

MAKING A PRESIDENT.

Senator Platt's Own Story of Himself and Roosevelt.

If Frank H. Platt, son of the late United States Senator Thomas C. Platt, had not pinched Theodore Roosevelt on the leg just at the critical moment in a conference of the New York delegation at the Republican national convention in Philadelphia in 1900 Mr. Roosevelt, then governor of New York would not have been president of the United States, succeeding Mr. McKinley.

"Instead of 'shelving' Roosevelt I must plead guilty to the charge of 'kicking him upstairs.' I believe Roosevelt himself would convict me of this."

So wrote Senator Platt in his autobiography, of which part is published in the June number of McClure's Magazine. The Senator, the Republican boss of New York state, dealt with two nominations of Theodore Roosevelt—that for governor of New York state and that for vice president in the Republican national convention of 1900 in Philadelphia. Senator Platt sought to answer the critics who had asserted that in nominating Mr. Roosevelt for vice president Platt sought to send him to the political mortuary chamber in which vice presidents have reposed.

Senator Platt wrote: "A pinch may be said to have made Roosevelt president, for had he executed the threat of declining (the nomination for vice president) and had it been accepted he would never have reached the White House."

Again: "I may be pardoned if I remind my readers that but for my insistence upon his nomination for the vice presidency Roosevelt certainly would not have succeeded McKinley in 1901, and perhaps he never would have been president of the United States."

As to that "pinch", Senator Platt thus describes what happened in Philadelphia before the convention:

"Governor Roosevelt was in his room, protesting to everybody that he would, if nominated for vice president, arise in the convention and unequivocally decline. I heard about this and asked my son Frank to go to him and say that he would be nominated, that he could not stop that, and I wanted his promise that if he were made McKinley's associate he would run. Roosevelt and my son soon came to my rooms. The governor was in a state of rare excitement even for him. I shall go to the New York caucus and tell the delegates that I shall, if nominated for vice president, arise in the convention and decline. I can serve you, Senator Platt, far better as governor than as vice president," said Roosevelt pugnaciously.

"But you cannot be renominated for governor, and you are going to be nominated for vice president," was my retort.

"I cannot be renominated?" queried Roosevelt.

"No; your successor is in this room," said I, pointing to Chairman Odell. "Now, I want your promise that if you are indorsed by the New York caucus you will not refuse and that if you are nominated by the convention you will run," I added.

"Roosevelt showed his teeth, paced up and down the room and chafed as a horse does under a tight rein and curbed bit.

"Well, Senator Platt," finally returned Roosevelt reluctantly, "I will pledge myself not to decline formally the New York caucus indorsement. But I shall certainly urge the caucus to nominate another."

"And remember that I shall pinch you if I see any signs of your getting up and declining," put in my son.

"All right; you may pinch me as hard as you like," answered Roosevelt as he and Frank hurried to the caucus of the New York delegation then in progress on the main floor of the Hotel Walton.

"Senator Depew was presiding, and at length Mr. Roosevelt arose and addressed him. He reiterated in most emphatic terms his statement that he was not a candidate for the vice presidency and his associates from New York must respect his wishes and neither work among the delegates to bring about his nomination nor present his name to the convention for that office.

"Just as Dr. Albert Shaw, Frederick W. Holls, Nicholas Murray Butler and others of Roosevelt's self constituted friends clustered about him and whispered audibly, 'Say you'll decline if nominated, governor,' my son pinched Roosevelt in the leg and said, 'Remember your contract with the Senator, governor.'"

"Roosevelt kept faith. He ignored the solicitations of Shaw and the others and sat down."

By Inches.

"I see you have the regulation five feet of books." "Yes; I believe in having the classics." "Have you read any of them?" "Well, about two inches." —Louisville Courier-Journal.

CLARENDON COUNTY COURT.

Minor Cases Tried so Far—Murder Case Today.

Manning, June 7.—The court of General Sessions opened here yesterday, with Judge R. W. Memminger presiding. Only one case of minor importance was tried yesterday.

Richard McLeod, colored, indicted in two cases, one for car breaking and the other for car breaking and larceny, pleaded guilty in both cases and was sentenced to serve one year

in each case.

The case against W. Frank Harrington, white, charged with unlawful trapping of fish, which resulted in a mistrial at the last term of Court, was again tried today and a verdict of not guilty was returned.

Charlie Meyers, colored, pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny of live stock, and was sentenced to serve five years and pay a fine of one dollar.

Hayes Fulton, colored, pleaded guilty to larceny of a bicycle and was sentenced to serve five years and pay a fine of one dollar.

Charlie Thompson, colored, indicted for housebreaking, was acquitted.

Bennie Miller, colored, indicted for murder, was arraigned and the trial set for Wednesday.

UPRISING IN MEXICO.

Battle Between Insurgents and Government Forces Expected.

Vera Cruz, Mex, June 6.—The most serious uprising with which the Mexican Government has had to deal in a long time has occurred in the State of

Yucatan, and troops are being rushed to the disturbed area. In the meantime, reports which have reached here indicate that there has been much bloodshed, and that the insurgents are preparing for a battle with the Government forces, which is sure to come soon.

The independent newspaper, El Dictamen, publishes dispatches from Merida, the capital of Yucatan, to the effect that forty persons were killed by the Maya Indians on Saturday. Further dispatches received here state that five thousand of these In-

dian insurgents sacked the town of Valladolid, ninety-five miles to the southeast of Merida, killing all the principal Government employees, the chief of police and others. They seized rifles and pistols and instituted a reign of terror. Many of the inhabitants of Valladolid are fleeing to Merida.

It may be remarked in passing that Colonel Roosevelt has thus far solved in a satisfactory manner for himself the problem what to do with our ex-Presidents.—Providence Journal.

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