

DELEGATES VOICE FAITH IN COOLIDGE

With Dawes as Running
Mate, Good Platform,
Ticket Strong.

Cleveland, O., June 17, 1924.—The outstanding feature of the eighteenth National Convention of the Republican party, which has just concluded its labors here, was the voting by the delegates of their faith in Calvin Coolidge. The President and his running mate, Chas. G. Dawes, another striking example of sterling American manhood, go before the voters on a platform which should win for the Republican ticket the votes of many Democrats. The platform is free from political bunkum. It is an honest, straightforward statement of the things for which the Republican party stands.

A brief summary of the platform shows that the President and his party are pledged to governmental economy; to tax reforms that will still further reduce the burden of taxation; that the strictest scrutiny will be made so that the integrity of the budget system may be preserved. It declares that the Republican administration slashed \$200,000,000 from the cost of government and eliminated 50,000 employees from the payroll; that the administration lifted the tax burden some \$1,250,000,000 per annum, at the same time reducing the public debt by over \$2,500,000,000.

The platform refers to the fact that in 1920, when the Republicans took office, that there were about three million men out of work in the country and that today there is little, if any unemployment. The party is pledged to give to the farmer all necessary government assistance in organizing and establishing a system for the co-operative marketing of agricultural products. It promises to aid and simplify as well as the cheapening of our marketing and distributing machinery. It promises departmental help in diversified farming and, if necessary, direct financial aid during the transition period of diversification. There is also a pledge to continuous and vigorous efforts to strengthen and broaden the export markets.

In the matter of railroad rates, there is a declaration for a revision with a view to reduce the rates on agricultural products. Aid for good highways is urged. The new immigration law is endorsed. In the matter of prohibition, there is a declaration in favor of law enforcement. There is also a declaration that guilt is person and a pledge to punish every individual found guilty of fraud against the government.

There is a declaration to extend every aid, financial and otherwise, to the disabled veterans of the late war. There is a provision asking that the President be given power, in time of war, to draft every citizen of the United States, so that capital, labor and, in fact, every resource of the Nation will do its part, share and share alike. This would mean elimination of the profiteer and the slacker during the periods of national strife. The World Court plan is endorsed, but there is a renewed announcement that the United States

will have no participation in the League of Nations.

The Republican party, through Temporary Chairman Burton, called attention to the fact that during the Republican administration taxes have been reduced; peace restored with Germany; the suffrage amendment ratified; millions of dollars have been spent on disabled soldiers; the tariff has been revised so as to produce more revenue and lessen taxes; that there is a lack of unemployment; that good wages obtain; that more legislation has been enacted for the benefit of the farmer than during any session of Congress for 50 years (even William Jennings Bryan has publicly admitted this fact); that peace in Europe has been aided by the Dawes commission; that the Budget system, a Republican measure, in the first year of its being resulted in the reduction of \$600,000,000 from the estimates submitted; that the Republican party does not stand for the cancellation of war debts owed to us by foreign countries and for which our people paid; that a packing bill to protect the stock raisers was passed; that a co-operative marketing act was passed.

The dominant note of the entire convention proceedings was as Mr. Burton voiced it, "the people—and all of the people—have confidence in Calvin Coolidge."

COST OF DISEASE LARGE IN STATE

From State Board of Health.

It is desirable to recognize that from the President of the United States to the laborer in the factory or on the farm, all citizens not physically incapacitated, are, or should be, workers. The fundamental needs are responsibilities of all citizens, and as to the maintenance of health are similar, and we cannot solve the problems of the laborer unless we consider him one of the great army of gainfully employed. There are over 400,000 individuals gainfully employed in the State of Oregon.

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hardships easily borne, to those which absolutely ruin. There are today over 9,000 wage earners in Oregon confined to their homes on account of sickness. The workers lose an average of seven days annually on account of sickness every year. At a daily minimum wage of \$3 this means a loss of \$2,400,000. \$3,200,000 is spent annually for doctors. An equal amount is spent for nursing and hospital care. \$4,900,000 is spent for drugs, mostly self-prescribed.

Forty per cent of the deaths are preventable or at least postponable. The estimated value of the average life is \$2500. In a state of this size with an annual death rate of 9,000—3,000 of these deaths are from preventable causes. At an average value of \$2500 this would mean a loss of \$22,500,000. The total annual loss from preventable disease is:

Wages lost \$8,400,000
Services of physician 3,200,000
Hospitals and nursing 3,200,000
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Loss by death 22,500,000
\$41,500,000

Disease costs the State of Oregon over forty millions annually. As these expenditures do not consider many of the other expenses incident to illness, the expenses in reality are much greater. Sickness undoubtedly causes a tremendous loss, and to a certain extent is preventable. It certainly costs less to prevent disease. Public health is purchasable and within natural limits, a community

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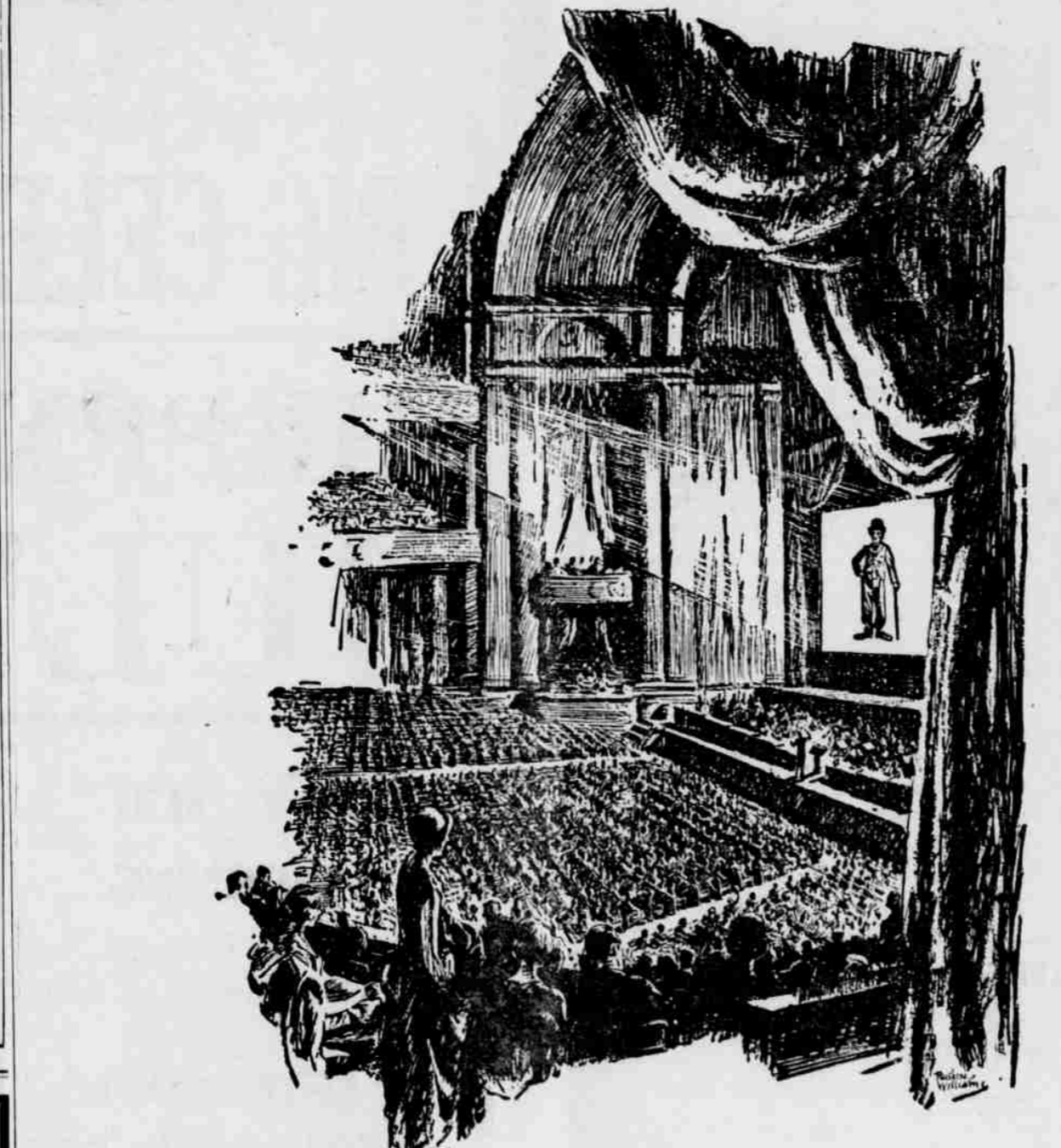
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