

President Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919)

**Election Results:**

*Successor of late McKinley from 1901-1904*

1904 Election-

Theodore Roosevelt (Republican): Popular Vote 56.42%, Electoral Vote 70.6%

Alton Parker (Democratic): Popular Vote 37.59%, Electoral Vote 29.4%

1912 Election-

Woodrow Wilson (Democratic): Popular Vote 41.84%, Electoral Vote 81.9%

Theodore Roosevelt (Republican): Popular Vote 27.40% Electoral Vote 16.6%

**Ideas or Acts Passed During Administration:**

The Meat Inspection Act of 1906 (Chapter 3913, 34 Stat. 674), substantially amended by the 1967 Wholesome Meat Act (P.L. 90-201), requires the United States Department of Agriculture to inspect all cattle, sheep, goats, and horses when slaughtered and processed into products for human consumption

Hay-Pauncefote Treaty with Britain 1901, The U.S. was authorized to construct and manage a Central American canal. The U.S. was to guarantee the neutrality of the canal and was authorized to fortify the area, if necessary. The canal was to be open to all nations; rates were to be fair and equal.

Spooner Act 1903, The Spooner Act was actually an amendment to the original legislation. It was introduced in the Senate by Senator John C. Spooner of Wisconsin after the Walker Commission had submitted a supplementary report on its first recommendations favoring the Nicaraguan route. This supplemental report was made after the French Canal Company had notified the Walker Commission that it would sell its rights and properties on the Panama Canal route for \$40,000,000, the estimate of its value set by the Walker Commission. After this supplemental report was submitted Senator Spooner introduced an amendment to the original legislation which virtually made it into a new Bill.

Newlands Reclamation Act 1902, dedicating the nation to a system of dams, irrigation canals and hydroelectric power plants in the arid states of the West. Under T.R.'s leadership, the work of the Reclamation Service was to function as a revolving fund, with the farms and landowners benefiting from the increased land value and productive capabilities repaying the initial investment of the public treasury.

**Administration:**

*Vice President:* Charles Warren Fairbanks

*Secretary of State:* John M. Hay, Elihu Root, Robert Bacon

*Secretary of the Treasury:* Lyman J. Gage, Leslie M. Shaw, George B. Cortelyou

*Secretary of War:* Elihu Root, William H. Taft, Luke E. Wright

*Attorney General:* Philander C. Knox, William H. Moody, Charles J. Bonaparte

*Postmaster General:* Charles Emory Smith, Henry C. Payne, Robert J. Wynne, George B. Cortelyou, George von L. Meyer

*Secretary of the Navy:* James D. Long, William H. Moody, Paul Morton, Charles J. Bonaparte, Victor H. Metcalf, Truman H. Newberry

*Secretary of the Interior:* Ethan A. Hitchcock, James R. Garfield

*Secretary of Agriculture:* James Wilson

*Secretary of Commerce and Labor:* George B. Cortelyou, Victor H. Metcalf, Oscar S. Straus

**Issues faced:**

Lack of government funds, therefore raised taxes which resulted in a downfall in economic services.

Corruption of the New York Police Department

**Trivia:**

Theodore's nickname "Teddy" came from an act of sympathy towards an old bear during an unsuccessful bear hunting trip

He was the first American president to ride in an airplane, be submerged in a submarine, have a telephone in his home, own a car, and win a Nobel Peace Prize