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THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

It is with a feeling of keen regret that the American people witness the retirement of Theodore Roosevelt from the presidency, but they are also pleased in the thought that his successor will carry out his splendid policies. The Chicago Record-Herald today pays the retiring chief executive the following fitting tribute:

President Roosevelt retires from office hated by a few, loved and admired by the many.

The reason for these opposed feelings is one and the same. The many admire him for the policies he has represented and successfully carried forward. The few hate him for those same policies.

His opponents sometimes pretend that it is because of his methods and personal qualities—rashness, impetuosity, violence—that they hate him. They merely strive to conceal the true reason. On the other side, it is sometimes said that his followers have become attached to him because of his war enthusiasm, his athletic prowess, his love of sports, his advertising ability. This also is merely an attempt at concealment of the truth.

The policies which the president has made his own are partly embodied in legislation, but to still larger extent they appear as yet only in programmes of legislation to be enacted. In his relation to these policies, disregarding trivial phases, two great characteristics of the man stand out boldly. One is his almost unfailing political rightness. The other is his absolutely untarnished personal integrity.

The political rightness of the president is the marvel of the decade. He has not only given expression to the great social needs of the nation when he has advanced carefully framed policies, studied out in detail with the aid of the best progressive leaders in our politics, but even when he has struck some rock in casual passing he has made social truth leap out from it.

His integrity has stood most bitter assaults, most determined investigations, from the side of his enemies. Not one blemish has been put upon it, though every resource to that end has been exhausted.

Since the fall election one occasionally hears it said that President Roosevelt's popularity has been rapidly declining; that he does not have the support of the country now as in the past.

It is our belief that there never was a moment when so many Americans so heartily followed, admired and loved the president as follow, admire and love him now that he is laying down the power of office.

It is the good fortune of the people of the United States that the next president will be one in thorough and complete sympathy with the public work of Theodore Roosevelt.

FORUM OF THE PEOPLE

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Editor Palladium:

Being subscriber to your valuable paper for some time, I take liberty to reply to Richmond Merchant of 25 Inst.

It is the object in which anything is done that makes wrong or right.

It is not the intention of the good women of Economy to injure the Richmond Merchants, but to make them realize what they have done by their own action. They have looked all around Richmond and seen all the almighty & they thought they could gain by going west, and have lost sight of all else. What mother that has a child born to her and tried to raise that child until it goes out from under her care, but what would give her life for it. Now not only the Mothers of Economy, but every neighborhood has had their boys made worse than beasts by this Demon drink. Now the Mothers has not had a chance to act in this matter till now and if they do not rise up, in defense of Sons and Daughters now, a just God will hold them responsible for it. If they still support Richmond merchants, in two years it will be an indorsement for the Merchants to cast their influence for west, and if they do not patronize dry merchants now, it will be in influence for them to turn west in two years. Mothers, this is the time to

rise up and protect your homes against this curse. Fathers stand by your Wives. It will take some sacrifice, but what can you not sacrifice for your children.

If the Merchants are boycotted, it is of their own choosing. They have bid for the patronage of the Rum element and disregarded the better element. What Merchant or Manufacturer of Richmond would take in a young man that gets drunk and give him a responsible position after the saloon has made a drunkard of him?

Richmond has placed herself in a whirlpool from her own choosing, and if the surrounding country wants to stand aloof from it, it can sink or extiricate its self by its own manhood as other towns around it has done. Richmond has become a hiss and byword, not only by the county, but by every county that has had the manhood to do this.

GREENSFORK.

Items Gathered in From Far and Near

The Parade.

From the New Haven Register.—There have been many notable parades to mark the inauguration of new presidents. Some of those which have been heard the farthest have been in recent years. But that which will pass through the streets of the capital next Thursday, though it may be worthy of great remembrance, will not rend the heavens with its clamor nor offend the critical eye with its grotesqueness. It will be dignified, befitting the man whom it honors.

After the Prophets.

From the Detroit Free Press.—When that bill prohibiting the foretelling of future events for money by cards, trances, inspection of hands, mind reading, so-called, or by consulting the heavenly bodies becomes a law, will the weather man be an outlaw?

Big Crowd.

From the Council Bluffs Nonpareil.—Judging from the number of people who propose to attend the inauguration ball at the pension building, the dancing on that occasion will have to be done in the street adjoining that structure.

Moving Day.

From the Omaha Bee.—"May day is moving day," says an eastern paper. March 4 is moving day for a couple of the nation's most distinguished citizens.

Hard to Control Bosses.

From the Indianapolis Star.—Direct primaries are to put the people in power and the bosses out. The only difficulty is to get the bosses to understand it thoroughly and play the game that way.

Roasting Roosevelt.

From the Baltimore Sun.—Now that Mr. Roosevelt can't punish 'em, numbers of congressmen are getting brave enough to say what they think about him.

TWINKLES

An Arbitrary Classification.

"So you think every patriot has a more or less clearly defined ambition to hold public office?"

"Yes," answered Senator Sorghum. "As a rule patriots may be divided into two classes: the appointed and the disappointed."

Study in Grafting.

Uplift the farmer, if you will: "Twould be one of life's greatest joys if men would all devote their skill to grafting such as he employs."

Quantity.

"Don't you admire the big hats that women are wearing?"

"Well," answered Mr. Meekton, "I must say they look more like the monkey's worth."

Floodgates of Wisdom.

"Why do you sometimes discuss topics on which you are scantly informed?"

"To save time," answered the fearless public character. "It's the surest way of being immediately and voluminously enlightened."

The Sincerest Respect.

"You people in the east don't appreciate the importance of the great middle west," said the visitor.

"We don't, eh! On the contrary, we sit up nights thinking about the great middle west. That's where most of our weather comes from."

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Once when Thomas B. Reed was with the late Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, and Joseph Shoule, Mr. Shoule, when asked to take a drink, said that he never drank, never smoked to excess and never gambled in his life. Wolcott, who was a sinner in every one of these lines, looked pathetically at Reed and said: "I wish I could say that." "Say it," said Reed; "Choate did."

MASONIC CALENDAR.

Wednesday, March 3—Webb Lodge No. 24, F. and A. M. Called meeting Fellow Craft degree.

Thursday, March 4—Wayne Council No. 10, R. and S. M. Stated Assembly.

Friday, March 5—Loyal Chapter No. 49, O. E. S. Stated meeting.

TAFT WILL PLACE ROOT IN SUPREME COURT IS REPORT

President-elect Has Stated If He Can Make New York Man Chief Justice, He Will Be "Dee-lighted."

NEW SENATOR WOULD PROBABLY ACCEPT IT

"What Shall We Do With Jimmie Garfield?" Is a Question Which Is Vexatious—Washington Gossip.

By Sheldon S. Cline.

Washington, March 3.—Ethel Root, of New York, will be the next Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court—provided Mr. Root will accept the appointment at the hands of Mr. Taft. He has told his friends that were he able to make Root chief justice, he would regard it as the crowning act of his administration.

It is well known that Mr. Taft's life ambition was to sit on the supreme court bench, and until the little presidential bee began its buzzing he had looked upon the chief justiceship as the most exalted place to which mortal might aspire. It is not surprising, then, that he wants a man of large calibre to place in the seat now occupied by Chief Justice Fuller. The latter is long past the age of retirement and it is well understood that he will not remain on the bench throughout Mr. Taft's term in the White House.

At a banquet in New York a few nights ago, Mr. Taft said that he believed that Root instead of Taft should have succeeded to the presidency. No man ever paid another a higher compliment, and the compliment was a peculiarly graceful one because of the well known fact that Mr. Root aspired to the nomination last year, but gave way to Taft because he believed the latter would make the stronger candidate. If Mr. Taft, having been elected to the place which Mr. Root wanted, should appoint Mr. Root to the position which Taft himself wanted, it would be an unusual demonstration of the capaciousness of fate.

Whether Mr. Root would accept the chief justiceship is not known except possibly, to a few of his intimates, and Mr. Root has few intimates. When he was elected senator from New York, there was very widespread belief that he hoped the senatorship would lead to the presidential nomination four or eight years hence. There isn't chance though, that he will oppose Taft for the nomination in 1912, and in 1916 Mr. Root will be 72 years old. Under such circumstances it would not be surprising if the chief justiceship appealed to the New York senator.

Garfield's Future.

"What shall be done with Garfield?" appears almost as vexatious a problem to some people as the old query, "What shall we do with our ex-presidents?" About every position within the gift of President Taft has been picked for Mr. Roosevelt's secretary of the interior, but so far none of them has materialized. All the early cabinet states put forth by Mr. Taft's enthusiastic volunteer assistants contained the name of Garfield, but he was dropped out of cabinet reckoning about a month ago. Since then he has been reported as slated for almost everything on the list of presidential places, from ambassador down.

About the only man who doesn't seem to be worried by the situation is "Jimmie" Garfield himself. The diminutive isn't often used now, since he became Mr. Secretary Garfield, but if he carried out his announced intention of returning to Ohio to practice law, people probably will get to calling him "Jimmie" again. Perhaps this would not be altogether displeasing to Mr. Garfield, as it is not likely he has put beyond him all further political ambitions, and if he is going to look to the people for preference it isn't a bad asset to be known as "Jimmie" or "Bill" or "Teddy."

The secretarieship of the navy was the cabinet berth the state makers originally picked out for Garfield. He didn't get the place, but the fact that he didn't, serves to call attention to the fact that Ohio has never furnished a secretary of the navy. Except for the comparatively new departments of Agriculture and Commerce and Labor, this is the only cabinet position Ohio men have not filled. There have been only four secretaries of agriculture and only three of commerce and labor.

Jobs for Ohio Men.

Ohio men have filled other portfolios, as follows: Secretary of state, three; secretary of the treasury, five; secretary of war, six; secretary of the interior, four; postmaster-general, three; attorney-general, four. There has been considerable comment on the fact that Mr. Taft begins his administration with no Ohio man in his cabinet. This is not especially remarkable, however, in view of the fact that Garfield did not have an Ohio member of his

official family. Of the three other Ohio presidents, William Henry Harrison had Thomas Ewing as his secretary of the treasury, Hayes had John Sherman in the same portfolio, and McKinley had three Ohio secretaries of state, John Sherman, William R. Day and John Hay.

If there is any foundation for the report that President Roosevelt will appoint Senator Hemenway of Indiana commissioner of pensions, it will be an unusual selection for a republican president to make. It has been one of the creeds of the republican party that this position should go to an old soldier, and as Senator Hemenway was only one year older when Sumter was fired upon, he does not qualify for that class.

SOCIALISTS WAIT PARTY ACTION

Expected That Mrs. Hunt and Otto Lauck Will Receive High Offices.

HEADQUARTERS FOR STATE

THEIR ELECTION WOULD RESULT IN THIS AS MRS. HUNT WOULD BE SECRETARY AND LAUCK THE CHAIRMAN.

It will be a month or six weeks before Mrs. Aletha Hunt, nominated for state secretary and Otto Lauck, nominated for state chairman of the Socialist party, will learn whether they were successful in their efforts. Their names were placed in nomination last Sunday at the convention held in Indianapolis. The party elects its state officers by submitting the

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