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Sidewalk Sketches

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THE KICKER.

As a rule, man's a fool;
When it's hot he wants it cool,
When it's cool he wants it hot,
Always wanting what is not.



The kicker is a person who wouldn't be satisfied in heaven, unless he could regulate the climate and lead the band.

Some people never kick except at special periods like house cleaning time, while others start before breakfast, and kick on everything from the texture of the pancakes to the way their bed is made up.

It is impossible to please the kicker who is impelled by a high sense of duty and a dark yellow grouch. This kind always wants a soapstone in his bed, on cold nights, and if he burns his feet on it he will declare it was slipped in between the sheets when he wasn't looking.

is the answer, cut from the pages of the report of the steel investigating committee of the house of representatives:

Director of the United States Steel corporation.
Chairman of finance committee and director of International Harvester Co.
Director of Astor Trust Co.
Director of Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad Co.
Director Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific Railway Co.
Director Erie Railroad Co.
Director German-American Insurance Co.

Director German Alliance Insurance Co.
Director International Mercantile Marine Co.
Director Marquette & Bessemer Dock & Navigation Co.
Director National City Bank of New York.
Trustee of New York Trust Co.
Director of Northern Pacific Railway Co.

Chairman of board, Pere Marquette Railroad Co.
Nearly all of these companies control or own a large number of other companies.

Mr. Perkins is a shrewd man. He has millions of dollars invested in the various corporations and trusts above enumerated. Several of them are now being prosecuted by the Taft administration. Is he financing Mr. Roosevelt's campaign in order to have in the white house a friend or an enemy?

PRES. TAFT UNSMIRCHED.
New York Herald: There is one prominent republican who stands out personally clean and unsmirched. This is William H. Taft, president of the United States.

ROOSEVELT AS A DODGER.
"When Theodore Roosevelt, supposedly afraid of no man and no lion on earth, invited questions from his hearers in Chicago and one man took him at his word and called, 'What about the liquor traffic?' he replied 'O, go to a primary school.' He was afraid to discuss that issue, afraid to say whether he favored the protection of the home against the saloon, even afraid to say whether or not the local laws of the people should be respected by the peoples' federal government."—Statement by Aaron S. Watkins, prohibition candidate for vice president.

Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus in the Chicago Record-Herald yesterday said: "The danger of the hour is that, in quoting Abraham Lincoln, we may forget that his faith in representative government was, at root, a conviction that the mass of the people could select for a crisis, such as was the crisis in those midnight hours when the steady star, a man who would do better for them with the assured time to mold public sentiment into a great deed than they would likely do for themselves. There is no more false and brilliant sentiment than this: 'Everybody is wiser than anybody.' This conglomeration of all of us called 'the people' was not wiser than Franklin D. Edison in the matter of electricity; everybody was not wiser than anybody in the matter of the relation of the planets when Galileo saw the swinging lamp of Pisa, or an earlier Copernicus supplanted Ptolemaic tradition. There was not a moment in the revolution of 1776 or in our revolution of 1861 when Washington or Lincoln, with time enough to turn things right, was not wiser than the whole lot of everybody at the moment of their dispensation.

"Numbers do not make truth and courage, unless numbers are truthful and courageous. If we are to have the adjudication of the masses of the people, so-called, and with such multitudinous patronage, we must put our people on such a new plane of righteousness that they will do right on the instant. Then let the altars of our God, rather than the platforms of politicians, draw the attention of the ministers of Christ. He was the greatest statesman of all time, because he trusted nothing but the presence of God in the human heart to make a man fit for government, by his having first led to self-government, through divine help."

In 1787, Madison and Hamilton wrote: "Tyranny has often grown out of a defective constitution than out of the full exercise of the largest constitutional authorities." And again: "It is a truth which the experience of ages has attested, that the people are always most in danger when the means of injuring their rights are in the power of a few."

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Press Comment.

GEORGE W. CLARKE.

Des Moines Capital: Hon. George W. Clarke, of Adel, is the republican candidate for governor of this state. He was the choice of the voters of the party under the provisions of the primary law. If there is any party spirit left, if there is any disposition to respect majority expressions of choice, and to discharge the obligations assumed at the June primary, when the November election rolls around Mr. Clarke should be elected by a substantial majority.

Mr. Clarke is a good citizen. He has honorable service to his credit in the Iowa legislature, as member, speaker and later lieutenant governor. Upon his record and his merits he is entitled to a square deal at the hands of the republican party in this state.

TWO MEN COMPARED.

New York Evening Post: Few things that Gov. Wilson said or did, in his last week, evoked more immediate and positive comment among those who read the newspaper reports of his speeches, and were more promptly recognized by the press, than his references to President Taft. Mr. Wilson, speaking at Minneapolis, in a part of the country where Mr. Taft is confessedly unpopular, had criticized the policies of the republican administration. But he added, speaking from the purely personal point of view: "I want to pay my tribute of respect to the president of the United States. I do not believe that any man in the United States who knows his facts can question the patriotism or the integrity of the public purpose of the man who now sits in the executive chair in Washington."

We doubt if there was a single listener to that utterance, or a single reader of it the following morning, who did not say of himself: This is a magnanimous campaigner, and a gentleman. We are impelled to call the incident to mind, in the light of the comment made yesterday on the president of the United States by another opposing presidential candidate, speaking from his platform at Springfield, Mo., of a campaign banner bearing the name of the president of the United States, Mr. Roosevelt said (we quote from the report in his New York organ): "Any man who supports the receiver of stolen goods stands on a level with the receiver of the stolen goods. He is a dishonest man, and is unfit to associate with honest men."

We wonder how many readers of this remark said to themselves, when they laid the paper down, that this may be an energetic campaigner, but he is a magnanimous campaigner, and is he quite a gentleman?

HOW SENTIMENT CHANGES.

Clinton Herald: It was seemingly only a few days ago that it was no difficult task to find the man who was ready to declare that Taft had no show in the coming election. All this has now changed. Not only is it now being generally conceded that what was claimed early in the campaign by the few that the race would be between Taft and Wilson, but evidence from every part of the country more and more strongly with each succeeding day points to the reelection of President Taft.

This does not especially indicate that Mr. Taft personally has succeeded in finding a warmer spot in the hearts of the American people, but because he is the nominee of the republican party, the greatest factor in the past in bringing about a prosperity that never has been equalled by any country on the globe.

When you begin to propose that which gives promise of providing a deterrent to the realization of the country, resting as it does every class of the citizenship of the land, you are doing something that sooner or later is going to arouse the people to the true situation. The people are likely to become blinded for a time and be carried away by a consideration of extraneous things, but in the end they are going to get right down to brass tacks and take a look at both horns of the dilemma.

The people now are beginning to come to a full realization of the fact that Mr. Taft however, he may be regarded from a personal standpoint, after all has been said and done, is no more than an incident. His personal victory is not of supreme importance to any one. But the success of the republican party is of the greatest importance. And republican success cannot be realized in its fullest extent without the election of Mr. Taft.

A ROOSEVELT PARADOX

Fremont Tribune: It is a paradoxical situation that Mr. Roosevelt should be able to make some undoubted headway in proclaiming himself a crusader. At Little Rock he said his campaign was a good deal of a religious movement, and it is singular that this is true. He is an apt user of bible quotations, and engages in a good deal of preaching. This invests him with a certain religious fervor that lays hold of religious fervor that lays hold of the masses of the people. The marvel of it is that he succeeds in that direction. For not in the history of all the presidential campaigns since Washington has a candidate employed such shocking methods. His brutal attacks upon the president are as far from indicating a Christian spirit, or even displaying a righteous indignation, as anything that could be imagined. It is without a parallel. It has so lowered the popular estimate of high station as to be a distinct moral loss to the day and generation. Though his personal conduct belie his claim to be the leader of a religious movement there are doubtless many disposed to regard him in that light. It is as one critic has said, "his virtues are God-like, while his vices are only human."

MR. TAFT IS NOT THE PARTY.

Cedar Rapids Republican: We know that some do not like Mr. Taft, but Taft is not the republican party. He is only a servant in the party and if his service has not been all that you might have desired it to be, is it not true that it has been good, after all has been said? Now is not a time to destroy the party because of this or that man, but now is the time to gird up the loins of the party for all the future years. Four years from now we probably will not have these dissensions to go through with. For better or for worse, the selection of all candidates by that time will probably be made in primaries. We will simply have to count the votes and abide by the decision of the majority.

As a republican you want the party to be strong then. Well, the way to make it strong then is to support it now, to maintain its integrity and its integrity. The party in power, however, progressive you may be, will be an easier vehicle than the party out of power and the affairs of the country in other hands.

As a business man, or a wage worker or a farmer, you have nothing to gain at this time by upsetting the established order, and the prevalent prosperity to embark upon a series of experiments. Stand together and stand for what we have of prosperity and law and order.

IT'S TRADITIONAL POLICY

Anamosa Eureka: The democratic party has a traditional policy—the policy of tariff destruction. The protective tariff system has been vindicated by sixteen years of trial, and the spellbinder who seeks to benefit you with lower priced produce must admit that in the end there will be failure to deliver those lower prices unless there is a corresponding decrease in the things you have to sell, whether they be the products of field, shop or hands. "You cannot hang on to the things you have to market, and knock it out of the things you have to buy. An equation is bound to follow whether the economic tone be pitched high or low."

HE WILL SUPPORT TAFT

Clinton Herald: James Campbell, multi-millionaire, president of the North American Co., said to be St. Louis' richest citizen, and generally known as a sound-money democrat, was quoted recently as saying that he intends to vote for William H. Taft and the republican national ticket at the November election, on the belief that Governor Wilson, the democratic nominee for president, is without sufficient experience as a statesman, and that his program for drastic tariff retrenchment is calculated to upset the business interests of the country.

Campbell is also quoted as saying: "I have heard some very well formed judges of the situation say Taft will get as many democratic votes as Roosevelt will republican votes. If that be true, Taft will win."

EDDYVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. William Allison came down from Ottumwa Saturday to visit Mrs. Allison's father, who has been quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Barnett returned Saturday from a trip to Rochester. They will leave Monday for their home at Jonesboro, Ark.

Miss Alta Miller, who is teaching in the primary department of the Grafton schools, spent Sunday at the parental John Miller home in Eddyville.

Mrs. Dora Harding went to Kellogg, Ia., Saturday for a short visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson, John Lafferty and W. S. Keller were among the number who attended the Albia fair on Friday.

Mrs. Peter Barr returned Saturday from a week's visit with relatives in Pella.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Kussart, who have been visiting relatives in Albia, returned to Eddyville Saturday for a few days visit before returning to their home in California.

Mrs. J. Nymelde of Muscatine is visiting this week with her sister, Mrs. F. B. Mansen.

Miss Eva Miller, who is teaching a school near Ottumwa, spent Sunday at the parental J. S. Miller home in Eddyville.

Miss Irene Moline of Greenridge is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Ida Albaugh.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John Evans of Lakota, Friday, September 17, a daughter, Mrs. Evans is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harding of Eddyville.

In the corn contest which was held at the Peter Baer cigar store on Saturday, Cecil Shields received first prize for the perfect ear and C. H. Johnson received first prize for the largest ear.

Fred Elliott came up from Ottumwa and spent Sunday with relatives in Eddyville.

CHARITON

Mrs. Ollie Johnson of Cedar Rapids, formerly of this city, is here for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Rosetta McEndree, and other relatives and old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Vickroy and son, Harold, have gone to Stockton, Cal., where they expect to make their future home.

Miss Katherine Chartrand of Seattle, Wash., who had been spending several months with her sister, Mrs. Fred Bane, returned home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of this city and C. G. Byrum of English township, have returned from a visit with relatives and friends in Mahaska county.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kiley have returned from a two months trip to New York and other points in the east.

BONAPARTE.

Mrs. R. E. Meek and Miss Arle Coolidge have gone to Madison, Wis., for a visit with the F. L. Eason family.

Mrs. J. H. Dial and son James of Quincy, Ill. are enjoying a visit at the Murphy home.

E. Case and son Dee have gone to Ft. Madison where they have employment in the car shops.

Miss Anna Rieger is visiting relatives in West Point and Keokuk where he has employment.

Hubert Shinn has gone to Boston where he will take a year's course in a musical conservatory.

Mrs. Austin Perkins of Ottumwa is visiting her grandfather Alfred Wolfe. E. L. Cheney of Pawtucket, R. I., is enjoying a visit with his brother D. W. Cheney and family.

C. S. Percival was called to Hoxie, Kansas last week because of the sudden death of a nephew.

Mrs. Anna Rieger is visiting relatives in Cedar Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Greenfield and son of Douds-Leando have been enjoying a visit here at the Cheney home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pender of Ottumwa visited here recently.

John Doughty of Spencer, Ia., was a recent visitor of Mayor Doughty and wife.

Joe Crall, progressive candidate for congress spoke here Wednesday afternoon at Riverside park.

Otto Meredith and family of Mt. Hamill visited here recently.

J. I. Israel has gone to Keokuk where he has a position.

Mrs. Anna Dick visited in Blakesburg recently with her sister.

B. W. Dulaney of Cincinnati, O., has been visiting at the J. G. Whiteley home.

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Mrs. Nanpe Wilson expects to leave soon for Rocky Ford, Colo., where she will spend the winter with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Page and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meek started Thursday via automobile for Palmer and Miller, Neb. They expect to be gone about three weeks.

Mr. Renhoff of California is enjoying a visit with his sister Mrs. Anna Meredith.

Dear Madam

Are you going to move? Or are you going to make a present to your married daughter of a piece of furniture that has pleasant associations for her? Then you want to be sure to send for us and let us pack it so that it can be shipped without damage. That's our speciality.

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