

ILLINOIS STRONGLY BACKING SHERMAN

Senator Said to Have More Than Half Majority of Republican Delegates.

PARTY REUNION MANIFEST

Former Progressives Now Actively Helping Reorganize Republican Party—State Hard Hit by Democratic Policies.

BY LEWIS H. MINER, Editor Illinois State Journal. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 26.—Illinois gives promise of being the political battleground of 1916, with possibility of becoming not only the determining factor in the nomination contest for places on two presidential tickets, but also winner of the presidential race. When the Progressive wave cleared the way for a Democratic state administration and, subsiding, permitted a Republican United States Senator to divide Illinois honors with the Democratic United States Senator-elect, it made this heretofore relatively quiet state a stronghold of debatable territory and swept into Democratic vision the expediency of selecting for President Wilson a Republican ticket.

With United States Senator Lewis as the Administration candidate for Vice-President, the Republicans are interested far beyond their purely selfish motives in getting behind the presidential prospects of their own successful leader, Senator Sherman. They were first to foresee the strategic possibilities presented in the nomination of Sherman by the Republican National convention in 1912, and they were far-sighted political judgment by conceding to Sherman the selection of the 58 National delegates of Illinois without opposition within the party.

Progressives Return to Party.

Former Republicans who strayed off in pursuit of the Progressive chimera in 1912, returning to the old home roof, are rejoining their former affiliates and actively engaged in helping reorganize the Republican party of Illinois under the leadership of Senator Sherman.

This gives Lawrence Y. Sherman from his own home state more than one-ninth of the convention majority and puts the Illinoisan at the head of the list of candidates for the standpoint of home support.

With assurance of an uncounted home delegation representing the virility of both the Republican and Progressive parties, Sherman's backers have won from other states pledges of enough additional delegates to assure them from the outset of more than one-half of the majority required to nominate Sherman. It may be recalled, had been on the Illinois Roosevelt delegation to the Chicago convention, in 1912, and had led the only active fight against Colonel Roosevelt in that gathering. This had endeared him to the Roosevelt following in his home state.

When, however, Sherman refused to join the revolt by Roosevelt, his sturdy Republicanism piqued the Colonel and Roosevelt turned against his less radical champion. The memory of this incident is what brought Roosevelt himself to Illinois, in 1914, in an effort to turn the tide against Sherman and towards the Progressive candidate for the United States Senate.

Sherman's Victory Decisive.

Roger Sullivan, a National character and an astute politician of great wealth, was put forward by the victorious Democrats, with approval of Woodrow Wilson. The surviving Progressives, realizing that an exceptional effort was required to maintain their party existence, named Raymond Robinson as their candidate. Notwithstanding the tremendous odds against him, Sherman won by a substantial plurality, while the Progressives ran only a poor third, although their candidate polled a very formidable vote, totaling 203,027.

This campaign convinced most of the Progressives of the hopelessness of victory in Illinois along separate party lines, and the rank and file of the party came back into the Republican fold. The Progressive leaders who are still hanging back have since conducted a sort of guerrilla warfare, fighting mostly for personal recognition. The party in Illinois remains a paper organization, in the hands of a motley remnant of deserted leaders.

Illinois industries and Illinois agricultural interests have been hard hit by the Democratic National Administration's policies. This is one of the big agricultural states which have steadfastly advocated the protective tariff, and the farmers of Illinois resent particularly the discrimination against agriculture manifested in the Democratic tariff bill.

TRENCH ENGINES ORDERED

American Concern to Build Special Locomotives for Russia.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—An order for 350 gasoline locomotives to be used in the trenches on the eastern battle front has been placed with the Baldwin Locomotive Company by the Russian government. These engines will travel on rails two feet apart. They will virtually be automobiles on rails and will weigh seven tons each. The narrow gauge requirements will permit their passage back and forth through almost any part of the earthworks on the firing line.

STOPS TOBACCO HABIT.

Elders' Sanitarium, located at 518 Main St., St. Joseph, Mo., has published a book showing the deadly effect of the tobacco habit, and how it can be stopped in three to five days. As they are distributing this book free, anyone wanting a copy should send their name and address at once.—Adv.

Genesee Couple Married.

GENESEE, Idaho, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Ellis D. Lambert and Miss Pearl Spurbuck were married here Tuesday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Spurbuck. The young couple are both graduates of the local high school and have spent the greater part of their lives in this vicinity. They will reside on a farm which Mr. Lambert operates east of Genesee. Rev. A. P. Orth, of the Congregational Church, performed the ceremony.

Students to Vote by Mail.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 26.—Under the terms of the absent voters' law students in the universities and colleges of Iowa may cast their votes by mail at the June primary and other elections, according to an opinion given by Attorney General George Cosson to Frank E. Horack, professor of political science at the University of Iowa.

TANGLED AFFAIR IN MATRIMONY FAILS OF PERMANENT SETTLEMENT AT TRIAL.



KEYNOTE IS SOUNDED

New York Republicans Commit Party to Americanism.

FULL PREPAREDNESS ASKED

Timely Disbursement to Meet Danger Held Preventive of Greater Expenditure to Repel It.

Tariff Revision Favored.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The platform adopted by the Republicans in state convention here pledges the party to a "forward facing" Americanism. It advocates complete preparation for the National defense. It urges that the United States bear its part in re-establishing international law. The Administration's policy in Mexico is criticized and demand is made that American rights in Mexico be protected. The Democratic Philippine policy is denounced. Restoration of the Republican policy of a tariff commission is strongly advocated. The platform in full follows:

American Principles Upheld.

"We pledge ourselves to the support of a patriotic and forward-facing Americanism. The Republican party stands for American principles of government; for the full rights and privileges of American citizenship; for the defense of America and its interests against all foreign and quarter whatever; for the welfare of American business, and for the protection of the enduring principles of National honor, of liberty, of justice, and of fidelity to National obligations through adherence to which the Nation has achieved its greatness. It believes in the truth of Washington's declaration that the name of American which belongs to us in our National capacity must always exalt the just pride of patriotism more than any appellation derived from either local or racial discriminations. It is the fixed policy of the American people to observe good faith toward all nations and to do justice to them all. We wish to continue on terms of peace and friendship with the whole world, and we intend to make increasingly difficult and improbable a resort to force in the settlement of international differences. But we assert the right to oppose by any and every means international agreements to which it is a party, and its duty to insist upon the security and guarantees of the law of nations.

Preparedness Should Be Complete.

"We advocate complete preparation for the common defense—economic, industrial and financial, as well as military. For defense against attack from without we rely first upon the Navy. We urge that it be provided with a general staff and so enlarged, in ships, in officers, and in men, and supplemented by vessels auxiliary to the fighting force of such types as experience has shown to be necessary for effectiveness that it will constitute a well-organized, a complete and a certain defense against attack, both on the Atlantic and on the Pacific. We believe that the Nation should continue to follow the advice of Washington and avoid the necessity of those overgrown military establishments which, under any form of government, are insupportable to the people. But we also believe in the vital principle of democracy, enacted into law under Washington's Administration, that every citizen has the duty of defense for his country and of the training necessary to make that defense effective. The Republican party stands for the gospel of patriotic service to our country by every citizen according to his ability in peace and in war.

"So long as present conditions continue to prevail in other parts of the world the military establishment of the United States should be substantially strengthened. The regular Army should be made adequate to perform its traditional duty of serving as the Nation's first line of land defense, and of being the nucleus and the source of instruction and administration of the army of citizen soldiers, upon which in the last event the safety of the Nation must depend. Provisions should be made for the effective training of such citizen soldiers under the sole authority of the National Government. A sufficient supply of the machines and munitions of war should be ready at hand in case the necessity for their use should ever be forced upon the American people. Experience has shown that the war which Mr. Lambert instants in materials it squanders in human life. The most famous extravagance is to provide an inadequate supply. Less than enough is foolish waste.

Defense Alone Is Intended.

"The enlargement of the naval and military establishments should be for purposes of defense alone. We support no policy of foreign conquest or domination or of interference with the independence and internal policies of any other people. Should the nations of the world, on the conclusion of the present war, be ready to join in new and well-secured international policies for the limitation of arma-

ments and for the extension of the rule of law, there should be willing and complete co-operation on our part.

"Since timely disbursement to prepare for danger frequently prevents much greater disbursement to repel it, we favor meeting the necessary expense of complete preparations for the common defense by the application of the resources already at the command of the Government and by just revision of the tariff in accordance with Republican principles. We assert that these measures, with the economies practicable under a proper budget system, will be sufficient.

"We believe that it is the duty of the American Government to bear its part in re-establishing international law and in providing it with sufficient sanctions. "If the law of nations is to be binding, and if the decisions of tribunals charged with the application of the law to international controversies are to be respected and enforced, then violations of the law that are of such a character as to threaten the peace and order of the community of nations must be deemed to be a violation of the right of every civilized nation to have the law maintained, and a legal injury to every nation.

Mexican Policy Irresponsible.

"No patriotic citizen will embarrass the government of his country in its dealings with other nations, but it is not possible to regard without the gravest dissatisfaction and dismay, the results of the policies of the present Administration toward Mexico. That policy which has been proclaimed as one of watchful waiting, has in reality been one of active but uncertain, constant and irresponsible interference.

"The Wilson Administration destroyed established government in Mexico and now stands on one side while anarchy and chaos reign in that country. It has stood aloof while American men have been killed, American women outraged, and American property destroyed. Intervention in the internal affairs of Mexico by the Administration has inflicted upon the Mexican people and upon all foreigners resident in Mexico anarchy, bloodshed, and suffering almost without parallel. We demand that American rights in Mexico shall be protected. This should be done either by a responsible Mexican government or through co-operation with other American republics in such a way as shall secure the independence, good order, and prosperity of Mexico.

Trust with Philippines Broken.

"We denounce the measure regarding the Philippine Islands that has passed the Senate and is now pending in the House of Representatives as a breach of trust toward the Filipinos. Under the Wilson Administration the work begun under President McKinley and continued by the subsequent Republican Administrations, in improving the material, intellectual and political welfare of the Filipinos and in building up a civil service on the merit system, goes for naught.

"The policies advocated by the Democratic party, if persisted in, almost certainly lead to a new and a more disastrous inter-tribal war and in the seizure of the islands by some foreign power.

"We demand the restoration of the Republican policy of a tariff commission with ample power to inquire into matters of cost, production and labor conditions in this and other countries and to supply the Congress with the fullest possible and most accurate information for guidance in the formulation of a permanent tariff policy that shall adequately protect American labor as well as conserve and develop American natural resources and American industry. We condemn the destruction by the Democratic party of the nonpartisan tariff commission established under the Administration of President Taft.

"The Democratic tariff now in force has proved wholly inadequate either to provide revenue for the support of the Government or to protect American labor and American industry upon the farm, in the factory or in the mine. Before the outbreak of the European war the disastrous effects of this tariff were already felt throughout the land. The war has obscured these effects, but immediately upon the restoration of peace they will be felt again with redoubled force.

Business Laws Should Be Clear.

"We favor such legislation and such administrative action as will relieve honestly conducted business from persecution, while rigidly preventing monopoly, special privilege or unfair practices. The same clarity should be given the law prohibiting combinations and monopolies that character-

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Whitman for Compulsory Preparation of Youth.

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