

Economic Highlights

Happenings That Affect the Dinner Pails, Dividend Checks and Tax Bills of Every Individual. National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare.

On at least one point opponents of the Roosevelt Administration are in agreement with its principal strategist. When James H. Farley opened the campaign for the Democrats at Philadelphia he said that there was but one big issue at stake—the New Deal. Mr. Farley is unquestionably right—and he might have gone a step farther and said that the issue is President Roosevelt. Mr. Roosevelt is the New Deal—and his personality, his opinions and his record are infinitely more important in this campaign than is the Democratic platform or the speeches of the Chief's lieutenants.

Speeches at the convention—as at the Republican conclave a fortnight before—followed a definite pattern. The keynote address of Senator Barkley—termed by H. L. Mencken the longest keynote speech since the fall of the Roman Empire—was well delivered, carefully thought out, highly oratorical. Even as Republican Keynote Steiwer could find nothing but evil in Democrats and nothing but virtue in Republicans, Keynote Barkley found that the administrations of Harding, Coolidge and Hoover were 100 per cent bad and that the Administration of Roosevelt was 100 per cent good. A similar attitude was expressed the next day when the Senator Majority Leader, Robinson of Arkansas, took over as permanent chairman and delivered an address praising Roosevelt to the skies and tearing down his detractors, including The Liberty League, Al Smith and ex-president Hoover.

Grand finals was the renomination by acclamation of Roosevelt and Garner (marking only the second time in the party's history that a candidate has been nominated without going through the formality of calling the roll of delegates) and the President's acceptance speech. In this speech, which was short, pointed and delivered in his best manner, Mr. Roosevelt declared war against what he termed "economic tyranny," said that his party and Administration were following the mandate of the people and were fighting to save democratic government, said that governments and presidents can make mistakes but "better the occasional faults of a government that lives in a spirit of charity than the consistent omissions of a government frozen in the ice of its own indifference." Mr. Roosevelt's speech was received with tremendous applause, as was every mention of his name by other orators.

Most important item in Mr. Roosevelt's speech was a clearing up of the much talked about question of whether, in view of the Supreme Court's abrogation of so many of his major legislative acts, he would go frankly on record in favor of a new amendment to the Constitution. He did, though he did not define precisely what kind of an amend-

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ment he wanted. And he said that he stood squarely by the platform.

It is inevitable that there will be much comparing of this platform with that adopted by the Republicans. Neither document can be honestly called great. Neither is unequivocal. Both leave plenty of room for evasion, and both prefer generalities to specific declarations of policy. Both are full of what adulous commentators on the political scene call "weasel words."

Big cleavage in the two platforms occurs in the relief planks. The Republicans favor return of relief to the states—the Democrats defined and continue to favor the administration of relief by the central government, as has been done the last four years.

The Democratic platform also praises the Administration's farm program, says it has saved agriculture from ruin, promises a continuance of the policy of retiring submarginal land, encouraging cooperatives, and "soil conservation."

It pledges the Administration to "vigorously and fearlessly" enforce the anti-trust laws and to break monopoly wherever it exists. Most commentators regard this as a new phase of the New Deal, in that such a law as the NRA necessarily fostered monopoly, required the temporary abrogation of the anti-trust laws.

The platform praises the party's acts on behalf of labor, and says it will continue to protect the worker both as a wage-earner and consumer. It favors encouragement of home-

building, lauds the TVA, and pledges itself to the advancement of rural electrification.

It favors the extension of the merit system (civil service) in government jobs, and pledges itself to the maintenance of all our civil liberties.

On the immensely important question of finance, it says the Administration has stopped deflation and restored values, declares that the national credit was never better, pledges a balanced budget and a reduced national debt as soon as possible.

In few planks are there any great differences between the Republican and Democratic platforms. The great difference is in the candidates—in their backgrounds, opinions, philosophies, and theories of what government should do and be. It is this difference that will determine the election.

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Miss Dorothy Tye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Tye, became the bride of Lloyd L. Whiteside, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Whiteside, at the Whiteside home on Ross Lane Sunday evening. The twilight ceremony was performed in an archway out-of-doors at 8 o'clock, with Rev. W. H. Eaton reading the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Potter attended the bridal couple as matron-of-honor and best man. The bride wore pale blue taffeta, and carried a bouquet of pink rosebuds, baby breath and sweet peas. She was given in marriage by her father.

Forty guests witnessed the informal ceremony and offered congratulations to the bride and groom during the reception which followed.

The bride has been a resident of Medford for the past few years coming here with her family from Arkansas. The groom was born here and is a graduate of Medford high school. Both have many friends here, where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Whiteside are both well known here in Central Point having many friends here.

Rev. Paul Pietsch of San Francisco was a week end guest of Rev. and Mrs. Lewis of Central Point. Rev. Pietsch represents Unevangelized Africa, and spoke to the congregation Sunday evening. His visit was sponsored by Mrs. Lewis' class.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Minnick and son, Herbert Crowder, motored to Yreka, Cal., Sunday, returning via Klamath Falls, where they stopped for dinner. They report a fine, leisurely trip, covering 240 miles.



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