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REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

Republican Statement of Principles and Policy.

Following the Republican platform in full, as adopted at Portland on Wednesday, April 2nd, by the State Republican Convention:

The Republican party of Oregon, in State Convention assembled, proud of its record and past history, its devotion to the principles of human liberty and human rights, its great and imperishable names which lend luster and glory to the American Nation at home and among the nations of the earth, and as an assurance of its continued fidelity to the great principles for which it has contended in the past in state and national affairs, does hereby make and affirm the following declaration of its principles:

The events of the late war with Spain carried us into the Philippine Islands. We hold it to be consistent with the principles of liberty and of our national life and the sovereignty of the United States should be maintained it the islands, under such local self government as the people may be, or may become, fit to participate in. We therefore declare against all proposals looking to the retirement of the United States from the Philippine Islands.

That in the war which President Roosevelt has inaugurated against the gigantic combinations of incorporated capital he has the united and enthusiastic support of the Republican party of Oregon.

We demand and insist upon the passage of the bill now pending in Congress for the exclusion of Chinese, known as the Mitchell-Kann exclusion bill.

We reaffirm our allegiance to the principles of protection in necessary cases of industries still in their infancy or unable to compete with foreign productions.

We recognize the right of labor to organize and combine for mutual protection under the law, and we recommend that the legislature enact necessary legislation to protect labor in all its rights and privileges. In the interest of American labor and the upbuilding of the workingman as the corner-stone of the prosperity of our country, we recommend that Congress create a Department of Labor in charge of a Secretary, with a seat in the Cabinet.

We demand that a law be passed by the next legislature placing all public officers of this state upon reasonable salaries, which shall not be increased during the incumbent's term of office, and beyond such salary they shall receive no compensation as fees or otherwise.

In order to promote the development of the mineral resources of the state, we are in favor of the creation and maintenance of a mining bureau by the state.

We declare our approval and support of the suggestions of President Roosevelt for the irrigation of the arid lands of the country. This work should be undertaken by the United States as soon as possible, and carried forward on a consistent plan under direction of the general Government.

We urge our representatives in Congress and Senators to use every effort to secure the speedy opening of the Columbia river between the Dalles and Celilo, and for clearing the river of all obstructions to navigation from its mouth to the head of navigation. We urge also renewed and continued effort for improvement of our coast harbors and streams within the state, and the speedy construction of an isthmian canal.

That the public lands are the heritage of the common people and should be held in trust for the use and benefit of all the people under the homestead laws. We are therefore unalterably opposed to all plans, schemes or proposition for leasing public domains, either to individuals or to corporations.

We favor a policy by the state and the United States which shall further foster and support our fisheries, and we request the Legislature to enact

such further measures as may be found by experience necessary to obtain this result.

We demand and insist upon the immediate passage by Congress of the United States of the oleomargarine bill known as the new Grout bill, now pending in the Senate.

That we favor the proposed amendment to the State constitution providing for the initiative and referendum, and recommend its adoption by the people of the state.

We declare our approval of the principles of the primary law enacted by the Legislature at the session of 1901, and we ask the Legislature to extend this law so that in its main features it may apply to primary elections in all election precincts throughout the state. And we further recommend the election of United States Senator by popular vote.

Ready-Made Homes Out West.

The telegraphic dispatches announced recently that seven thousand homeseekers, traveling on colonists' tickets, passed through Minneapolis in one day. They were bound for the Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming, Washington and Oregon. The passenger departments of the Santa Fee and Southern Pacific railroads recently estimated the number of people who came to California this season on colonists' tickets at 33,000, an increase of twenty per cent over the number last year. Traffic managers of Western and Southwestern railroad lines have evidence to convince them that during the season last past over a million Americans went homeseeking Westward from the Eastern and Middle States. Every State and Territory west of the Missouri river has received some portion of this horde. And there is every reason to believe that the tide of homeseekers is not ebbing, and that it will continue to inundate the West for at least a decade, rising year by year in its strength.

This twentieth century heira differs from any other movement of American population in many interesting and important ways that are worthy of the sociologist's consideration.

In the first place these homeseekers are not foreigners. They are men and women of good, wholesome Middle States American blood and tradition: farmers, mechanics, merchants, small capitalists and young men of parts, going West to grow up with the country. They are not poor. They have sold out their farms and businesses in good times at good prices, and have left good jobs at good wages. It is not a hard-times movement. The old-time mover went by wagon in most miserable estate. The mover today goes in the tourist sleeper, takes his meals at the lunch counter, and buys his magazines of the train butcher. The old settler came to his promised land with four dollars in his pocket and a pair of mules hitched to his wagon. The new settler comes with a pink draft and a letter to the banker at his new home.

And herein lies the great difference between the old colonist and the new: the new colonist is not a pioneer. He has neither wild lands, wild animals, nor wild men to fight. He is going into a settled community. The land has passed from the homesteader to the mortgage company and back to the farmer; the county seats have all been located and the court houses laid for; railroads have been built and everything on earth for which bonds may possibly be voted has been put in and retained or discarded. The scalawags who always rise when a new country settles have been combed out before this year's settler comes to his new home, and the boomer and breeder of wild-cat schemes have been carefully shut up in jail or driven farther West. The million colonists who move from East to West this year will find social conditions somewhat similar, in their new homes, to those in the homes they left. Land is a little cheaper in the West; work for the unskilled a little better paid; jobs for superintendents and general managers a little more numerous; business

opportunities a little easier to grasp with small capital; economic conditions a little less "set." But those are the only differences now between the Far East and the Far West, and the new colonist who goes West to grow up with the country will find it already half grown. And his discovery is to his advantage.

For the West is no longer in the experiment stage. The people out there know a large number of things now that they cannot do. To know this has cost many lives and much treasure. And the new colonist is the beneficiary of this pioneer expenditure. For instance, they know now that they can't raise corn in Eastern Colorado or Western Kansas and Nebraska or the two Dakotas. But it took hundreds of millions of dollars to find this out. The new settler there will plant his alfalfa and Kaffir corn and sorghum and grow his white-face steer and be wise. Also, he won't appeal to the East for aid as the boon settlers had to do when the drought came, for the new crops are drought-proof. The whole West today is on a paying basis. And the twentieth century homeseeker will be one of the few homeseekers in the world's history who will go into his new ready-made home welcomed by the resident population, with no obstacles of language, climatic condition or political tradition to overcome, and with nothing to do but to hang his coat on a nail and go to work.

It will be worth while to observe if these new homeseekers make as good citizens as the pioneers who had hard sense knocked into them by a thousand battles with adverse circumstances. But this much is certain: the new comers will never have the fun the old settlers had.—William Allen White, in Saturday Evening Post.

Additional Locals.

Alva Cray was up from Lostine Wednesday repairing the Joseph telephone line.

Henry Miller, candidate for county treasurer on the Democratic ticket started for the Paradise country Tuesday.

J. W. Emmons was in from his sheep camp in the Mud creek country last Saturday and brought in all kinds of reports from the bear hunters.

Mrs. C. H. Zurcher and Miss Mary Mary Zurcher started this morning for Monmouth, Polk county to spend the summer with Mrs. Zurcher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Best.

A Democratic exchange says Wallowa county will give Chamberlin 100 majority. If he had put the name of Furnish in where Chamberlin is, and 2 instead of the 1, it would have been a better guess.

The farmers are about through putting in the largest acreage of crops ever sown in the county, but all that can be raised will be needed to feed the miners and homeseekers that are flocking into the county.

Randall Boswell and family arrived in town Sunday from Sumpter and are living in the house recently occupied by Vinton Hart. Randall is now one of the proprietors of the Boswell livery stable. The firm will be known as Boswell & Son.

Harry Chenoweth came in from the "Garden of Eden" country Tuesday. "Promise Land," "Garden of Eden" and "Paradise," what Heavenly names the localities in the northern part of this county do have, but no doubt they all deserve them.

C. W. Meek, Republican candidate for county assessor, was in town Monday. Mr. M. says he has been too busy to do much electioneering, but will highly appreciate the support of his friends at the coming election. Mr. Meek was one of the best commissioners this county ever had, and no doubt would be just as faithful and efficient as county assessor. The office is surely one of the most important to the taxpayers, and Mr. Meek's experience in all kinds of business will make his services particularly valuable. Surely no better man for the office could have been nominated.

Read what Smith, the photographer, has to say in his ad this week.

George Mack, cashier of the First Bank of Joseph was in the city Tuesday afternoon.

L. B. Emmons will start in a day or two for a visit with relatives in the Mud creek country.

J. F. McCoy and Roy McCoy, sheepmen of Imnaha were in the city Tuesday and Wednesday.

The repairs on the water ditch have all been completed and water is now running for all who desire it.

Geo. Haas came out from Imnaha a few days ago where he has been during the winter looking after cattle.

Mrs. Dr. Fosner and children started this morning for a few weeks' visit with her parents at Newberg, Oregon.

J. W. Nedrow of Grande Ronde river was in the city Wednesday. He reports everything looking fine in that locality.

Chas. G. Holmes, a cattleman of the Imnaha arrived in the city Wednesday after spending the winter in that locality.

Mrs. L. J. Reavis returned to her home near Walla Walla, on Wednesday's stage, after a short visit with relatives and friends.

C. H. Zurcher started for the North part of the county today in the interest of his candidacy for reelection to the office of county clerk.

W. T. Hume, of Portland will stump Wallowa county in the interest of the Republican ticket. His dates begin at Joseph, May 22.

Ben Gerber came in from his ranch on Whiskey creek Wednesday. He also owns a blacksmith shop in Wallowa, but is putting in his time this spring in the Whiskey creek hills.

W. W. White owns an old dog that is a curiosity. He is totally blind but follows Mr. White to town, a distance of several miles and goes around over town wherever he thinks (not see) best.

Mr. and Miss Berland, nephew and niece of L. Berland, the harness maker, arrived in this city last week from Lake Park, Minn. Miss Berland is a dressmaker and expects to open up a shop in this city.

Jap Ellis, a sheepman of this city, is some what interested in the oil developments in Polk county. He owns 120 acres of land that is within a few hundred yards of the well that is being sunk, and it is supposed oil has been struck.

Oscar Anderson was arrested and fined \$5, last Thursday, in the city court on a charge of disorderly conduct, by being drunk and threatening to stab Frank Ott. Mayor Calvin held court in the absence of the recorder, Carl Roe.

MARRIED:—May 1, at the home of bride's parents, on Trout creek, Fred A. Wagner and Miss Florence Bookout. Both are well known young people of this vicinity. Only the immediate relatives were present and witnessed the ceremony.

The bear hunters returned Tuesday from the North woods and report good success and a fine time. Two members of the party, J. W. McAllister and Chas. Miller, continued on a hunt into the Bear creek country west of the Grande Ronde and will not be back until the first of June.

W. P. Samms received by express Tuesday night one of the Darwinian ancestors of man. His monkeyship stood the long trip from the South in good shape and on Wednesday attracted a better crowd than many of the political campaigners. Mr. Samms also has one of the best talking parrots ever seen. His tongue seems to be loose at both ends.

J. A. Burleigh, democratic candidate or joint representative opened the campaign at Wallowa last Thursday with a democratic rally and speeches by the local candidates. J. S. Smith of Wallowa has been speaking in the north part of the county the past week in the interest of the democratic party. Some of the local democratic candidates have been making the tour with him. J. S. Hodgkin of this city will also make some speeches in the eastern part of the county.

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