

JOHN WANAMAKER SAYS UPHOLD TAFT

Hold Fast That Which is Good Is the Text of His Letter.

Beware False Prophets

Country Ought to Be Prosperous If Self-seekers Would Stop Agitating.

From on board the steamer Olympic, on which he sailed on Saturday for his customary spring tour, former Postmaster-General John Wanamaker sent back Monday by pilot boat the following letter to the American people:

To my fellow citizens, fellow merchants, and other working men, with whom I have been associated for fifty years.

Upon the personal request of the President I have consented to allow my name to be presented to the people as a delegate to the Republican national convention.

Since so numerous friends have been interested to inquire my reason for taking part in public affairs at this particular time.

As I am leaving the country for a brief tour according to my usual custom, I feel constrained to write this letter to say:

I believe that existing conditions at the present time call on business men to think, speak and act in view of the danger threatening mercantile business and the manufacturing business dependent upon good times, as well as the working men, if employment are reduced by less work.

There is now not enough employment for all who are willing to work, and whatever business prosperity always sits down upon and lessens the opportunities for labor.

The world's markets invariably narrow in uncertainty. There are fewer purchases and, per consequence, a reduction of production, and either less hours or fewer days work are required.

A Presidential election always hurts business, but the conditions injected into this next election mean to the country much more than at any time in the past forty years.

It is the duty of all business men under the peculiar conditions that exist as we approach the Presidential election to do any service that is open to them, whereby they can exert any influence to conserve the good order and prosperity of our country.

Beware of False Reports. We have come to a time when the well-

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fare of the people is threatened by strange doctrines and when the passions and prejudices of the people are being appealed to, I belong to the class of business men of which there are two millions engaged in business life. Almost all of us have been taught to confine ourselves to our business and to leave questions of politics alone.

Hardly a State in the Union has not suffered from this lack of interest and effort, but also the people at large, who, wrapped up in their own business, in their own social life, permitted the nomination and elections to be left wholly in the hands of the machine organizations.

I am not one of those who wish to ignore organizations of every kind, but I believe that this is a time when the people at large must stop to think, and think twice, of the consequences to the country if to the usual questions of the tariff is added the struggle of those out of office to get into office and of the large number of seekers for office who have been disappointed and who feel badly used.

REMOVE NOT THE LANDMARKS. All the traditions and the methods that have been pursued by the fathers of our country are brought forward for discussion with a view of abandoning the old landmarks upon which the country has grown and prospered.

Very earnest propositions are being made to amend the Constitution of the United States, the courts operating under it, and to set aside the interpretations of the law and of right and under certain constructions that are being put upon the rights of the people upset the things that Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, McKinley

and Harrison have stood for, dump them upon the scrap heap and suddenly and swiftly reconstruct the country upon new foundations.

It is not difficult to inflame the multitudes in days when strikes are popular and the high cost of living is general. The harpooner of the ambitious who are willing to destroy the party of Lincoln and Grant and McKinley for personal glory, the cartoonist of insuring newspapers that have no respect for the office of the President of the United States or for the highest offices of the judiciary, are to be greatly deplored in their effect in weakening the respect for law and for those who have been chosen to execute law.

LAW MUST BE STABLE. We shall never promote the real end of representative government by causing one class of people to clash with another class. The true gospel of government is not in such preaching. It is the cry of the denagogue whose paramount purposes are to promote personal ends rather than the good of all the people.

THE THIRD TERM HERESY. In the history of the United States there have been thirty-one Presidential terms and these terms have been filled by twenty-seven men. There has been a popular idea, more or less widespread, that if the Constitution were changed it would not be changed to give a man three terms or more, if a powerful man were able to capture the chair three times, but on the contrary that there should be but one term limited to four, five or six years, as the country ordained.

It does seem that the country, rapidly increasing in population, entirely free from entangling alliances or any cause to check prosperity save the unnecessary political issues that are thrust upon it by a few people, ought to be saved from another disastrous period of panic and loss.

It does seem possible that under proper conditions the country might now move majestically forward step by step by simply guarding the best interests of the people as a whole instead of attempting to make spectacular leaps which so many people believe would be in the wrong direction. We cannot produce stable

order, the President is free to do the work of a statesman in studying the needs of the people and assisting in every possible way in putting into operation measures that will promote the best prosperity and content of all. If it is to be considered that the Vice-President who comes to the Presidency by the assassination of the President is not to count the time of the service under such conditions as a Presidential term should have to strike off the name of Garfield's successor, Chester A. Arthur, from the Presidential roll entirely, as having had no term at all. This surely is not the serious thought of the American people.

BETTER STAND THAN MOVE WRONG. If the present agitation of the questions of safe and sane government will set the people to thinking after all good may come out of the present mental wild oats.

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social or industrial order by spreading discontent and hostility instead of adhering to the old safeguards of experience. Better not to move at all for a season than to move in false ways; better safe conservatism than rapid upheaval. The welfare of the millions is ever of more moment than that of the unfederated and sometimes not unselfish few.

FOR TAFT AND AMERICAN IDEALS. It is my profound belief, based upon a careful investigation of our industrial conditions and a somewhat extended study of our needs as a people, that the reelection of President Taft would best promote the welfare of every section of our country and all its people, and because of this belief I wish to address this letter especially to the class of people to which I belong, the working people, of which I believe the census of 1910 will show a body of over two millions of men of business, who with their employees will certainly aggregate ten millions of people, always contented and happy because when busy at work are well fed and well clothed and makers of good homes during all the periods that the country is free from disturbances and dissensions that hurt and hinder business prosperity.

I believe it is the duty of every business man who insures his real estate and chattels from loss by fire to consider at this time whether it is not the proper thing for ourselves and the people we employ to endeavor to secure and insure against had times by the contribution of time and strength against any foe that marches upon the country with a new flag that bears the inscription, "Down with the old Constitution and down with the old laws under which it prospered."

APPEAL TO OLD FASHIONED AMERICANS. I wish to say as strongly as I can to the thousands of people that I come in contact with who are laboring to build up the solid wealth of the country by their own personal work and by teaching and helping others to work in the competitive fields of enterprise, that the only hope of averting the threatening disruption of business and of continuing the substantial progress of the people is in the uprising at this time throughout the United States of the largest earnest, true and thoughtful people to combat the comparatively few who constitute the machinery of elections. Why should nearly a hundred millions of people in the United States be controlled by two millions of officeholders, who in the main only desire to be re-elected to the places and emoluments of public office?

I am not averse to new legislation, but people may suffer quite as much from over-legislation as from lack of legislation. It is one thing to enact a law; it is not uncommon for a law to be enacted that is difficult of interpretation; it is quite another thing to enforce such a law. Multiplied stat-

utes if not enforced give no relief, but do positive harm.

AGGRAVATION OF PUBLIC ILLS. To arouse people to ill considered action in the midst of a Presidential canvass and especially by those who are ambitious to have placed under the Government will not cure any ill, but may aggravate them. To simply experiment with the sacred rights of the people seems to be a crime. It is unthinkable that any one can believe that the will of the people does not have full expression if fairly guarded in their votes. The members of Congress who find their places by the direct vote of the people represent the people fully in the making of laws. The will of the people cannot be safely expressed by "town meetings," but must make its expression under just and wisely regulated elections giving every citizen an opportunity to speak and vote. To be sure we are daily moving to higher planes of action and to wiser ways of working out our complex problems. The whole past of the nation is illumined with the light of progress. We will go on progressing for good, but not by revolutionary assaults upon the bulwarks of order.

Let us, after the heat of a Presidential campaign, calmly and conscientiously address ourselves to the task of conserving the greatest force of the nation—its millions of capable, industrious, patriotic working men. These should be encouraged to live in cooperative but not under non-competitive conditions.

HOLD FAST THAT WHICH IS GOOD. I do not know what President Taft intended when he was endorsed for the Presidency by the foremost citizen of the nation. I believe in his character, his capacity, his leadership. I believe that the experience that he has had is a guarantee of better things. I have known him closely for twenty-two years and have absolute confidence in his integrity, honesty, purpose and tremendous ability to come with the legal questions that are puzzling the great minds of the interpreters of the law. I believe he should be upheld in enforcing the law without permitting persecution or betrayal of the sacred rights of the people. He has not followed the will-of-the-wisp nor has he chased rainbows. Steadfastly, with dignity and effectiveness and tireless energy, he has done his work. "Prove all things, hold fast to that which is good," is the counsel of Wise Man that has been certified in the twenty centuries since it was spoken.

WILSON FIGHT IN OHIO. Progressive Democrats Start Campaign for Delegates—Bryan to Help.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 25.—Supporters of Gov. Woodrow Wilson will make a fight in every Congress district in Ohio for delegates.

A call has been issued to Ohio Progressive Democrats to meet in Columbus to-morrow afternoon to discuss plans for a campaign.

Efforts are being made to have Wilson come into the State and make speeches. The Progressive Democrats will have the aid of Bryan in the primary campaign. He will be in the State on April 15 and 16 and is expected again early in May.

Says Kansas Is for Taft. Kansas is unquestionably for Taft, said Charles Owen of Caney, that State, before he left the Wolcott yesterday. Mr. Owen is in the oil and gas producing business in our State, but the people of Kansas nowadays are for the most part conservatives. They are thoughtful and they think President Taft is the best man for the place. There will be no primary in Kansas for a Presidential preference. Everybody thinks highly of Congressman Phil P. Campbell, who represents a district in which I live, and of Senator Curtis and there seems no doubt that both will be re-elected.

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STANDING OF THE CANDIDATES. Number of Instructed for Each of Both Parties and Their Claims.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The standing of the Presidential candidates, according to the last information received at the respective political headquarters to-night, was as follows:

REPUBLICANS. Delegates in convention 1,024

Necessary to elect 339

Committed for Taft 124

Instructed for Roosevelt 124

Committed for Roosevelt 45

Instructed for Roosevelt 15

Committed by Roosevelt managers to Taft 17

Instructed for La Follette 30

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