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**For President--1912
WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT,
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CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE ELECTIONS.

It is generally conceded that this country devotes too much time to elections. Something in the shape of an election campaign is going on all the time. A president is scarcely seated in the White House before the politicians begin to work on the next campaign. Now that we have primaries things are worse than ever. As much time, talk and space in the newspapers are being devoted to the presidential primaries and choice of delegates to national conventions this year as should be given in the last throes of the campaign just before the vote is taken in November.

Primaries have been held and legalized in deference to popular demand, but the most ardent advocates of the change must be disappointed in the results. The size of the vote cast in any case has not been large enough to form a satisfactory verdict, but this effect of binding delegates by these snap decisions may force upon one or both parties a candidate who will not be able to poll the full strength of his party next November. Animosities have been and are being aroused which tend to throw into the shade the vital issues of the day. This year the people should be able to vote intelligently on the tariff question, and the only way to accomplish it is to give the voters a choice between two candidates representing protection and free trade respectively.

Theodore Roosevelt has succeeded in splitting the republican party to such an extent as to make the outcome doubtful, and he will probably bolt the convention if he is not nominated or allowed to name the nominee. He has dragged state issues and personal quarrels into the controversy with the result that practically nothing is being heard of the tariff. Much the same is true of the democratic camp, though the personal rivalries of candidates for the nomination have not assumed a degree of bitterness which renders impossible the concentration of the party's strength on the nominee of the convention. The worst that can be said for the democrats is that too many primary elections have resulted in snap votes that will make proper consideration of the wisest policy to pursue a difficult matter when the national convention assemblies at Baltimore.

If Roosevelt thrusts himself into the fray as a third party candidate or if by mischance he should stampede the republican convention at Chicago the tariff issues will be lost sight of in the desperate fight that will have to be made against the Mexicanization of this country by a man who would hold the office for life.—New York Commercial.

OUR TWENTY MILLION BUFFALOES.

Among the subjects that engage the interest of Uncle Sam is the preservation of the buffalo. There are not more than 2,000 of buffalo in existence, notwithstanding their tenacity of life and the ease with which a herd may be increased. The bullet of the rapacious hunter has thinned out their ranks until existence is only possible for them now in guarded enclosures in Yellowstone National Park, in the Canadian National Park at Banff and in the Wainwright enclosure.

The tragedy of the buffalo race is paralleled by no other animal within the history of modern civilization. Like the Indian, they have disappeared, but, unlike the Indian, they were excessively numerous, and covered the great plains to the number of 20,000,000. After the close of the Civil War the prairies began filling up with settlers and the railroads began pushing their steel lines westward. Buffalo meat was excellent food, and buffalo hides were in great demand. The buffalo, untaught by instinct to fear the long-range bullet, fell in thousands, and buffalo robes filled the holds of ocean steamers. Such a slaughter the world had never before beheld, and, doubtless, never will again behold.

A good shot could kill several hundred buffalo in a day. Many hunters bagged their thousands in a season. It was a matter of getting the hide skinned and shipped. The pleasure-hunters were even more ruthless than the pot-hunters. They shot thousands from the safety of passing trains, and left the carcasses to rot on the plains. The mighty herd was slaughtered between the years 1865 and 1875. Their carcasses made the

air of the plains smell, and from the western trains could be seen as many carcasses as live buffalo. Presently there was neither carcass nor living buffalo. The work was complete.

But the buffalo still lives in a few lonely animals, and with care his tribe can be increased. To be sure, his great range of pasturage has been taken up, for the most part, but the western states embrace large areas that could well pasture great herds. The hide and the flesh may again make the cultivation of the buffalo commercially profitable. We have been very stupid about utilizing the reindeer and the buffalo as valuable adjuncts to our small list of valuable animals.

A QUEER MARRIAGE ENGAGEMENT.

It is reported that the divorced wife of John Jacob Astor is to marry a young Frenchman, son of Edmond Rostrand, the dramatist, who is only half her age. If Mrs. Astor carries out her reported intention she will forfeit a large share of the popular sympathy the American people have lavished on her at the time she separated from her husband. Although the cause of the estrangement has never been made public, people generally assumed that the husband was to blame. They jumped at the conclusion that the wife had been wronged, and when Colonel Astor married again a bitter and unreasoning protest went up from the press and pulpit.

Astor never made any defense, but allowed all the stories circulated to his discredit to go unchallenged and uncontradicted. His gallant behavior when the Titanic sunk caused a revulsion of sentiment in his favor, and many of those who have been prejudiced against him heretofore will be inclined to think he was not so much to blame if his former wife marries a stripling young enough to be her son. A woman is not always right because she is beautiful and cannot live in harmony with a multi-millionaire husband. Beautiful women are as apt to have petulant whims and unpleasant traits of character as other people.

Not a breath of scandal has ever blown on Mrs. Astor's fair name, but the rumor that she is to marry this Frenchman disposes one to doubt her discretion. Such a doubt is always provoked when a rich woman of mature years marries a mere boy. Marriages of this sort give rise to disagreeable conjectures and are incongruous and irrational. They suggest motives which can only be hinted at, and are inevitably accompanied by a loss of dignity and a certain amount of self-respect.

POSTAL BANKS GAIN TO NATION.

The most earnest proponents of the postal savings bank project did not venture to predict for it the degree of success which it has achieved in the few months of its existence. Estimates are made by men connected with the new federal service that a very considerable portion of the \$16,200,000 on deposit March 31, in the 7,163 postal savings banks so far established, would have been sent out of the country if it had not been for the government banks. The total amount of deposits is increasing steadily, the money being kept in circulation here. Among the other advantages gained by the nation through this service is the effect on the minds of thrifty immigrants of having their savings on deposit in this country.

A gratifying feature of the report is the statement that San Francisco, which ranks eleventh in population among the cities of the United States, is fifth in postal savings bank deposits.

Aside from the effect which the existence of the banks has had, inspiring absolute confidence by the fact that safety is guaranteed by the government, in preventing money from being sent to Europe, it is clear that thrift has been encouraged and the careless spending of money in ways which are not calculated to improve the citizenship of the spenders has been checked to some extent. In every way the influence of the postal savings banks, especially on our adopted citizens, has been excellent.

In the "count of noses" on delegates, President Taft is so far ahead that Roosevelt is nowhere. The Colonel evidently counts on his dishonest contests and general uproar to throw the convention off its feet, and make a split. But forewarned is forearmed, and the convention will be able to stand firm and true to republicanism and a united party.

The notorious Blease, the mob-loving governor of South Carolina, who declared his willingness to help at lynching an innocent man, has been defeated for renomination. This is one of the best bits of political news of the year, as it means his retirement from public life.

Third-Term Roosevelt and his backers are determined that "the people shall rule," and if they refuse to rule according to the Roosevelt-Steel trust idea, then, it appears, everything possible will be done to make them rule.

When the harvester trust and the steel trust make liberal contributions to a "patriotic cause" it is high time to put that "patriotic cause" under the microscope.

The steel trust may be dissolved, but it will not be into thin air.

Most women would rather be gossiped about than ignored.

The square deal man seems to have been lost in the shuffle.

Even a barber can't always judge a man by his mug.

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