

## PAYNE ACT TOO LITTLE UNDERSTOOD

Critics of Administration Are Not Informed as to Its Provisions.

Someone said that when Roosevelt left the White House and went to Africa to shoot lions, he left a white elephant on the hands of President Taft's administration in the tariff. Someone said Roosevelt then predicted that the tariff would break the political back of his successor. This is presumably nothing more than fable and folk lore.

Certain it is however, that the Taft administration has had a whole lot to contend with in carrying out the platform pledge to revise the existing tariff schedules. The administration has been abused for the Payne Tariff bill and it is safe to say that very few among the many who decried the passage of this bill in its final form, had any knowledge of the bill or its provisions.

Other administrations than that of President Taft have had trouble with the tariff; what one has not?

President Taft was sharply criticised for the Winona speech when he declared the Payne Tariff bill was the best ever passed. Critics of the president were quick to use this against the administration, despite the fact that this speech was very hastily prepared and not given the consideration

## ECONOMY IS WATCHWORD

President Taft Has Cut Expenses During His Term.

President Taft believes that the business of the American people, which is the United States government, can be run more economically. He expects an economy commission will point out ways to effect a considerable saving in many of the departments.

The three years of President Taft's administration has proved that economy is quite possible and the president has practised the new policy successfully. Upon taking office, President Taft warned every cabinet member, as well as the heads of bureaus, that they would be held individually responsible for cutting the expenditures under their control.

On July 1st, 1909, the Taft administration faced a deficit of \$56,000,000. One year later, this deficit had been changed into a surplus of \$14,000,000 and by July 1st, 1911, the surplus had risen to \$47,000,000. The normal increase of Federal expenditures is about 4 per cent. each year. Yet the expenditures, which were \$662,000,000 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, shrank within the following year to \$654,000,000, an actual decrease instead of the normal increase.

Perhaps the best known economy effected was the wiping out of the annual deficit in the Postal Department and another was the elimination of wide-spread frauds in the customs service. The scaling down process of the fiscal year of 1911 involved cutting the estimates made by the department heads \$50,000,000.

## ACTIVE AGAINST TRUSTS

Present Administration Has Waged Constant Warfare.

People generally have never given President Taft credit for the remarkable activity of his administration against the trusts. Unlike his predecessor in office, he did not hunt the trusts with brass bands, trumpets and flying banners. He did not advertise to the far corners of the country what he intended doing before he started in campaigning against the big combinations of capital.

But the fact is, that President Taft has done more in fighting the trusts than any other president in the history of the country. A number of the biggest monopolies have been dissolved by prosecutions at the direction of President Taft, notably the Standard Oil and Tobacco Trusts.

During the three years in office, there have been instituted under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, thirty-seven prosecutions of illegal combinations of capital. A number of these have already been successful and the people may look for the favorable conclusion of many others. This is a record that throws in the shade the performances of any other president, although it covers but three years. President Roosevelt was quite active in fighting the trusts, yet in his seven years in office, from 1901 to 1908, he caused but forty-four suits to be brought against the trusts.

## TO PROBE LIVING COST

President Taft Wants to Know Cause of High Prices.

One subject in which the average householder has a vital interest is the high cost of living. Much has been written and spoken about the ever growing expense of the American household, but the blame for the condition which seems to prevail all over the country has not yet been fixed.

President Taft proposes to do this, and one of the most timely subjects he has discussed recently is this same problem. President Taft proposes to appoint a commission, consisting of experts, to carry on an investigation as to why food prices are steadily going skyward. The middleman is being freely blamed because it seems to cost more each year to live and many believe the charges well founded. President Taft's proposed commission would ascertain this fact accurately, and the causes once learned, it is thought the problem could be solved.

President Taft himself says of the plan: "One legitimate advantage of such an official investigation and report, is the enlightened and informed public opinion, which of itself, will often induce or compel the reform of unjust conditions or the abatement of unreasonable demands."

## COMES OF GOOD STOCK

President Taft's Family Just Plain People for Generations.

President Taft's family hails originally from Massachusetts, the town of Uxbridge. Tafts are said to be so thick there that even a woman cannot throw a stone without hitting one.

The Tafts held a re-union at Uxbridge in 1874 and descendants of the original Robert Taft flocked there from all parts of the country. Alphonso Taft, the father of the President, delivered an historical address at this re-union in which he made a somewhat remarkable prophecy, all without being conscious of it. This is what he said, the account being taken from the report of the re-union published at the time:

"Our family has not embarked much upon national politics, except that they have shared 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 of 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."

Alphonso Taft himself started the turn of the tide which he then predicted. His son William, who was later to have a brilliant career as Secretary of War, and still later as President, was that year entering Yale.

The Taft ancestors have been of mighty good stock. Peter Taft (1715) is reported to have been "a large, good looking man with a magnanimous disposition."

Aaron Taft, another ancestor, was also magnanimous, so much so, that he lost money by endorsing a friend's notes. Despite this fact he is reported to have been a man of great intelligence, as well as integrity. Going still further back, there was Captain William Taft who captured Biarney Castle in the 16th century.

## Party Rich in Traditions.

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

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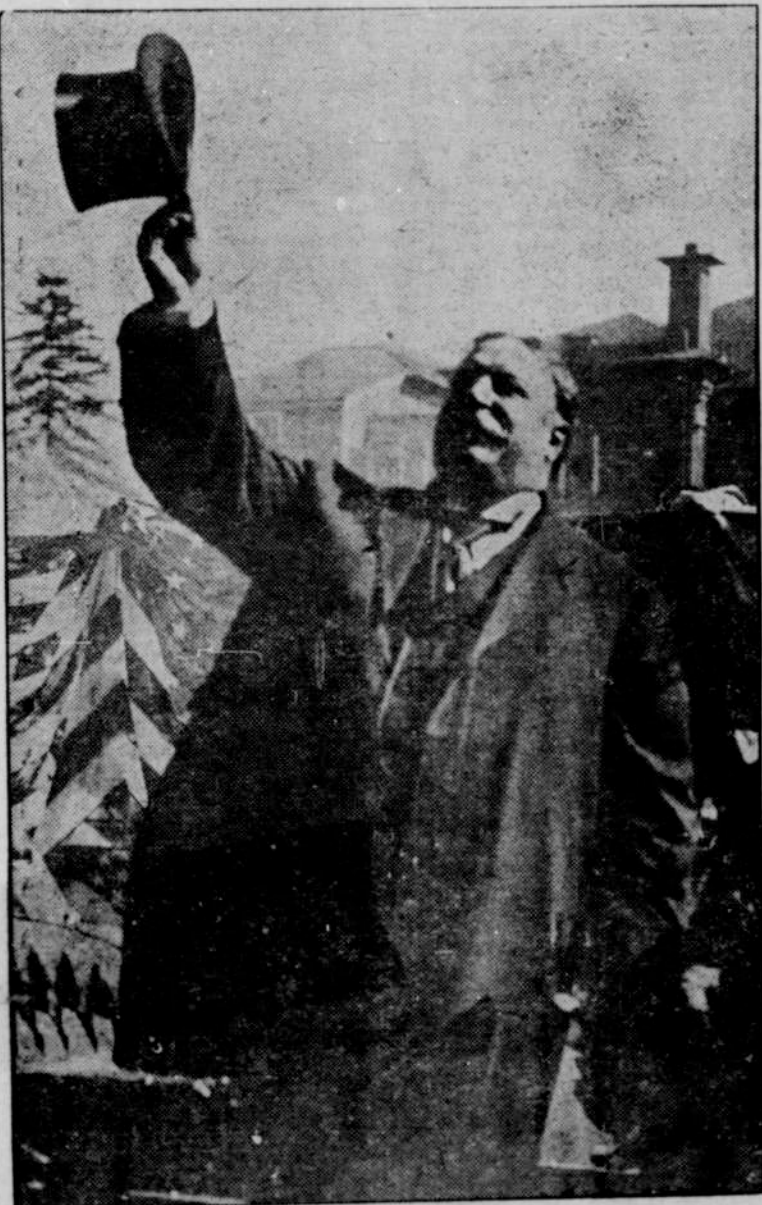


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PRESIDENT TAFT GREETING OREGON PEOPLE ON HIS LAST TRIP WEST.

It should have had before delivery. The president dictated this speech on a train between two stations and it was sent out by the press with correspondingly little care, and indeed, the papers received it in all kinds of shapes. President Taft admitted that had he had time to consider this speech before its delivery, as he said he should have done, he would have clarified several passages. He still believes, however, the Payne Act, although it has its shortcomings, contains less to be criticised than its predecessors, and it did, as a whole, revise the existing schedules downward, official tables showing an average lowering of rates of 8 per cent.

The Payne Tariff bill was responsible for most of the hostile criticism directed toward President Taft, since he has been in his office and yet, this measure was a substantial gain to the country. It created a Tariff Board and a Court of Customs Appeals. It levied a corporation tax, which produces an actual revenue of \$27,000,000, and at the same time affords the government access to the books of all corporations. It gave fair treatment to the Philippines, and encourages the importation of art objects for educational purposes, by removing the duty on such objects.

President Taft was compelled to work with a hostile house and he faced always an aggressive faction in his own party in forming tariff legislation. No one could deny his courage in calling a special session expressly for tariff legislation to redeem the platform pledge. No president since Cleveland has undertaken to do such a thing.

## HELP FOR HOMESTEADERS

Leniency For Man Trying to Make Home is Recommended.

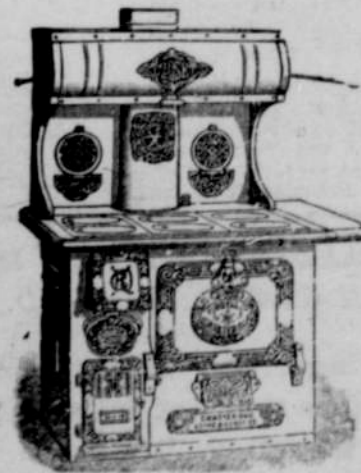
A radical change in the homestead laws that will be of marked benefit to settlers is the plan of President Taft. Leniency for the man who is trying to make a home on idle lands of the state, included in the various reclamation projects, is what President Taft wants.

He intends to modify the law so that the settler upon land being reclaimed need not take up his residence immediately upon filing, but may wait two years before living on his land. During these two years, however, cultivation must be carried on. By the time the settler must commence living on his land, he can, by reason of this modification of the law, make a living from his farm. This will do away with two weary years during which, under the present law, the homesteader usually finds it necessary to live partly on hope.

The present provision, under which land is to be paid for in ten annual installments will be so modified as to allow a patent to be issued for the land at the end of five years cultivation, and three years occupation.

The homesteaders generally will welcome this change in the law, relieving them, as it does, from all enforced residence on the undeveloped farm lands during the period when it is hardest to make a living. At the end of five years the new law will furnish the settler with a title upon which he can borrow money with which to continue the development of his ranch.

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