

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Clerk

To the voters of Crook County: I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination of County Clerk on the Republica ticket at the coming primaries April 19th. and if nominated and elected, I will perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability, for, the best interests of the taxpayers and citizens in general, and along sound business principals.

Howard W. Turner.
Pd. Adv.

County Assessor

To the Republican voters of Crook County: I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination to the office of County Assessor at the primaries on April 9th, 1912. If I am nominated and elected, I will during my term of office, use my best endeavor to give a thorough and impartial assessment, to assess by legal subdivisions, to index by subdivisions, and by name, to keep all records in an up to date manner, making it easy to find amount of tax on each parcel of land, or amount of each individual tax, to personally attend to the duties of the office, to give prompt and cautious treatment to all. I desire placed after my name on the nominating ballot, A Business Administration of the Assessor's office.

Pd. Adv. W. E. VanAllen.

County Assessor

To the Republicans of Crook County. I hereby announce my candidacy for county assessor for Crook County, Oregon, at the primary to be held on April 19th, 1912.

If nominated and elected, I will, during my term of office, devote my entire time to the duties of the office. I shall use my utmost endeavor to secure equal assessments, without fear or favor. I will see that the tax rolls are prepared promptly, and as provided by law. The pocket books of the tax payers are directly effected by the administration of this office. I desire to have placed after my name on the official nominating ballot these words: "Strict attention to business, equal assessments, partiality to none."

(Pd. Adv.) Lewis Wyld.

Sheriff

To the Crook County Voters: I desire to announce my intention of seeking the Republican nomination for sheriff of Crook County at the coming primaries. If nominated and elected, I will conduct the office on an economic basis to the best of my ability.

(Pd. Adv.) Frank Elkins.
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Sheriff

I desire to inform the voters of Crook County that I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for sheriff at the coming primary election. If nominated and elected I will serve all the people to the best of my ability.

(Pd. Adv.) John McTaggart

Wanted at once—Half a dozen setting hens. Inquire at this office. f29tf.

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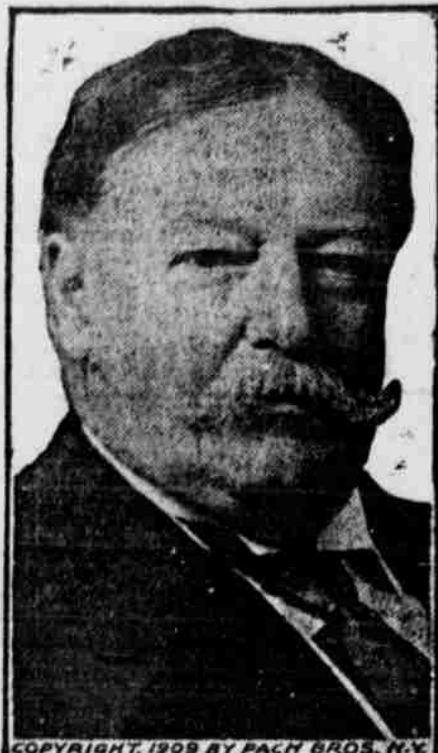
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TAFT LIKE CLEVELAND

Resembles Other Big President in Independence. "Another Cleveland," is what President Taft has been termed during the past year. People who have studied his administration and his courageous devotion to pledges of the platform upon which he was elected have given him this title. His absolute indifference to attacks of intemperate and irresponsible writers, his firm adherence to what he considers the best interests of the whole country, and his disregard of the varying political currents, seem to justify this characterization.

The president is not a politician. He has made this evident throughout his term by his refusal to take advantage of every opportunity to boost himself into popular favor. With the firm belief that the platform upon which he was elected meant something, and his earnest work to redeem every pledge made, he has been too



PRESIDENT TAFT.

intent upon his business to consider mere popularity. He has been satisfied to do what is best for the whole country, leaving the verdict to the public. Baseless charges are bound to fall to the ground; perhaps not today, but surely tomorrow.

This was President Cleveland's attitude throughout his administration. He was independent and this won for him intemperate criticism, even bordering on vilification. Today the American people realize the greatness of Grover Cleveland, just as in the future they are bound to acknowledge the similar eminence among presidents of William H. Taft.

Signs of the turning tide are apparent now. The press of the country is more inclined than it ever has been, to grant the president a fair hearing. People are realizing to a greater extent than at any time during the Taft administration, that the work of the past three years has been for the benefit of the country as a whole. No interest or faction has been able to swerve the president to serve the advantage of anybody and he has had the courage to refuse to be popular in order to be just.

M'KINLEY CALLED TAFT

President Offered Him Great Opportunity of His Life. The knock of opportunity is invariably interesting. It is said to be heard once by every man. Responding, good fortune lies before, but if the beckoning hand is disregarded, the summons never comes again.

President Taft's start in a brilliant political career came in a most unexpected way. He was dictating a decision of the United States Court in Cincinnati one afternoon early in 1900, when a telegram was brought to him from William McKinley, then President, which read:

"I shall take it as a great favor if you will call on me some time next week."

Judge Taft went to Washington and at the White House met the President and Secretary Long of the Navy. A little later Elihu Root, Secretary of War, came in. President Taft told of this interview later as follows:

"Mr. McKinley said he wanted to send me to the Philippines to help the work of establishing civil government as the army moved on. I thought of my place on the bench and hesitated. Besides, I believed and said we could get along without the Philippines.

"But we have them, and must take care of them," the President replied. "You are at the turning of your way in life," Mr. Root then observed. "The bench is the easy road. You can stay there and be comfortable. On the contrary, the Philippines will demand personal sacrifices and risks and much hard work, but you will have an opportunity of doing your country a very great service." I went home and argued the matter for two weeks.

The telegram that came to Judge William H. Taft in Cincinnati that afternoon, opened the door of opportunity and as a reward for his splendid work in the Philippines and later as Secretary of War, the people made him President.

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HELP FOR HOMESTEADERS

Leniency For Man Trying To Make Home Is Recommended.

A radical change in the homestead laws that will be of marked benefit to settlers is the plan of President Taft. Leniency for the man who is trying to make a home on idle lands of the state, included in the various reclamation projects, is what President Taft wants.

He intends to modify the law so that the settler upon land being reclaimed need not take up his residence immediately upon filing, but may wait two years before living on his land. During these two years, however, cultivation must be carried on. By the time the settler must commence living on his land, he can, by reason of this modification of the law, make a living from his farm. This will do away with two weary years during which, under the present law, the homesteader usually finds it necessary to live partly on hope.

The present provision, under which land is to be paid for in ten annual installments will be so modified as to allow a patent to be issued for the land at the end of five years cultivation, and three years occupation.

The homesteaders generally will welcome this change in the law, relieving them, as it does, from all enforced residence on the undeveloped farm lands during the period when it is hardest to make a living. At the end of five years the new law will furnish the settler with a title upon which he can borrow money with which to continue the development of his ranch.

Hard on the Other One.

One hot summer day a Kentucky beau stopped at a florist's to order a box of flowers sent to his lady love. At the same time he also purchased a design for the funeral of a friend. On the card for his girl's box he wrote, "Hoping these may help you bear the heat." The other card bore the one word, "Sympathy." Very soon the girl telephoned, "Thank you so much for the flowers, but why did you write 'Sympathy' on the card?" There was no word from the other card.

Fellows in Distress.

An efficient woman principal of a New York grammar school, though devoid of good looks and bearing the marks of long service in her profession, still retains the charm of a delightful frankness. One day while watching the pupils pass out of her building two by two, as usual, she noticed one boy marching alone, with his arm to his eyes, sobbing tumultuously. In answer to her solicitous inquiry as she drew him from the line the little fellow wailed, "I—I haven't g-got no pardner!"

The principal extended a prompt and sympathetic hand. "Shake, dear boy, shake!" she invited. "I haven't, either."

ECONOMY IS WATCHWORD

President Taft Has Cut Expenses During His Term.

President Taft believes that the business of the American people, which is the United States government, can be run more economically. He expects an economy commission will point out ways to effect a considerable saving in many of the departments.

The three years of President Taft's administration has proved that economy is quite possible and the president has practised the new policy successfully. Upon taking office, President Taft warned every cabinet member, as well as the heads of bureaus, that they would be held individually responsible for cutting the expenditures under their control.

On July 1st, 1909, the Taft administration faced a deficit of \$54,000,000. One year later, this deficit had been changed into a surplus of \$14,000,000 and by July 1st, 1911, the surplus had risen to \$47,000,000. The normal increase of Federal expenditures is about 4 per cent. each year. Yet the expenditures, which were \$662,000,000 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, shrunk within the following year to \$654,000,000, an actual decrease instead of the normal increase.

Perhaps the best known economy effected was the wiping out of the annual deficit in the Postal Department and another was the elimination of wide-spread frauds in the customs service. The scaling down process for the fiscal year of 1911 involved cutting the estimates made by the department heads \$50,000,000.

PAYNE ACT TOO LITTLE UNDERSTOOD

Critics of Administration Are Not Informed as to Its Provisions.

Someone said that when Roosevelt left the White House and went to Africa to shoot lions, he left a white elephant on the hands of President Taft's administration in the tariff. Someone said Roosevelt then predicted that the tariff would break the political back of his successor. This is presumably nothing more than fable and folk lore.

Certain it is however, that the Taft administration has had a whole lot to contend with in carrying out the platform pledge to revise the existing tariff schedules. The administration has been abused for the Payne Tariff bill and it is safe to say that very few among the many who decried the passage of this bill in its final form, had any knowledge of the bill or its provisions.

Other administrations than that of President Taft have had trouble with the tariff; what one has not?

President Taft was sharply criticized for the Winona speech when he declared the Payne Tariff bill was the best ever passed. Critics of the president were quick to use this against the administration, despite the fact that this speech was very hastily prepared and not given the consideration

Looking Backward. Pelatiah Webster gnashed his teeth. "If I had dreamed they wanted to erect a statue to me I would have made it unconstitutional," he snorted. Sadly he gazed at current specimens of art.—New York Sun.

Hireute Crockery. Guest (to waiter)—This soup has a hair in it. Waiter—That's no hair. It's a crack in the plate. Guest—It's a funny crack that 'ow wiggles.—Judge.