

above party lines and go to the rescue of their country, and not the least of these in Oregon was William J. Furnish.

I cannot think that any honor is too great for these men. On the contrary, I believe that the Republican party has honored itself in naming one of them for the highest office in the gift of our people, and that our state will do credit to the wisdom and justice of its people by electing him. Yes, we are going to elect him by an overwhelming majority, and his election will be a just and fitting tribute to the heroism and patriotism of that splendid body of men who abandoned their party to join their country. We are proud of our candidate, proud of his splendid, spotless character and recognized ability. The position he has secured for himself in social, business and political life is the most splendid tribute to our institutions and form of government. It is a valuable lesson and an incentive to the youth of our land. Born of poor parents in the Far West, at a time when opportunities for receiving an education were limited and not easily availed of, every step upward on his part has been won only through tireless energy, industry and self-reliance. Today he stands as one of our most honored and most honorable citizens and a fitting representative of a great people. But, after all, this contest will not, cannot, be fought out on personal lines. Great principles and policies are in issue and on them the decision must turn.

THE PARTY IN HISTORY.

If this were the first time that the claims of either of the two great parties had been submitted to the people, if the pending political problems were new and untried, then there might be an excuse for hesitation and doubt as to which party should be honored with the confidence of the people. But such is not the case. On the contrary, the doctrines, purposes, and policies are familiar to all, and the results of the principal policies are matters of experience within the recollection of every man who will be called upon to cast a vote. I do not propose going largely into the history of either party. The history of the Republican party during the last 42 years is the history of the most splendid progress along the lines of human liberty, good government and all that contributes to the prosperity, happiness and well being of society, to be found in the annals of nations. He who recites the history of the Republican party tells an old, familiar story, and yet it is one which only grows brighter and grander as the years roll on. It tells of liberty made more and more secure; of government by the people established on a firmer and more enduring basis, of ever increasing industries, providing an ever-widening field for the employment of labor and ever-increasing wages for the employed. It tells of an internal trade and commerce, surpassing in value and volume the combined foreign commerce of all other nations in the world; it tells of a foreign commerce greater than that enjoyed by any other nation, annually increasing by leaps and bounds, penetrating to every foreign market; shipping cutlery to Sheffield, tin to Wales, silks to France, machinery to Germany, fruits to Italy; and the whistle of the American locomotive is heard in far-off India and awakens the echoes amidst the solitudes of Siberian steppes. It tells of human slavery abolished; of a disunited country united and of 80,000,000 people prosperous, contented and happy, marching together under the Stars and Stripes and keeping step to the grand and glorious music of the Union. Was there ever a more splendid record? Was there ever a grander history?

I do not propose reciting the history of the Democratic party. It is the last thing on this earth that a Democrat would wish to hear, and, as we wish to call them to repentance, rather than excite them to anger, I shall refrain, as far as I can, from exhibiting their past record. It is inconceivable to my mind that the people of this Nation will, for a moment, contemplate taking the reins of government out of the hands of the Republican party, when it is known what it has done and now proposes to do, and what the Democratic party has done and now proposes to do. It is not necessary, nor shall I trespass on your time and patience to present an array of figures showing the prosperity this country is enjoying today, or the wonderful progress it is making. You know it; you see it all around you. I would like to put to every laboring man in the State of Oregon this question: