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A CLEAR TESTIMONY: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north and from the south. Psalm 107:2, 3.

PLATFORM IS PREPARED BY REPUBLICANS

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farmers, and it pledges its support of legislation which will give this market to him to the full extent of his ability to supply it.

President Coolidge and Secretary Mellon are singled out for individual praise by the platform makers.

Endorses Coolidge

"We endorse without qualifications the record of the Coolidge administration," the platform reads. The record of the treasury is described as "unrivaled and unsurpassed."

Taxes, tariff, foreign policy, merchant marine, railroads, and food control pass in review as problems met and solved to the satisfaction of the party leaders.

Stabilization of the coal industry, prevention of excessive use of injunctions in labor disputes and the drafting of resources in time of war are outstanding on the program of the party.

Declares For Honesty

Declaring for "honesty in government," and for the appointment of officials of unquestioned integrity, the platform deplored "the fact that any official has ever fallen from this high standard and that certain American citizens of both parties have so far forgotten their duty as citizens as to traffic in national interests for private gain."

Noting that practically all the war taxes have been eliminated, a pledge is given for further reductions as conditions permit. Reduction of the public debt by \$6,433,000,000 in seven years is cited with a declaration that the party will continue to reduce the debt.

Support Foreign Policy

The policy of the administration in Nicaragua and China is endorsed, with the assertion that American naval and military forces are being used in these countries to protect American lives and interests.

The platform approved the foreign policy of the president generally, making special reference to the course followed in the settlement of foreign debts. It also seems as satisfactory the solution of war claims, and reaffirms its opposition to membership in the league of nations.

The tariff of 1922 is declared to have justified in the expansion of foreign trade.

"The present tariff law has not hampered the natural growth in the exportation of the products of American agriculture, industry and mining, nor has it restricted the importation of foreign commodities which this country can utilize without jeopardizing its economic structure," the platform says.

Touches on Labor

It is asserted that American labor enjoyed the highest wage and living standard in the world and freedom in wage contracts and the right of collective bargaining is the party's pledge to the wage earner.

It expressed a belief that the injunctive course had been wrenched too readily by labor disputes and has given rise to a serious question for legislation.

Praising the administration for meeting the Mississippi flood emergency in such a manner that without the loss of life the floods passed.

Favors Wide Draft

The party goes on record in favor of the drafting of every man "which may contribute to success" in time of war, asserting that the country demands provision for the drafting of essential commodities, material resources and services, whether used in actual warfare or private activity.

The 1924 campaign of the party is described as having been economic, honest and decent with the expenses carefully budgeted and showing a surplus instead of a deficit at the close. Assurance is given that "there will NOT be any relaxing of absolute endeavor to keep our elections clean, honest and free of taint of any kind," and that no deficit would exist at the end of the campaign.

Belief is expressed that the present railroad regulatory laws are based on correct principles "but have not when must always be preserved." Changes in the public accounts, trade conditions and the character of competition are said to have brought about a need for possible modification of the laws.

Touching upon the merchant marine question, the platform favors an American built and owned fleet, but voices opposition to government operation or ownership.

Support is pledged to continue applications "commensurate with our needs and resources" for highway, road and rail construction.

Maintenance of the radio facilities in such a manner as to insure the reception by every home of adequate and varied broadcast programs is advocated, with the assignment of communication channels in the best interest of the businessman, farmer and public.

For Veterans Relief

Continued development of inland and intra-coastal waterways is favored as an essential part of the transportation system.

The platform also takes a stand for "full and adequate relief for our disabled veterans."

It declares for sustained "safe regulations of public utilities and advocates the application of the conservation principle by the wise development of our national resources." In this connection points to the creation of the oil conservation board by President Coolidge and to the policy laid down in the Federal Waterpower act.

Reclamation is dealt with a review of administrative achievements as is the development of commercial aviation.

A continuance of the constructive development of Alaska and aid in harbor development and public lands settlement in Hawaii is favored.

Creation of a commission to investigate and report to congress upon the existing system of the

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Sunday, June 17

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DEAR OL' DAD—always smiling the often his smile hides a multitude of cares—contented with the least—toiling day in and day out without complaint—never expecting a reward for the years he's provided for your comfort and happiness. He may not say a word but within him beats a heart as big and as kind as Mother's.

A Prince -- A Real Fellow -- A Pal

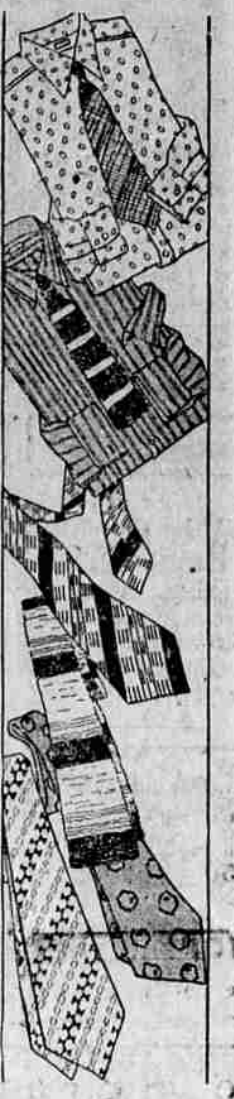
FATHER'S DAY—his day—and the way to honor him is to please him with a gift that he may use—a gift he will appreciate—something to wear bearing a label he respects. Just drop in here and you are sure to find just the right thing at the right price—for Dad.

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The Man's Store



It is said that banana oil is the only kind in evidence at the national republican convention.

Oregon Eagles gather in La Grande today for their annual state convention. La Grande welcomes them, appreciates the honor of being their convention city and entertaining an order so representative of high-type Oregon citizenship. The Eagles are a fraternal organization; but are more, too. They are a protective organization—watchful, helpful, strong. We hope their meeting here will be all that they anticipated for it, beneficial both within and without the order. We hope they'll like La Grande; will come again. The local lodge has worked and planned for these convention days with much enthusiasm. We feel sure the visitors will not be disappointed in any way.

FARMERS OR POLITICIANS?

From yesterday's front page:

"KANSAS CITY, June 13 (AP)—A throng of farmers, protesting the nomination of Herbert Hoover and gathering in numbers as it proceeded, marched to the republican-convention hall today and were prevented from carrying their cries to the delegates only by the threatening clubs of policemen.

"Frustrated in their initial endeavor to gain entrance to the interior of the convention hall, the farmers, shouting 'We don't want Hoover!' at the top of their voices, surged outside the hall in a disorderly and noisy fashion."

We have the utmost respect for the Associated Press under whose authority the foregoing dispatch was sent out yesterday. The Associated Press is a thorough-going news-gathering organization of which The Observer is proud to be a member. It is accurate, careful. But it is also human, trustful, and oftentimes very much hurried by necessity.

If a man says he is a banker, the A. P. takes it for granted under most circumstances that he is a banker. If he says he is a farmer, the A. P. does as most people would during a republican national convention—it takes him at his word and a farmer he is counted henceforth, or until the staff has time to investigate the claimant's actual experience at farming.

The mistake that is made (and one that we fear was made yesterday) is in assuming that one can be quite as trusting at a national convention and quite as careless about discriminating between those occupied with farming and those occupied with other occupations as at other times. That, we gather from further reading of yesterday's dispatch, is of considerable importance.

A "throng of farmers," the story reads. Time prevented getting and transmitting the names of its members but a few of the leaders are known. One, we read, is the former lieutenant governor of Indiana and now candidate for governor on the republican ticket. Another is U. S. Senator Nye; still another is a state senator from some agricultural commonwealth. "Several well known farm bloc and farm organization leaders are among them," says an article in the Oregonian this morning, "and no doubt most of the rank and file are really farmers; but a number of unemployed men who are eating at a mission kitchen have attached themselves to the party. One of the members has been identified as a member of a party that traveled from Minneapolis in the private car of a millionaire manufacturer. Not a farmer, but just an anti-Hoover politician." One wonders about the rank and file. Are they farmers or politicians?

We don't know, but we are inclined to believe that an injustice is done by labeling this group of Hoover opponents as farmers. We know lots of farmers in the middle west and can't imagine very many of them making spectacles of themselves like these men of yesterday. It sounds more like "Farmer" Smith Brookhart, Iowa's senatorial mate for Nye, of North Dakota—a lawyer by occupation before Iowa sent him to the senate, and a farmer only to the extent of getting his picture taken beside a neighbor's pig.

Such "farmers" aren't likely to worry any national convention. The true farmer isn't that variety of citizen. He may disapprove a candidate or a platform, or both; but he is business-like and reasonable as he does it. He believes in majority rule, in party government. And finally the real farmer is too durned busy right now taking care of his crop to start any Coxey's Army stuff around Kansas City. The delegates always run the shows to suit themselves, so why bother, anyway?

administration of Indian affairs is favored.

Opposed to Lynching

For the negro the party recommends the enactment of a federal anti-lynching law so that the full influence of the federal government

may be wielded to exterminate this hideous crime.

While expressing belief in the essential unity of the American people and the zealous protection by the federal government of the rights of its citizens, the platform

asserts that the effort which "is continually being made to have the federal government move into the field of state activities has never had and never will have the support of the republican party."

Vatican Denies Pope Pius Is Ill

Vatican authorized an emphatic denial of a statement published today that Pope Pius was suffering from a bad attack of arterio sclerosis which was worrying his entourage.

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