

Of course we must not imbibe these interesting legends without a grain of salt. The bard or seer who composed them was anxious to please his chief, and so gave his imagination free rein; in those primitive days exaggeration was at a premium. We have all heard of the exploits of "Cox of the 100 battles"; Thomas Osborne Davis, the poet of the "Nation," in writing of this legendary hero, said, "he had always held a profound admiration for 'he of the 100 battles', until he found out that the 'famous Cox' had been victorious in only one-third of the encounters."

Despite all these facts, we will ever read with interest the legends and sagas of the early days of a nation, which though robbed of its independence, has played a foremost part in the formation and government of the young nations of modern times.

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A Sketch of President Wm. H. Taft

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT is the twenty-seventh President of the United States of America. A man does not become President of a great republic without having the main facts of his life and many minor incidents of it chronicled from time to time. Mr. Taft had experienced this sort of publicity long before the campaign of 1908, and I am sure most of my readers are familiar with it. We are now asking what has he done? What manner of man is he? What kind of a President has he been?

William H. Taft entered upon his duties not only the most thoroughly trained man who has ever held the office, but the only man who has had a specific training for it. He had been the wheelhorse of the Roosevelt administration for seven years, taking a leading part in the solution of its problems, in the formulating of its policies, and the execution of many of the most difficult ones. His capacity for work like his intellectual capacity is well nigh inexhaustible. His is literally the sound mind in the sound body, and it works with the ease and precision of a perfect machine. He represents in the White House all that is