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

THINGS TO REMEMBER. Read the following utterances of Theodore Roosevelt self-called candidate for a third term as president of the United States, and calmly consider them and all that they mean before you make up your mind to cast your vote for him for president: '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 constitutes the substance and not the form, and under no circumstances will I be a candidate for, nor accept another nomination. 'Any man who supports the receiver of stolen goods stands on a level with the receiver of stolen goods. He is a dishonest man and ought to associate with honest men.'—Third term candidate referring to President Taft and the loyal Republicans of the country. The above utterance was made in a speech at Lamar, Missouri, on Monday, September 25. 'I have noticed a number of Taft badges in your town, and they are the appropriate color of yellow. The man who puts one on shows that he has a year-long streak somewhere.'—Third term candidate in speech at Springfield, Missouri, Monday, September 25.

A SUCCESSFUL ADMINISTRATION

The charge has often been made by the enemies of President Taft that he is the friend of "big business" and the "interests," and is against the common people. This is against the stock and trade of Theodore Roosevelt who hopes to ride into the presidential office for a third term on a tidal wave which shall overwhelm the Republican party. Let us forget, for a moment, our partisan prejudice and investigate this oft-repeated declaration. It is not necessary to consult the politicians in this investigation, but only to take the facts as we find them to discover that there never was a more unjust accusation made against any public official. It is a fact, that, during the administration of President Taft the first organized and determined effort against the trusts has been instituted and suit after suit has been filed against the unlawful combinations in restraint of trade. These actions have been begun under the Sherman anti-trust law which he found on the statute books, placed there during the administration of Theodore Roosevelt who did absolutely nothing toward enforcing it, rather in one instance directing his attorney general to withdraw a suit instituted against the Harvester trust. With characteristic intrepidity President Taft began to enforce it without fear or favor. By his courage in enforcing the law, he has inspired the active hatred of the trust magnates, and it is an open secret that the latter is trying to encompass his defeat for reelection. In proof of this assertion it is only necessary to call attention to the Publishers of Magazine trust. There is probably no medium through which so much abuse has been disseminated against President Taft as through the muck-raking magazines of this country. They have tried in every possible manner to poison the minds of the public against him. Chief among his detractors is Frank A. Munsey head of a string of magazines and publications that absolutely dictate the terms and the conditions which prevail in the magazine publishing field. Of course Mr. Munsey is working merely in the interests of the people, when he employs special muck-raking writers like Steffens who figured so uncredibly in the labor trial in Los Angeles, and others of his ilk! Sure! The president sent a message to congress directed at this great magazine trust. It was pointed out in this message that of the annual deficit of the postal department \$2,000,000 thereof was due to the fact that the magazine publishers were paying that amount less than the actual cost to the government of carrying their magazines through the mails. Talk about special privileges—here was a trust that was receiving them in chunks which amounted to \$42,000,000 a year, and yet Roosevelt, when he was chief executive, failed to make a move against the abuse, nor did he hound about "special privileges" over which he now grows so eloquent. Nearly every one of these trust magazines had been printing long-winded articles from their paid writers about "trusts" and "special privileges" which other individuals and concerns received and no doubt they felt especially aggrieved at President Taft when he so fearlessly exposed their particular form of special privilege. The attorney general commenced a suit against the trust as being an illegal combination in restraint of trade. It developed among the court proceedings that there was an agreement among the members of the

trust to maintain a blacklist upon which was placed the name of every retail dealer in periodicals who dared to sell any publication issued by the trust at a less sum than the publisher's retail price. Think of it! The uplifter maintaining a blacklist! And the president dared expose the fact. Frank A. Munsey, acknowledged head of this trust is a staunch supporter of Theodore Roosevelt and fills the columns of his string of publications with abuse of President Taft. There are scores of them and they have all felt the activity of the president of these United States who has dared to expose them and eliminate the special privileges which they so long enjoyed and which thrived under the administration of Roosevelt. No wonder they are supporting the third term candidate. But the fight went on and, for the first time in its history, the postal department of the government was conducted without a deficit. That surely is something worthy of commendation under the administration of President Taft. Others may be briefly mentioned. Postal savings banks have been established in which \$25,000,000 of the people's money have been deposited thus far. Railroads have been prevented from putting rate increases into effect without the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission. While this legislation was pending, an effort was made on the part of certain trunk lines to increase rates. But a temporary injunction was obtained by the attorney general pending the enactment of the legislation and, under the new law the road's application to increase their rates was refused by the commission. The railroads roundly denounced the president and the attorney-general for the stand they took in protecting the rights of shippers. A Bureau of Mines has been established so as to safeguard the lives of miners. The Panama Canal is being rushed to completion without scandal of any kind. It is to be toll-free to American ships engaged in coastwise traffic and railroad owned ships are to be excluded. Our foreign markets have been extended so that our foreign trade during the last fiscal year reached the enormous aggregate of \$3,000,000,000, while the balance of trade in our favor totaled \$550,000,000, the largest excess of exports over imports in the history of our country. An income tax amendment to the Federal Constitution has been submitted to the several states for approval. An amendment for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people has been submitted to the states for their ratification. The employers' liability law has been sustained in the courts and its provisions have been extended so that the employees of railroad carriers may bring suits in any district in which defendant was doing business at the time of the commencement of the action. A movement for the issuance of bonds for the completion of irrigation projects in the West has been approved. Millions of dollars have been saved the taxpayers by the inauguration of modernized methods by the various executive departments of the government. Bucket shops and get-rich-quick concerns have been destroyed. Laws for the publication of campaign expenses and contributions before and after elections, which include primary as well as general elections have been approved. The Observer could fill columns regarding the good, genuine reforms that have been accomplished under the administration of President Taft, but these are sufficient to convince any reasonable man of the truth of the statement that the present has been one of the most successful administrations, as regards the actual benefits to the people generally, in the history of the country. Before you decide to cast your vote with the opposition just investigate what interests are behind Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Wilson. Compare the actual results obtained under the former president with the present, and compare the present prosperous conditions with those which existed when last the Democratic party controlled this government and put its theories into effect. Think twice before you vote to change all this for an experiment.

TO THE VOTERS OF POLK COUNTY

(Paid advertisement.) As I have been urged by friends belonging to the different political parties, either to come out independent or to accept the nomination tendered me by the Prohibition Party for the office of County School Superintendent, I have consented to make the race, on that ticket, in accordance with the following general principles: Right, Not Policy. If elected I will strive to do the right by every individual, district and community. I will be as economical as possible in the use of the public funds, consistent with efficiency. I will not act as agent for any school furnishing company. I will not ask an increase in salary while in office. Efficiency, Not Popularity. If elected I will visit each school in the county at least once each year. It will be my earnest endeavor to bring about more helpful relations between the home and the school. I will strive to have an exhibition in connection with the County Fair some work from every school in the county. Justice, Not Power. If elected I will keep the office under personal supervision and will designate at least two days out of each week as office days. I will not ask for more than one Supervisor to be elected by the County Educational Board. I will not so use my office as to perpetuate my continuance in office. I will strive at all times to render the best possible service to the people, and will hold no ill-will against anyone who does not support me. I respectfully ask your support. J. J. ARNOLD. Legal blanks for sale at this office.

Trophy and Part of Course For the Vanderbilt Cup Race



THE classic automobile event of the American sporting world is the Vanderbilt cup race, run this year in Milwaukee for the trophy given by William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and for a cash prize of \$3,000. The cup and a stretch of the course are shown in the illustrations. The length of the circuit is approximately 8.725 miles, and the conditions call for thirty-four laps to complete the race, which is thus for a distance of 266.65 miles. The course is built for safety as well as speed. The minimum width of the straightaway is thirty feet, and the flat curves are said to be safe for a seventy miles an hour speed.

Attention Comrades. The annual election of officers of the Polk County Soldiers' and Sailors' association will be held at Dallas at 2 p. m. Saturday, October 5, 1912. It is earnestly requested that every Veteran of the Civil War in our county be present on that day as it is the closing day of the County Fair and it is desired to make it G. A. R. day each year hereafter. A. J. MARTIN, Pres.

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