

President Roosevelt

Makes Notable Speech Before Tremendous Gathering at Nashville—Policies He Advocates, the President Declares, Represent the Effort to Punish Successful Dishonesty—He Promises Protection to Every Honest Man.

Nashville, Tenn., October 22.—Never before was Nashville so elaborately decorated as it was today to give welcome to President Roosevelt. Bunting, banners, and pictures of the President were on almost every house in the uptown section of the city, which was crowded with people from a radius of a hundred miles. The weather was cool and bright.

When the special train rolled into the Union station it was greeted with booming cannon, changing bells, screaming whistles and the cheering of thousands of people.

The procession was through streets lined with great and enthusiastic crowds. It was headed by the President's carriage in which Governor Patterson and Samuel Douglas, president of the board of trade, also rode.

Then followed a battalion of the State Guard, a company of Confederate Veterans in uniform and State and city officials. At one point the President was greeted by thousands of public school, university and college pupils, who sang patriotic songs as he passed on.

Near the State capital the parade was stopped to enable the President to view the tomb of President James K. Polk, after which the march to the Ryman Auditorium continued.

As the President entered the auditorium the immense audience arose and gave him a reception that will not soon be forgotten. Governor Patterson welcomed the President in a brief speech and the President's address followed.

President Roosevelt then proceeded in an automobile to the Hermitage, the home of President Andrew Jackson, twelve miles from the city, where he was accorded a reception. He was followed by a long line of carriages and automobiles.

On returning to the President's train at the Hermitage station the party stopped at the Tennessee Soldiers' Home. The Confederate Veterans received the President in line and requested his autograph, which was written in a register prepared for the occasion.

In his speech at the Auditorium the President said: "There has been trouble in the stock market, in the financial world, during the past few months. The statement has frequently been made that the policies of my administration, legislative and executive, are responsible for that trouble. Now, gentlemen, these policies of mine can be summed up in one brief sentence. They represent the effort to punish successful dishonesty. I doubt if these policies have had any material effect in bringing about the present trouble, but if they have it will not alter in the slightest degree my determination that for the remaining sixteen months of my term these policies shall be persevered in unwaveringly."

"If to arouse that type of civic manhood in our nation it were necessary to suffer any temporary commercial depression, I should consider the cost but small. All we have done is to unearth the wrong-doing. It was not the fact that it was unwholesome that did the damage. All I did was to turn on the light. I am responsible for turning on the light, but I am not responsible for what the light showed."

"No material well-being can save this nation if it loses the light toward higher things. I am well aware that in any such movement as that in which we have been engaged there are sincere men who take advantage of the movement to do away with the wrongs of wealth, themselves to in-veigh against honest earning."

"I will permit neither the demagogue upon one side nor the reactionary on the other to drive me away from the course or policy which I regard most vital for the well being of this nation. And the thing most important to remember is that my policy has two sides. It would indeed be an evil day for this nation if it would indeed mean the beginning of the end of our nation's greatness—if we ever permitted in this republic to grow up a spirit which would discriminate against the honest man who achieves success."

"There is nothing baser and meaner than the hatred of the man who prospers honestly, simply because he has prospered, and I challenge the spirit of every good American when I say that the honest railroad man, the honest banker and the honest business man, the man who makes a fortune because his exceptional business ability enables him to render exceptional service to the community—I challenge the spirit of every good American citizen when I say he shall receive the utmost protection and be safe-guarded against all injustice."

"If ever there should be any temporary gusts of popular feeling that demand what was wrong, what was unrighteous, than the true servant of the people, the man who truly serves the interests of the people, the man who disregards that temporary wish of the people to do evil. (Great applause). No man will stand more strongly than I will in the defense of property, so long as it is honestly acquired and honestly used. (Cheers) I will stand against the poor man if he were wrong just as I will stand against the rich man if he does wrong. I will stand against crimes of brutal violence, just as I will stand against crimes of unscrupulous cunning."

"A crime is a crime, and it makes no difference whether the wrong is perpetrated by plutocracy or by a mob, by a capitalist, or by a wage earner."

"There are certain gentlemen who affected to misunderstand my position on the point and to say that I have talked against men of wealth as such; that I have incited attacks upon the class that owns great wealth. Those gentlemen are blind if they see the facts in that light. I will protect in every way in my power honest property; I will protect the honest man of wealth to the extent of my ability, and in no way can I ultimately protect the honest man of wealth as effectively as by doing everything in my power to bring to justice his dishonest brother of wealth. (Great applause). It is a difficult matter to punish the crimes of the unscrupulously cunning committed by men of great wealth. It is a difficult matter to punish the man as he should be punished, the man at the head of a great business concern or at the head of a great railroad who does wrong to the whole body politic by mismanagement of that policy; it is difficult because as yet we hardly have the proper laws and we more because we people themselves through their representatives and personally do not fully realize how serious the crimes are which are committed in this fashion."

Cash Against Credit.

Cash Trade the Only Basis of Sound Trade—There Really is Nothing to Warrant the Credit System and it Ought to be Abolished—Present Method Works Hardship to Retail Merchant Who Has His Own Obligations to Meet.

New Bern Journal. How often is seen the notice in the local newspaper, that those who own Mr. Groceryman, Mr. Butcher, or Miss Dry Goods, will please call at once and make payment of their accounts, as the money is needed, and the credit has been too long extended. The merchant in such a notice needs no explanation. The situation is, that the merchant has given credit to some customer, has been imposed upon. What is the result of the credit system? Except the merchant may discount his own purchases and have a little money to carry accounts the end is bankrupted.

And each month the merchant who gives credit, that is credit beyond 30 days, or a credit that has to be chased by a collector, is finding the money steadily advancing. The announcement of another rise in the price of breadstuffs, is going to make the merchant who does business on a ten per cent, or less possible profit margin, look sharply at his books are not filled with articles charged on account.

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Tom Masson's Wit and Humor

A DELAYED FLIGHT. From "A Coward in a Wig, and Other Follies," by Tom Masson. Copyright, 1905, by McFarland & Co., New York.

HERE was once a young robin who wanted to fly. He sat in his nest with three brothers and sisters, his occupation being to conceal within his elastic pelage as many worms as came his way. Being the brightest one of the family, he was regarded with marked favor by his hard-working, law-abiding parents.

"Mamma," he remarked one day, "when do you think it would be wise to venture forth into the unknown world?" His mother looked at him critically.

"You must first," she remarked, "read a book on the theory and practice of aerostatics."

"Is this necessary?" remarked the young robin plaintively as he observed his sister Jane, who was already being charged, beginning to practice the double wing flap.

"It is, indeed," replied the mother severely. "You have genuine talent, and you cannot expect to accomplish anything unless you consult authorities. Read eight pages a day."

So the young robin gave a supercilious look at the rest of the family, put on a pair of spectacles and settled down to cultivate himself.

In a short time he became very much absorbed in his studies. By and by, however, he became conscious of a hollow feeling inside. He also became aware that he had more space outside.

He looked up and found he was alone. Brother Charlie was picking a long worm on the lawn below. Sister Jane was practicing the Newport salt in the atmosphere between, while Sister Sarah was trying to skip from bough to bough without missing a stroke.

"I guess," said the young robin, "it is about time for me to get a move on. Let's see, in order to retain a sustained equilibrium I must consider Smith's theory of the assistance of certain ratios of density."

He paused fearfully and looked over the edge of the nest. "They, Brother Charles," he called to his brother below, "how did you get down there?"

"Not much to no time," said Brother Charles calmly as he took a long pull, a strong pull and a pull together and drew out about a yard of dessert.

"But, Brother Charles, didn't you read any of those books before you learned to fly?"

"Not much to no time," said Brother Charles sliced off a few inches with his bill and by getting a good moving start carried it to the floor of the family.

"My boy," he said, "let me give you a piece of advice. This is my last call. Learn to fly by flying and not by reading about it. You'll take chances at first, but you'll get there."

"But aren't these books of any use at all?"

Brother Charles leaned up against the bark and smiled wisely. "Certainly," he observed. "Throw 'em at that cat!"

The Patriot. It was evening on the ocean steamer. The two men, hitherto strangers to each other, were comfortably seated on the leeward side of the smoking deck.

"Yes, sir," said the enthusiastic American, "you can see a picture of me on your first visit to our glorious land have no idea what awaits you. All that you have read or been told about the wonders of America will seem dim before reality. Take, for example, the trip up the Hudson."

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AN HONEST GRAFTER

A Glimpse Into the Future of Municipal Ownership.

A Thumb Nail Sketch of a "Practical Politician"—The Profits of an All Around "Servant of the People, Who Seen His Opportunities and Took 'Em."

"Honest graft" will reach its highest level when, as predicted by the enthusiasts, the principles of municipal ownership are accepted by New York and the city controls the trolley lines, the electric light and gas works and all the ferries as well as the water works and the police, the fire and the street departments.

Then such patriots as George Washington Plunkitt, for many years organization leader of the Fifteenth district in New York, will reap rewards of greater magnitude than they have ever been able to gather under the present order of things.

Perhaps you have never heard about Mr. Plunkitt's "honest graft" schemes. He told about them, which was the first chapter of his book he uttered a vigorous protest. "Blackmailin' gamblers, saloon keepers, disorderly people, etc.," he admitted to be wrong. That was "dishonest graft."

"But," he added, "there's an honest graft, and I'm an example of how it works. I seen my opportunities and I took 'em."

Mr. Plunkitt's explanation of how he did these things will illuminate the possibilities of future municipal ownership days, if they ever come.

After elucidating the ways he was "figged off" at various points by members of his party—the party in power—when new bridges, new parks, new streets were to be opened, so that he might invest in real estate likely to rise in price from the improvements contemplated, he adds: "I haven't confided myself to land. Anything that pays is in my line." Then he gives a specific instance:

Learning that the city was about to repave a certain street and so would have several hundred thousand old paving blocks to sell, he was "on hand to buy" and he "knew just what they were worth." But a newspaper "tried to do him" and got some outside men from Brooklyn and New Jersey to bid against the city.

"They did not steal a dollar from the city. They just seen their opportunities and took them."

While in the legislature Plunkitt introduced the bills that provided for the outlying parks of New York, the Harlem river viaduct, the Washington bridge, the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street viaduct, additions to the Museum of Natural History and many other important public improvements.

He is now a millionaire. Under the American, "you who are an Englishman, you on your first visit to our glorious land have no idea what awaits you. All that you have read or been told about the wonders of America will seem dim before reality. Take, for example, the trip up the Hudson."

There is no grander scenery in the world, not even on the Rhine. Then you have Niagara and the great lakes. Magnificent sir, is not a fit word. It is gorgeous, overwhelming! If you have the time, take a look through the wilderness and grandeur of the Adirondacks, the oldest mountain range we have. They will prepare you for the marvelous scenery of the great west. Then as you proceed through our principal states and largest and most populous cities to travel onward to Colorado your mind will be appalled by the vista before you. No pen can picture it. No voice can describe it. The Colorado canyon! The Yosemite! The Garden of the Gods! These are names that send a thrill through the heart of every patriotic American. Then go south, to the blue grass region. Go to Mammoth cave, to the wonderful springs of Arkansas—everywhere you will be amazed. The old world is nothing to it!"

"It must be something grand," said the Englishman, touched by the other's eloquence. "I suppose you have seen all these things many times."

"Dear me, no!" he exclaimed. "Why, I'm so busy that I can hardly find time to skip off to Europe."

Gov. Glenn's Attitude Toward Prohibition. Greensboro Record. The Record has no strictures to offer on Gov. Glenn's attitude towards prohibition, but it seems rather queer that he should be always talking about running whiskey out of this and that place while he has never yet mentioned his own town of Winston. When a Senator from that county several years ago he shucked his coat for dispensaries in several places but no one ever heard Winston mentioned. No one doubts his sincerity, but it would be better if he would even up. The old story of the white man and an Indian dividing a turkey and a buzzard is in mind; in wording the terms the white man always managed to give the Indian the buzzard's share.

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We have often remarked on the enormity of the fact that five judges of the Supreme Court should decide what shall be the will of this great people, and worse still that the "Czar of the House" should say what laws shall be passed and what not. Patience is a crowning virtue but it sometimes ceases to be a virtue.

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