

# LABOR FOR ROOSEVELT

President Popular With Wage-Earners Throughout the Country.

Continuance of the Nation, He Believes, Depends Upon the Prosperity of the Workingmen.

One of the reasons why Chairman Penrose, of the Republican state committee, is so confident of polling a record-breaking majority for Roosevelt in the campaign by the vast army of wage earners of this state, who look upon the president as their particular friend and champion.

Probably no other candidate for the presidency ever enjoyed the enthusiastic support of labor which is being given Theodore Roosevelt in the present campaign. This condition of affairs is based not only upon his official acts since he came into public life, but upon his personal interest shown on many occasions in the welfare of the workingmen. He has not played the part of the demagogue, which many politicians who start out to get the so-called labor vote seem to think they must do. He has invariably shown that he recognizes the fact that the stability of this republic must depend upon the great army of workers who make possible the great industrial and business development that is witnessed throughout the United States.

All the schemes and artful tactics of the Democrats in this campaign to array the "labor vote" against the Republican ticket, especially in the closely-contested congressional districts, have been signal failures.

A few corrupt labor leaders may have been subsidized here and there to send out campaign literature in the interest of the Democracy, but the vast army of voters among the industrial, manufacturing, agricultural and business interests of the nation will be with Roosevelt and his party at the coming election.

Union labor and those not identified with any organization are of one mind in their support of the Republican party in this campaign. There is nothing either in the Democratic platform or the records of the Democratic candidates that appeals to the workingmen.

The editor of the Labor World, of Pittsburgh, in commenting upon the candidacy of President Roosevelt a few days ago, said:

"It is indeed difficult to perceive why any trade unionist, or, in fact, wage workers in general should be opposed to Theodore Roosevelt in his candidacy for the presidency of his country. Sound objections are not discernible either from a standpoint of logic or expediency. Since George Washington first became the executive head of the country right up to the death of McKinley, labor has not had a better friend at the head of the nation than Theodore Roosevelt. It is extremely problematical as to whether or not he has had an equal in this respect."

"Organized labor has ever been demanding equality; a fair show in the race. This has always been the dominant cry of trade unionism. No man as executive head of the nation has done more to establish this equality than President Roosevelt."

Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, has been visiting the manufacturing centers of the country, and has had among his audiences many thousands of workingmen, and his remarks have invariably been applauded and warmly received. In his recent speeches he made these timely statements:

"The Democratic party has always assumed that the one requisite to human happiness and prosperity is cheap living expenses. The Republican party, on the contrary, has always urged the importance of high-priced products, whether that product be a day's work or the result of a day's work. The Democrats promise the best market in the world in which to buy, and we promise the best market in the world in which to sell. Both have been signally successful in bringing about the promised conditions."

"Every time the Democratic party has had control of both houses of congress or the presidency it has reduced the price of food and clothes and wages to a minimum, and the Republican party has never had control without enlarging the American market, both for wages and the product of wages. The Democratic party always advocated the open door in America, as well as in Asia, and it assumes that if the United States will swing its doors wide open, then the world will emulate our generosity. Democrats express their theories of reciprocity after this manner:

"If we will give the world its share of our trade, then the world will grant us our share of its trade. This sounds very sweet, but before we consummate the exchange we had better inquire what the world's market is worth. The aggregate export of the world's market is about \$10,000,000,000. The Democratic party, in effect, says: Give the world its share of our \$20,000,000,000 domestic trade, and we can get our share of the world's \$10,000,000,000 export trade."

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One Way to Win a Wife. James Harris' "Admirable Critchton" has had a counterpart in real life. At least the resemblance is striking. He was a butler who for nearly twenty-five years cleverly managed the affairs of three Englishwomen, even to investing their money for them. Through all the years, the Democratic party in effect, says: Give the world its share of our \$20,000,000,000 domestic trade, and we can get our share of the world's \$10,000,000,000 export trade.

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# A Foreordained Partnership

By Curran Richard Greenley

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It was all over, and General Marvin lay under the five oaks, while Miss Rebecca sat alone in the darkened parlor. Now the burden lay with her alone, and she followed wearily the trail of the years that had brought only trouble and loss.

Jessie stood still in the doorway at sight of the bowed head. She could find no words to say, but she drew Miss Rebecca's hand down and held her close to her strong, young arms. Miss Rebecca lifted a hopeless face.

"Child, I do not mourn for him. It is for you, Jessie, this old home and a pitiful ten acres is all that is left, and that cannot be sold during my lifetime. There is nothing, nothing! Don't talk to me now. I cannot bear it. I must try to think." And Miss Rebecca crept away to her room.

Left to herself, the girl stood looking toward the clump of live oaks that towered above the general's grave. She remembered that there had always been little economies practiced by Miss Rebecca, and the days when the general would shut himself in with a mass of papers—always after the visits of those men from town. Now the end had come. But the old home was still there, even though shorn of its broad acres, and an idea came to her. That night she wrote the letter that went in the northern mail, signed with the boyish scrawl of "J. L. Marvin."

Business was unusually dull in the office of Reppler Bros., florists, and the morning mail received instant attention. James Reppler tossed a letter across to his brother John. "Read that, John."

Reppler Bros. Gentlemen—Is there any market for cut flowers direct from the south—cane jasmine, English violets, roses and all varieties of the Lily? Can make arrangements for packing and shipping to arrive in good condition. I should be glad to receive orders. Respectfully, J. L. MARVIN.

"Yes, I had a proposition to make from our firm. You have been our chief source of supply for several months, and we have decided to offer you an interest if you will agree to work under our supervision."

Jessie drew a long breath. Reppler went to his room that night in a state of mind that baffles description and lay for hours gazing out into the white night.

Morning—the plantation bell sent its summons far out into the misty grayness. Alas, the fields of Bois d'Arc had passed to alien hands, but the old bell still swung and lifted its voice, as it had done when in answer to its call the dusky file went forth from the gates to toil for the master of Bois d'Arc. Somewhere away off a chorus of hounds responded, and fields began to fill with the cotton pickers.

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Reppler had no excuse for prolonging his stay, but before Jessie drove him down to Aldana he managed to extract an invitation for the holidays from Miss Rebecca. Reppler had touched her strangely with his half-whispered remark, "Christmas is an empty word to me, I have never had a home."

Christmas eve, as Jessie came across the yard from the office, Reppler met her with such honest gladness in face and voice that she forgot her scruples and welcomed him as gladly. A long, happy week, for Jessie, her mind once down, threw herself into the spirit of the hour. Reppler found his crumpled rose leaf, however, in the person of Charlie Cradington, who was Jessie's shadow.

Reppler pulled himself together and came out of the clouds. He forgot not his errand.

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