

## George W. Perkins and the Roosevelt Progressive Party

He Has Set an Example That Other Prosperous Men Might Follow. The Country Needs Able Men to Take an Interest in Politics and Government.  
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The Republican party spent \$90,000 in its Chicago convention. The Progressive party, managed by Perkins, spent \$17,000 for exactly the same kind of a convention—and came back from Chicago \$2,000 to the good. Think of that!

While Roosevelt was speaking to thirty thousand men and women in Boston, some one in the crowd yelled, "Tell us about Perkins!"

Roosevelt replied, "I'm glad you asked that question," and then answered it.

He said that Perkins, although a rich man, had joined the Progressive party and interested himself in politics BECAUSE HE HAS CHILDREN AND FELT THAT IT WAS HIS DUTY TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO MAKE CONDITIONS BETTER IN THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THE CHILDREN WOULD LIVE AFTER THEIR FATHER'S DEPARTURE.

Mr. Roosevelt also said that Mr. Perkins had made all the money he wanted, and now wanted to do something really useful and worth while for the country at large.

This country is glad to see men of ability come out in the open, work politically in the open, use their influence and intelligence in the open—instead of working in the old-fashioned "rich man's way" behind closed doors, using cash to buy those in office, or promote legislation.

This country needs men of ABILITY in public affairs. Government means something more than getting offices and dividing them up, something more than collecting taxes and spending them extravagantly.

This country needs all of the ability of its ablest men.

It should have such men as J. J. Hill working for the nation, instead of working, however usefully, as railroad builders for themselves.

The big rewards in this world attract the big and the able men. And the small rewards, outside of periods of great national excitement, attract the small and the feeble men.

Our Government has been offering small rewards to its employes, while industry, railroad building, great corporations and organizations of all kinds have been offering great rewards.

Therefore, men of unusual power and ability have been drafted into the industrial field and away from the field of politics and of government.

The country needs to get rid of political hacks and professional candidates. It wants to interest in politics and in government the ablest men that the country possesses. Wherever big work has been done in a country, it has been done by men of power—and usually by men that have proved successful in something else besides politics.

George Washington was a good soldier—and about the richest man in the country, when he did his great work for this republic. Nobody suggests that he ought to have kept out of politics because he happened to be rich.

Jacques Coeur was the richest man in all Europe when his power of organization and his great capital were put at the service of France in a crisis brought on by incompetency in government.

Disraeli, who did so much for England—more than any other man, perhaps, except Pitt—was a man of great power, and would have been a man of vast wealth if he had thought it worth while to make money. He made millions for England in his purchase of the Suez Canal bonds, and hundreds of millions in other ways.

If other men, having proved their ability in the big industrial work of the country, will follow the example of Perkins and take a share in government and a place in politics, they will do much to increase efficiency in government affairs.

And they need not abandon their big undertakings—if those undertakings are legitimate.

A man should be a builder as well as a talker and a lawmaker.

The wonderful fight that Voltaire made against oppression and vile injustice did not prevent his building up a prosperous community and making himself a very rich man. Necker was a great business man, as well as a great statesman.

Colonel Roosevelt should not seem to apologize for having Perkins with him. On the contrary, he should be proud of having started a progressive movement that can attract successful men, and not merely attract the hacks and the failures of other political parties.

### THE CALL OF THE BULL MOOSE.

(Tune, "Onward, Christian Soldiers.")  
COME all true Progressives,  
Join our Mighty throng;  
Blend with ours your voices  
In our triumph song.  
We are all united;  
All one body we  
One in Faith and Doctrine  
One in Charity.

#### CHORUS.

Onward true Progressives,  
On then all ye Patriots,  
Smash the Pirate Horde;  
On to Armageddon,  
To battle for the Lord.

At the shout of Triumph,  
The Bourbon host doth flee.  
On then ye Progressives,  
On to Victory.  
Taft's already beaten;  
Wilson's on the run,  
Then rally round our banner,  
Marching on to War,  
With the flag of Freedom  
Streaming out afar.  
See our Mighty Leader,  
Marches 'gainst the foe;  
Fighting malefactors,  
Be they high or low.

—VINDEK.

Irrascible old man (looking at specimens in M. D.'s cabinet)—No you don't! No, you don't! I won't have my tonsils soaking in alcohol.  
Surgeon—Then you'd better let me remove them for you.

Miss Wise—Has she any false friends?

Miss Guy—Yes; her dressing table is covered with them.

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