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TAFT TALKS POLITICS.

Breaks His Rule o fSilence at Gallipolis, O.

Athens, O., Aug. 29.—W. H. Taft broke away from his schedule today and delivered an impromptu political speech from the back platform of his train with Mrs. Taft by his side, in which he pitched the campaign on the single issue: "Which party by its works and not by its promises has earned the confidence not only of capitalists, but of the wage earners and farmers?"

The speech was cheered by a large crowd of residents of Gallipolis, O., where the Taft train stopped for five minutes this morning.

Athens gave Mr. Taft a rousing welcome when he later reached that place and several thousand of her citizens made themselves a part of the reunion of veterans of the county now being held and listened with interest to a speech by the candidate in which he eschewed politics and devoted himself to the human interest of the life of the veterans.

The exercises at Athens were embraced in a three hour stay and included a luncheon party at the home of General Charles H. Grosvenor, for many years a member of congress.

The exercises were held in the city park and after addresses the candidate was given an opportunity to shake hands with his hearers. Throughout the trip to Athens there were constant demands for the appearance of the candidate on the rear platform and when he complied he was cheered and many cordial remarks hurled at him.

The Gallopolis Speech.

In his speech at Gallopolis, Mr. Taft said:

"The campaign as it is developing o nthe part of our friends the enemy, the Democratic party, seems to involve so many issues that it takes a week or month to cover them, but I fancy after all that the issue which will present itself to the voters of this country is the questions of confidence in the one or the other of the two parties as to which party by its work and not by its promises has earned the confidence not only of the capitalists, but of the wage earners and the farmers.

"For 12 years we have been enjoying a prosperity never before equalled in the world, and whether or not the Republican party brought about that prosperity, certainly it made it possible for us to enjoy it so that the farmers were never more comfortable, the wage earners never have had higher wages nor a higher standard of living and the business men never enjoyed greater prosperity. In the course of that tremendous prosperity abuses crept in and with a knowledge of those abuses, the Republican party undertook as it always has undertaken when obstacles presented themselves, when evidence became apparent, a remedy for those evils. Under that matchless Republican, Theodore Roosevelt, the Republican party has gone ahead, to take the steps to remedy these evils and is in the course of doing so now. At this point we have had a let up so to speak in the prosperity of the country. There has been such an expansion of capital, so great investment that the capital for the time was exhausted and there came a lack of confidence on the part of the investing public, but we hope there has been no halt in that progress in prosperity which has been so wonderful for the last 12 years.

The Real Question.

"The question now for the people to settle is whether the remedies which the Republican party has adopted and is carrying out under Theodore Roosevelt shall be continued, whether the confidence which the public have in the Republican party and which the business men have in the Republican party and those who are willing to invest their capital have in the Republican party, shall be availed of by the people of this country in order to bring back the prosperity that we have had or whether we shall turn the government over to a party that has been doing everything by turns and nothing long, that in 1896 proposed not a revision of the tariff, nor any other remedy but to scale down our debts by adopting a silver dollar that was worth 50 cents in order to bring about a prosperity which their leader said was impossible. He said, you remember, that unless we took free silver, wheat would go down, and he did not have to live two years before he saw that prophecy repudiated by the facts.

"We went on and on in the face of their declaration of the necessity for such a remedy to the greatest prosperity ever seen. And again in 1900 were told that we must have something against imperialism. We must avoid that destruction to which the country was hurrying because we were helping a poor people, 10,000 miles away to get o ntheir feet in order that they might gain the standard of civilization and then again in 1904, we were treated to another chance to restrain Theodore Roosevelt beacuse it was feared that he would become a tyrant in this country and would usurp all legislative and judicial functions.

"These are the remedies that we have had proposed in the past and now we are again threatened by this party under the leadership of 1896 and the leadership of 1900 which claims that by new remedies by new nostrums they will carry the country to prosperity."

SIXTY ARE DEAD.

Georgia Cities Are Emerging From the Disastrous Floods.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 29.—The weather bureau reports late this afternoon that further rain may be expected tonight in Georgia and North and South Carolina.

Augusta and points in South Carolina are gradually recovering from the flood conditions this afternoon. The death list in Georgia and South Carolina will reach 60. Two more bodies were taken from the river at Augusta this afternoon making the total known dead here 18. There were rumors that a serious fire had broken out in Augusta this afternoon, but these were unconfirmed and so far as known the city is in no further danger from fire or water. The city mains have been opened, relieving the distress as to drinking water.

A relief train from Atlanta will be in Augusta early tonight with provisions for those who are destitute. The city council of Augusta appropriated $5,000 today for the purchase of provisions and clothing. This amount, in addition to sums from other cities, makes the total relief fund $15,000.

Spartanburg, S. C., reports the flood subsiding in that part of South Carolina. Fayetteville, N. C., seems to have been the chief sufferer in that state. The damage will amount to a number of thousands of dollars. Several negroes are said to have been drowned. Buildings have been washed away in many sections of North and South Carolina.

In Augusta the police have been forced to take strong action against thieves who are robbing the devastated district. All persons who refuse to aid in the cleansing of the city are being sent to the chain gang. The gas company has succeeded in resuming operations. The railroads are very heavy losers, in tracks damaged and bridges washed out.

LOCAL MENTION.

There is no 10 cent cigar you can secure that can equal in any way the quality of Eagle's new premier shaped Silver Statue. All first-class cigar stores and druggists sell it.

Dr. and Mrs John H. Outland are the parents of a boy born Friday. Dr. and Mrs. Outland live at 1264 Buchanan street. Other births reported by the city board of health: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Woods, 635 Jefferson street, boy; Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cromwell, boy, 125 Harrison street.

The politeness of the operators of the Independent Telephone company, and their promptness in answering calls, and giving information asked for, has done much to popularize that company. It is said these operators are the most courteous of any exchange in this section.

Will Core, dog officer, says that he wants to inform the people that the dog ordinance remains into effect until Sept. 8, and that it does not expire directly on the first of the month, which is Tuesday of next week.

Will Frank Crist, well digger, please telephone Independent No. 1665?

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Regular dinners served daily at Vinewood park Cafe. Hours 12 to 2 and from 5:30 to 8 p. m. Try one at 35 cents. Friday's fish. Mrs. E. M. Burnett, caterer.

Grant Hornaday, the Fort Scott capitalist; W. E. Davis, Democratic member of the legislature from Bourbon county, and a delegation of fifteen indignant Bourbon county citizens are holding a "conference" this afternoon with the state tax commissioners. The object is to convince the tax commissioners that they should not make a horizontal increase in the equalized value of Fort Scott property.

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MODERN WARWICK

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MAKES IT A BUSINESS.

Politics With the Republican Chairman Is Not a Byplay.

Success Will Probably Land Him in the Cabinet.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 29.—Not the least factor upon which Washington Republicans base their hope of the election of Taft and Sherman is the sagacity, wisdom and political experience of Frank Harris Hitchcock. Washington knows Hitchcock as perhaps no other city does, unless it be Chicago, where he executed his celebrated coup d-etat, which was considered responsible for the nomination of the secretary of war. Hitchcock has been a Washingtonian for many years. Though quiet, unassuming and almost retiring in disposition, Hitchcock has made an impression on Washington which Washington expects to see duplicated upon the country in the course of the 12 weeks of campaigning which are to proceed under the direction of this comparatively youthful director.

Frank H. Hitchcock.

Hitchcock is an interesting study of the young man in politics. He is a direct and tangible refutation of the theory that politics is an unmanly and undignified profession. He says himself that the more gentlemen we have in politics the better. "Inherently, work of a public nature is not bad for those who do it nor those for whom it is done," says he. "It is both honorable and needful. In their effort and value to the world I should name clergymen first, then physicians and after them politicians. I assure you there are a good many gentlemen in politics and more are entering all the time."

He Is But 41.

This new leader of the Republican national committee is but 41 years of age. Cortelyou was approximately the same age four years ago, when he was given charge of the Roosevelt campaign. Evidently the success which the young man Cortelyou attained has reassured the national committee in the selection of a youthful successor. For while Hitchcock has actually passed 41 summers, as a matter of fact, he looks much younger. The casual observer would scarcely put him down as more than 35 and yet it is no idle compliment when it is said that he undoubtedly knows more thoroughly, more accurately and more sympathetically the differing political situations in the different states of the Union than any other man, regardless of age or regardless of experience, who is in the Republican public eye.

Several different things recommended Hitchcock's elevation. In the first place he invented the Chicago steam roller, which accomplished not only the remarkable feat of entirely extinguishing all opposition to Secretary Taft, but the much more difficult feat of making those who were extinguished like it. Then, too, Hitchcock was Cortelyou's first assistant during the Roosevelt campaign of four years ago and consequently he might be said to have been logically in line for the succession.

Regardless of his antecedents, however, he has already demonstrated his political prowess. He has already crossed and recrossed the country. He is omnipresent. He is on the Pacific coast today straightening out local differences of a local organization and tomorrow he is back in Utica, N. Y., attending the notification of "Sunny Jim" Sherman. He runs politics as a business man runs business. It is a matter of coldblooded system. The voters of the nation are card-indexed like the buyers of mail order furniture. Hitchcock knows how they voted last year, what they think of things today and like all men of big caliber, he is something of a prophet and can see ahead to how they are going to vote tomorrow. He sees the far results of present causes and the intervening events that may change the trend of his result. He keeps his hands on the political pulse of California, Maine and Louisiana from morning to night and then until morning again.

Story of His Life.

Hitchcock was born in Amherst, Ohio. His father was a clergyman. He lived in Wisconsin until he was 19 years of age, with Milwaukee as his last Wisconsin home. He then went to Boston, where he grew up and prepared for entrance to Harvard college. He was one of the most popular men who ever attended Harvard. He was a keen and successful sportsman, and his athletic disposition has provided him with a constitution which is politic proof. The results of that college athletic training are perfectly apparent today. Hitchcock will sit up into the wee small hours of the morning, talking politics until the last politician has faded into slumber, and then in the early morning he appears again the first man on the scene, and withal the freshest. Always his bright yellow hair, divided in the middle, is plastered smoothly across his head. Always his face is smoothly shaven. Always his linen is immaculately clean. Always he is dressed in fitting style. In fact, his personal appearance is always as attractive and complete as his political experience assumes a similar polish.

Hitchcock expected to study law, but going to Washington temporarily he became chief clerk to the man who was superintending the construction of the new postoffice building. Then he went into the botanical survey service in the agricultural department. Shortly he was found in the division of foreign markets, under Secretary Wilson. Then he became chief clerk to Mr. Cortelyou when the latter became the first secretary of the department of commerce and labor. Then he helped Cortelyou elect Roosevelt. Then when Cortelyou returned to Washington as postmaster general he became first assistant. Then he resigned to actively take command of the Taft campaign. Then he became chairman of the Republican national committee. Now he is at the head of the greatest political organization in the world, directing the campaign for the selection of a president, and has the prospect of becoming a cabinet officer the fourth of next March, should Mr. Taft reach the White House.

Such is the interesting record of a young man who has succeeded, not by influence of strong friends, not by the pull of money, and not by trickery or corruption. Mr. Hitchcock says that politics is an attractive proposition for young men. In his own case, at least, he has proven the truth of his statement. He has won because he has worked. He is one ofthe most indefatigable workers Washington has ever known. He has never considered public office to be a sinecure. He has never won by oratory or polish. He has won by becoming intimately familiar with every detail of every task he has ever undertaken. He has won by working 20 hours a day. If he wins in his national campaign for Taft and Sherman it will be by the exercise of this same trait.

SIX BALLOON RACE.

Start in International Contest at 4 O'Clock This Afternoon.

Columbus, O., Aug. 29.—Work of inflating the six big balloons which will start this afternon at the driving park in the international race under the auspices of the Aero club of Columbus and the federation of American Aero clubs, progressed well during this morning. All the pilots, passengers and assistants watched the work of inflating and all were pleased with the starting point, on account of its absence of any wires or buildings.

Weather Forecaster Smith today received special observations from Washington on altitude winds for the benefit of the balloonists, but they were more interested in the gas which had been declared to be the best quality in respect to lifting power. A parade was scheduled for this afternoon to be participated in by the pilots, assistants and passengers, members of the Aero club of Columbus and officials and members of the federation. At 4 o'clock the balloons will be released at 15 minute intervals in the following order:

Iroquois, Henry Pierrung, Columbus, O., entrant; Colonel A. P. Shirley, Louisville, Ky., pilot; Lieutenant J. J. Meade, United States marine corps, assistant.

MARQUETTE WINS.

Sheepshead Bay, Aug. 29.—The futurity for two-year-olds resulted as follows: Maskette, first; Sir Martin, second; Helmet, third.

Today's Ball Games.

American—First game at Washington:

	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	2	5	3
Washington	4	4	2

American—First game at Philadelphia:

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	4	10	0
Detroit	0	6	1

National—First game at Pittsburg:

	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburg	1	3	1
Philadelphia	0	5	1

Rev. John K. Dunn Dead.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 29.—Rev. John K. Dunn, secretary of the Episcopal diocese of Kansas City, died at his home today, aged 74 years. Rev. Mr. Dunn's death ended a service of 22 years in Kansas City. In 1866 he held a charge in Lawrence, Kan.

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Wholesale Grocery Houses Are Being Rigidly Inspected.

Goods Which Fall Below Standard to Be Confiscated.

TOMATOES AND PEAS.

Big Lot in Wichita Found to Be Short Weight.

Action Is Brought in United States Court.

The stocks of wholesale grocery houses of Kansas are coming in for rigid inspection at the hands of inspectors of the United States government.

Prosecutions on a large scale are about to be instituted and wherever goods are found to be labeled in violation of the federal pure food law confiscation of the goods will follow. The government has stationed in Topeka, Food Inspector Jenkins, who is using Topeka as a base for his operations which he is conducting under direction of Washington authorities. A Parsons wholesale grocer was recently found to have a stock of tomatoes which the canning company had mislabeled as weighing three pounds where it is stated the goods in fact weighed but 38 to 39 ounces.

Today a wholesale grocery firm at Wichita, the Wichita Wholesale Grocery company had on hand 285 cases of canned tomatoes and 145 cases of peas which the government says have been mislabeled and are short in weight. Suit to confiscate the goods was filed today. The goods were put up by canning factories in the east, the tomatoes by Dr. W. Wilson, successor to the Newburg Canning company of Newburg, Indiana, while the peas were packed by the Kewaunee Canning company of Kewaunee, Wis.

Each of the cases of tomatoes contained two dozen cans weighing, it is said, from 33 to 38 ounces, when according to the label they should have weighed 48 ounces. They are almost one pound short in weight therefore.

The cases of peas contained two dozen cans each also and were labeled to weight 2 pounds, but the inspector alleges in the complaint filed that they weigh but 25 ounces, which is about one-half pound short.

The complaint in the Wichita case was made at the instance of Inspector Jenkins and the suit brought by J. S. West, assistant United States district attorney, is directed against "285 cases of tomatoes and 145 cases of peas," the United States appearing as the plaintiff.

The suits was filed in the United States circuit court and the papers were immediately served by the deputy Unites States marshal.

The wholesale grocery firms which have the goods in stock that are found mislabeled are not made party to the suit whatever, the suit is directed entirely against the goods mislabeled. The merchandise can be confiscated by the government or else the alternative is granted of the firm having the goods in stock to pay the costs of the suit and direct the relabeling of the goods to accord with the provisions of the pure food law.

It is recognized that the government is directing a somewhat sweeping campaign in Kansas which will probably result in having a salutary effect on the canning companies that send short weight goods into the state.

BASEBALL MEN FIGHT.

Cooley Charges on Kelsey at the National Hotel.

Dick Cooley and George Kelsey, candidates for the pugilistic honors of the Western association.

This was the bill which was offered to a few baseball fans in the National hotel this afternoon and the Topeka man drew first blood. The Mulvane-Amrine engagement of a few days ago wouldn't hold a candle to the affair pulled off this afternoon.

It all happened at a meeting which was called to take place in the National hotel corridor at two o'clock this afternoon. Dr. Shively, president of the Western association, arrived in Topeka at noon and called a conference between the Oklahoma City management, Cooley and the different sporting writers of the city.

It wasn't long until Kelsey who was acting as manager of the Oklahoma City team clashed in an argument. A few names were exchanged unspeakable in character and finally the battle opened, Cooley charged on Kelsey and Kelsey charged back. Kelsey was sitting in a chair but soon got to his feet and a battle that would do credit to heavyweights was on.

Kelsey's casualties were a broken straw sailor and a fractured nose. Blood from Kelsey's nose still marks the battle ground. Cooley's relic of the assault was a bruised cheek, but it was only a slight one. The participants were quieted by the fans at the hotel.

The conference failed to avail anything. Hoffer and Kelsey appeared for Oklahoma City and Cooley for Topeka. Arguments and word battles were fierce but as far as anything being done the meeting was a minus quantity.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

Word has been received in Topeka of the death of Emerson T. Creviston, which occurred at Clay Center Friday after an illness of several weeks from typhoid fever. Mr. Creviston was an employe of the government and for several months has been in charge of the general delivery window at the postoffice at nights. He was taken ill with typhoid fever several weeks ago and two weeks ago was taken to the home of his parents in Clay Center, where he died Friday. The funeral will be held at Clay Center sunday from the home of his parents.

The funeral of Mrs. R. A. Wallace, who died at her home, 1516 West Sixth avenue, Friday morning, will be held at the First Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Friends wishing to view the remains may do so at the family home, 1516 West Sixth avenue, between the hours of 9 and 2 o'clock Sunday.

The four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Martin, Evely Ada, died at the home of her parents at 5 o'clock Friday evening. The funeral was held from the family home, 1213 Bellview avenue, this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

After Supper Sale
Begins at 7 O'clock

White Waists 15c

Pleated India Linon Waists with embroidery trimming. Remainder of a lot priced originally at 50c. After Supper price is 15c. Sale on Main Floor.

White Dress Skirts 25c

Buy one of these linene skirts and one or two of the 15c waists to wear with it. You'll have the neatest white suit you could get at the trifling cost of 40c for the two—Skirts 25c Main Floor.

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Hosiery

Women's 15c Hose 10c

15c quality excellent black hose, real maco cotton, double sole and toe, high spliced ankle—after supper—pair 10c.

Men's 15c Hose 10c

Broken sizes in good brown or black cotton hose with double heel and toe—strongly woven tops—pair 10c.

Children's Hose 10c

Cotton hose in white, red and a few in pink. Clearance of the odd lots of lace and plain hose sold up to 35c regularly. Pair 10c.

Underwear

Union Suits 15c

Women's 25c quality tight knee ribbed cotton union suits—after supper only—15c.

Men's Drawers 15c

25c quality Balbriggan drawers, reinforced. Size 30 only. After supper only—15c.

Women's Vests 3c

Cream cotton vests—sleeveless, low neck—after supper only—each 3c.

New tan Kid Gloves, 16-button, all sizes, $3.50

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Downstairs for these bargains—one table containing the last of the odd lots—all worth much more than our clearing price—5c a yard. Table contains:

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10 patterns of medium weight white waistings for fall. All small neat diamond, dot and figured designs. Also striped and checked dimities of fine quality. Choose at 12½c yd—after 7 o'clock this evening.

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40-inch Apron Lawns, 18c and 25c kinds. After supper, yard 10c

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SPELLBINDERS COMING.

Beveridge, Dolliver and Cummins to Speak Here.

Beveridge, Dolliver, Cummins and a long list of other Republican spellbinders of national repute, are to be in Kansas during the campaign. This is the assurance given to Chairman Dolley of the Republican state central committee by Arthur Statter, the personal representative of Frank Hitchcock, chairman of the Republican national committee.

Mr. Statter was in Topeka yesterday conferring with Mr. Dolley and finding out what speakers Kansas wants. It is likely that the radicals of both factions will be kept out of Kansas. LaFollette will not be here, and neither will men like Foraker.

The state central committee is now located in its new quarters at 919 Kansas avenue. Great stacks of pictures of Taft and Sherman are being unpacked, and orders have been placed for making many thousands of pictures of Stubbs and Bristow. The state will be thoroughly placarded with these pictures.

Postoffice Robbed of $1,000.

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 29.—The postoffice at Fillmore, Allegheney county, was robbed during the night, yeggman blowing the safe and securing more than $1,000 worth of valuables. It was first reported that the Fillmore bank had been robbed.

He Will Hunt With Roosevelt.

Fort Worth, Tex., Aug. 29.—Captain William J. (Billy) McDonald, the ex-Texas ranger known for his part in the investigation of the shooting up of Brownsville, will accompany President Roosevelt on his hunting expedition to Africa, upon the urgent invitation of the president.

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