

IS ROOSEVELT AN EXTREME RADICAL?

That is Question Which is Now Giving Politicians Much Concern—His Stand Will Soon Be Outlined Completely.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Whether or not Colonel Roosevelt has constructed a platform which is so radical, if not revolutionary, that the regulars will refuse to stand on it, and whether this means that beside the two old parties there will be in the field for the next presidential election a new liberal or progressive party made up from the progressives gathered up everywhere, is a question which just now is giving the political prophets much concern.

It is one thing to attract the applause of the multitude and it is another thing to garner in the votes of those same men who did the shouting. Colonel Bryan found that to be true. And yet—

Without doubt there are a lot of progressive senators and representatives who will come out from under cover next December. In fact, they are coming out right along. They have felt that the party was not keeping up with the development of advanced thought among the people, but they have hesitated about declaring themselves, as the recognized "insurgents" and "progressives" have done. Some of them phandered for a time, flirting with the liberal element, only to be warned back into the ranks of conservatism by the demands of the regulars where the latter were in undisputed control of the party machinery. But the whole country seems to be in the mad rush toward a more radically representative system of government, and the former president is leading the movement. He is excelled by no one in making an accurate, shrewd estimate of the state of public opinion.

Colonel Roosevelt has discovered what the people want. The acclaim which met his recent utterances apparently proved that, and he is the man to cast his fortunes with the powerful public, whose applause makes or mars the fortunes of those who appeal to it. The movement is bound to grow. It will gather

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