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## ANOTHER POLITICAL BUNCO GAME

It has been stated by a republican leader that the republican platform made in Chicago at the late national convention, was so broad, liberal and progressive in the line of reform, that any patriotic progressive could stand upon it without any qualms of conscience and without having to take a backward step from the position he assumed, when he marched from a similar convention four years previously, under the banner of the doughty Colonel of Oyster bay.

This sugar-coated statement is very nice if platform promises can be relied upon to be made good later on. But the history of the republican party made eight years ago, is not such as to inspire the doubting progressive with confidence.

When Mr. Taft was nominated and afterwards elected, a platform of principles was declared. The people then had confidence in the republican party for they believed it would live up to its promises made in its platform of declared principles.

One of that platform's leading declarations was that it would revise the tariff. The people had become tired of an extreme high tariff, (the highest ever known in the history of the government up to that time) and they demanded that the schedules should be revised downward. Mr. Taft, in his campaign speeches, said the tariff was too high and that the duties should be reduced.

The people trusted the promises of these republican leaders and elected Mr. Taft. At the same time both branches of congress were republican by a good working majority and there was no reason why the tariff promises made to the people should not be faithfully kept and the tariff reduced as the people demanded and believed would be done. Note the result.

After Mr. Taft's election one of his first official acts was to convene congress in special session for the one purpose of revising the tariff.

After some months of investigation a tariff bill was passed and with President Taft's signature, became a law. In signing the bill, popularly named the Payne-Aldrich tariff, he said it was the best tariff law ever enacted by the republican party. A republican congress had made good a promise made to the people at its national convention. It had revised the tariff. But when the law was analyzed and dissected, it was found the revision was upward instead of downward, as the people demanded and as Mr. Taft said should be done.

As a matter of course the people were greatly disappointed and, after they found how they had been buncoed, they became angry. When the biennial election arrived two years later the people registered

their anger by electing democratic congressmen.

When the presidential year arrived and the national convention was in session, they were still angered. But Mr. Taft had so manipulated matters in the selection of delegates that his renomination could not be defeated and the angry delegates, under the leadership of Colonel Roosevelt, refused to play ball. They withdrew from the convention, as did the southern democrats at Charleston, S. C. in 1860, and formed a new party.

Now Colonel Roosevelt and his lieutenants are endeavoring to lead or drive these same progressives, who declared the new or progressive party was formed on a basis of progressive principles which the g. o. p. would not adopt, back into the folds of this same g. o. p. "Father forgive them for they know not what they do," was the spirit of the g. o. p. leaders at the Chicago convention. The backsliders were invited to again be reconciled to their gods, Wall street, the protected interests, etc.

Colonel Roosevelt and his lieutenants were anxiously willing to forget the platform of principles, which had been proclaimed so enthusiastically when the new party was formed and again unite with the "crooks" and "malefactors," simply to beat Wilson.

But will the rank and file of the betrayed progressive party forget? Can they forget the colossal bunco game played upon them in 1908? Will the molasses, which is being so copiously spread to catch the progressive fly, prove effective, even if indorsed by Roosevelt, Perkins & Company?

The great mass of republicans who raised up the progressive banner, are men of principle. They did not take that momentous step at Chicago in 1912, without serious thought and, probably, a large majority of them will refuse to be herded, like cattle, back into the old g. o. p. pastures. They are men who think and who place principle above partisan gain and are sure to refuse to be made catpaws of to rake republican chestnuts. When they rebelled against g. o. p. tactics it was for the purpose of driving the old gang from governmental management. Now they are invited by sugar-coated promises, to help to place the old gang in power again. Will they forget and be forgiven? Well, hardly, many of them say. They were buncoed in 1908 and for which they are blameless. If they allow themselves to be again buncoed in 1916, they will simply be fooled again and become mere tools in the hands of the g. o. p. leaders.

### CAMPAIGN OF VITUPERATION

The campaign of vituperation, misconstruction and faultfinding, now being carried on by Candidate Charles E. Hughes, may be a winner in some localities and with some unthinking minds; but it will result boomerang like with the vast majority of thinking people. Most people are fair even to an opponent in their thoughts. They are willing to give even the Devil his dues and they are sure to resent Mr. Hughes' methods of campaign.

If Mr. Hughes will admit what he knows to be facts, he must tell of several good things for which Mr. Wilson and his congress are responsible. Even the things which had been agitated by progressive reform republicans and which have been carried to a successful conclusion by a democratic administration, are passed in silence by Mr. Hughes.

To read his speeches and from which draw conclusions, one would think that all democrats are dishonest, incompetent and are trying to work havoc to the government. He

will not admit that there is one single redeeming feature in the Wilson administration. All are marks of incompetency, dishonesty and of pork barrel instigation.

Now the great mass of the American people are reasonably honest and they believe that the man they select to office, no matter what his political affiliation may be is, likewise, occasionally honest and disinterested in his public acts. They believe that most people, regardless of political sentiment, are patriotic and desire good government. Nor do they believe that all public honesty and competency reside in the bosoms of republican statesmen, nevertheless Mr. Hughes' speeches are to the contrary.

Candidate Hughes' public speeches are too much of the character of the lawyer addressing a jury. He wants to win his case and thinks it can be done by belittling the arguments and facts which may be on the other side. This method of campaigning will not appeal to the fairminded American public. If Mr. Hughes would admit that the Wilson administration has stumbled upon an occasional good measure and enacted it into law, his speeches would have a much greater influence.

Now, it is claimed by democrats, that more reform legislation which effects the American people, has been enacted into law by the present administration than during the previous forty years. They go further and cite these reform measures, one after another. Mr. Hughes does not either deny or admit these assertions. But seems content to find fault with every public act of President Wilson and his cabinet.

No doubt there are faults which should be criticised as has been the case with every administration since the birth of our government. It is also true that during every administration of the government, some meritorious measures have been enacted into law. Why not admit an established fact? Why not, Mr. Hughes, admit that the present administration has fathered several meritorious laws? Why not admit that the income tax, direct election of U. S. senators, regional banks, rural credits and several other measures which the American people think meritorious, are facts? Condemn them if you wish, but do not simply ignore them.

We people on the Pacific slope believe that, even in politics, public men should be reasonably fair. We believe that a good measure enacted into law, whether by republicans or democrats, is equally as meritorious and will effect the welfare of the people in about the same way. Rain falls alike on the just and unjust and good or bad laws effect the people in a similar manner. The reform laws enacted by the present democratic administration are just as welcome, Mr. Hughes, as if you were at the helm of the Ship of State, backed by a republican congress. The truth in the end will injure nobody; but misrepresentations and misconstructions are mischievous and injurious to the speaker, more so than to whom he could injure.

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August 25

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