

A VERY INDEPENDENT PRESIDENT

Does Not Take the Customary Confidential Advice of Party Leaders, but Does What He Conceives to Be the Right Thing to Do.

W. W. Jérmane, in a Washington City special to the Tacoma News, gives the following interesting sketch of the nation's chief executive and his methods of conducting his high office:

It is now the cattlemen who are violently protesting at the strenuousness of Roosevelt. He is charged by them with enforcing the laws, and it has been so long since that has been done that the results appear in the light of a great hardship. The great cattle barons have been grazing their stock on the public domain without compensation, permission, or saying thank you. No particular objection was made to their trespassing until they began to fence the land in and to forbid other trespassers to trespass on the land on which they were trespassing. This was a trespass on the patience of the interior department, and the secretary reported to the president, and the president said: "Put 'em off." So the ejection orders went forth, and they raised Cain in the counties of Chaunes, Eddy and Guadalupe in New Mexico, and stirred up the dust in Colorado and Wyoming, and spoiled the plans of the Interstate Land and Cattle company, and many individual grazers in Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and states further west and north.

The cattle raisers have stirred up the senators from their states and the latter have been storming the White House with tales of the ruin which will certainly fall upon them if the government insists on the order to tear down the illegal fences. They say the cattle companies have contracts to deliver so many head of cattle to the beef trust on certain days and if the fences are razed the animals will mix with those of other ranchmen and they will be ruined. But the president says it is not his fault if they banked on their ability to break the laws with impunity. He insists that the laws must be obeyed, even at the expense of the beef trust's profits.

It makes the republican party leaders very tired the way Roosevelt goes ahead and does things without asking their advice. It is charged that no man in the White House ever took less advice, or asked less, than Roosevelt. He talks a lot in his addresses about self-reliance, but his personal example is more eloquent than anything he has ever said or written. The president is absolutely a law unto himself. If he thinks it is right, or will be a good thing to bring a dozen or more suits against the trusts or railroads, he goes and does it. He does not send for the senators. That is what McKinley would have done. Neither does he begin to feel out public sentiment, by a few well-worded semi-official announcements. His crusades are quite without preliminary heralding. He just gets busy; and the first that is known of what he is up to, is when the howl goes up from those who are pinched.

As Roosevelt is very abstemious of advice before he begins on important official and political moves, so he is unspeakably obstinate in persisting in the course he has entered upon. Senators who have been in the habit of sharing in the executive councils, and have helped to shape public policies, find no audience with Roosevelt. He will not even hear them with patience. He has an answer to every argument, a refusal ready for every plea. He insists on doing most of the talking himself, and the words of those who would dissuade him fall like water on a duck's back.

The best illustration of this is his attitude towards trusts and railroads. President Roosevelt made up his mind that it was right to enforce the laws—the Sherman anti-trust law and the interstate commerce act. He did not take counsel with Senator Hanna or Mr. Fairbanks. He simply gave his orders to the attorney general.

The first consequences of his action were protests of most urgent and violent nature from most powerful sources. Senators who deal in railroads came trooping up to the White House to know if he were crazy. They suggested that he was carrying the bluff too far. They could see that a little sham-battle business against the trusts and railroads, and a little loud talk, would be very good in its political effect; but a real attack, genuine enforcement of the laws, that was out of the question. They could not understand what he could be thinking about. The railroads had contributed to the campaign fund; the trusts had been friends of the party; he might need them himself some day.

But Roosevelt had no ear for these callers. Even J. Pierpont Morgan went



A Real Cut

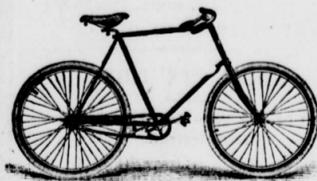
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It has made a lot of difference to certain members of the senate who have lost their influence. They are the ones who have acted as intermediaries between the president and Wall street. They were renowned for the fact that they were "close to the administrator" and this fact enabled them to get close to some pretty good deals in the street. Now these senators know less than the correspondents about what the president is doing or intends to do, and it is amusing to see them active in the role of information-getter, who were accustomed to dole out wisdom with sole injunctions as to care in its use.

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Direct Communication.

The Western Union Telegraph company announces that hereafter direct communication will be had with Portland and Seattle. Heretofore messages to those points were held in relay at Tacoma and Spokane. This caused delay in the despatch of important messages. The relays have all been eliminated and messages can now be forwarded without the least delay. The reason for the improvement is the great increase in the business here during the last few months.

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W. H. Webber sold his 1,200 acre wheat ranch in the Horse Heaven country last week to Martin Weller of Waitsburg. Mr. Webber only sold the land and crop, retaining to himself the farm machinery and horses. Mr. Webber began farming a few years ago without a dollar, and has built up to a \$12,000 property, of which at least \$8,000 will be clear of his indebtedness. This speaks well for Horse Heaven as a profitable wheat-growing section.—Prosser Record.

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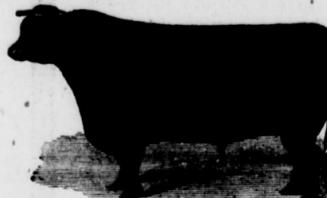
"Five years ago a disease the doctors called dyspepsia took such hold of me that I could scarcely go," writes George S. Marsh, well-known attorney of Nocona, Texas. "I took quantities of pepsin and other medicines, but nothing helped me. As a drowning man grabs at a straw I grabbed at Kodol. I felt an improvement at once, and after a few bottles am sound and well." Kodol is the only preparation which exactly reproduces the natural digestive juices, and consequently is the only one which digests any good food and cures any form of stomach trouble. Yellow Drug Store.

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