The Small Towns Book: Show Me the Way to Go Home
ers Workshop) but much of this novel was actually written in
the library of the State Historical Society while Mrs. Blackmore
was doing genealogical research. Here is the touching story of a
Southern soldier who went to Iowa after the War. It is based on
thorough research and a keen insight into human nature and
will hold the reader’s interest from the first page to the last. The
story might be fictional, but the portrayal of life in post-Civil
War Iowa is true.

*The Small Towns Book: Show Me the Way to Go Home.* By
James and Carolyn Robertson. (Garden City, N.Y.: Anchor
Press, Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1978. 208 pp., illus.,
$5.95 paper.)

The story of people who are moving back to smaller towns—
seeking the simple life, yet finding problems—unemployment,
rising property taxes, and dwindling farmlands. This book ex-
plores the battle which must be fought by those seeking a return
to the soil and small town life.

*The Bull Moose Years: Theodore Roosevelt and the Progressive
Party.* By John Allen Gable. (Port Washington, N.Y.: Ken-
nikat Press, 1978. xi, 252 pp., illus., notes, bibliography,
index, $15.00.)

Historians of the Progressive era are few and this book sheds
some new evidence, but very little overview, on the political
alignments which produced the Progressive Party. The in-depth
analysis of the national and state elections between 1912 and
1916 provide fresh insights. For Iowa history scholars the elec-
tion of 1912 is significant for the fact that it was the first time
since the birth of the modern Republican party that a Democrat
(Wilson) carried the state. Gable’s book helps to provide a bet-
ter understanding of why the Bull Moose party failed, but pro-
vided a good lesson in political maneuverings.

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