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is the sort of man who should fill the presidency. He is no standpatter, but he is glad there are standpatters. He knows that a ship with sails but lacking ballast is unsafe. He does not want to stay down in the hold himself but he knows there should be someone there. He is not a captain who will stay in port because he fears the sea nor is he one who ignores the perils of the deep.

**BUM LAW BUT GOOD SENSE.**  
It is possible that the decision of the supreme court in the Standard oil case was "bum law" but good sense. It is certainly would be unfortunate for the country to have had the Sherman law constructed so as to prevent combinations in business that seek to eliminate competition.

Competition in the United States is doomed. It is as hopeless to seek its restoration as it was for Ponce de Leon to hunt for the fountain of perpetual youth. The formation of great corporations has been a natural step in our economic evolution. Such combinations eliminate waste and look to efficiency. They should give the people better service at cheaper rates.

It is true that in many instances these results have not yet been attained. This is because the governments, national, state and municipal, have not yet fully developed their regulative powers. But the move for regulation is underway and it is proceeding fast. It is now almost universally recognized, even by the trust magnates themselves, that their business is not private business and that they cannot conduct it as they see fit. The public is really the majority stockholder and should have control. The public has the right to force corporations to give good service at reasonable rates and it is going to do so. It will do that or take the business over into its own hands entirely.

**A SOBER PROGRESSIVE.**  
Last week the people of Oregon had the good fortune of hearing at first hand from one of the truly big men of the day and a man who is regarded by many as being directly in line for the presidency. He is now touring the country—not especially to advance his candidacy—but in a dignified way to show the people what he is and what he stands for so they may judge intelligently of his fitness for the high office to which he aspires.

Woodrow Wilson is a most admirable type. He is a scholar but one who combines the ideal with the actual. He is a master of political science and of logic. But he knows that government in a republic such as ours is not an exact science and that sometimes good sense and logic may be at variance. This republic is a throbbing organism that is swayed to and fro by conflicting interests and conflicting ideas. The end desired is healthy, well balanced growth, and no one thing can produce this result nor can it come all at once. It must come by evolution and to force the growth would be as unwise as to retard it.

The most conspicuous characteristics of Woodrow Wilson are his clear sightedness, his simplicity and his courageous frankness. He is a man of courage but his courage is of a different order from that of Roosevelt. Wilson is one who knows and knows that he knows. He feels he is right and is willing to go forward fearlessly. He is a fighter but he is one who fights because he thinks he is right—not merely because he wants to win. If he strove for anything but the truth and the country's welfare he would be a Samson shorn of his power.

Governor Wilson is a democrat in the big sense of the word. He believes in the people and in the rule of the people. He has faith in the public and opposes the rule of the patricians. The anarchy which he fears is the anarchy of the rich and not of the poor. In his Portland speeches he pointed out the reasons for his views and he did it so clearly, so forcibly and with such sincerity that none who heard could fail to understand. Even the patricians understood and were forced to applaud though for selfish reasons they oppose him.

Naturally the people of this state wished to know what Wilson thinks of the Oregon system. He told them he upholds the Oregon system for he knows that it looks to restoring the sovereignty of the people and that some agency is needed to revive popular government in this republic. But while endorsing our reformative methods he also sees the faults of the system and he pointed them out. But he did so with a friendliness and sincerity that took the sting of criticism away. To Governor Wilson it seems a mistake to apply the recall to the judiciary. He admits the logic of applying the recall to judges but he questions the good sense of such a course. He sees the need of brakes to stay the people in their impatience.

It is his sober judgment coupled with his progressive tendencies that makes Governor Wilson such a formidable candidate for president. He

1905—More than 100 preachers marched to mayor's office in Philadelphia and prayed for him to prevent gas lease.

1909—The president opened to settlement 700,000 acres of government land in Washington, Montana and Idaho.

**DISGUISED HANDWRITING.**  
The installment of "Great Cases of Detective Burns" in the April McClures is devoted to "Tracking Anonymous Letter Writers." The following extract shows how the writer of an anonymous letter, that was sent to Lord Pauncefoot, first gave himself away by a characteristic trick in writing peculiar to telegraph operators:

"To one who is accustomed to tracing the authorship of anonymous letters, it is a familiar fact that when a person undertakes to write an anonymous letter he starts out with the intention of disguising his handwriting, but that as he proceeds returns to his normal manner of writing. He may catch himself at this, and resume his disguised hand; but he is sure to incorporate some of his peculiar characteristics in the letter, through which it is possible to identify him. It was so in this case. We were able to determine, from an occasional joining of the words, which is peculiar to telegraph operators, that the writer was probably an operator."

After this first fact was determined upon, Burns goes on to show that tracking the man down was a comparatively easy task.

**WORD JUGGLING BY KNOX.**  
It was during the days when the president was wrestling with the message. It seemed as if unexpected kinks would occur after paragraph upon paragraph had been carefully "ironed out" and then something else would appear to open the forms again—more reports would be needed and more information from the different departments. The slogan seemed to be "Cuttail! Cuttail!" until it seemed as if things would never "come right."

But during all the trying period Secretary Knox could not lose his

sense of humor, and as he began his fourteenth trip across Executive Avenue to be conferred with for the 34th time some one told him of an acquaintance who had sold his political birthright for "a mess of pottage."

"You don't say," commented the secretary, with a smile playing about the corners of his mouth. "Well, I know a man who's just now watching the political cauldron, busy with a pot or message."—National Magazine.

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"Ah, no; only on special occasions," was the reply.

"Upon which ankle does she wear it?"

"Mrs. McCormick would not wish to discuss it."

Mrs. McCormick would not say whether she bought the anklet in Suez or whether a report is true that a friend sent it to her from Cairo last month. Also Mrs. McCormick declined to admit that she had launched a new fashion in Chicago. She did not know how many persons had anklets and did not care.

**America.**  
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