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THIRD TERM TALK.

Senator Bourne appears to be fully convinced that President Roosevelt should again succeed himself as the nation's Chief Executive. He is now laboring with might and main to persuade the American people that of all men Theodore Roosevelt is pre-eminently and in every respect best fitted for that important office.

"Our Johnathan" is game. He knows that "money talks" and he has set out to induce each of a few thousand people—no discrimination of race, sex or previous condition—to contribute a thousand dollars' worth of reasons why Roosevelt and the American people should join in grand chorus to the Senator's third term solo.

In all seriousness whatever reasons may be given, and however strong they may be that the President should succeed himself, there are some very weighty ones to the contrary. Of these the principal one, doubtless, is that the President of his own free will has said that under no conditions would he accept nomination for another term. He has not un-said this; there is no indication that he will do so; his tenacity of purpose gives token that he will not do so. What reasons the President has for such a determination he has not made public, nor is he obliged to give the public any reason whatever. We may surmise some of his reasons. It may

be that he knows himself better than the people know him. He may see his limitations. He may know that he is essentially a political pioneer, blazing the way to reform, swamping out the thick undergrowth around about and leaving the final clearing up and occupancy of the land to others. It may be he sees that now his posthumous fame is assured and he will not imperil it by the emergencies of another term. It may be he recalls that our senseless anti-third-term tradition barred the way of "an older and better soldier" to a third term. It may be he is not enough egotistical to think that among several million Americans he is the only one qualified for Chief Magistrate.

But why indulge in surmise? He has said he will not accept a third term. The people must accept his decision as final. This is, indeed, an American characteristic, to take a man at his word and look to him to make good. The indications are that Teddy will make good. This is the one thing he is most insistent upon and we cannot believe he will abandon his purpose of making good because of the blandishments of Oregon's junior senator.

However much we may wish the President had not made such a resolve; however much we may wish Mr. Bourne's efforts may be successful, the fact remains the President has said under no conditions would he accept a renomination.

Possibly the matter is not so utterly hopeless as we imagine. Mr. Bourne may offer five thousand dollars to the person who shall, by letter, or personal appeal induce the President to recant. If this is done Teddy would be compelled to withdraw his objections or take to the tall timber.

PRESERVE PARTIES.

One objection to our primary election law is that it practically breaks down party lines and destroys party organization. If this objection be well founded it is a grave one. Experience everywhere teaches that political movements are wrought out through the agency of party. In republics, or democratic governments, party organization is the only effective instrumentality of conducting the business of government. Anything, then, which is destructive of party and party organization is to be deplored and should be avoided.

If our primary law has this effect it should be modified or repealed. But is this the effect of that enactment? We all understand that the prime purpose and intent was to wrest party organization from the control of party "bosses"—self-seeking, scheming, corrupt and debased men who dominated party organizations—and to place it in the hands of the whole party. Certainly had the destruction of parties been the purpose of this law it would not have been, nor should it have been enacted.

At all events party and party organization can be and should be preserved and maintained. There are no fewer men now who honestly and sincerely hold to certain principles and policies, whether these be republican or democratic, than when the primary law was passed. Republicans are yet republicans, democrats yet democrats. Speaking to the former we urge them to preserve their party unity. We believe this may easily be done. Attend the primaries. Vote carefully and dispassionately. Support, for each office, only honest clean, fearless republicans. Beware of the mere self-seeker. He is a demagogue. He will betray you, and cause you to regret

you ever heeded him. Vote for no man who is not above suspicion of trading and bartering for the purpose of insuring his own nomination and election. Vote for no man whom you believe, for himself and his friends, will not earnestly support the republican nominees for election in June.

If republicans do these things they will preserve their party from disintegration and escape, too, from political bossism. They can, we believe they will, and we know they should do so.

At best it requires no little care on part of the street cleaning department to keep the principal streets of the city in fairly presentable condition. Much of labor on them is made necessary by the thoughtless and prehensible practice of dropping waste paper in the streets or on the sidewalks. This is particularly noticeable on Madison St, from the postoffice west for several blocks, and along Second St. for a good distance both north and south of Madison St. It would appear that many people coming from the postoffice east used envelopes, undesired circulars, newspaper wrappers and oftentimes the paper itself on the street to be borne hither and thither by the wind. It is a careless, untidy practice and dangerous as well, for nothing will so quickly and completely frighten a sensitive horse as a newspaper blowing toward him or across his path.

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