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## REPUBLICAN STATE PLATFORM.

The Republican party Oregon, of its 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 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 that the sovereignty of the United States should be maintained in the islands, under such local self-government as the people may be, or may become, fitted 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 Kahn exclusion bill.

We reaffirm our allegiance to the principles of protection in necessary cases of industries, 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 all necessary legislation to protect labor in all its rights and privileges. In the interest of Amer-

ican labor and the upbuilding of the working man 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 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 propositions for leasing public domains, either to corporations or individuals.

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 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 Senators by popular vote.

## EDITORIAL.

Voters should show their appreciation of the good service rendered by F. I. Dunbar as Secretary of State and C. S. Moore as State Treasurer, by giving them each a rousing majority.

Oregon has received everything it desired at the hands of a Republican congress. Nothing which it earnestly desired has been refused. A direct return will be a decisive Republican majority in June.

The first step in the next panic will be for Oregon to declare to the world that the policies under which the nation has risen to the marvelous prosperity of 1902 are disapproved in Oregon and may be expected to be disapproved in the congressional elections all over the county this fall.

Are the people of Oregon, who have always trusted and honored Theodore Roosevelt for his courage and honesty, is the Republican party of Oregon, especially, which has always hoped for his accession to the presidency, ready to turn its back upon him at the very first time he comes before them in an official capacity for support or rejection?

Our Democratic brethren boast that they are going to carry the state, possibly, we shall see in a few days. They profess to think that Republicans generally are to abandon their party and vote the Democratic ticket. Skepticism answers "what for?" Isn't the condition of the country resulting from Republican policy and measures, good? Is it better expected from the Democrats? How was it from 1893 to 1897?

## FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.

A. M. Crawford.

Republican Nominee.

The Initiative and referendum Amendment is No. 1015 and 106 at the bottom of the ballot. Mark your "X" between the number and the word Yes.

It is hardly necessary for the MAIL to add to what has been said regarding Thor, H. Tongue. That gentleman has ably presented his own case in these columns, and has shown how little foundation in fact there has been for the impression that he was neglectful of the interest of Coos Bay. Of his election there is not the slightest doubt.

Does Oregon want the Philippines retained? Does this state want a share in the developing trade of the Orient that will result from the retention of the islands and Americanizing them? Yes? Well then, let Oregon so declare herself in no uncertain or broken terms next Monday. To do this complete and sweeping Republican victory is necessary.

The simple plain questions that voters should ask themselves before casting their ballots in June are. Will you stand by the Republican party for what it has done in the past and for what it is doing now and for what it will do? Can you conscientiously vote against the principles you know to be right, both from reason and experience? Your mind has been clouded by state issues; party strife and petty matters, but eliminate these for the nonce, and think seriously on the value of the ballot on June 2nd.

Don't forget to put a cross opposite the name of T. T. Geer candidate for U. S. Senator. While the legislature will not be bound by the result of the vote, it ought at least to be influenced. Hardly any legislator who wants to remain in public life will care to openly go counter to the expressed wish of his constituents. Geer has shown his faith in the people by going to them for endorsement; he should get it in good measure.

R. S. Bean, for supreme judge should receive a flattering vote in this section of Oregon. He was known here years ago, when he was on this circuit, and has always been very highly thought of. His promotion to the supreme bench was a deserved recognition of his ability and integrity. There is not the slightest doubt of his election. The only question is the size of his majority. It should be made as large as possible.

When Chamberlain was a candidate for the office of Attorney General he said: "Gentlemen I am a Democrat, was nominated by a Democratic convention and I want to be elected by Democratic votes." It seems strange now that after having followed Bryanism and all the other ills to defeat ever since this same man should now seek Republican votes to elect him to the highest office in the gift of our state. We say if you are a Republican stand by your guns and do not give the enemy a point.

If you have not registered with the county clerk you will have to get six fresholders to certify that you are a resident of the precinct and entitled to vote before you can cast your ballot on election day. Those who failed to register should be at the polls early and get affidavits of the fresholders before the rush comes on in the middle of the day. No man should stay away from the polls; all should exercise the elective franchise.

Professor J. H. Ackerman, candidate for re election as Superintendent of Public Instruction is another official who has made a first-class record in office, and ought to be given the gratification of something more than the strict party vote. When Professor Ackerman was a candidate before he was charged with being in too close sympathy with the book trust. It will be noted that after he took the office such talk soon died completely out, and has not been revived. He is a man of ability, a trained educator, and has the energy and force of character so necessary in the important position he holds in the educational system of the state. Help to swell his majority.

The nomination of Schiller B. Hermann for representative by the Republicans, was a most excellent one. Mr. Hermann has the qualifications as regards mental equipments, private character and public experience that makes him the strongest candidate the party could have named. He has a ripe knowledge of public affairs, and especially of the affairs of county and the commonwealth of Oregon. Mr. Hermann's candidacy is received with favor even among Democrats, for all realize that in him they have a man who is well fitted to represent our county and one who has an unbroken honorable record.—Myrtle Point Enterprise.

Look out for canards, dodgers and circulars intended to injure R. D. Hume

in his candidacy for joint representative. They are very likely to be sprung a few last minutes, when it is too late for Mr. Hume to make reply. The opposition soon saw their mistake, in getting out a circular the first of the week, when the tables were turned on them in less than twenty-four hours, and the man who made the attack was shown up in his true colors. The opposition probably figured that they were safe, as the mail is a long time going to Wedderburn and back. They did not think of the telephons. But look out on Monday morning. If you don't see a new batch of lying circulars the MAIL misses its guess.

## HON. A. M. CRAWFORD

In spite of the despicable methods of the Fullerton faction in Douglas county, in its disparate attempt to injure Hon. A. M. Crawford in his race for the attorney generalship, there is no doubt of his success. Even could they succeed in defeating him, it is hard to see what good they could expect to accomplish by electing his opponent, beyond the mere gratification of personal spite. The facts are that in the factional fight in the Republican party in Douglas county, Mr. Crawford came out on top. He is a fighter from "way back, when a fight is necessary, and he has the energy and ability to push matters to a successful conclusion. Is not that the sort of man we want in the office of Attorney General? It is no place for a weakling, but but wants a man who can give and take hard knocks, and who takes an exultant pride in bringing every energy to bear to win his case.

Another characteristic of Mr. Crawford which will be of value in the office of Attorney General is his strong aversion to being bull-dozed. If the opposition only knew it, they are now exploiting a splendid illustration of this quality. The Willis case, of which they are spreading broadcast a garbled and falsified version, was an instance of an attempt at blackmail. The plaintiff took advantage of favors extended him by Mr. Crawford to lay claim to a share of Mr. Crawford's earnings to which he had not the slightest right, either morally or legally. Mr. Crawford was completely victorious before the supreme court, and a second assault tried before a jury of some of the best men in Douglas county, resulted in an unanimous verdict for Mr. Crawford as quickly as a ballot could be taken.

As Attorney General, Mr. Crawford will look out for the interests of the state as he would for his own, and the people of the state will get the benefit of those qualities which have placed him in the front rank of Oregon attorneys.

## Proposed Amendment for Direct Legislation

Section 1 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Oregon shall be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

Section 1 The legislative authority of the state shall be vested in a legislative assembly, consisting of a senate and house of representatives, but the people reserve to themselves power to propose laws and amendments to the constitution, and to enact or reject the same at the polls, independent of the legislative assembly, and also reserve power at their own option to approve or reject at the polls any act of the legislative assembly. The first power reserved by the people is the initiative, and not more than eight per cent of the legal voters shall be required to propose any measure by such petition, and every such petition shall include the full text of the measure so proposed. Initiative petitions shall be filed with the secretary of state not less than four months before the election at which they are to be voted upon. The second power is the referendum, and it may be ordered (except as to laws necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety,) either by petition, signed by five per cent of the legal voters, or by the legislative assembly, as other bills are enacted. Referendum petitions shall be filed with the secretary of state not more than ninety days after the final adjournment of the session of the legislative assembly which passed the bill on which the referendum is demanded. The veto power of the Governor shall not extend to measures referred to the people. All elections on measures referred to the people of the state shall be had at the biennial regular general election except when the legislative assembly shall order a special election. Any measure referred to the people shall take effect and become the law when it is approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon, and not otherwise. The style of all bills shall be: "Be it enacted by the people of the State of Oregon." This section shall not be construed to deprive any member of the legislative assembly of the right to

introduce any measure. The whole number of votes cast for justice of the supreme court at the regular election last preceding the filing of any petition for the initiative or for the referendum shall be the basis on which the number of legal voters necessary to sign such petition shall be counted. Petitions and orders for the initiative and for the referendum shall be filed with the secretary of state, and in submitting the same to the people he and all other officers shall be guided by the general laws and the act of submitting this amendment until legislation shall be especially provided therefor.

In sending Schiller B. Hermann to represent Coos county in the next legislature the voters will be doing credit to themselves, while honoring one of her best citizens, of the younger generation. Mr. Herman is a clean, brainy young man, of energy and business ability, pleasant address and social qualities, which will give him instant standing in any company with which he happens to be thrown. In the legislative hall he will have his eyes and ears open to what is going on around him and will not be a mere figure-head or a laughing stock. He will be a credit to his constituents.

The voters of Oregon ought to understand distinctly what the election of Mr. Chamberlain would mean. If they favor the abandonment of the Philippines, if they endorse the damnable slanders that are being uttered every day on the floor of the U. S. Senate upon the Army of the U. S., if they favor the New party which looks to sacrificing the industries of the west in order to gain an alliance with the east that is, demanding that the tariff must be removed upon western products of the farm and orchard, and range, and retained upon the products of eastern factories, whether manufactured by trusts or otherwise. Then by all means they should vote for Chamberlain.

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