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The way to build up Dallas is to patronize Dallas people.

ROOSEVELT AND THE HAZELNUT

Laying aside all idea of personal preference in the matter, let us consider for a moment, the actions and course of Theodore Roosevelt since he emerged from the jungles of Africa and arrived safe on the shores of his native land. At that time he was certainly the foremost American citizen. Men of all parties respected him and honored his opinions. Had he retired to his home at Oyster Bay, and refrained from taking an active hand in politics, he would still be the greatest factor in American politics today, rather than in his present danger of becoming a down and outer. Theodore should have become an oracle sitting in judgment upon the action of the people, and giving advice to those who grope in darkness.

The story is related that a certain Southern dandy who had resided for many years in the neighborhood, and attained a great age, was looked upon as an oracle, and possessed of wonderful knowledge and power. When others of his race wanted information upon any subject they consulted him, and he listened to them in all seriousness. He took their cases under advisement and often, with great solemnity, and much mysterious necromancy, he gave them a hazel nut and told them to go their way. They went, taking the hazel nut with them, their minds filled with wonderment. They didn't know what the hazel nut was for, but they knew that the oracle had given it to them and hence there must be some wonderful efficacy about it. So they treasured the hazel nut and whispered to others of the great wisdom of the oracle, and thus others consulted him and duly received their hazel nuts. Thus time went on, until the church society decided to hold an open-air social. Chinese lanterns were to be a feature of the decorations, but there was much speculation regarding the possibility of rain ruining the show. Finally they consulted the oracle. They laid their case before him. They said they didn't want to hold the social and hang out their lanterns only to have them spoiled by rain. Wouldn't he please inform them regarding the probable state of the weather on the night in question? Here was a poser for the oracle. He found himself compelled to take a stand that might ruin his reputation. If he told them there would be no rain, and rain fell, he would at once lose caste in the community, while, on the other hand, if he predicted rain and the weather proved fine, he would lose out that way.

But he was equal to the emergency. After due deliberation he said, "put out your lanterns," and that seemed to settle it. After elaborate preparations the night of the social arrived, but, in the midst of the festivities, a heavy rain storm came up and the water fell in torrents. The enraged dandies rushed to the oracle and angrily denounced him for leading them astray.

"Ah, suddenly didn't do no such thing," said he. "Ah, done told yo' all to put out yo' lanterns and yo'-all didn't do hit, so de rain came and got dem out for yo'; so' didn't mind me, and now see what yo'-all got."

It was a clincher argument and the interviewers slunk away more certain than ever that the oracle was indeed a wise man.

Colonel Roosevelt should have remained at Oyster Bay and handed out the hazel nuts. He should have spoken in parables and visiting delegations would have made pilgrimages to his shrine and returned refreshed and confident that he was the one great man in the country.

But no. He jumped into the New York fight and got the worst of it. He has been getting the worst of it ever since, and the climax came at Chicago, when his personal ambition received a rude jolt and he made matters worse, so far as he is personally concerned, by bolting the Republican party and setting up a sideshow of his own.

T. R. should have passed out the hazel nut, rather than the lemon.

KEEPING COOL IN POLITICS

So far the national campaign of 1912, for several unusual reasons, has

been one of extraordinary tension in the early stages, observes the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The nominations could not be foreseen, and some of the rivalries among candidates were peculiar. Presidential primaries were a novelty, and instead of simplifying the situation added to its uncertainties. Each primary tended to deepen the suspense. States considered most steadfast in party ties changed alignment, choosing new favorites in surprising fashion. The third-term issue was projected into what was already complicated far beyond the average of pre-convention periods. It is well to forget the superheated language that was heard. Even when there is a real, political flood such talk is but froth and driftwood and has no more effect on the current sweeping onward.

What is at stake in politics in this country? Good government in what is in many respects the greatest of nations. It cannot be brought about by impulsive excitement or vituperative anger. There are important public questions to be settled by legislative and executive action. If mistakes are made at the ballot box the people themselves must suffer until they realize the error and supply the remedy at the same fountain head of power. In following a false guide they pay the score, and must retrace the steps that led away from the true destination.

Should the campaign go on with the childish turbulence that has marked its opening months there will be a great waste of temper and a wide variance from calm, collected judgment. Faulty conclusions are always expensive, sometimes dangerous. They must be paid for. Voters should resolve to keep a level head and not be influenced by the bombast of demagogues, the whole tribe of whom are selfish and crafty to the core. When appeals to passion are flying around it is a good time for sensible men to move in the opposite direction. The democracy of this year has been phenomenal, and the best way to keep it from becoming startling is to give it the cold shoulder wherever it tries to set up its thimbleberg.

AMEND THE LAW.

When some of the Oregon delegates to the National Democratic convention disregarded the expressed desire of the Democrats of this state, and cast their votes for Champ Clark rather than Wilson, what a howl went up from the Wilson men in Oregon. Yet, when Bryan, their idol and the acknowledged leader of progressive Democracy, disregarded his instructions given him as a delegate by the Democrats of Nebraska, and changed his vote from Clark to Wilson, he was hailed as a loyal champion of the people's rights, by the same crowd who condemned the Oregon delegates. It is difficult to see wherein an action so reprehensible in one instance should become a badge of honor when viewed from another angle. Is it because a common, ordinary disciple of party fealty cannot express his honest convictions, and must not aspire to be honest with himself, while the "peerless leader" may exercise this prerogative at his pleasure? Or is it not rather chargeable to the defects of a primary law that needs amending?

Under the plan by which delegates are elected from Oregon to a presidential convention, it is more than probable that men will be sent to the convention pledged to do what they do not believe to be right. This was the case in both the recent national conventions. Taft men and La Follette men were sent to Chicago instructed to vote for Roosevelt, and Clark men went to Baltimore bound to vote for Wilson. This is wrong. The law should be amended so that, when any candidate secures a majority of the votes in the preferential primary, a delegation of his friends may be sent to the convention to vote for him. What right has the law to ask any man to stultify himself or his beliefs in farcical exhibitions of this kind. Roosevelt carried the state of Oregon. Then, in all fairness to him and to the men who voted for him, the delegation from this state should have been Roosevelt men, first, last, and all the time.

Equal suffrage received a bad blow at the biennial session of the National Federation of Women's clubs at San Francisco last week, when a motion to endorse the movement was overwhelmingly defeated. Some of the foremost women of the nation were in attendance at the convention and took an active part in opposition to the propaganda. All of which serves to emphasize the belief that the great majority of the really foremost women of the country do not want the ballot.

It is said the promoters of the recent championship pugilistic affair in Las Vegas lost about \$15,000 by reason of lack of interest in the bout. This should be a lesson to all other promoters not to pull off prize fights in a national convention year. The public can't be expected to take interest in a sideshow when the big circus is performing.

Jack Johnson, smoky pugilistic champion of the world, says he doesn't want to see another boxing glove, and declares he will retire after September 1. The public can second that motion with a breath of relief.

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RELIC OF THE WAR OF 1812.

Gun Taken From the English Frigate Macedonian.

There is a little plot of lawn in the New York navy yard known as "trophy patch," where repose relics of old time fights. Among the more interesting of these relics are seven eighteen-pounders taken from the English frigate Macedonian by the United States frigate United States in the war of 1812.

The Macedonian was commanded by Captain John S. Carden, the United



Photo by American Press Association.

ONE OF THE MACEDONIAN'S GUNS.

States by Captain Stephen Decatur. That memorable engagement was fought on Sunday morning, Oct. 25. The Macedonian suffered terribly in every part during a combat of almost two hours. She received no less than 100 round shot in her hull alone. She had nothing standing but her fore and main masts and foreyard. All her boats were rendered useless except one. Of her officers and crew, 300 in number, thirty-six were killed and sixty-eight wounded.

The loss of the United States was only five killed and six wounded.

When he took possession of his prize Decatur found her not fatally injured. The Macedonian was placed in charge of Lieutenant Allen, and captor and captive sailed for port. Both vessels made their way to New York, where they arrived on Jan. 1, 1813.

Decatur's victory produced a profound sensation in the United States. Public bodies and the legislatures of Massachusetts, New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia gave him thanks, and to these each of the two latter added a sword. The city of New York voted him the freedom of the city, gave him a banquet and requested his portrait for the picture gallery in the city hall. The national congress, by unanimous vote, thanked him and gave him a splendid gold medal with appropriate inscriptions.

From that time Decatur's name has been the synonym of honor and gallantry in the estimation of his countrymen.

TY COBB.

Ball Player Whose Suspension Caused His Teammates to Strike.

Tyrus Raymond (Ty) Cobb of the Detroit baseball team of the American league, whose suspension caused his teammates to go on a "strike," is one of the most dazzling stars baseball has ever known. He is twenty-five years



Photo by American Press Association.

TY COBB.

old and hails from Georgia. He was bought for \$300 by Detroit in 1905 from the Augusta (Ga.) club. He blossomed out as a star in 1907 and has ever since been shining brightly. He is six feet one inch tall, and his playing weight is 176 pounds.

The incident which led to Cobb's suspension by President Ban Johnson of the American league occurred at the New York grounds when he went into the grand stand and assaulted a spectator who had abused him in vile language. Cobb's fellow players sympathized with him and served notice on President Johnson that they would play no more until Cobb was reinstated. The strike was, however, short lived. A compromise was effected after a few days, Cobb inducing the players to recede from their position in order that the owners of their team might not suffer.

President Johnson fined the players \$100 each for their action, and President Davis of the Detroit club paid the fines.

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report having spent a very enjoyable Fourth.

Several of the people from here attended the infare dinner given at the home of J. H. Foster, of Salt Lake, last Sunday, in honor of Otis Foster and bride, who, after a short wedding trip to Portland and Salem, returned last Thursday.

The Perrydale band leaves Wednesday for Portland, where they have the honor of playing at the Elks' convention.

Mrs. Plankinton and son, John, are visiting at the home of D. L. Key.

Bill Hatfield and wife were Dallas callers Tuesday.

Max Flanery and Charles Newman went to Portland Sunday to make arrangements for the band.

Special Offer.

To introduce the Sunset Magazine into new homes we will make the following special offer: For \$1.60 we will send Sunset Magazine for 6 months and will send post paid either of the following: Hammond's Latest Atlas containing new maps of each State and Territory in the United States, as well as maps of every country in the world; also latest census figures and statistics, or a Standard Webster Pocket Dictionary, bound in leather, indexed, and containing 20,000 words. State which premium you want and send your order to Fred Lockley, Northwest Manager, Sunset Magazine, Portland, Oregon. 7-327

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The new Catholic church at White Salmon, Washington, has a cross on the steeple eight feet high that is illuminated at night by electric bulbs. The reflection of the cross may be seen in the waters of the Columbia river.

—Buy it now. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. Buy it now and be prepared for such an emergency. For sale by all dealers.

Work on the government jetty at Fort Stevens has been suspended. In the event of a great storm \$1,000,000 worth of damage might be done with no means at hand of preventing it.

—Dysentery is always serious and often a dangerous disease, but it can be cured. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has cured it even when malignant and epidemic. For sale by all dealers.

The city council of McMinnville has ordered the purchase of a tract adjoining the city park as a site for sheds to be erected for livestock exhibits in connection with the county school fair.

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Dr. Bell's Anti-Pain is both an internal and external remedy. It is an antiseptic remedy and destroys disease germs. Sold everywhere on a positive guarantee.

The mining men of Grants Pass are arranging for a most comprehensive display of the ores from their district at the meeting of the mining congress at Yreka, California, on the 19th and 20th of this month.

Chronic Sore Eyes.

Are easily cured with Sutherland's Eagle Eye Salve. It is painless and harmless and guaranteed. 25c a box. Sold by Conrad Stafrin.

The incorporation of the town of Oronge looks very doubtful at present. Only 24 of the required 50 signatures of taxpayers have been obtained up to date.

—A. M. Nason, farming near Canaan, Me., was badly crippled with sciatic rheumatism due he says to uric acid in his blood. "Foley's Kidney Pills entirely cured me and also removed numerous black specks that were continually before my eyes." Foley Kidney Pills are a uric acid solvent and are effective for the various forms of rheumatism. Sold by Conrad Stafrin.

A Portland woman has lost a string of beads, one of which had imbedded within it a perfectly preserved ant.

Satisfaction of Mortgage.

The Observer has added Satisfaction of Mortgage to its stock of legal blanks. Notaries and attorneys may now secure them in any quantity desired. Phone orders for legal blanks given prompt attention.

A Portland girl who was arrested for turning in false fire alarms says that she was instigated by members of the department.

As a result of the prune growers' meeting held at Riddle last Saturday afternoon, crops approximating a total of 500,000 pounds of dried prunes were pooled, and the price at which the association is holding is named as 12 1/2 cents per pound of 30s-40s. —Riddle Tribune.

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