

ELOQUENCE FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY

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conception of the duties of his high office, as enunciated by him at Harvard, was, "to serve all alike, well; to act in a spirit of fairness and justice to all men, and to give each man his rights." He has kept this pledge; he has lived up to this fine conception of his duty. This pledge involved a completion of the work begun in Cuba and an honorable discharge of the promises made to our struggling neighbor. The flag of an independent republic floats over Havana today, and all men know that we have kept faith with the Cuban people. Leaving the details to engineers, he has cut by a single stroke the Panama canal through mountains of prejudice and centuries of ignorance. In the far Philippines our flag floats, a guarantee of redemption, pacification and development. His conception of duty has led him into difficult places in dealing with the internal affairs of our own country; he has met every issue bravely and ably and demonstrated not only that prompt and decided action is often the highest impression of conservatism, but that it is safe to trust the impulse of man who is essentially and instinctively honest.

Fellow-countrymen, after nearly four years of Theodore Roosevelt, we find the army and navy on a better footing, our trade expanded, the country at peace and prosperous and our flag respected in every quarter of the globe. The American people will not withhold from him the applause of many hearts. I am proud that my state, the empire state of the south, shares in the glory of his achievements, as it will share in their benefits.

It is not pretended that the section from which I come to you, is, as a section, in sympathy with your political party. But I am as sure as that I stand here, that the great majority of intelligent business men in the south are in sympathy with the controlling principles of your platform and opposed to those of your opponents as last declared. And I am equally sure that they recognize and respect the fearless honesty of your leader. Headlines are not history, nor does the passionate partisan write the final verdict of a great people. History, despite the venom of the small politician, will do him the justice to record that he has gone further than any man who has occupied the White House since the civil war, to further the vital interests of the south. The standard of appointments has been the same for Georgia as for New York. He has insisted on efficiency and integrity as the chief tests, north and south alike. Of the thousand or more original postoffice appointments in Georgia under his administration not one has, within my knowledge been criticised by even the unfriendly and partisan press of the state. A southern man, General Wright, by his appointment, holds the honor of this country in trust in the far Philippines, and on him your president relies for the advancement and development of the 7,000,000 people who are there working out their destinies. Two judges of first instance, one a democrat and one a republican, and both from Georgia, are there by his appointment to administer the laws. In the army there and here in the navy and in all the divisions of the civil government southern men have felt the friendly touch of his hand. The character of these appointments and the whole policy give the life to those designing knaves who charge him with stirring up strife between races and arraying section against section. "I am proud of your great deeds; for you are my people." This was his greeting to a southern audience, and no honest man doubts that he meant it.

The south shares in the magnificent prosperity which our great country has achieved under the republican party. Especially has she felt the beneficent effect of your policies during the last eight years; and the hardest facts your opponents have to contend with is the fact that your financial policy has been tested and found to be sound and efficient. They have sufficed for eight years at least, and the democratic partisan who has twice in that time been led captive behind the silver car of Bryan must be optimistic beyond expression if he believes that the country will suffer alarm over the prospect of four years more of prosperity. The south deals in cotton goods, cotton seed products, coal, iron, oil and lumber, and business enterprises in connection with these and to her industries have increased and multiplied. Traveling from Washington to Moon, one is never off a first class railroad nor long out of sight of the smoke of a mill. The people who conduct these and kindred enterprises, who are raising cotton at from 10 to 15 cents a pound, wheat at from 75 cents to \$1 a bushel, whose coal, iron and lumber are in demand throughout the world, whose home market is assured, and whose lands are rapidly increasing in value, are not alarmed over the prospect of another republican victory under Roosevelt. They are not alarmed over the digging of a canal at Panama that will give them direct communication with 500,000,000 or 600,000,000 of people who need the products of their fields and factories. Nor are they alarmed that increased railway and river transportation will be required to move these products to southern ports, or that from these ports, under a republican administration, yellow fever, the south's dread enemy, has been banished, millions saved annually to the tax payers and the business year

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from Cincinnati to Minneapolis, and did my full share to see that nobody got any more applause than the great, popular leader who had captured by enthusiasm, long before I was old enough to vote. Not even his defeat served to diminish the hold which our champion had upon the hearts of those who followed him, and it has required a good deal of experience to enable them to understand the lesson of his defeat. Other conventions have met to settle the fate of rival chieftains; we meet to record the judgment of the republican millions of the United States.

They have based their opinion upon the facts of the case. They have now concluded that we have the greatest president of the United States since Washington. They know how to measure the height and depth of things better even than Prof. Brice when he deals with the superlatives which find their way into all well regulated banquets after midnight. They have not forgotten the grave of Lincoln, which has become a shrine of pilgrimage of the human race. They remember still the day when the canon of Westminster opened the doors of that memorable monument to admit the name of silent American soldier into the household of English spoken fame.

They have passed no vainglorious judgment upon the career of Theodore Roosevelt. They have studied it with sympathetic interest from his boyhood as he has arisen from one season of public usefulness to another until at length, before the age of 45, he stands upon the highest civic eminence known among men. Their hands fell with his as he stood in the shadow of McKinley's death and as a part of his oath of office, asked the trusted counsel who stood by the fallen president to help him to carry forward the work which he had left unfinished, and while his agreement deserves the tribute which arises in this convention from the eloquent lips of our temporary chairman it is because he has executed in a manly way the purpose of the republican party and interpreted aright the aspirations of the American people. Nor can there be a doubt that, if in the years to come, he shall walk steadfastly in the same path, he will be numbered among the great leaders of the people who have given dignity and influence to their highest office.

But the judgment of the republican party is not only united upon its candidate—it is unanimous also upon the fundamental principles for which it stands. I think the convention has been fortunate in harmonizing the minor differences which unavoidably arise in a country like ours, where speech is free and where printing is free. We stand together on the proposition that the industrial system of the United States must not be undermined by a hostile partisan agitation and that whatever changes are necessary in our laws ought to be made by the friends, or at least the acquaintances of the protective tariff system. The things upon which are agreed are so great and the things about which we differ are so small that we are able, without sacrificing sincere republican convictions anywhere, to unite as one man in defense of our common faith.

The roll call of this convention is a reminder, notwithstanding its melancholy suggestion, that the veterans of republican leadership are transferring the responsibilities which they have borne to the generation born since 1850. The children of the men who laid the foundations of the republican party are here to begin the celebration of its 50th anniversary. A heavy hand has been laid since we met at Philadelphia upon the man who guided the councils of the party, Nelson Dingley, whose name is associated in immortal reputation with the industrial and commercial miracles which opened the new century is one and within the borders of the same state lies all that is mortal of Thomas B. Reed, who put an end to anarchy in the American house of representatives. Dear Uncle Mark Hanna, whose face has looked down with the benediction of an old friend upon our deliberations, we shall see no more; within the past few days we buried Matthew Stanley Quay in the bosom of the commonwealth which he loved, and which in spite of the malice and calumny which pursued him while he lived, never failed in its affectionate confidence in him, while over the whole four years has hung the shadow of the national affliction which left the American people in sack cloth and ashes.

We stand at the beginning of the new era, and while the republican party leans upon the counsel of its old leaders it has not hesitated to summon to the responsibilities of public life the young men who have been trained under their guidance to take up the burdens which it was to them as an inheritance of patriotism and duty. This is the significance of the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt and this is the explanation of the call which has been made by the republican party, without a dissenting voice, upon Charles W. Fairbanks to stand by the side of the president in the guidance and leadership of the republican party.

While he has not sought to constrain the kingdom of the convention directly or indirectly, he has kept himself free from the affection which undervalues the dignity of the second office in the gift of the American people, and I do not doubt that his heart has been touched by the voluntary expression of universal good will which has already chosen him as one of the standard bearers of the republican party of the

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them the blessings of liberty and independence.

The Panama Canal.
The Panama canal, "The key to the universe," the construction of which has for centuries been the dream and fancy of more than one government, has, under the prompt and decisive action of this administration, been taken from the realm of cloud-land and dream-land, and its completion in the near future has become a certain and fixed fact.

The wise leadership of our party has kept so well adjusted our tariff and currency legislation, that prosperity abounds in the land, labor is plentiful, the laborer is well paid and contented, capital multiplies and seeks additional outlets for new investments and enterprises.

In a word, we have given a full and complete report of the stewardship committed to our care during the past four years. It becomes the duty of this convention to name a general who, we hope and believe, will lead the great republican host to victory in the coming election, a man who will in every way measure up to the responsibility of the high office of president of this country. Such an one in the person of our chief executive has been ably and eloquently placed before you, and heartily do we all endorse what has been said.

"By their fruits ye shall know them." Theodore Roosevelt brings to his party and the nation at the close of his administration the precious fruits of three years' able and faithful service.

Kept His Promises.
The solemn promise made by him when gloom and distress overshadowed the nation, when stout hearts grew faint, when fears and misgivings were abroad in the land, when the nation bowed in tears for her fallen hero, that promise made at a most trying time in our country's life, has been kept to the letter, and he brings as an evidence of such the plans and purposes of his martyred predecessor fully developed and completed.

He is above all things a true, honest, earnest, patriotic American citizen.

He is a leader of unflinching courage—a man of wisdom—a man of action.

He is open and frank, free from intrigue or concealment. In his life and walk and conduct he stands unapproached and unapproachable. He is a broad man, broad in intellect, broad in sympathies, broad in soul; he lends a listening ear to the cry of the down-trodden and oppressed, and with strong and ready arm encircling the weak and helpless he bids them rise and hope and live.

He is a just man, and believes that a man should be judged by merit and merit alone, and that the just rewards of faithful and patriotic service should be withheld from no one, for any cause whatever.

Sees Through Outer Clay.

With a vision unclouded by bias or prejudice, he sees through the outer clay, clad in different hues, the man within, and there beholds the image of the divine master indicating the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

Criticism—bitter, severe, unreasonable, has only served to make him the more devoted to his country's welfare. He believes that corruption and dishonesty in private life and in public office should be unearthed, exposed and punished, no matter who the guilty party may be or how high in official life he may stand.

He believes that respect for and obedience to law are the foundation upon which this government must rest, and that the violation of the oath of office is little less than treason.

He believes that the constitution of the United States and every amendment thereof should be rigidly enforced, and that its violation by whatever subterfuge or indebtedness of expression should be condemned and remedied.

Man Whom the People Want.

He is for these good and sufficient reasons the man who mingles the people of every section and in every walk of life want for this high office.

First of all, the powerful Christian and moral sentiment of the nation demands his nomination, and every Christian and moral agency will be exercised for his election.

The laboring interest demands him.

The farmer as with happy heart he gathers in his bounteous harvest stands ready to do battle for his return. The miner who in contentment digs away in the bowels of the earth sees in him his salvation from oppression and encroachment.

The business man—the capitalist to whom this administration has brought abundant success eagerly awaits his nomination. So surely as he is nominated by this convention today, so surely will he be elected by the people in November.

With his nomination and election what an inspiring prospect opens up before the party and the nation? With it will come new efforts to promote a greater prosperity, and a larger measure of happiness to all who dwell within our borders.

With it will come that calm and peaceful assurance, that while prosperous, happy and contented at home, a wise, safe and skilful diplomacy guards and protects our every interest throughout the civilized world.

And finally, with it will come an advance step towards the fulfillment of the great mission of the republican party.

And that mission will not be per-

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ever on which the two great parties are in full agreement. Both believe in the equality of men. The difference is that the democratic party would make every man as low as the poorest, while the republican party would make every man as high as the best. But the democratic course will provoke no outside interference now, for the republican motto is that of the great commander, "never interrupt the enemy while he is making a mistake."

Arguments Spring From Contrast.

In politics as in other fields, the most impressive arguments spring from contrast. Never has there been a more striking example of unity than is now afforded by this assemblage. You are gathered here not as factions torn by discordant views, but moved by one desire and intent, you have come as the chosen representatives of the most enlightened party in the world. You meet not as strangers, for no men are strangers who hold the same beliefs and espouse the same cause. You may separate two bodies of water for a thousand years, but when once the barrier is removed they mingle instantly and are one. The same traditions inspire and the purposes actuate us all. Never in our lives did these purposes stand with deeper root than now. At least two generations have passed away since the origin of that great movement from which sprang the spirit which has been the leading impulse in American politics for half a century. In that movement, which was both a creation and an example, were those great characters which endowed the republican party at its birth with the attributes of justice, equality and progress, which have held it to this hour in line with the highest sentiments of mankind. From these men we have inherited the desire, and to their memory we owe the resolution, that those great schemes of government and humanity, inspired by their patriotism, and established by their blood, shall remain as the fixed and permanent emblem of their labors, and the abiding signal of the liberty and progress of the race.

Needs no New Title.

There are many new names in these days, but the republican party needs no new title. It stands now where it stood at the beginning. Memory alone is needed to tell the source from which the inspirations of the country flow. A drowsy memory would be as guilty now as a sleeping watchman when the enemy is at hand. The name of the republican party stands over every door where a righteous cause was born. Its members have gathered around every movement, no matter how weak, if inspired by high resolve. Its flag for more than 50 years has been the sign of hope on every spot where liberty was the word. That party needs no new name or platform to designate its purposes. It is now as it has been, equipped, militant and in motion. The problems of every age that age must solve. Great causes impose great demands, but never in any enterprise have the American people failed, and never in any crisis has the republican party failed to express the conscience and intelligence of that people.

Public is Awake.

The public mind is awake both to its opportunities and its dangers. No where in the world, in any era, did citizenship mean more than it means today in America. Men of courage and sturdy character are ranging themselves together with a unanimity seldom seen. There is no excuse for groping in the dark, for the light is plain to him who will but raise his eyes. The American people believe in a man or party that has convictions and knows why. They believe that what experience has proved it is idle to resist. A wise man is any fool about to die. But there is a wisdom which with good fortune may guide the living and the strong. That wisdom springs from reason, observation and experience. Guided by these things is plain, and young men may rely upon it, that the history and purposes I have described, rising even to the essence and aspirations of patriotism, find their best concrete example in the career and doctrines of the republican party.

Man Singled Out.

But not alone upon the principles of hat party are its members in accord. With the same devotion which has marked their adherence to those principles, magnificent and enduring as they are, they have already singled out the man to bear their standard and to lead the way. No higher badge was ever yet conferred. But great as the honor is, the circumstances which surround it make that honor even more profound. You have come from every state and territory in this vast domain. The country and the town have vied with each other in sending here their contributions to this splendid throng. Every highway in the land is leading here and crowded with the members of that great party which sees in this splendid city the symbol of its rise and power. Within this unexampled multitude is every rank and condition of free men, every creed and occupation. But today a common purpose and desire have engaged us all, and from every nook and corner of the country rises but a single choice to fill the most exalted office in the world. He is no stranger waiting in the shade to be called suddenly into public light.

Where the Fight Was Thickest.

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