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

COL. CHERRINGTON—CRITIC.

Dallas, Oregon, August 31, 1912.

Polk County Observer, Dallas, Oregon.

To the Editor:—I crave space in

your valuable columns to express an

opinion adverse to a part editorial

appearing in your issue of the 27th

inst. The editorial:

"It is a lie, shouts the third-term

candidate for the presidency in an

answer to the sworn testimony of John

D. Archbold that the Standard Oil

company contributed to the campaign

expenses of Theodore Roosevelt in

1904. That's the principal argument

of the said T. R. It is his typical

manner of answering all allegations

against him. Never any proof to substantiate

his assertions—simply 'liar, liar, nothing more. And the wonder

is that his dupes believe him. With

them, this simple cry of 'liar' has

more weight than the sworn testimony

of a dozen respectable and reputable

citizens."

I admire the candor of your editorial

expressions on most public

questions, but am sorry that you are

so warped with political prejudice

that you jump at every opportunity

to jump on Theodore Roosevelt, the

ex-president, with both of your heavy

editorial feet. This "third term" bug-

aboo is not a subtlety, it is a lie, and

in for no other purpose than to direct

the attention of the people away

from the real issue. If the directors

of a private institution, a bank for

instance, want to retain the same

president for a number of terms be-

cause he is a good man for the place,

they have the right to do so, and

they do it; if the people of a county

want to retain a county clerk for

several terms, though contrary to

precedent, they have the right to do

so, and they do it; if the people of

the nation want to return to the

presidency a man who has made

good, they have the right to do so, and

you watch them do it.

It seems very remarkable to me

that you wrote the above quoted editorial

with any notion of seriousness

for the reason that neither you

nor any of your many readers would

expect unbiased testimony from an

official of the Standard Oil company

which was prosecuted by the direc-

tor of Mr. Roosevelt while president.

You say, editorially, that Mr. Roosevelt

never submits "any proof to substantiate

his assertions—simply 'liar, liar, nothing more. And the wonder

is that his dupes believe him. With

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citizens."

What proof did Mr. Archbold sub-

mit other than his "sworn" testi-

mony? Did Mr. Archbold produce

the receipt for the contribution made

to Mr. Roosevelt's campaign expenses?

No, he couldn't find it. Is Mr. Arch-

bald or any other officer of the Standard

Oil company so careless in his book-

keeping that he cannot find the receipt

for the purpose of using when he

wanted to apply the receipt for an

immediate trip to Europe where, no

doubt, he would find the receipt with

which he will return immediately to

face Mr. Roosevelt's "sworn testi-

mony" accompanied with duplicate

copies of correspondence, and prob-

ably the "sworn testimony" of Messrs.

Loeb and Cortelyou who are in the

DISRESPECTABLE and DISREPUTABLE

class now. If T. R. had rushed to

China it would have looked good

for Mr. Archbold but instead he (Roosevelt) is standing

his ground, seeking an opportunity

to give "sworn testimony" before the

same body of men that heard your

friend Archbold. However, it is

probable that the "respectable and

reputable citizens" have Mr. Roosevelt

convicted without further trial.

It seems to be your idea that those

who follow a natural desire for honest

and fair dealing in affairs of govern-

ment, with Theodore Roosevelt as

their leader, are DISRESPECTABLE

and DISREPUTABLE "DUPES" whose

only crime is that they have ex-

panded from a capitalization of \$3,-

000,000 to more than \$20,000,000,

and this when every branch of the

government was in the control of

the president, even including an

overwhelmingly Republican congress

in complete sympathy with him. This

is the only crime of which Mr. Roosevelt

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least, some of us will remain "DUPES."

Respectfully yours,
T. J. CHERRINGTON.

The above communication is printed exactly as it was written and handed into this office by Col. Cherrington himself. The Observer would not presume to change a dot or a comma in a communication emanating from the thick tank of so profound a Bullmoose as the author of the above effusion. The Observer congratulates itself in being able to smoke at least one worshipper of the bandana statesman out of his hole, and we are familiarly slapping ourself on the back, realizing that something we have printed has reached a vulnerable spot in the thick hide of the self-called leader of the other side Bullmoose of Polk county. That surely is sufficient cause for congratulation.

The colonel intimates that there is a "real issue" in this campaign of the third-term. This is refreshing. If there is any issue in the campaign promulgated by the bandana party, aside from Roosevelt himself, we have never heard of it, nor been able to find it. The so-called "Progressive" party is the offspring of an all-absorbing and dominant political ambition, an attempt to foist upon the nation the leadership of a ranting political demagogue. It was conceived in a betrayal of trust and confidence, and has been reared in apostasy. If there had been no Roosevelt, there would have been no party in this country today, and men with the doubtful political affiliations of the author of the above defense of the perennial presidential candidate, would have tossed about on the troubled political sea, like a rudderless ship on the bosom of the mighty deep.

Possibly this "third term bugaboo" is "rot" as Col. Cherrington declares, but we have the statement of no less a distinguished individual than Mr. Roosevelt himself, that it isn't.

"On the fourth of March next, I shall have served three and one-half years, and this three and one-half years constitutes my first term. The wise custom which limits the president to TWO TERMS, regards the substance and not the form, and under no circumstance will I be a candidate for, nor accept another nomination."

Those are the words of the man who has so successfully repudiated them, who has betrayed the confidence of his friends and who, not only repudiated his own utterances and again became a candidate, but even went outside his party, and is doing his best to get elected in order that he may again and for a third term, become president of these United States. It may be a bugaboo but it is rising right now to plague the present "Progressive" aspirant for a seat in the White House, and the "wise custom" promulgated by George Washington and endorsed by the immortal Lincoln is ringing down the trail of Theodore Roosevelt and standing as an impenetrable barrier between his personal ambition and its gratification.

Regarding the Standard Oil controversy, The Observer hasn't the slightest doubt that the monopoly contributed to the campaign of Roosevelt in 1904 and that such contribution was known to him. But, if we are to look at the matter with a mind free from all impression we should be compelled to believe the sworn testimony of even the head of the Standard Oil, rather than the mere assertions of Roosevelt. Archbold, at least has never been convicted of duplicity; the public has never caught him red handed in a flagrant violation of his word. Of course Roosevelt denies all knowledge of the alleged contribution. Did anybody expect that he would admit it? What ever else may be said of him, it cannot be denied that he is a mighty astute politician and it is highly improbable that he can be convicted of the allegations made against him by Archbold. He has no doubt covered his tracks completely, and will depend upon denials and abuse to beguile his followers regarding the truth. But Roosevelt's denials haven't much weight with those of the American people who do not worship at his shrine. He has betrayed them once and his utterances regarding a third term are still fresh in their minds. Even as late as 1910 he wrote: "Under no circumstances will I be a candidate in 1912." In the light of these facts his mere word is not taken seriously except with those who invest him with all the virtues of an angel and exclaim, "The King can do no wrong."

Why should not the Standard Oil contribute to Roosevelt's expenses? While it is true that under his administration the suit to dislodge the trust was begun, the date of the alleged contributions was previous to any such action on his part, hence Cherrington's inference that the Standard Oil would not assist him to election, calls flatly Roosevelt's prosecution of the Standard Oil was perfunctory and the only bright spot in the record of trust busting during his administration. During his incumbency of office the prosecution of the manufacturers of great wealth, over which Roosevelt never raves was practically a dead letter, and the growth of trusts during his administration was enormous. Statistics show that during the period from 1901 to 1909, they had expanded from a capitalization of \$3,000,000,000 to more than \$20,000,000,000, and this when every branch of the government was in the control of the president, even including an overwhelmingly Republican congress in complete sympathy with him. This

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doesn't encourage us to hope for better things in this line should the third-term be successful in November.

The Observer's critic fails in to the usual error of others of his ilk who fawn at the feet of Roosevelt, in assuming that all who oppose him are the cohorts of dishonesty in affairs of government. This obviously is untrue. Those who oppose Mr. Roosevelt are doing so because they are either Republicans or Democrats and believe in the perpetuity of the principles promulgated by these parties. So far as The Observer is concerned it is a Republican newspaper. Had Roosevelt been the nominee of the National convention at Chicago, it would have supported him, just as it is working for President Taft, or for any man named by that convention. But Roosevelt forced his candidacy upon the people. He called himself the leader and when he saw that he could not succeed, he refused to permit his friends to compromise, and insisted that he only should be nominated, even if it meant the annihilation of the Republican party to whose principles he formerly ascribed, and which had honored him with the highest office in the gift of the American people.

He repudiated his former friends, betrayed his sacred word to the American people, and has since given us an illegitimate organization with a scrambled platform and a perennally candidate, solely to furnish him an opportunity to again become the dictator of the United States. The Observer opposes such methods. It most certainly believes in honesty and fair play. Roosevelt practices neither, politically. When we view the personnel of the great (?) bandana party whose leaders are composed of such men as H. Johnson, Bill Plinn, Heney and dozens of others who never succeeded in gaining recognition in either of the old parties, we congratulate ourselves for that reason, if for nothing more, in remaining true to the party that has given this nation every progressive movement in its history. We do not propose to be misled by the specious plea of any man who has forgotten his pledge to the American people. We do not believe in making any man an Emperor and ascribing to him all the virtues in the deologicue. If Col. Cherrington and other wor-

shippers at the shrine of the third-term are willing to be led by the nose with such a halter, let them be numbered among the malcontents. While, as The Observer has often said, many of the men who have affiliated with Roosevelt in the present campaign are undoubtedly there because they believe in him, and are thoroughly honest in their opinions, still the fact remains that every spotted politician in the country, men who have secretly fought the Republican and the Democratic parties while publicly proclaiming their fidelity to them, men who have chased after every political phantom from populism to anarchy, have found a welcome harbor with the Roosevelt party. It is a conglomerate mass of disappointed office seekers, repudiated office holders, sorehead Republicans and backsliding Democrats with a few politically honest men scattered here and there, all trailing blindly after the Great Nestor of the "Plain People." As a means of cleaning house and ridding the old parties of a few parasites who have been doing their best to sap the life blood of the organizations, it will serve its best purpose.

Col. Cherrington is a typical "progressive." The Observer would have been surprised had he adopted any other faith.

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