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WELCOME TO WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.

WELCOME TO WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, the republican candidate for president of the United States, who comes to Hammond and Gary today. It is Lake county's good fortune to welcome Mr. Taft who stands for the highest type of citizenship, of cheerfulness and optimism. That the welcome will be a hearty one is not to be gainsaid. There is no gloom, no doubts, no walls in the doctrine of William Howard Taft. He believes in the great prosperity and progress of the United States. It has indeed far better told than we can tell it what Mr. Taft has already done for his country—the greatest country in the world. He is not much of a talker, he hasn't done much of that; he is a great DOER, and he has shown what he can do. He has faith in the people and believes in them and their problems, and if he is elected, he will help the people to solve them. He is not a politician, an omnipresent office-seeker. We bid Mr. Taft welcome to Lake county, and hope that his coming here will help to swell the republican majority that Lake county will give to numbers it has never reached before.

THE FARMERS AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

NOW THAT MR. TAFT is among our people his words will have an added interest. One of the strongest speeches that Mr. Taft has made during the campaign was addressed to farmers. As the south townships in Lake county are essentially agricultural Mr. Taft's words are particularly apropos when he says:

"As the republican platform says, the welfare of the farmer is vital to that of the whole country. The prosperity of the country rests peculiarly upon the prosperity of agriculture. Just now one of the strongest hopes of returning good times is based on the business which the farmer's crops are to afford.

The republican party during the twelve years has accomplished extraordinary work in bringing the resources of the national government to the aid of the farmer. He is vitally interested in the restraining of excessive and unduly discriminating railroad rates, in the enforcement of pure food law, in the promotion of scientific agriculture, and in increasing the comforts of country life, as by the extension of free rural delivery and the building of good roads.

"The free delivery in the postal service now reaches millions of our citizens and will be extended until every community in the land receives its full benefit. Every one recognizes the essential and economic advantages of good country roads, maintained more and more largely at public expense of the abutting owner.

The policies of the present administration have most industriously promoted all these objects and can not fail to commend themselves to the farmer's approval. It is difficult to see how, with his intelligent appreciation of the threat to business prosperity involved in democratic success at the polls, he can do otherwise than give his full and hearty support to the continuation of the policies of the present administration under republican auspices."

WHAT SENATOR HEMENWAY DESERVES.

WHEN YOU VOTE FOR representative next Tuesday, week, vote for men who will vote to re-elect Senator Hemenway back to the United States senate. Vote your ticket straight. Do you suppose the democrats will split their tickets. If the republican policies of Mr. Taft are to be successful after March 4, he must have the lawmaking bodies with him. Senator Hemenway has stood faithfully by the state ticket in this campaign and he deserves to be sent back to the senate for it.

DOES THIS INDICATE SINCERITY?

AMONG THE DEMAGOGIC STATEMENTS that W. J. Bryan has made in this campaign is that "if he were elected president, he would insist that there be a department of labor." How consistent the "Peerless One" is, may be learned from the fact that there now exists a department of commerce and labor and Oscar S. Straus, who heads it, is one of the best authorities in the world on economic conditions in the labor world and all the recommendations that he has made to President Roosevelt in the hope of bettering the conditions of the workingman, have been made. It is this kind of demagogic that has branded Bryan as an insincere man.

YOU ARE A LITTLE LATE, MR. BRYAN.

THE WEAKNESS OF THE DEMOCRATIC position as regards the tariff is acknowledged generally. After letting that issue slumber so long, Mr. Bryan can hardly expect to receive it. But simply because the voters of this country shot free silver and kindred issues into holes, Mr. Bryan wants to rake up the tariff. The fact is the democratic party long ago threw its fat into the fire as far as the tariff is concerned, and Mr. Bryan has little ground to attack Mr. Taft for a delay in the advocacy of a revision of duties.

IS MR. MEEKISON'S STORY TRUE?

IT IS UP TO GEORGE A. MEEKISON, the Whiting lawyer who charges that a democrat tried to bribe him to the amount of \$850 to keep off the ticket to make a further explanation of the matter. Mr. MEEKISON has told part of the story and he should tell all of it. The people of this county have a right to know all the details. They have a right to know what value to put on his story. Bribery is an ugly charge, and the democratic party should insist that Mr. MEEKISON give them fullest information. If he has slandered a democrat, then proper steps can be taken. Who offered him \$850? It is up to you Mr. MEEKISON.

IF THE TIMES WERE TO print what one candidate for county office, on the democratic ticket, said about Marshall, the brewery candidate for governor, and his visit to Lake county and what other prominent democrats have said about Marshall, a surprising state of affairs would be revealed.

THE COLUMBIA CITY POST, which is the democratic organ in Marshall's own town, on Jan. 17, 1900, quoted Mr. Marshall as saying: "I do know that the worst of democracy is better than the best republicanism." If the state is untrue, the Columbia City Post is the paper to say so. Yet Marshall is asking for republican votes. Faugh!

ALL MR. TAFT has to do is to hold to his original resolution, not to answer every statement made by Bryan. Give the latter time enough and he will deny them all himself. When he runs for the presidency in 1912, he'll go back on everything he ever said in this campaign.

Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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THE FAIRY THINGS OF CHILDHOOD.

Those whose hearts are dry as summer's dust have long tried to kill that glorious soul, the Santa Claus of childhood.

But Santa Claus lives on.

The other day in Passaic, N. J., "ignorant iconoclasts" tried to get the school board to banish from the schools those books that contained the fairy tales of Andersen and Grimm and the "Arabian Nights."

Fortunately these nearsighted people failed.

They gave the old argument: This is a practical age—an age of exact science. Then why fill the children's minds with rubbish about the fairies?

But do these practical folk know anything more practical than enthusiasm or ambition or initiative? Well, could these qualities exist without imagination? Can you have invention without fancy or ambition without dreams?

The imagination is creative. This would be a dull world—there would be no progress—a mere initiative world—were there no robust fancies in the minds of men planted there by the day dreams of their childhood.

Do not hesitate to fill the minds of the little tots with tales of Mother Goose or of Aladdin and his wonderful lamp. Because—

THE REAL THINGS ARE THE UNSEEN THINGS.

Who ever saw truth or love or aspiration? Are they not more real than the things you see or touch? Everything man has made is but the crystallization of his idea, and who ever saw an idea?

Moreover—

That child is to be pitied who has not seen the sprites and fairies at their play, who has not gone in fancy for the pot of gold to the end of the rainbow's glitter, who has not built for himself his beautiful castle in Spain.

Imagination has its educational uses.

I repeat:

There is more in life than that you get through the five senses. Else it is all animalism and muck.

The fairy tales of every people—melodies of childhood, rhythm, myths of Kriss Kringle—have lived through the centuries. They served good uses or they had died long ago.

They lived because—

That which is seen passes. That which is unseen is eternal.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

October 24.

1535—Lady Jane Seymour died.

1561—Tycho Brahe, the great astronomer, died.

1780—John Hancock chosen first governor of Massachusetts under the new constitution.

1807—Sir James Henry Craig appointed governor of Canada.

1821—Elias Boudinot, first president of the American Bible society, died.

1852—Daniel Webster died at Marshfield, Mass. Born in Salisbury, N. H., Jan. 18, 1782.

1864—Petroleum discoveries made in Monroe county, Michigan.

1887—Queen Victoria Eugenie of Spain born.

1905—President Roosevelt visited in Birmingham, Ala.

THIS IS MY 53RD BIRTHDAY.

James Schoolcraft Sherman, republican nominee for vice president of the United States, was born in Utica, N. Y., October 24, 1855. He graduated from Hamilton college in 1878 and two years later was admitted to the bar. In 1882 he was made secretary of the republican committee of his county and in 1884 he was chosen mayor of Utica by the largest majority ever given a mayoralty candidate in that city up to that time. In 1886 he was elected to congress. He was renominated in 1888, but was defeated and again was an unsuccessful candidate in 1890. Two years later, however, he was elected and continued to represent his district until the present year, when he declined renomination to accept the second place on the republican ticket with Mr. Taft. Mr. Sherman was a delegate to the national convention in 1892, and chairman of the New York republican state convention in 1895 and again in 1900.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

October 25.

1400—Geoffrey Chaucer, England's first great poet, died in London. Born there in 1328.

1555—Charles V. abdicated as emperor of Germany.

1761—Philadelphia first chartered by William Penn.

1779—The British evacuated Newport, R. I.

1806—Henry Knox, one of Washington's generals, died in Maine. Born in Boston, July 25, 1750.

1813—United States frigate Congress captured and destroyed by the British ship Rose.

1826—First daily paper issued in Rochester, N. Y.

1854—Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava.

1905—President Roosevelt visited Little Rock, Ark.

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Frances A. March.

Professor Francis Andrew March of Lafayette college, the dean of American educators, was born in Millbury, Mass., October 25, 1826. After graduating from Amherst college in 1845 he studied law and was admitted to the New York bar in 1850. He never practiced law, however, for before his admission to the bar he had joined the faculty of Lafayette college and for more than sixty years he has remained with that institution as professor of the English language and comparative philology. He is the author of many

For President

WILLIAM H. TAFT

"He is as strong as he is gentle. His reputation is simply spotless.

In the agitation of a heated campaign for the greatest office in the world, no one has ventured to intimate a doubt of the absolute honesty of this man who has been before the country for a quarter of a century. Nor can any one successfully dispute the simple proposition that in the whole history of the United States no one was ever named for the presidency who was so fitted by nature, by training and by experience for the duties, dignities and responsibilities of that unique office—CHARLES HOPKINS, in "The Independent."

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