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CHURCH AND SOCIETY NOTICES.
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, corner Main and Fifth streets, Hillsboro, Ore., will hold its regular services on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All are invited to attend.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH.—Corner Fifth and First streets, Hillsboro, Ore., will hold its regular services on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All are invited to attend.

M. E. CHURCH.—Corner Main and Fifth streets, Hillsboro, Ore., will hold its regular services on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All are invited to attend.

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DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.—Corner Main and Fifth streets, Hillsboro, Ore., will hold its regular services on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All are invited to attend.

PHOENIX LODGE, NO. 34, K. O. P.—Corner Main and Fifth streets, Hillsboro, Ore., will hold its regular services on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All are invited to attend.

W. A. F. and A. M.—Corner Main and Fifth streets, Hillsboro, Ore., will hold its regular services on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All are invited to attend.

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WASHINGTON ENCAMPMENT NO. 34, I. O. O. F.—Corner Main and Fifth streets, Hillsboro, Ore., will hold its regular services on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All are invited to attend.

GEN. RANSOM CORPS NO. 47, W. B. C.—Corner Main and Fifth streets, Hillsboro, Ore., will hold its regular services on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All are invited to attend.

GEN. RANSOM POST, NO. 69, G. A. R.—Corner Main and Fifth streets, Hillsboro, Ore., will hold its regular services on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All are invited to attend.

NERVITA PILLS.—Corner Main and Fifth streets, Hillsboro, Ore., will hold its regular services on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All are invited to attend.

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HILLSBORO, WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1900

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

Philadelphia.—Following is the full text of the platform adopted by the Republican National convention:

The Republicans of the United States, through their chosen representatives, met in national convention, looking back upon an unbroken record of achievement, and looking forward into a great field of duty and opportunity and appealing to the judgment of their countrymen, make these declarations:

The expectation in which the American people, turning from the Democratic party, turned four years ago to a Republican chief magistrate and a Republican congress, has been met and satisfied. When the people then assembled at the polls after a term of Democratic legislation and administration, business was dead, industry paralyzed and the national credit disintegrated.

The country's credit was hidden away and its labor distressed and unemployed. The Democrats had no other plan with which to improve the ruinous conditions which they had themselves produced than to coin silver at the rate of 16 to 1.

Property brought by Republicans. The Republican party denouncing this plan as sure to produce conditions even worse than those from which relief was sought, promised to restore property by means of two legislative measures—a protective tariff and a law making gold the standard of value.

The people by great majorities issued to the Republican party a commission to enact these laws. This commission has been organized and the Republican promise is redeemed. Property more general and more abundant than we have ever known has followed these enactments.

There is no longer any controversy as to the value of any government obligation. Every American dollar is a gold dollar or its assured equivalent, and American credit stands higher than that of any other nation. Capital is fully employed and everywhere labor is industriously occupied.

No single fact can more strikingly tell the story of what Republican government means to the country than this: that while during the whole period from 1860 to 1896 there was an excess of exports over imports of \$28,000,000, there has been in the short three years of the present Republican administration an excess of exports over imports of \$1,485,758,000, and while the American people have been achieving these splendid triumphs in their business and commerce, they have conducted and in victory concluded a war for liberty and human rights.

War for Liberty and Human Rights. No thought of national aggrandizement, no desire for the high honors which American standards were unfurled. It was a war unthought and patiently resisted, but when it came the American government was ready. Its fleets were cleared for action. Its armies were in the field, and the quick and signal triumph of its forces on land and sea bore equal tribute to the skill and foresight of Republican statesmanship.

To 10,000,000 of our people there was given "a new birth of freedom." We have the plain purpose of the Fifteenth amendment to the constitution to prevent discrimination on account of race or color in regulating the elective franchise. Devices of states governments, whether by statutory or constitutional enactment, to avoid the purpose of this amendment are revolutionary and should be condemned.

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We approve the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to the United States. We commend the part taken by our government in the peace conference at The Hague. We assert our steadfast adherence to the policy announced in the Monroe doctrine.

On the South African War. The provisions of The Hague convention were wisely regarded when President McKinley tendered his friendly offices in the interest of peace between Great Britain and the South African Republic.

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In accepting the treaty of Paris the just responsibility of our victory in the establishment of good government and the senate was the undoubted approval of the American people. No other course was possible than to destroy Spain's sovereignty throughout the latter this pledge of peace, successful in its results, and to follow public opinion.

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SPEECH OF Gen. Geo. H. Williams,

at the Court House on

Saturday, Sept. 22, 1:30 p. m.

Judge Williams, who came to Oregon in 1853, and who has been one of the prominent men of the state ever since, and a part of the time a leader in the national administration, opened the campaign in this county last Saturday for McKinley and Roosevelt. The speaker was in his 75th year, and notwithstanding his age he was vigorous, seeming as we heard him twenty years ago.

The audience was not as large as sometimes meets a speaker, but considering the busy time, there were more people present than expected. Congressman Tongue presided and introduced Judge Williams, who said:

Mr. Chairman—Ladies and Gentlemen: Four years ago I had the honor to open by a speech in Salem a successful campaign for McKinley and Roosevelt, and I am here today to promote as far as I may be able a similar campaign for McKinley and Roosevelt. I do not claim that he is the embodiment of all human wisdom and not liable to make mistakes like other men.

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In these islands, and in a quarrel with some of their inhabitants. What shall we do? Shall we raise our flag, give up the light and sneak out of these islands like a whipped cur, when we have nearly accomplished what we set out to do, or shall we fight it out on this line if it takes all summer and maintain our high position and prestige among the nations of the earth? This is just about as much sense in this cry of "imperialism" as in the cry of "Cassius" made by the democratic party against General Grant when he was President.

Mr. Bryan and his friends are worried nearly to death about the Declaration of Independence. I want to ask these gentlemen a few questions upon this point. When Thomas Jefferson purchased the Louisiana territory for \$15,000,000 and established the sovereignty of the United States over that territory without the consent of the people there, did he violate the Declaration of Independence? When James Monroe purchased Florida for \$5,000,000 and established the sovereignty of the United States over that territory without the consent of the people there, did he violate the Declaration of Independence? When Franklin Pierce purchased Arizona from Mexico for \$10,000,000 and established the sovereignty of the United States over that territory without the consent of the people there, did he violate the Declaration of Independence?

To say that these territories are contiguous to the United States is nothing to the point. We are talking now about the Declaration of Independence. It is a fact that the people in these territories have been good in one place as another, and no better in one place than another. Is it any more violative of these principles to take an island without the consent of its people than to take the third of our country without the consent of the people?

We are told that it is contrary to the genius of our government for the United States to have colonies. This is an assumption without foundation. In principle or fact, we have been colonizing, acquiring new territory and expanding ever since the government was formed. Oregon was for many years a colony of the United States. It was not until 1859 that it became a territory, and even since that time it has been a colony of the United States.

Have the people there suffered from imperial or despotic power? Is it not a fact that the people in these territories have had and enjoyed as much civil and religious liberty as people elsewhere in the United States? Now, if we can hold Arizona and New Mexico and govern them as territories for 40 or 50 years, why cannot we hold the Philippines and govern them as territories for 40, 50 or 100 years?

But it is said that Arizona and New Mexico are on the continent, and that the Philippines are separated from us by a wide stretch of ocean. This is true but unimportant. For all practical purposes the Philippines are nearer to Washington today than Oregon was when it came here. It is the same old played-out, highest resuscitated for service in this campaign.

When the treaty with Spain was pending in the Senate, Mr. Williams was in the Senate Chamber and worked for it and Senator Hoar says in his speech that it never would have been ratified but for the personal influence of Mr. Bryan with democratic senators. It is a fact that the Philippines are nearer to Washington today than Oregon was when it came here. It is the same old played-out, highest resuscitated for service in this campaign.

What is this "imperialism" about which we hear so much? Lexicographers define it to be a dominion or power over other states or nations. We have taken the Sandwich Islands, established a territorial government there, given to the people the right of suffrage with the right to choose their own local officers and to regulate their own local and domestic concerns to suit themselves. Is this "imperialism"? We have given the same sort of government to Porto Rico. Is this "imperialism"? We have taken Cuba, established law and order there, and made that island more beautiful, more prosperous and more prosperous than it has been in 50 years. Is this "imperialism"? What we have done for these islands we propose to do for the Philippines. The question before us is not what we ought to have done before our war with Spain, or what we might or ought to have done at some other time, but it is a present practical one. To use the language of Mr. Cleveland, "it is a condition and not a theory that confronts us." We are actually

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