidate" comes out into the open light of day and is ready to receive blow for blow like a courageous fighter.

It sounds strange to use the words "dare not" with regard to a man who has gained a reputation of being willing to dare anything, but Roosevelt dared not at an earlier date, because six open candidates. He was hampered by his oft-repeated pledges, and waited until the carefully worked up popular demand gave him an excuse, satisfactory to himself, for setting those pledges at naught.

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the secretary was the person to whom they paid the money for the worthless paper. No amount of cross-examination could shake them; they were absolutely sure he was the man. Then the hack driver who had driven the culprit to the various banks, and had finally taken him to the train and saw him embark for Washington, swore to his identity just as positively as the tellers.

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Roosevelt and a Third Term

Macon Telegraph, Dem. Seifish agitation grows apace with selfish designs.

Richmond Times-Dispatch, Dem. Signorina Bwana Tumbo has been persuaded to sing an encore.

Augusta Chronicle, Dem. He has helped the Democratic party to win success in the next election.

Chicago Journal, Rep. Mr. Roosevelt is mistaken. His mistake is emphasized by reference to the case of General Grant.

Philadelphia Record, Dem. A short time ago they were asking, "What shall we do with our ex-President?" We know now—we'll defeat him.

Syracuse Herald, Rep. On the whole, we must regard Mr. Roosevelt's declaration as an incident full of gloomy portent to the Republican party.

Arkansas Democrat. We would regard the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt and his election to the Presidency of the United States as a national disaster.

Boston Journal, Ind. The Republicans want Roosevelt as their candidate. If they are not deprived of their opportunity by managers' schemes they will say so.

New York World, Dem. Mr. Roosevelt is a unique figure in American politics. Even Aaron Burr refused to wreck the Democratic party in order to prevent Jefferson's election.

Louisville Courier-Journal, Dem. A progressive seems to be an office-seeker who is capable of making the most of any situation. He is a man of expressions of sympathy based upon a common envy of an admitted superior.

Baltimore Evening Sun, Dem. Those whom the gods would destroy, etc. Theodore Roosevelt yesterday flew into a temper and threatened to smash cameras leveled at him by newspaper photographers.

Savannah News, Dem. Now is the time to put the stamp of disapproval on third-term ambition for ever. That is what the people will do in the event of Colonel Roosevelt's nomination. If he are not greatly mistaken.

Davenport Democrat. The people will look to the Democratic party, and not to ex-President Roosevelt, for relief, and all the signs point to their declaring for the change next November.

Boston Post, Ind. Theodore Roosevelt stands in the fierce light of public opinion in the event of his nomination for Washington would not take and Grant could not get. How shall the verdict of this Nation be rendered?

Arkansas Gazette, Dem. All right. Let Theodore Roosevelt accept the Republican nomination for President—if he can get it. If he has got to meet and settle the issue of third termism, let us meet and settle it in this year 1912.

Kansas City Journal, Rep. His betrayal of Taft, his activity in widening the Republican breach and the fact that many of his zealous followers would bolt if he were to accept the nomination, are things that endanger the success of the Republican ticket next November.

New York Evening Post, Dem. Thousands of members of the Annals Club are reported to be resigning out of mean jealousy of the Founder, who, they say, is now first and the rest were second. They are moving to have the charter name changed to the Third Term Club.

Nebraska State Journal, Rep. As to the final result of this campaign, the indications point to the success of Roosevelt delegates in every part of the West where the party machinery is under popular control. In the East, the opposition will be fierce, liberally financed.

St. Paul Pioneer-Press, Rep. If Colonel Roosevelt is nominated at the Chicago convention, the press will furnish full proof that the people know how to get rid of a President who has had but one term in office. The wishes of the people are more potent than precedents.

Hartford Courant, Rep. For the Republican party to go back now on Taft and make the Democrats the target for present or a third term issue into the bargain—would be simply to invite political disaster. The Republican party is not going to commit any such folly as that.

New York Herald, Dem. Mr. Roosevelt must remember that he is now regarded as a man who has deliberately broken his word, as a private citizen seeking office, so he must not object if people punch him in the ribs, kick him on the shins, shove him in the back and generally give him back as good as he sends.

Philadelphia Bulletin, Rep. Colonel Roosevelt has made an issue which will certainly be fought to a finish, but it is by no means clear whether he may not wreck the Republican party, at least, so far as the next Presidential campaign is concerned, in his attempts to show the people that he alone is destined to be, and ought to be, their ruler.

New York Evening Sun, Ind. The issue lies between democracy and truth—between the cry that the people can do no wrong and the clear perception of Lincoln that the people can prevent a time being fooled. The appeal is from passion to reason. And we can think of no one better qualified to lead their respective causes than Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft.

Half a Century Ago

From the Oregonian of March 6, 1862. Clarksville, the only remaining rebel fort on the Cumberland between Fort Donelson and Nashville, has been taken and is now held by General Smith's division of General Halleck's army.

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Song of Political Sea

By Dean Collins. (Acknowledgements to Reynolds and others.) "Thirteen men on a dead man's chest,"

"Thirteen men on a dead man's chest," Or rather seven, from least to most (Yo ho, and a cup of coffee) Seven Governors said of late, "Theodore, board the ship of state!"

Poster-boy, out from east of the (Yo ho, and a cup of coffee) Seven Governors out of the bunch, "Give me the Presidential launch,"

"Give me the Presidential launch," As I sail away, stick round and wait, "What care for the rest of the 48?"

"What care for the rest of the 48?" If I wait for me, I'll have long to wait; So here's for boarding the ship of state! (Yo ho, and a cup of coffee)

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