CAMPAIGN RECALLS ATTACK ON LINCOLN

C. B. Moores Shows Similarity Between Crusades Against Taft and "Honest Abe."

PRESIDENT PROVES WORTH

Long List of Notable Achievements Shows Nation's Chief Executive Stands Without a Peer in the Past Forty-five Years.

PORTLAND, March 30.—(To the Editor.)—In the pending crusade against President Taft there is a remarkable parallel with that against Lincoln in 1864. Then Salmon P. Chase wished to run, but John C. Fremont, the candidate in 1856, was nominated as an Independent Republican.

Even then they were demanding a direct vote by the people for President, but they violently declared for only one term instead of three. Fremont in his letter of acceptance charged the Lincoln administration with "incapacity and infidelity to the principles it was pledged to maintain," and it was vehemently asserted Lincoln could not be re-elected.

The call which preceded the anti-Lincoln convention declared the National Republican convention was "resting wholly on patronage" and the "Pomeroy circular," which was an antecedent statement of principles, condemned Lincoln for "his manifest tendency toward compromises and temporary expedients of policy." How much all of this sounds like the present crusade against Taft.

Grant's Defeat Predicted.

In 1872 a much greater defection appeared against the renomination of General Grant. It included the greatest Republican newspapers and such great Republicans as David Davis, Charles Francis Adams, Cassius M. Clay, Wendell Phillips and Charles Sumner, and scores of others of equal rank. Republican defeat was everywhere predicted. Horace Greely, the foremost Republican journalist of his time, was nominated as an Independent Republican, and indorsed by the National Democratic Convention. It is interesting to compare all of these great men with the seven Governors whose fight against Taft has been heralded as "a great uprising of the people." Their states polled less than one-fifth of the votes that were cast for Taft in 1908, and there are nearly 50 Governors and hundreds of ex-Governors in the Union.

The entire list boiled down, with a dozen Pinchots and Jimmie Garfields thrown in for good measure, would not make a single Wendell Phillips or Horace Greeley or Charles Sumner or Salmon P. Chase. They were just as violent in denouncing Lincoln and Grant as are their pigmy imitators in abusing Taft.

Republicans Not Loyal.

Those who are today the noisiest in criticising the Administration are the ones who, in season and out of season, have exerted all their powers to make it a failure, instead of giving it the loyal co-operation it had the right to expect.

Roosevelt and his so-called progressive allies lent their aid to defeat Canadian reciprocity and the arbitration treaties. The success of these two measures would have meant more of real value to the American people than all that Roosevelt accomplished in his two terms. The duello, as a relic of barbarism, has no defenders, but the taxpayers of the Nation are to continue building battleships and keeping a standing army ready to march down to the field of battle to settle the quarrels of the politicians, and determine the right and the wrong of all questions by shooting bullet holes into the fellows on the other side.

That the majestic dignity of the National Senate may be vindicated we have decided to arbitrate only where we can say what and how to arbitrate. This simply means that arbitration is an iridescent dream and that as an issue it is dead for all time.

Wheatgrowers Not Consistent.

The last National Republican Convention declared for a downward revision of the tariff, a matter that "Teddy" overlooked for nearly eight years. Canadian reciprocity was an advance step along that line, and along the whole Canadian line they are horrified at Taft for signing a bill that did not sufficiently revise downward.

The wheatgrowers of North Dakota, caring nothing for the breadeaters of the rest of the Nation, are as crazy for revision and progression as the steel interests of Birmingham and the sugar growers of Louisiana, until the matter comes home to them, when it develops that all of their progressive patriotism is bound up in "the pent-up Utica" of their own pockets. What is a standpatter, and what is a progressive, and what is tariff revision?

The roar against Taft is no more rational than that against Lincoln and Grant. No President has been truer to his campaign pledges and no greater or better President has occupied the White House since the days of Lincoln.

The roar we hear is simply our regular quadrennial political racket. As Webster said, "There are persons that constantly clamor," but their violent attacks are intermittent. This is the open season for the born kicker and the man with the chronic grouch, where every personal grievance, every local prejudice and every vaulting ambition is being capitalized.

The Adullamites—"every one that is in distress or in debt or discontented"—have all left their caves and are running loose on the range. We are approaching the end of another 20-year period, when complaint is universal and the whole Nation is due to throw a fit.

President Universal Goat.

The sovereign remedy for all ills is to kick the President. No preceding campaign, however, has developed a more determined mania for obscuring the real issues by clamor, subterfuge, distortion, suppression and misrepresentation. A fair sample was the Pinchot-Controller Bay conspiracy. There has never been a more shameful episode in American politics. It was rotten from its inception in "the Dick to Dick forgery" down to its end in the refusal of the Democratic committee of investigation to continue its work, when it was certain that such continuance would vindicate the Administration.

There may be hundreds of thousands of honest and patriotic men swept off their feet by clamor of this kind, but who are the managers and moving spirits of the anti-Taft campaign? As usual there are village statesmen in plenty denouncing the Payne-Aldrich bill, who couldn't tell a tariff schedule from a table of logarithms, but the chief sponsors for the crusade against Taft are discredited trust magnates and disgruntled politicians with a personal grievance.

Originally for LaFollette until his Philadelphia attack on the press absolutely eliminated him as a dangerous candidate, they then flocked to the standard of "the great explainer." Their headquarters are now in the Munsey building, Washington, owned by "Muckrake" Munsey, the head of the magazine trust. His magazines are two-thirds advertising, and one-third conduit for hired, sensational political refuse.

The Taft administration urged higher postage rates for magazines to relieve the taxpayers of the Nation and prevent postal deficits. Why is Munsey against Taft?

Who Real Backers Are.

The chief financial backer of the anti-Taft conspiracy is George W. Perkins, partner of Pierpont Morgan, chairman of the finance committee of the harvester trust, stockholder in the steel trust, that absorbed the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company, and the man who in 1904 contributed to the Roosevelt campaign fund from the New York Life Insurance Company. Why is he against Taft?

In Ohio it is Jimmie Garfield, who was refused reappointment as Secretary of the Interior, and Dan R. Hanna, of the prosecuted steel trust, and his lieutenant, Chairman Brown, said to be "the highest-priced lobbyist" in the state. Why are they against Taft? In Illinois the leaders are Charles R. Crane, whose appointment as Minister to China was recalled, and Medill McCormick, of the prosecuted harvester trust. Why are they against Taft?

In New York the managers were W. L. Ward, "the Westchester boss," and Gifford Pinchot, who was removed as chief forester for overriding the law and assuming that he was the whole Interior Department, and "Boss" Teddy himself. Why are they against Taft?

In Indiana it was Chairman Lee, who was refused the appointment of United States Marshal. Why is he against Taft?

Ormsby McHarg is another. Three years ago he was in Oregon urging Statement No. 1 legislators to violate their pledge. Why is he against Taft?

When the President was in Oregon three years ago you couldn't pry Aldrich's man, Jonathan Bourne, away from him with a crowbar. Later he wanted his man appointed United States Marshal to strengthen his Senatorial machine, but President Taft refused to remove E. B. Colwell, because he was vouched for by Judges Bean and Wolverton, and all of the officers of the United States district, as a capable and competent official. Why is Bourne against Taft?

These are samples of the men who are worried about Taft "politicians," and are abusing the poor old "steam roller" that was so ably engineered years ago by the distinguished author of the $260,000 letter to "My Dear Harriman."

Both Itch for Spoils.

Now there is a great spitting of cotton and profanity about a political game of bunco that was worked on La Follette. The whole thing is nothing but a political Kilkenny cat fight.

Both of them have an abnormal itching for the spoils of office and both have been working from ambush, nursing, coddling and promoting, "a great spontaneous uprising of the people," an "uprising" that is absorbing daily several thousand dollars of the trust money of McCormick and Perkins and Dan R. Hanna.

It does beat thunder how much work and money it takes to keep these "uprisings" alive.

Oregon is being specially warned that Taft "politicians" are about to put an everlasting kibosh on "the Oregon system." And who is to save us from the contemplated outrage? Jonathan Bourne and the ambitious Mr. Hickey? Mr. Ellis, the recalled Councilman from the Tenth Ward? Jerry Rusk, candidate of the standpatters for the Speakership of the last House? Colonel Hofer, who failed to oust Colonel Dave Dunne from the Collectorship of Internal Revenue? Our friend, the perennial Dr. Coe, and our other old friend, Colonel Ike Bingham?

Who are the politicians, and what is a politician? There are many worse men than these, but in what respect are they better—or even as good—exemplars of clean politics as Ben Selling, W. B. Ayer, Mayor Rushlight, A. M. Smith, Dr. A. C. Smith, Dan Malarkey, W. F. Woodward and John F. Logan—all members of the Taft committee.

Another Man Gone Wrong.

Another "good man gone wrong," is Senator Mulkey—not a politician, but a near politician—who is quoted as saying: "I regard President Taft as reactionary. His course on the tariff was disappointing." The Senator has certainly been misquoted, for he knows, as we all do, that a President who sat as we all do, that a President who sat nearly eight years in the White House without once raising his voice in favor of revision of the tariff, is reactionary; that La Follette, in advocating a non-partisan tariff board and then trying to discredit it by joining the Democrats in a lot of log-rolling popgun tariff bills, is worse than a standpatter, and that the real progressive is the man who called a special session for tariff revision, and secured the best action that was possible from a recalcitrant Congress.

At the eleventh hour the coy and reluctant Roosevelt appears and offers to save the country. It is one of the most pathetic examples of self-abnegation on record. Warning is given in advance that any criticism of him will be resented as an "attack," but criticism of Theodore Roosevelt is no longer lese majeste. So long as his vitriolic tongue continues to wag he must concede the demand of the "malefactors" and "weaklings," the "mollycoddles" and "ananiases," the "nincompoops," "falsifiers," "undesirables," "nature fakirs," and "judicial jackasses" that he be judged by the same standards as other men.

Let us not deceive ourselves with polite and diplomatic phrases.

It is for us to discuss before the primaries what the Democratic party is certain to discuss after them.

Both Steal Bryan's Thunder.

Roosevelt and LaFollette have done good work in preaching civic virtue, political purity and elevated political standards, but neither of them has advanced any conspicuous reform that Bryan did not advocate years before them. They are not more safe or progressive or well-balanced than Bryan, and the political ideals of none of the three are higher than those of President Taft.

Fifty per cent. of the Roosevelt reputation is based wholly on his spectacular methods. He has a habit of assuming the proprietorship of every thing that has ever happened.

He picks up the universally accepted platitudes of all the ages, and comes marching down the pike, claiming the credit of their origin in such a dramatic and dogmatic way, as thoroughly to hypnotize his enthusiastic worshippers.

He is a living illustration of how well it pays to advertise. No department store in the country has anything on Teddy. Whenever he says or does anything the leader of the orchestra waves the big stick, and the fact that something has happened is announced to a waiting world, through the medium of the megaphone, the glare of the red fire, and the tumult of cymbals, the tom toms and the big bass drum, while his worshippers all over the country ecstatically make the sign of the cross.

Roosevelt's Greatest Service.

The greatest service he ever rendered the country was in pushing Taft to the front, and to Taft he owes, in greater degree than to any other man, the success of his administration. Today he is telling us of many things Taft should have done that he himself forgot to do, although Bryan had called his attention to them years ago. To Roosevelt alone belongs the exclusive credit of jumping on the little toy Republic of Colombia, but the Panama Canal has been under the eye and control of Taft from its very inception.

One great achievement claimed for the Roosevelt administration is the institution of civil government in the Philippines. That work was wholly Taft's. In the old days, on all his travels, he delighted to assure his auditors that everything was all right in Washington for he had left Taft "sitting on the lid."

Twelve and eight years ago as a candidate and four years ago, as engineer of the steam roller, he was mute about Presidential primaries and the activity of Southern officeholders. Today his zeal knows no bounds, though he has nothing yet to say about the activity of Boss Lyon in rounding up the officeholders of Texas for Roosevelt, and he frantically denounces the primaries of North Dakota, Indiana and New York, and every place else where he gets licked, as "a fraud" and "a farce."

Taft, denounced as the candidate of the "big interests," in three years has done a work in prosecuting lawbreaking trusts, which, when their number and size is considered, discounts all the prosecutions of any three years of all preceding Presidents combined. This is a broad statement, but it is based on the official records, and not on the doctored and distorted reports of the hired liars of the "Muckrake" Munsey contingent.

Taft's Accomplishments Reviewed.

The storm center of the clamor against Taft has been the Payne-Aldrich bill. All legislation is the result of compromise. The efficient administrator is never an extremist, but the man capable of getting the best possible results that inharmonious conditions will permit. Taft made an honest effort to secure tariff revision when he called a special session.

The Payne-Aldrich bill resulted. He never pretended it was what he wanted. He personally secured a 10 per cent cut in the cotton schedule, and made a like attempt on wool.

He got hides on the free list, and lower duty on lumber, coal, iron ore and scrap iron, and by urgent and persistent personal appeal secured incorporation of a provision for a corporation tax, that gives Government access to corporation books, and the provision for a non-partisan tariff board, so long demanded by the progressives of all parties.

The inclusion of these items made it, in spite of its defects, the best tariff bill ever passed. He signed the bill. Why? Because it was a step forward. It greatly increased the public revenues. It provided for the corporation tax. It provided for a non-partisan tariff board, whose work should cripple the discreditable log-rolling tariff methods of the past. He at once appointed a tariff board, all men of conceded capacity and high character, and urged a continuance of the work of revision.

"Popgun" Bills Vetoed.

Later he vetoed the log-rolling popgun bills intended to discredit the work of the board.

Why did Taft sign the Payne-Aldrich bill?

Because he had to deal with a large Republican contingent who wanted no revision, with a Democratic House of "tariff reformers for politics only," and with a group of so-called Republican progressives, who were prancing around the halls of legislation like a band of bucking cayuses in a Pendleton roundup, not knowing what they wanted, and anxious only to hamper Taft, and monopolize credit as the only truly good and honest, and as the only properly accredited oracles of progressive legislation.

The only alternative was to sign the bill, or get no legislation. If he had been a cheap demagogue he would have yielded to the thoughtless and ignorant clamor of the passing hour, vetoed the bill, and then stepped out into the spotlight puffed up like a pouter pigeon, and asked the American people to look at him.

He scorned to play the demagogue. He signed the bill. It was the act of a patriot, a statesman and an honest man. In 10 years, when the fires of personal and factional animosity have died away, no honest and well-informed man will question the wisdom of his act.

Deeds Tell the Story.

The work of Taft in the last three years marks him as one of the greatest constructive statesmen that ever occupied the White House. It covers his efforts for international arbitration, and Canadian reciprocity, the setting aside of forest, and coal and phosphate lands, and water-power sites, urging the leasing system, expediting work on the Panama Canal, abolition of useless navy yards, ending of corrupt practices in the Port of New York, annulment of Russian treaty, ending threat of Cuban revolution, wide extension of the merit system in the civil service, postal savings banks, corporation tax, non-partisan tariff board, demand for parcels post, refusal to sign log-rolling tariff bills, urging "employers' liability and workmen's compensation bill," increasing powers of Interstate Commerce Commission, creation of Bureau of Mines, submission of National income tax amendment, demand for reforms in court procedure, economy in public expenditures, extending work of free rural delivery, causing exhaustive inquiry into overissue of railroad securities, and such prosecutions of lawbreaking trusts as have not been equaled in number and importance by any other administration in twice the same length of time.

In all of this work there has been no display of the big stick, no appeal to the galleries, and none of the swagger of the political swashbuckler. As Roosevelt himself has said of him, "Not Lincoln himself is freer from the least taint of demagogy."

Methods Always Open.

Open in all his methods, serene, untiring, but deliberate, in the face of the passing gusts of passion and political hysteria, he is content to wait for his vindication on the sober, cool, nonfactional judgment of later and calmer days.

As the man at the wheel, placed there because of experience and faithful service, seeing all the shoals and currents and counter-currents that confront the course of the ship, he bears the complaints of the passengers back in the cabin and down in the steerage, knowing all will end when the landing is finally made.

Having plenty of the fighting spirit, he yet realizes that it is the judicial balance which is the sheet anchor of safety and of all real progress. As has been well said of him, "he has the capacity to see all sides, and all interests, the patience to examine all the evidence before acting and the judicial poise to weigh carefully and discover justice."

No man doubts his sincerity when he says, "I have tried to do in each case what seemed to me the wisest thing to do, regardless of its effect on my future."

His declaration that "all the administration asks is a square deal," is an appeal to the manhood of the American electorate, a simple plea for an application of the ordinary rules of fair play and common decency in the analysis and criticism of the work of the administration.

The longer the campaign progresses and the better the work of the administration is understood, the more heartily will the American people concur in the saying of Roosevelt, that "no man of better training, no man of more dauntless courage, of sounder sense, and of higher and finer character has ever come to the Presidency than William Howard Taft."

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STATE FOREST BILL SEEN

Governor Receives Copy of Measure Introduced by Chamberlain.

SALEM, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—Governor West yesterday received copies of a bill which has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Chamberlain providing for the state to create a state forest through exchange of scattered school sections in Federal forests for a compact body of forest reserve lands. In substance, the bill makes the following provisions:

"That where any state or territory owns lands lying within the boundaries of a National forest, or where its right of indemnity selection in respect to school sections within such boundaries has not been fully exercised, said state or territory is hereby authorized, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture, to exchange such lands for or make indemnity selections of other National forest lands of like quantity and value; the same to be selected in reasonably compact bodies, which lands shall thereon be excluded from the National forests for the benefit of said state or territory.

"Provided, that in fixing the value of state school sections offered in exchange the Secretary of Agriculture shall take into consideration the value of such lands to the state by reason of their being available and salable for script or base for indemnity selections."

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MAN SEEKS LIFE MATE

FARMER'S DAUGHTER OR WIDOW IS PREFERRED.

North Carolina Citizen Says He Can't Ask Former Sweetheart to Come Way Out West.

Preferring Oregon to North Carolina, but unwilling to have a young woman break her home ties in that state and come to Oregon to marry him, Robert Edmonds, formerly from the McCoy-Hatfield district of West Virginia, a man about 38 years old, is seeking a wife among the young women within a radius of 50 miles of Portland.

"The girl in North Carolina would be willing to marry me if I would go back there, but I wouldn't live in North Carolina for anything," said Edmonds. "I want to stay in Oregon. But I couldn't expect her to give up all her relatives and come clear out here, so I am looking for a wife in the state I have chosen for my home."

Robert Edmonds, Who Wants to Marry Oregon Woman and Live on a Farm.

Mr. Edmonds said that he had received several proposals from widows and farmers' daughters, but that all of them are elderly women.

"I don't want to marry a woman 10 or 15 years older than I am," he said, "and I wouldn't do it if she had the best farm in the Willamette Valley. I am not a fortune-hunter and don't care to marry a woman and have her turn her property over to me. What I want to get is a respectable farmer's daughter or widow less than 30 years old, who will be willing to go onto a farm with me and help me make a place for myself in the world.

"I want to get away from the city and I want to marry a woman who will be contented with the life of the farm and not get to pining for the bright lights and amusements of the city. When I find the right one, she will not regret having met me."

Mr. Edmonds says that he has acquired none of the typically masculine "bad habits" and is willing to call up any number of witnesses to vouch for his steady, good character. In order to avoid the disappointments of hasty proposals from elderly women, he is anxious that those who correspond with him send their photographs and ages in their first letter to him. Edmonds lives at 287 First street and has been working in this city for about five years.

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SHEEP HAS FIVE LAMBS

Quintet All Alive and "Frisky" on Rock Creek Range.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., March 30.—(Special.)—Al Harden, a well-known Klickitat sheepman, has a ewe in his flock that is the mother of a quintet of lambs. The little fellows are all alive, basking in the sunshine and frisking over the hills of Mr. Harden's lambing range on Rock Creek.

According to sheepmen who have been in the business for 25 years, this is the first instance of record in Klickitat of a ewe giving birth to five lambs. Triplets are not an infrequent occurrence and several instances are recalled of ewes being the mother of four lambs.

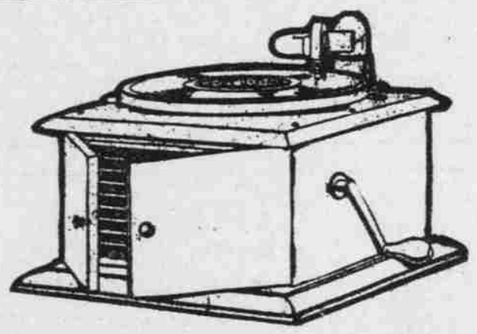
The fine Spring weather and recent showers have made lambing conditions ideal for the big flock owners in Klickitat, and sheepmen are looking forward to a record-breaking increase. Andy Bunnell, who lambs his sheep early on the south slope of The Dalles Mountain, reports 1000 lambs from 800 ewes and expects to mark an increase of 115 per cent from his entire band.

Homesites Sell Well.

Since the suburban sub-division known as Lunalilo was put on the market a few days ago by the Securities Development Company, there has been considerable activity in the district. About a dozen homesites have been sold. The sites are one-quarter of an acre in size. The tract will be improved with streets and sidewalks and cleared of all underbrush and stumps. A water system also will be installed. The property lies about two blocks from Multnomah Station, on the Oregon Electric line.

Los Angeles Resident Buys Here.

Mrs. L. A. Thompson, of Los Angeles, yesterday purchased the residence of E. W. Hendricks, at 632 Terrace road, Portland Heights. The price was $25,000, the sale being negotiated by the Goldsmith Agency. The Hendricks house is of Colonial architecture, built three or four years ago, and is considered one of the handsome homes of that section of the city.



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