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EDITORIAL COMMENT

What is the use of letting the Democrats rule when we have been having such prosperous times for the Republican administration? Let well enough alone and vote the Republican ticket straight from top to bottom.. Any man who voted a split ticket in the past is not any too proud of the job. Take any class of laborers and they were never capable of earning such good wages. The printers for instance are getting the highest wages they were ever paid. Common laborers demand from two and a half to three dollars a day at most any kind of work, and it is hard to find an idle man at all. Those who are idle, want to be so. The farmers never before were able to get so high prices for their grain and the other products that they raise. The farmer is not going to vote for lower prices, and take the chances of having hard times. We were talking with Wm. Estlick, an Iowa farmer, who has always voted the Democratic ticket and he says, "We Democratic farmers know on which side our bread is buttered. Are we going to vote for Bryan? Well I guess not. We don't want to try any experimenting at this stage of the game. I have no trouble in cleaning up a thousand dollars a year, and today I can get 70 cents a bushel for my corn, 45 cents for my oats and from 90 to 92 cents for my wheat. I am going to vote for Taft, and what's more, you will see Iowa go strong for the big fellow."

There never in the history of this world, has been an executive who accomplished so much for peace as Theodore Roosevelt. But in the course of this prosperity, evils crept in, abuse crept in; men forgot the rules of honesty; men forgot the law, who are in the management of the great corporations and railroads, and Theodore Roosevelt, with the congress behind him, took those evils by the throat, and they have made such progress in the last three years that it is marvelous to contemplate the change that has come about. Now, the Republican party is pledged to the continuance of these immense Roosevelt policies and I am glad in the presence of this immense audience here to plight my faith that no energy of mine will be lacking; that every resolution of my nature will be firm to carry out those policies, and to clinch the progress that Theodore Roosevelt has made.—Wm. H. Taft in his speech at Grand Forks.

James J. Hill is always interesting when he talks, and generally says some things that are valuable to those who will heed them. One of his latest talks is on the habit of saving. He says each man who saves a little money each year and invests it safely is an agent for the advance of civilization. He says the fundamental differences between the savage who eats every night what he has gathered during the day and begins early in the morning with empty hands and stomach, and the human flower of complete social development and industrial accomplishment, is saving. And every one who will stop to reason knows that this is so.

The state supreme court, in a decision recently rendered, holds that the thirty per cent, requirement in the primary law is valid where one office of the same name is to be at an election, and where the candidates for the nomination for such office at the preceding primary election failed to receive thirty per cent of the vote no party nomination is made for such office. But the court also holds that the thirty per cent clause does not apply to members of congress, commissioners of ralirads, members of the house, county constables and county justices.

The Bismarck Tribune says that Haskell in himself is of no importance but that he is important in illustrating what kind of men Bryan takes delight in surrounding himself with. We should rather believe that Haskell is important in showing how little penetration Bryan has and how impracticable he is—how easily he is taken in by really bad and dangerous men.

Two men settled on adjoining farms in Vermont twenty years ago. One engaged in dairying, the other raising grain. The dairyman accumulated some money each year, bought another farm and is in good circumstances. He has been offered $70 per acre for his farm. The grain raiser has kept about even, and he sold his farm last year for $25 an acre. Dairying always pays best.

The states attorney of Grand Forks county, J. S. Wineman, is preparing a bill, which if enacted into law, is likely to aid materially in thinning out the blind pigs of the state. The proposed law requires all intoxicating liquors shipped into the state to be inspected for purity at the state line. A standard of purity will be established and inspectors will test liquor intended for consumption in North Dakota along the line of the present oil inspection law. Another feature of the bill requires the inspectors to record the name of all consignees, and furnish a report to the states attorney of each county of all liquor consignments for that county. In this way the states attorney will be appraised of where the intoxicants go, and if unusual quantities are shipped to any individual the matter can be easily investigated. The bill commends itself both on the grounds of prohibition and a relief from the horrible adulterations shipped into the state under the name of whiskey.—St. Thomas Times.

"Nature gave him poise, judicial temperament, great force of character and tenacity of purpose. His long life in the public service is distinguished for its marked ability, its wisdom, its integrity, its patriotism. He has taken advance ground upon the great issues which engage the profoundest thought of the people of this great country. He is progressive in principle. Pause a moment and consider. The last 10 years in the life of the American government are big with events. In all that time, whether in the Philippines or in Cuba, in Porto Rico or in Panama, or in the councils of the cabinet, whenever problems most trying and complex, demanding the greatest courage and the broadest statesmanship, arose he had a large grasp and displayed the highest executive ability. Two presidents in succession have called upon this man, who is our honored guest today, William Howard Taft."

The above glowing tribute was accorded by Senator LaFollette to the Republican presidential candidate at Madison, Wis., where Mr. Taft addressed a vast throng of people recently. The unqualified endorsement of Wm. H. Taft's candidacy by the great reform leaders, Roosevelt, Hughes and LaFollette, can leave no doubt in the public mind as to their estimate of the man.

North Dakota Republicans will regret that Governor Cummins of Iowa, who expected to make two or three political speeches in North Dakota, has been compelled, on account of the exactions of the committee in his own state, to cancel his North Dakota assignments.

A report that Normanden, the Scandinavian weekly published at Grand Forks, has passed into the hands of syndicate headed by Congressman Marshall, is promptly denied by Manager Thorson of the Normanden.

November 1, 1908, will soon be here. Wheat is close to the dollar mark and laboring men are receiving from $2 to $3 per day. Will some of our Democratic friends tell the prices paid at the close of the last Democratic administration?

The ex-Honorable C. H. Haskell of Oklahoma finds himself a victim of the "three O's"—onus, obloquy and opprobrium.

Wilbur Wright took no greater risk than usual when he ran his airship at night. There was no danger that it would collide with any other airships.

TRUE, ALAS! TOO TRUE

Many a woman goes out shopping dressed in silk and enveloped in perfume, whose hardworking husband hasn't had a new suit of clothes or a decent meal in five years, says an exchange.. And the Bismarck Palladium very rightly answered this by saying: "Yes, and many a loafer stands on the street with a stinking pipe in his face, and his tank full of booze, whose hardworking wife hasn't had a new dress or a kind word since she was married.

And now Noonan announces that a customs officer is to be located at that place in the near future to superintend the purchase of wheat from across the border, and Noonan is to hold a carnival with balloon ascension and basketball attractions to celebrate its recognition as the grain purchasing center by the officers in control of the customs service of the country. Let no liberty-loving citizen of northwestern Ward county fail to be present at Noonan on October 10th when the big show is to be pulled off.

See Grant S. Youmans for a five year farm loan at lowest rates. Office in new Optic bldg. tf