

was nominated in 1904, and for vice-president in 1900, and that the colonel's friends tried by a direct fraud to nominate him in a Republican convention in 1912.

The Camera thinks that when we said: "Teddy advises the Progressives to hold together until he makes another contract with the Democratic chiefs," we insulted "a great majority of the Republicans who voted at the last presidential election." The Republicans at the last presidential election voted for Mr. Taft, which one of those have we insulted?

The Camera closes with this:

"However, Mr. Roosevelt is not now in line for nomination as president, but he must be given the credit of bringing the party back to the people. He may be the instrument next year to bring the government back to the Republicans, for he is going to sway a strong influence, and with harmony in the wind it little graces Judge Goodwin's excellent reputation as an editorial writer, to further stir up a strife which may be to the detriment of the party. Especially in view of the statement that Mr. Roosevelt will support the Republican candidate for president next year, if a man of the people is nominated."

Not in line, when has he been out of the line? Again Mr. Roosevelt will support the Republican candidate next year, if a man of the people is nominated." Just so, Kemmerer is not far from Pocatello. Had not the Kemmerer editor better run over and consult with the editor of the Chronicle of that place and find out who Colonel Roosevelt thinks is "a man of the people," and learn from him that there are but two such men, the colonel himself and his running mate, Mr. Johnson, of California, that if the Republicans in sackcloth and ashes, will nominate those two, the colonel will be a Republican again; if not,.....

We supported Colonel Roosevelt many years until his unbounded egotism and ambition impelled him to try to bar or smash the Republican party in New York and he elected a Democratic governor. And again pushed on by the same lust for place and power, he again turned the Republicans over to the Democratic party in 1912.

We think we have his exact status; that there

is no sentiment of gratitude or common fairness in his nature; that he has the same love for the people over whose wars he weeps as the monkey had for the cat that he induced to haul the hot chestnuts from the fire and that he has the same instincts that another famous character had whom the great poet made say: "Better to reign in hell than to serve in heaven."

River Improvements

WHILE here last week Senator Underwood of Alabama expressed the conviction that all possible means should be used to improve the navigable rivers of the country to make them freight carriers.

The fundamental idea conveyed by that is good; the useful and economical application is the problem.

No power possessed by congress has ever been used with so much waste of money as in the appropriations for rivers and harbors. More payments of political debts have been made by those appropriations, more partisan servitors have been rewarded by those funds than in any other way.

The need of such improvements on small streams has vanished by the building of railroads.

But the big rivers should be attended to. The Mississippi river should be canalized from Minneapolis to New Orleans for the double purpose of carrying freight and for the protection of the adjacent country against overflow. But before this is attempted the same precautions should be taken as the ordinary citizen would exercise were he contemplating a big improvement on his own land, the two questions would be: "How can it be made a permanent success?" and "How much will it cost?"

First the survey would be made; this would be thoroughly considered and discussed by a board of competent engineers, and then estimates of the cost.

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