

W. H. TAFT AS OP- PONENTS SEE HIM

**Democrats and Progressives
Both Give Great Praise
To President.**

Roosevelt, Bryan, Wilson, LaFollette
And Others Join in Praise
Mr. Taft.

The most severe test that the record and character of any man can undergo is the criticism of his opponents. The following tributes to our great President speak for themselves:

Democratic—
John Sharp Williams, Democratic Senator from Mississippi and one time floor leader for his party in the House of Representatives, in a recent speech declared: "I never knew a man so bitterly attacked for so little cause as William Howard Taft."

Harper's Weekly, a Democratic newspaper, now supporting Woodrow Wilson, has said: "If there is a squarer man in these United States than William Howard Taft, we do not know his name or where he lives."

Senator Stone, of Mississippi, in a speech in the Senate, August 12, said: "The President is a high class man, his ideas and impulses are naturally good. I believe him to be a patriotic American, devoted to the interests of his country and his people."

William Jennings Bryan, the great Democrat, in a speech made September 5, at his home in Lincoln, Nebraska, declared that "more reforms have taken place during Taft's administration than during any other in recent years," although of course he declined to give the President credit for these reforms. In this same speech he spoke of Taft as a "high minded man of great integrity."

Woodrow Wilson in a recent speech at Minneapolis said: "I want to pay my tribute of respect to the President of the United States. I do not believe that any man in the United States who knows his facts can question the patriotism, or the integrity, or the public purpose of the man who now presides at the executive office in Washington."

Progressive—
Senator Robert LaFollette, leader of the Progressives, recently declared on the floor of the Senate that President Taft had been far more active and aggressive than President Roosevelt in the prosecution of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Theodore Roosevelt, who is at present bitterly attacking President Taft, said of him, June 18, 1908: "I do not believe there can be found in the whole country a man so well fitted to be President. He is not only absolutely fearless, absolutely disinterested and upright, but he has the widest acquaintance with the nation's needs, without and within, and the broadest sympathies with all our citizens. He would be as emphatically a President of the plain people as Lincoln, yet not Lincoln himself would be freer from the least taint of demagoguery, the least tendency to arouse, to appeal to class hatred of any kind." Mr. Roosevelt also, in a speech before the New York State Republican Convention on September 27, 1910, after Mr. Taft had been President for nearly two years, and after reviewing the acts done by the present administration, said: "These and similar laws, backed up by executive action, reflect high credit upon all who succeeded in putting them in their present shape upon the statute books; they represent an earnest of the achievement which is yet to come; and the beneficence and far-reaching importance of this work done for the whole people measure the credit for which is rightly due to the congress and to our able, upright and distinguished President, William Howard Taft."

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HOW ROOSEVELT RESEMBLES LINCOLN

Lincoln. "With no more toward none, with charity for all."

Lincoln. "We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break the bonds of affection."

Lincoln. In answer to an asperser on his character, you stated publicly that you were in possession of a fact, or facts, which, if known to the public, would entirely destroy the prospects of myself at the ensuing election. I hope that upon more mature reflection you will view the public interest as the paramount consideration—Lincoln to Colonel Robert Allen.

In addition to these choice and dignified expressions, Theodore Roosevelt, formerly holder of the greatest office on earth, lately, in announcing his candidacy, added the phrase, "My hat is in the ring."

When Judge A. B. Anderson of Indianapolis, a highly respected gentleman, rendered a decision in the Panama Canal scandal, which was displeasing to Mr. Roosevelt, he is reported to have made the following courteous comment: "Judge Anderson is a damned jackass, he is a crook and a jackass, and I do not care if the whole world knows it."

Also, when addressing a crowd at Joplin, Mo., a few days since, he saw a man in his audience wearing a yellow Taft badge. This caused him to remark, that the color of the badge was very appropriate, as any man who would support Taft had a yellow streak in him somewhere. Can you imagine the kind and broad-minded Lincoln, to whom Roosevelt likes to compare himself, making such a remark to one who honestly differed with him politically?

WHO IS MR. PERKINS?

Who is George W. Perkins? Who is the man who stands ready to put up unlimited cash to get Roosevelt elected? Here is the answer, cut from the pages of the report of the Steel Investigating Committee of the House of Representatives:

Director of the United States Steel Corporation.
Director of finance committee and director of International Harvester Co.
Director of Astor Trust Co.
Director of Bankers' Trust Co.
Director of Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad Co.
Director of Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific Railway Co.
Director Erie Railroad Co.
Director German-American Insurance Co.
Director German Alliance Insurance Co.
Director International Mercantile Marine Co.
Director Marquette & Bessemer Dock & Navigation Co.
Director National City Bank of New York.
Trustee of New York Trust Co.
Director of Northern Pacific Railway Co.
Chairman of board, Pere Marquette Railroad Co.

Nearly all of these companies control or own a large number of other companies.

Mr. Perkins is a shrewd man. He has millions of dollars invested in the various corporations and trusts above enumerated. Several of them are now being prosecuted by the Taft administration. Is he financing Mr. Roosevelt's campaign in order to have in the White House a friend or an enemy? William Allen White of Kansas, in an appeal for contributions to the Third Term campaign fund, said: "The men who finance the campaign control the administration." Does the country want an administration which is controlled by a director in fifteen different trusts and corporations?

Roosevelt's Soliloquy.

I'm twice as great as Washington.
I'm twice as great as Grant.
If they a third term did not get, They need not think I can't.

I'm twice as great as Jefferson, And Madison combined.
I'm twice as great as the whole line Of presidents, I find.

I'm greater than my country With its customs and its laws; With its poor old constitution And its presidential flaws.

I'm twice as great as any man Above or beneath the sod.
In fact, I'm half inclined to think I'm twice as great as God.

Should Be Intrusted to Taft.
Upon the strength of the record he has made, and in view of the material condition he has been largely instrumental in bringing about, it is eminently wise and proper that the welfare of the country should again be intrusted to President Taft.—Denver Republican.

Song of the New Party.
My country, 'tis of Me,
Sweet land of mostly Me,
Of Me I yell.
Land to which I am sent,
Beyond all argument,
Choose me for president,
Or go to—well.
—Hartford Courant.

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WHAT PRESIDENT TAFT HAS DONE

Some Of The Legislation Accomplished During His Administration.

Pertinent Facts That Should Be Considered Carefully By Every Voter.

There has been a systematic attempt for years on the part of newspaper and magazine writers in the pay of the great magazine trust to belittle and misrepresent President Taft. The result has been that the people have an impression that this has been a "do nothing" administration. The truth of the matter is that more constructive progressive legislation has been accomplished under President Taft than was ever accomplished in any administration before.

For the benefit of our readers and in justice to the president, this paper sets out below some of the many things he has accomplished:

He put the postoffice department on a paying basis for the first time within the memory of the present generation.

He has enforced the Sherman anti-trust law without fear or favor.

He prevented the Democratic wool, cotton and free list bills as unfair, unscientific and destructive of the Republican principle of protection.

He abrogated the discriminating passport treaty with Russia.

He prevented railroads from putting rate increases into effect without approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

He has pushed the Panama Canal to early completion without hint of scandal.

He has practically destroyed white slave traffic.

He has signed the bill for admission of Arizona and New Mexico to statehood.

He has established the Bureau of Mines and the Bureau of Prisons.

He has extended our foreign markets for the benefit of American capital and labor.

He has abolished the shameful system of postage in this country.

He has submitted the income tax amendment to the Constitution to the state legislatures for ratification.

He has effected advanced boiler inspection laws passed by Congress.

He has established means for complete irrigation projects in the West.

He has maintained peace in Cuba and South and Central America by friendly warning without intervention.

He has modernized and reformed government business methods by an economy and efficiency commission, saving millions of dollars to the American people annually.

He has effected arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France.

He vetoed the Arizona statehood bill because of the recall of judges provision.

He instituted non-political methods for taking the 13th census.

He has effectively destroyed bucket shops and get-rich-quick concerns.

He has persistently labored for a parcels post.

He has effected a new treaty with Japan settling racial controversies on the Pacific Coast.

He has further extended a safety appliance act for the benefit of workmen.

He has successfully fought for the publication of campaign funds and expenditures.

He has heartily endorsed the labor commission's report and proposed bill concerning employers' liability.

He has reorganized the customs service, eliminated corruption and expense and paid out of the treasury thereby saving and recovering millions of dollars to the United States Treasury.

He has established the Court of Commerce to review findings of the Interstate Commerce Commission and to remedy exasperating delays in litigation.

He has established a nonpartisan tariff board to review on the difference in the cost of production at home and abroad.

He has secured a corporation tax law yielding over \$20,000,000 annually to the United States government.

He has transformed a deficit of \$5,000,000 of the previous administration into a \$20,000,000 surplus.

He has made a new American record for nonpartisan judicial appointments.

He has brought the railroads under further control of the federal government through extension of the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

He brought the workmen's compensation act to a successful issue in the Supreme Court.

He has effected a successful stock and bonds commission.

He has extended the civil service rules to all departments of the federal government by executive order.

He has secured practical conservation acts.

He has established a Court of Customs Appeals, by which undervaluations have been stopped.

He succeeded in securing a postal savings bank system that is dragging millions out of old socks and putting it to work.

He favored Borah's 3-year home-stead bill.

He has exhibited the highest order of statesmanship in handling the delicate and provoking Mexican situation, keeping the United States out of an expensive and bloody war, while at the same time maintaining the dignity of our nation.

—American Economist.

WHERE ARE YOU, PROFESSOR WILSON?

Are you for free trade, as you were for years and years when professor in Princeton College; or do you now actually believe in the hazy sort of gradual change to "tariff for revenue only" which you now advocate?

Are you opposed to labor unions as you were when you were a college professor; or is your suddenly advertised conversion to their benefits of late a real one or only for purposes of being president?

Are you still at heart as much opposed to the initiative and referendum as when you lectured at Princeton to your college students; or have you really changed your mind since the presidential bee began to buzz in your bonnet?

Are you against exclusion of the Chinese from the Pacific Coast, or do you still believe in their "superior skill and intelligence," as you did when you wrote your History of the American People.

WHERE DO YOU STAND, PROFESSOR, on these vital questions? If you were president would you carry out your brand new opinions or your former lifelong opinions?

LaFollette No. 3.

REPUBLICANS TRUE PROGRESSIVES.

Is this great constructive work, in state and national government, the result of years of patient and intelligent effort within the Republican party, to be imperiled, the election of progressive Republican governors, legislatures, Congressmen, and United States Senators, to be jeopardized to make the new party for ROOSEVELT who in no sense represents the high ideals of those who made the Republican party progressive in many states against his opposition and who nationalized progressive policies in his absence from the country? On those who would make this war upon Republican progressive achievement and Republican progress candidates must rest the responsibility of the issue.—Senator LaFollette's Weekly Magazine, July 27, 1912.

LaFollette No. 4.

THE ROOSEVELT WAY.

"HOW DO YOU STAND ON MET?" is Roosevelt's sole test of qualification for a Progressive. Imagine a Congress elected on this basis. Of course, it would be reactionary. Roosevelt is not concerned about a progressive Congress. An Aldrich Senate and a Cannon House are satisfactory to him, if he can win more easily with that kind of a combination. What would become of the progressive movement under such leadership? And yet, it is exactly the plan Roosevelt pursued when President. It is the Roosevelt way. He supported Lodge for United States Senator two years ago, and Penrose for United States Senator four years ago. He has always played this kind of a political game.—Senator LaFollette in LaFollette's Weekly Magazine, August 10, 1912.

LaFollette No. 5.

"IN NO PARTISAN SPIRIT I repeat that the progressive movement began within the Republican party. It rapidly advanced its control, shaping the policies of state administrations and stamping its impression upon national legislation as a distinctly progressive Republican movement, and upon this fact in recent political history I appeal to progressive Republicans everywhere to maintain their organization within the Republican party."—Senator LaFollette in LaFollette's Weekly Magazine, July 27, 1912.

LaFollette No. 6.

FIGHT WITHIN REPUBLICAN PARTY.

It seems to me that the highest obligation of real progressive Republicans in every state is to maintain their organization and continue to fight within the lines of the Republican party for progressive principles, policies and candidates. No aid or encouragement should be given to a third party plan to divide the progressive vote and destroy the progressive Republican movement. No break should be permitted in the progressive ranks which will endanger the election of any true progressive Republican anywhere.—Senator LaFollette's Weekly Magazine, July 27, 1912.

Gov. Johnson Not Hopeful.
When Governor Johnson left California to begin a stumping tour for the third term candidate, he practically acknowledged that he was entering upon a hopeless task. "I am not going to resign," he said, "and after the November election it is quite possible that I shall return to the office I now occupy." Like a great majority of the Bull Moosers, Governor Johnson is discouraged.

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See Great Improvement.

A Correction.

John Taylor, of Marquam, Ore., and James Taylor, of Cabri, Sask., are visiting in the home of J. B. Parker, James Taylor is a brother of Mrs. Parker and it is 26 years since he was 14. Or god. He sees a great improvement in Independence and predicts a bright future for it.

A news item in last week's Enterprise stated that Grant McLaughlin had purchased the dairy business of Mr. Willard. This was misleading inasmuch as the transaction consisted in making arrangements whereby Mr. McLaughlin supplies the retail trade, while Mr. Willard takes care of the wholesale trade such as hotels and restaurants.

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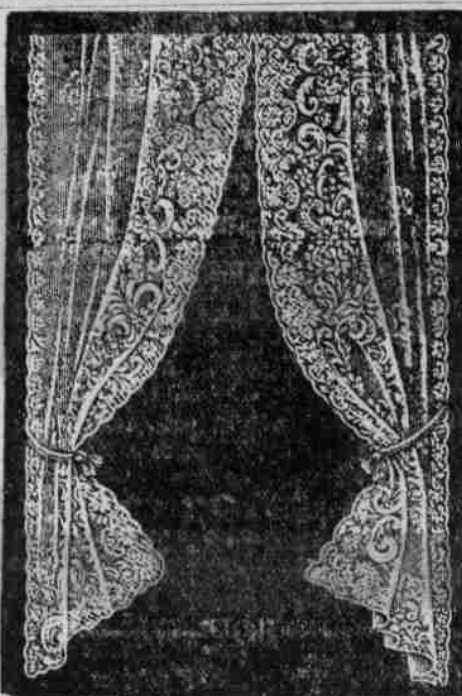


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