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WILL THEY GO BACK

Our republican friends assume that the "g. o. p." has completely swallowed the progressives, making a complete clean sweep of the swallow. But will the progressives submit to be swallowed in this wholesale manner?

The same element of the "g. o. p." which nominated Taft in 1912 have nominated Hughes in 1916. That is to say the same element had control of the conventions. This element had power to either nominate or reject Mr. Hughes. Mr. Root, of New York, would have been nominated instead of Judge Hughes if his election had been probable. But progressives would not support Root and it was thought they would support Hughes. Anything to beat Wilson was the slogan and Judge Hughes was thought to be the man to do the beating.

When Mr. Roosevelt led the revolt from the republican convention in 1912, he was followed by all or nearly all republicans, who refused to accept their political papulum longer from such leaders and political bosses as Penrose, Barnes, Root, Fairbanks and others, as representing standpat republicanism. They resented the domination of the Wall street barons and tariff beneficiaries, who were then and are now, represented by the aforementioned leaders.

Is it reasonable to suppose that the men who severed their allegiance from these bosses and machine politicians four years ago, will now bow their heads, stick their tails between their legs and scuttle back under the banner of the leaders whom Mr. Roosevelt denounced as thieves and malefactors, even if he (Roosevelt) has accepted the dish of crow and has pronounced it good?

When the party split of four years ago occurred, we assume that principle was the cause. That party had promised to reduce the tariff and Mr. Taft won his election on that promise. The promise was not made good and, as a result, Mr. Wilson was elected four years later and under a like promise. The tariff has been reduced as promised by the Wilson administration. Now these progressives are asked to support Judge Hughes who, impliedly promises to restore the tariff rates which maintained under Mr. Taft.

Are our progressive friends mere puppets to be traded and trafficed as a band of cattle? Surely not. It simply was the basis of their action in 1912, they surely are not party slaves four years later.

The Tribune suspects that a vast majority of progressives, like Hon. Victor Murdock, of Kansas, one of the great men of that now defunct party, are on the fence. They do not know just where they are at. Betrayed by their leader, Mr. Roosevelt, they are not unlike an army in the wilderness without a guide. They may, some of them, find the road labeled "republican" and many

of them will unconsciously follow the democratic thoroughfare.

The combined vote for Roosevelt and Taft four years ago was about 1 1/2 millions greater than that for Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson is stronger today than he was four years ago. While he may lose some German-Americans, because he has not favored the German side in the great war, he is sure to win more than he will lose on this account; for the American people do and will resent German interference in American politics.

Compared with the fact that President Wilson maintained his poise during these most strenuous times and has kept the nation out of active war so far, our republican friends have no grounds upon which to assume that Judge Hughes will win in a walk next November. On the contrary, he will have the race of his life, with the odds in favor of Mr. Wilson.

"TEMPORARY PROSPERITY"

"No intelligent man is deceived by the temporary prosperity due to abnormal conditions," said Mr. Hughes in his telegram accepting the nomination of the rump Progressive committee.

If the prosperity of the United States is temporary it is the biggest thing of the kind that the world has ever seen. If it is due in part to war in Europe, there is reason to believe that the conditions which war has produced will be prolonged for many a day.

How does Mr. Hughes know that present prosperity is only temporary and how could the American people have experienced such industrial and commercial activity if it had not been for the wise legislation of the Sixty-third congress which liberated American finance, industry and trade from the thralldom of monopoly and privilege?

The total national bank deposits on March 7 last, amounted to \$10,790,000,000, an increase in one year of \$2,198,000,000. On May 1 last national bank depositors numbered 14,288,059, an increase of 6,597,591 in six years. Savings bank deposits increased from \$4,451,555,688 in 1913 to \$4,986,591,849 in 1915.

Our exports for eleven months in the fiscal year 1916 amounted to \$3,873,000,000, an increase over the preceding year of \$1,374,000,000, and \$1,000,000,000 more than any previous year. Of the exports here noted, not more than \$500,000,000 was represented by munitions of war.

In all parts of the country, transportation lines, rail and water, are taxed beyond their capacity. Freight embargoes have been resorted to in many instances. Ship building is in progress on a scale unknown since the Civil war. Net earnings of railroads for nine months ending April 1 last show an increase of \$248,800,000 over the corresponding period of the previous year.

The national wealth, which was estimated in 1913 at \$107,104,211,917, was computed in 1915 at \$187,739,071,090. With more gold than any other nation, New York City alone has nearly \$500,000,000 of the metal in its own vaults. Bank clearings for June were \$600,000,000 greater than last year. July 1 the national treasury reported a surplus of \$78,000,000 as against a deficit one year ago of \$59,000,000.

So far as labor is concerned, we have the word of Samuel Gompers that never before in the history of the world were so many people employed at such high wages and under such excellent conditions as is the case in the United States today. No capable man need be idle. Throughout the west, farm hands are offered \$3 a day and board and farmers themselves have rarely experienced such prosperity.

That these conditions are due in part to war in Europe no one will deny, but in a much larger way they are of domestic growth. Our interstate commerce is many times greater than our foreign commerce. For the first time in many years all our industrial and commercial enterprises are based upon a banking and currency system which cannot be manipulated by a private coterie operating today as inflationists and tomorrow as contractionists and panic breeders.

For the first time in years, furthermore, industry and commerce find themselves largely liberated from the blight of monopolistic taxation levied to help some people at the expense of all the people; and instead of greedily attempting to corner home markets, there is an enlightened and courageous effort by enterprising men to open up new spheres of trade in all parts of the earth.

We do not say that these conditions are permanent. We do not say that they make for stability, and that in peace as well as in war it is upon just laws, and not, as Mr. Hughes would have us believe, upon meddlesome and discriminating laws enacted at the instance of interests selected for favor and for monopoly that abiding prosperity must depend.

If Mr. Hughes knows that this amazing prosperity is only temporary, how is he going to prove it?—N. Y. World.

STRONG LEGISLATIVE TICKET

In the nomination of Hon. W. P. Elmore, of Brownsville, E. C. Peery, of Scio, and Irvin R. Shultz, of Albany, the democratic party offers an especially strong triumvirate to the voters of Linn county. Strong in point of the location of the nominees and strong in point of ability.

Mr. Elmore, of Brownsville, is a farmer and banker, is one of our pioneer citizens and has demonstrated in our legislative halls that he is a strong man and is true to the peoples interests. He cannot be swept from his feet by a bunch of boosters.

Mr. Peery is an enterprising Scio business man. He has had considerable legislative experience in connection with our condensery of which he is the president and financial manager and in matters pertaining to public, city and school district affairs. Being the moving spirit in the adoption of our present high school system, he may be depended upon to stand for all that is best for our public schools. He is a man of strong initiative and who will always dig down to the bottom of anything he undertakes or gives his support.

Irvin R. Shultz, of Albany, is a real estate dealer which brings him in close contact with farming and public interests in general and can be depended upon to work for the reduction of taxation, if elected as one of our law makers.

As can be seen, these gentlemen are representative of all parts of the county. The selection could not have been better in this regard, had it been hand picked.

On the other hand Messrs Childs, Porter and Acheson are all from one portion of the county. A block of eight miles square would take them all in. All are farmers and stock raisers. While they are all first-class men and citizens, they have no especial fitness for legislative work. Mr. Childs has served two terms and Mr. Porter one term as state representatives and while they may have voted right on measures, the voice of either of them was rarely if ever heard for or against a measure.

We need members that can do more than merely vote. We want

men who are able to fight for or against measures, as may be for or against public welfare and who are able to dig out the nigger when a legislative measure comes up if there be one.

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