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THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

Seldom if ever before in the history of the Republican party has it been possible to make so accurate a forecast of the platform in advance of the assembling of the national convention as in the case this year. A draft of the platform was completed weeks ago, after a series of White House conferences among the party leaders, and if any changes are made by the committee on resolutions they will be of the most minor character.

After the usual expression of confidence in the eternal principles of the Republican party, the platform will specifically commend Theodore Roosevelt, the man, for his faithful adherence to the policies of McKinley for his fearless discharge of the duties of his high office, for the important part he played in the crisis of the anthracite coal strike, and for representing the highest ideals of American manhood.

The platform will then review the foreign relations of the United States under President Roosevelt's administration, asserting that no function of his office renders an untried and unwise president more liable to involve the nation in grave and inextricable complications than the administration of its foreign affairs. Among the achievements of Theodore Roosevelt's administration will be enumerated the accomplishment of Cuban reciprocity and the ratification of the treaty with Cuba which incorporates the Platt amendment. The wise and conservative course of the administration in the Venezuelan affair, which resulted in the most signal recognition by the foreign powers of the Monroe doctrine, as an important triumph for arbitration and in the protection of Venezuela's American creditors, will be so exhibited as to throw into strong contrast the Venezuelan message of President Cleveland.

The settlement of the Alaskan boundary dispute, another triumph for American diplomacy and for arbitration, accomplished by peaceful means, under critical circumstances will be made the basis for further approval of Mr. Roosevelt's administration.

The skillful and farseeing diplomacy which effected the negotiating and ratification of the treaty with China, whereby the United States in the face of subtle but powerful opposition, acquired treaty rights in Manchuria, will be cited in substantiation of the assertion that Theodore Roosevelt is an exceptionally conservative and wise executive.

The administration and congress will be warmly commended for the acquisition of the Panama canal, the completion of which must accrue so largely to the advantage of the United States and to the world at large.

The President will be praised for his successful enforcement of the Sherman anti trust law, which was enacted by a Republican congress and first applied by a Republican President. Special attention will be given to the phraseology of this plank of the platform. It will say in effect that it is not the policy or intention of the Republican party to assail legitimate industry and business or to infringe on the rights of persons or property, but to attack only those monopolies which are in the nature of a conspiracy against commerce.

Grateful comment on the extraordinary prosperity of the nation will be followed by a brief contrast of existing conditions with those of 1893 and by the assertion that the monetary system of the nation is now on such a stable and satisfactory basis that men look back with wonder and amazement when they recall the wild vagaries and still wilder Democratic theories of 1896.

The section of the platform which deals with protection will be almost a replica of the Massachusetts plank. It will read substantially as follows: "Protection, which guards and develops our industries is a cardinal principle of the Republican party. We insist upon the maintenance of this

principle, but we recognize that particular tariff schedules are neither sacred nor immutable. Rates of duty may be altered when changed conditions demand their alteration, but no revision should be undertaken unless it is clear that the benefit will more than compensate for the disturbance of business which inevitably attends a revision of the tariff schedules. Nor can such revision be entrusted with safety to any other than the party of protection. To intrust it to the Democratic party is again to invite the Democratic disaster and panic of 1893."

Other planks deal with the nation's debt to those who imperilled their lives for the preservation of the Republic, which will be declared to have been faithfully paid; with the responsibilities incurred by the treaty of Paris, which will be declared to have been sacredly kept, as witness the prosperity of Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands; with the sacredness of the ballot, the equality of all citizens, etc.

PROFITABLE BUSINESS.

The lighting business is a profitable one for some people, at least, and especially for the promoter.

It is reported that the Salem electric light, street car and gas plant recently changed hands at \$300,000.

Portland wholesalers bought it, and, on the showing made, they consider that they will make bigger profits than at wholesaling.

The deal was consummated by J. J. Henry, and he is reported to have cleared \$50,000 on the transaction.

He has added another laurel to his reputation as a promoter, and is certainly to be ranked with the successful men of the West.

This is all very satisfactory to everybody concerned, but the people who pay the bills. Salem consumers of light are to pay still more profits on watered values.

If the public could get better and cheaper light, and better street car service, and if Salem could get extension of lines, it might be all right from a municipal standpoint.

There would still be the private light consumer to be reckoned with. He is a factor to be considered, and is very often overlooked.

SEND SALEM AHEAD.

There is a good deal of improvement going on in this city, but there could just as well be ten times as much.

There should be ten times as much public and private street improvement going on as there is at present.

There should be ten times as much street sprinkling as there is being done, and we would have better streets.

There should be ten times as much sidewalks and crosswalks built as is being done at present, and the city would be better for it.

All the school houses should be given a coat of paint from top to bottom, and the state house should be painted white.

It would improve every man's business 25 per cent to have that railroad to Dallas built this year.

There should be at least one fine street permanently improved this year, if we are to keep up with the procession started by the Red Hills farmers.

Send the Capital City to the front. It has been at the rear of the procession altogether too much. Property can just as well be advancing twice as fast.

X-RADIUMS

Strikes are pretty near what Tecumseh Sherman said of war—hell. In Colorado at least.

This school election will mark a milestone of progress or erect a temporary monument to conservatism.

At any rate we shall quit advertising that we have a high school, and "graduating" children out of the ninth grade.

Ex-Gov. Geer, who has been there, and "saw it," has unmeasured contempt for the Oregon building at the St. Louis Fair. There is full corroboration for what he says by others who have been there and who also "have saw it."

Portland Brieflet.—"Keep out," says the Anglo-Saxon. "Kindly do not enter," says the Japanese. But the visitor to the St. Louis fair who remembers the words of President Roosevelt, "Speak softly, and carry a big stick," feels that one request is just as effective as the other.

One would naturally conclude that men employed as principals in our public schools who got out and fought higher grades feared their adoption—and why? There is only one natural conclusion.



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