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ST. JOHN PREDICTS
ROOSEVELT AGAIN

INTERVIEW WITH THE FATHER
OF KANSAS PROHIBITION

PRES. TAFT "PUTTYMAN"

Some Recollections of Events of the
Blaine-Cleveland Campaign
of 1884.

A special from Spokane, Wash.,
says that St. John, formerly govern-
or of Kansas, who has come to Spok-
ane to begin the fight for prohibition
in the state of Washington, made two
predictions in the course of an inter-
view:

"Nothing but his death will pre-
vent the nomination of Theodore
Roosevelt to succeed President Taft,
and if he is not elected no other rep-
ublican can be.

Ten years hence there won't be a
legalized saloon within the bound-
aries of this commonwealth. Spokane
will be 'dry' in five years from this
time."

Mr. St. John said among other
things in speaking of Roosevelt and
Taft:

"Theodore Roosevelt is the sharp-
est politician in the United States.
But for him Mr. Taft would never
have been thought of for the presi-
dency. Roosevelt knew Taft, and so
do I, but he knew that Taft is a putty
man, soft putty at that. Roosevelt
helped to elect Taft. He knew that
his administration would be a fail-
ure.

"Roosevelt went off to Africa. He
is not mixed up in any of the ques-
tions before the people today. In
the course of 18 months he will re-
turn, covered with rhino hides, ele-
phant tusks and glory. The 'howl
and yell' element in politics will raise
the cry for Roosevelt. The country
will go 'wild' over him. Nothing but
his death will prevent his nomination
to succeed Taft, and if he is not elected
it will be because no Republican
could win."

Governor St. John's name in the
above is a reminder of ancient presi-
dential history, the election of Grover
Cleveland in 1884. The republicans
had nominated Blaine and Logan,
two fearless Americans, the former
the most noted man of his day, and
the latter the idol of nearly a mil-
lion of the Civil War veterans. Cleve-
land had been sheriff of his county
and governor of the state of New
York, and was without national rep-
utation. The campaign was con-
ducted on personal lines to a very
large extent. The republican candi-
date, however, had the best of it by
long odds when the campaign was
near its close. Everything seemed
to hinge on the state of New York,
which had that year 35 presidential
electors, so the struggle centered in
the great Empire state.
Unfortunately, at this time three

things happened. Rev. Burchard, a
Presbyterian minister of some promi-
nence, made a talk at a meeting in
New York city in which he arraigned
the democratic party, tersely charg-
ing that it was made up of "Rum,
Romanism and Rebellion." This
speech was used by the Democrats
among the Catholics of the state of
New York, who had been supporting
Blaine, and with some effect. The
friends of the noted senator, Roscoe
Conklyn, of New York, called upon
him to save the day, but he refused,
having had a personal difference
with Mr. Blaine, and consequently it
was said that he "sulked in his tent"
and flatly refused to enter the fight.
St. John, who had been twice gov-
ernor of Kansas and a candidate a
third time, had before the republican
convention been anxious to go to
Chicago for the reason that the pro-
hibitionists were intent on getting
a plank in the Republican platform,
but the governor's enemies in Kan-
sas, made up of those who were anx-
ious to re-submit the prohibition
amendment, had control in the state
convention and defeated his election.
When the Republican national con-
vention convened in Chicago St.
John was there as chairman of a na-
tional committee of prohibitionists
and these asked a hearing before the
committee on platform. This was
denied in the curtest possible terms
and St. John, who for more than 20
years had, in every campaign, can-
vassed his state for the Republican
party at his own expense, turned
away from the convention with the
remark "I am no longer a Republi-
can."

The governor went into the cam-
paign that fall as a leading orator for
the national Prohibition party and
did effective service in Western New
York, reducing the Republican vote
in that part of the state to the extent
of defeating the party. This was
generally acknowledged, but those
who did not care to give all the credit
of Blaine's defeat to St. John said that
if only one of the three episodes
mentioned had not occurred James
G. Blaine would have been elected
president.

The scene in Topeka the night the
election returns came in beggars de-
scription. The community was deep-
ly disturbed and the crowds around
the hotels, composed of fully two-
thirds of Republicans, felt the de-
feat of the "Plumed Knight" as a
calamity to the country. St. John
was looked upon as the one man who
was responsible for it and even his
warmest friends blamed him for the
disaster. There were men present
who expected office at the hand of
the Republican administration pro-
vided they won the election, and
these were loud in the denunciation
of St. John. Finally a man who was
said to be slated for the United States
marshal's office, led a party who pre-
pared an image representing the pro-
hibition governor, soaked it in coal-
oil and then hoisted it to a telegraph
pole near the corner of Sixth and
Kansas avenues amid the jeers of
the rougher element. After a time
some one set the image on fire and it
burned with a great blaze which set
fire to the pole to which it was tied
and it was then cut down and allowed
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