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## HOW TAFT WAS SOUGHT BY MCKINLEY.

The manner in which the Republican Candidate was called to a larger sphere of action.

One afternoon early in 1900, when Judge William H. Taft was dictating a decision of the United States Court in the Federal Building in Cincinnati, a telegram was placed in his hands. He tore off the envelope and was surprised to find a telegram from President William McKinley, reading:

"I shall take it as a great favor if you will call on me some time next week."

Judge Taft guessed at the meaning of the summons and guessed wrong. He went to Washington and was shown into a room at the White House, where he met the President and Secretary Long of the Navy. Later, Elihu Root, the Secretary of War, came in. Then, to use Mr. Taft's own words:

"Mr. McKinley said that he wanted to send me to the Philippines to help in the work of establishing civil government as the army moved on. I thought of my place on the bench and hesitated. Besides, I believed and said we could get along without the Philippines."

"But we have them and must take care of them," the President replied.

"You are at the turning of the ways in your life," Mr. Root then observed. "The bench is the easy road. You can stay there and be comfortable. On the contrary, the Philippines will demand personal sacrifices and risks and much hard work, but you will have an opportunity of doing your country a very great service. I went home, and argued the matter for two weeks."

The telegram to Cincinnati opened the door of American history to William H. Taft and made him the Republican candidate for President of the United States.

## TAFT COMES FROM GOOD STOCK.

Family Ranked Among the Plain People for Many Years.

The Tafts—those who at present are the Tafts—had ancestrally from Uxbridge, Mass. They say that Tafts are so thick in Uxbridge that even a woman can't throw a stone without hitting one.

Some years ago—in 1874, to be exact—there was a Taft reunion in Uxbridge, to which descendants of the original Robert Taft came flocking from all parts of the country. One of the conspicuous features of the affair was a historical address by Alphonso Taft, father of the present Republican candidate. He traced the history of various branches of the family, and when he came to the one to which he and his children belonged he said:

"Our family have not embarked much upon national politics, except that they have soared in the battles of the country when national independence was to be won, and also when the Union was at stake. But brilliant political careers have not been characteristic of the Tafts in the past. It is not safe to say what may be in store for them. There is a tide in the affairs of men and also of families."

This is taken from the account of the reunion published at the time. Alphonso Taft would perhaps have been somewhat dazzled if he could have foreseen how quickly and brilliantly the family would proceed to "speak upon national politics." He himself started the turn of the tide which he predicted. It seems to be reaching its flood in the career of the son who that year was entering Yale.

As Alphonso Taft described his immediate ancestors one sees where his son got certain characteristics. Peter Taft (1715) was "a large, good-looking man of magnanimous disposition." He had four sons.

Aaron, the candidate's ancestor, was also so magnanimous that he lost money by indulging a friend's notes; he was a man "of great intelligence and integrity." And then, going somewhat further back, there was Captain William Taft, who took Barney Castle in the sixteenth century "by blarney quite as much as by military prowess." Good stock was Captain William from which to make a twentieth century Secretary of War William.

## A Grand Record.

The Republican party is not only rich in men, but rich in practical and beneficial principles. It is rich too in its record, in promises performed and pledges fulfilled, and so we are for party and party principles first and will acquiesce in the choice of the majority, rallying around the standard bearer who will carry us again to victory.—Hon. James S. Sherman.

Mr. Bryan might make a hit in the Rocky Mountain States by proposing a federal guaranty of mining stock deposits.—Omaha Bee.

Mr. Bryan criticises Mr. Taft for adding to the Republican platform. In the meantime the number of "paramount issues" which Mr. Bryan subtracted from the Democratic platform would fill several large volumes.—Omaha Bee.

## School Notes

School opened with an enrollment of 22 in the upper room and 30 in the primary room. Two are taking up the tenth grade and three the ninth.

We are glad to welcome ambitious young people to our numbers and it might be well to say, there will never be a more favorable time to study than now, when there is so little outside to make demands upon the interest of students.

The new classes are not moving very smoothly yet, we have not received new books, until we do our work will be hauling; two weeks is too much to lose that way.

The many new appliances for the school room will very materially aid the teachers in their efforts to educate instead of merely hear recitations.

One of the grade pupils in emphasizing the close of the Egyptian Era announced that all the Kings of Egypt died that year.

The Eighth grade is wrestling with standard time.

In general, school work is moving off admirably. The pupils take hold in earnest and we trust parents lend every effort to keep up regular attendance. We suffered some from many irregularities last year.

## WHERE SHERMAN STANDS.

Approves Legislation to Improve the Conditions of Labor.

(From Sherman's Speech of Acceptance.)

The Republican party believes in the equality of all men before the law; believes in granting labor's every request that does not seek to accord rights to one man denied to another. Fair-minded labor asks no more, no less, and approves the record of the Republican party because of that party's acts.

I have helped to make my party's record in the enactment of the Eight Hour law, the Employers' Liability act, the statutes to minimize the hazard of railroad employees, the Child Labor law for the District of Columbia and other enactments designed especially to improve the conditions of labor. I cannot hope to better state my position on injunctious than by a specific endorsement of Mr. Taft's Cincinnati declaration on that subject. That endorsement I make.

## But He Runs on Forever.

(From the New York Sun.)

What will Mr. Bryan say After next election day? Mr. Bryan will insist That he is an optimist. Beaten three times! What of that? He's the one great Democrat Writing for his fellow men To be beaten once again.

Read the Commoner and learn! Mr. Bryan, Mr. Kern, Sail together on this trip In the old, oft stranded ship. (They have quarters in the stern.)

In this antiquated craft, While they gaze at Mr. Taft Miles ahead—the race near done And by Taft and Sherman won— Mr. Bryan, ever wise, Doubtless will philosophize And to Mr. Kern recite That remark, already trite, All prepared and often sprung; "Beaten? Yes, but I'm still young! I can wait another four Years, then try the race once more, I have got this thing down pat, I'm the one great Democrat!" —Julian Ducas.

Making or Keeping Promises. The difference between Mr. Taft's promise of tariff revision and Mr. Bryan's pledges in the same direction is that Mr. Taft if elected will be in position to redeem his pledge, while Mr. Bryan if elected would be powerless to accomplish anything with a Republican Senate arrayed against his free trade plans.—Omaha Bee.

## A Hot Political Fight.

(From The Denver Post.)

MY father, he's a Bryan man, But Ma's for Mister Taft, An' say—you ought to hear 'em scrap, The family's almost daft; To us kids their arguments Are just the same as Greek, When they're not talking politics They hardly ever speak.

Pop says that Taft ain't got no show To get the place at all, Ma tells him that he's full of prunes, And that his brain is small; She vows that Bryan couldn't win In twenty thousand years, Then Pop says, "Pooh!" an' "Bah!" an' "Bosh!" An' walks around an' sneers.

I sometimes wish we had a king, An' didn't have to 'lect, 'Cause, honest, if they keep it up Our house will soon be wrecked; If Taft wins Pop will be all right, He'll simply cuss till hoarse, But if Bill Bryan wins we fear Ma'll get her a divorce.

## Tumalo.

TUMALO, September 21.—Quite a number of the Bend people are returning from the Valley loaded with fruit. They report much rain there and the roads in bad condition. It seems strange that there would be so much rain and mud so near us and we are having but little rain and the roads dusty and fine, and such beautiful fall weather as we have in this country.

Some of the farmers in this vicinity have not finished their harvesting yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira E. Wimer have returned from an outing, fishing and huckle-berrying on the Metolius. They report having had a nice time and getting some fish and some berries.

Mr. Cantrell, of Hack Butte, tarried over night at Tumalo one night last week. Mr. Cantrell is riding the range for the Black Butte Company this season.

## Local Mention.

Mrs. Ives and Mrs. Fickle were Bend visitors on last Monday.

C. W. Allen and George Simmons made a trip up toward Blue Lake last week.

Uncle Frank Nichols and Ed Dean were up on Cash creek a short time ago.

Mrs. Murk made final proof on her deers claim before Commissioner Ellis yesterday.

Wm. G. Stiles started for Portland overland on last Thursday afternoon.

Robt. Surgeon is doing some work on the F. E. Dayton ranch northwest of town.

E. P. Buchanan, of the Sisters country, was in Laidlaw on legal business one day this week.

Grover and Fay Gerking started over the mountains on last Wednesday for a visit with friends and relatives in the Willamette Valley.

Mrs. James and Lanta returned a few days ago from their trip to Nebraska and Mrs. James says that state does not compare at all favorable with the Deschutes Valley as a place to live.

The lumber for the new school house in the Bayley district was being hauled from the mills last week.

Prof. Thompson was out to his ranch one night this week.

F. N. Wallace and A. J. Harter were Bend visitors one day this week. Mrs. Harter, A. J.'s mother accompanied him.

Warm Springs Indians were in town with a wagon load of huckleberries which they sold readily at \$1.00 per gallon.

Farmers are now quite busy at work putting up their last hay crop for the year and report good yields.

Chadwick Irving passed through Laidlaw last Monday with a load of lumber for Mr. Hewin, of Pleasant Ridge. He has the contract to haul the lumber for Mr. Hewin's new house.

A phone message received from Mr. Kollock stated that the case of the State v Columbia Southern Irrigation Company has not been set for trial but the attorneys hope to have it set for some time in the November term.

Sterlie Fryrear was in town last Sunday with his fine team and rig and one of our young ladies was made happy by a buggy ride.

Irvin Couch and Sam Nichols are going into the fur business or something of that nature. They have laid in a supply of 48 traps.

## NO RETREAT



THE SENTINEL STANDS FIRMLY IN DEFENSE OF HIS FLAG.

—From the Baltimore American.

## Pleasant Ridge

PLEASANT RIDGE, Sept. 24.—Henry Hewins is building his new house and will soon leave J. A. Thompson's "Underledge Farm" where he has lived for the past year.

J. A. Vosburg has some large stacks of fine alfalfa. Mr. Vosburg says alfalfa is the star to which he will hitch his wagon. This is the third year's cutting, and it does well.

Frank Hensley pastured twenty hogs on a half acre of three-year alfalfa and the hogs have done very well. Mr. Hensley has seeded 15 acres more to alfalfa and has prepared to irrigate by the check system.

Perhaps no one at Pleasant Ridge has done better than has Richard Chesley. Mr. Chesley has removed junipers and sage from forty acres and seeded twenty to alfalfa which is looking fine.

A fine boy came to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sherwood Monday evening. Ralph wants to knock a chip off the shoulder of every man he meets now.

Clint Wood is able to walk again. We are glad he is recovering from his painful accident.

W. L. Perry and family have returned from a two week's trip to the valley where they secured berries, plums and other fruit. They enjoyed the trip in most ways.

A new bridge has been laid across the lateral east of the school house. Most of the oats are not cut yet, frost has injured them very much.