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THOMAS JEFFERSON.

Saturday was Jefferson day. Had he lived to that time he would have been a hundred and sixty-seven years old. But he would not have been any better know than he already is.

Thomas Jefferson was very much of a man. It was he who wrote that all men are created equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

But when he said that all men were equal, he meant that they ought to all have equal opportunities before the law. He did not mean to say that they all started on an equal intellectual ground or equal patriotic grounds, but that in this country ever chance that the country presents ought to be open to them.

His theory of government was that all free men should have equality under the law. But he, even the great Thomas, took occasionally to a little demagogism. For instance, when he went to Washington as president of the United States, while all his life he had been famous on his plantation for the strict rules that governed his home—for instance, that a gentleman should always be dressed like a gentleman at dinner, and that all the courtesies of life should be extended to guests and to neighbors according to their condition, he dressed shabbily for two years after he got to Washington, just to show his innate democracy, and at the same time to express a sort of contempt for the strict rules which governed George Washington when he was in that same position, because old George would never receive when president except he was dressed in a full continental uniform, including sash and sword. Jefferson was not a warrior, so he left off the uniform and left off the sword.

Then he had queer ideas in many ways. He wanted a jubilee year every fifty years to have every one's debts forgotten and all men in prison discharged. But he was a very great man, all the same. He bewailed the presence of slavery in the United States and expressed fear that upon that rock the Union would be split in twain after a while. He wanted the lands better cultivated, he wanted a protective tariff that skilled labor might grow up in this country and the country be self-dependent without any help from the outside. He sometimes wished that an ocean of fire might roll between this country and all foreign countries for a term of years until the American race could be fully established.

A party was founded on his teachings. Only in some things, as Homer says: "Love, in listening to the prayers of men, granted some and ignored others."

And so the democracy are willing to call old Thomas the father of their party, and they cling to many of his decrees and those that do not suit them they ignore and fall back on Jackson, who was really much more to their hearts than ever was Jefferson. And lately they are picking up the idea and exploiting it that after all Abraham Lincoln was but in fact a democrat after the Jefferson school, which is not fair to either Jefferson or Lincoln, because they were not great in the same way. Lincoln was raised up as the savior of his country, fulfilled his mission and then, as though to protect his own reputation, the assassin cut off his years in a moment. Jefferson lived to a great old age, maintained his greatness to the end, and it is good for all Americans every year to stop on his birthday and hail his spirit in the other world.—Goodwin's Weekly.

THE NATURAL RESULT.

The Roosevelt forces met with overwhelming defeat at the republican primaries in Reno and Carson Saturday. This, in itself is not an indication that the Taft sentiment is predominant in the state. With Colonel Reeves and Colonel Montrose leading the Roosevelt brigade the result was to have been expected.

The trouble seems to have been that the people have not the same confidence in the colonels that the colonels have in themselves—all of which is bad for Colonel Roosevelt.—Ely Expositor.

NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE.

The New York board of trade and transportation is alive to the importance of President Taft's proposal to establish a sort of national board of trade that may advise the president and congress regarding the business interests of the country. The New York board has accordingly prepared a plan of organization, which will be offered as a suggestion when the initial meeting is in session on April 22. This suggestion differs widely from the outline prepared by Secretary Nagel which was made public at the time the invitations to the convention were sent out.

The New York board is of opinion that many of the local boards of trade and other business organizations of that class, which have been invited to participate are now organized solely for the promotion of local interests, and will not be in a position to take part in a truly national movement, though many of their individual members will be. It therefore suggests that the memberships in the national board of trade be individual rather than representative of minor organizations, and estimates that not less than twenty thousand, and possibly a hundred thousand members could be enrolled who would pay annual dues of ten dollars each. As no such number of men could take part in a general convention, they would in turn form local, district or state branches for convenience, and these would send delegates to the general councils or conventions. The leading trade organizations of national character would also be represented in the same way.

From the membership of the national board of trade the New York board would select a small advisory board composed of leading business men to be at the call of the president of the United States at all times. No controversial matters would be taken up at any time. The national board of trade should operate under a federal charter and the reports of its work and the information regarding trade conditions obtained through government channels should be for the exclusive use of American business men, and should not be communicated to foreigners, or to trade organization with which foreign houses are connected. It is needless to say that, even if it were deemed advisable to adopt this last suggestion, great difficulty would be experienced in putting it in practice. No secret was ever kept under such conditions.

ROOSEVELT THE RETROGRESSIVE.

Comparing Theodore Roosevelt to a patent medicine vendor—fakier, he meant—Doctor Nicholas Murray Butler flayed the quackery of those who advocate the recall of judges and the tearing up of the Constitution of the country when speaking at the opening session of the Rochester convention. Contempt for law and order has now reached the fundamental law of the land, and the leader of this anarchistic movement is the man who once held the highest office in the gift of the people.

The speaker held up to view the motely following of the apostle of discontent to whose banner flock that class of persons who seek to make a living by their wits. Like patent medicine men, they tell all who will listen that they are politically diseased and that nothing but the nostrums of the big chief, discovered perhaps in African jungles, will cure their ills. As Doctor Butler in effect has said, the whole thing does sound like the campaigns of the Indian herb doctors who go through the rural districts of the country giving free shows to attract customers. Many a man thinks he is ill after he has been told that he looks bad.

Colonel Roosevelt would substitute a government of men for a government of laws. Savages, as Doctor Butler says, do not want judges to interpret the law. They want the judge to decide their way, and if he does not, they want to kill him. In this way the speaker portrayed Roosevelt in his true colors as a retrogressive rather than a progressive, as one who would lead his people back into despotism and barbarism with himself as the chief whose word none might gainsay.

WOULD IMPROVE THE RECORD.

The senator who wants to have the price of the Congressional Record reduced with the object of having it circulate through 2,000,000 homes, has a poor opinion of the veracity of the newspapers. He declares that if the Record were to suspend publication the newspaper accounts of what happens in congress would read like selections from the works of Baron Munchausen. The strange part of it is that this senator has been long enough in Washington, D. C., to know that the Record itself sometimes stretches the truth a bit in the interests of peace and harmony. The senator knows that those little side notes, such as "applause" and "cheers from the democratic side," are sometimes, and a little more frequently than sometimes, thrown in for local color. The Record is not always infallible, for occasionally the applause and the cheering fail to materialize.

No doubt the Record could be made into a best seller, if the proper features, such as a sporting page, some live cartoons and a frequent article from Mr. Dooley, were added. It might in time reach the circulation claimed by the senator. But who would edit the Record and guide its destinies? If the editorship were up to the democratic house of representatives, that staid journal would have some fiction that would make not only the newspapers but Munchausen, Gulliver and Ananias feel ashamed. The senate, also, has indications of imagination. The Record as it is run reproduces all of the speeches that are made in both houses of congress and some that are not. This is more fiction than any one publication ought to publish, even in this age where fiction occupies all of the reading time of the public.

The Maryland legislature has refused to pass a local option bill. We should not be surprised if one of the considerations were the designation of Baltimore as the scene of the democratic national convention.

Lina Cavalieri is to be married again. Nat Goodwin will have to stir himself if he wishes to retain the matrimonial Marathon championship.

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