

TAFT IS CERTAIN OF NOMINATION

Only Thing In Doubt Is Size of His Vote at Chicago.

MAY BREAK 1908 RECORD.

Sentiment Growing in Big Republican States That He is Only Man of His Party Who Can Be Elected This Year—Voters Satisfied With Administration's Policies.

President William H. Taft is on a fair road to renomination as the Republican standard bearer in the campaign of 1912. With approximately 100 delegates to the Chicago convention already instructed for him, the president is more than likely to break his record of 1908, when he was nominated with 702 votes on the first ballot in the Chicago convention of that year. There is no longer any question that he will be renominated, and the only question now puzzling the managers of the Taft campaign is the completeness of his victory.

Coupled with the assurance of his renomination is the growing sentiment in the big Republican states both east and west that President Taft is the only Republican candidate who can possibly be elected this fall. It will be recalled readily enough that when Mr. Taft took office three years ago, March 4 last, the great issues of tariff

with the alternative of a change in administration, a change in policies and a continuation of business depression and general unrest.

In estimating the probabilities of President Taft's renomination and re-election it is necessary to recur only to recent history. The president carried every northern state in 1908. Between the election of that year and 1910 occurred the tariff legislation known as the Payne tariff law. It is a well known maxim of politics that that party which revises the tariff is defeated at the next election, and the only exception to the rule in recent years was the passage of the Dingley law, which was followed so closely by the outbreak of the Spanish-American war as to bury the tariff issue in a wave of patriotic enthusiasm. The more recent by-elections in the big Republican states east of the Mississippi river, notably in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, have shown a return of Republicans to the fold and a restoration of the old time Republican majorities, which justifies the prediction that they will be safely in the Taft column in November. That they will so unanimously support any other Republican candidate, particularly if the third term issue is injected into the fight, is denied by the best informed leaders in those states.

As to the nomination there is no longer any doubt but that President Taft will have a majority of the delegates both from the north and the south. New England will be practically if not entirely solid for him. He will have sweeping victories in New York, Pennsylvania and the other middle Atlantic states. Ohio has never yet failed to support a favorite son candidate or failed to cast its electoral vote for a Republican candidate for president. Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska,

NOTABLE TAFT ACHIEVEMENTS

His Administration Has Gained Many Worthy Ends.

ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY.

Millions of Dollars Saved to Government by Commission Aply Supported by Executive—High Standards Set by Policies of the President—What These Policies Are.

1. Arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France.
2. Veto of Arizona statehood bill because of recall of judges provision.
3. Enforcement of Sherman anti-trust law without fear or favor.
4. Veto of Democratic wool, cotton and free list bills as unfair, unscientific and destructive of the Republican principle of protection.
5. Abrogation of discriminating passport treaty with Russia.
6. Postal savings banks established.
7. Railroads prevented from putting rate increases into effect without approval of Interstate commerce commission.
8. Panama canal pushed to early completion without hint of scandal.
9. White slave traffic practically destroyed.
10. Admission of Arizona and New Mexico to statehood.
11. Bureau of mines established to safeguard the lives of miners.
12. American capital and labor benefited by extension of foreign markets.
13. Abolition of peonage.
14. Income tax amendment to the constitution submitted to state legislatures for ratification.
15. Boiler inspection law passed by congress.
16. Bond issue to complete irrigation projects in the west.
17. Maintenance and extension of open door policy in China.
18. Peace maintained in Cuba, South and Central America by friendly warnings and intervention.
19. Government business methods modernized and reformed by economy and efficiency commission, saving millions of dollars annually.
20. Nonpolitical methods used in taking the thirteenth census.
21. Bucket shops and get-rich-quick concerns destroyed.
22. Parcels post recommended.
23. New treaty with Japan, ending racial controversies on the Pacific coast.
24. Further extension of safety appliance act.
25. Postoffice department made self sustaining.
26. Canadian reciprocity. Rejected by Canada through fear that the United States would derive the benefits.
27. Publication of campaign funds and expenditures.
28. Indorsement of commission's report and proposed bill concerning employers' liability.
29. Reorganization of customs service, corruption eliminated, frauds exposed and punished and millions of dollars recovered.
30. Court of commerce to review findings of Interstate commerce commission.
31. Nonpartisan tariff board to report on the difference in the cost of production at home and abroad.
32. Corporation tax, yielding \$30,000,000 annually; government examination of corporation methods provided.
33. A deficit of \$58,000,000 transformed into a \$30,000,000 surplus.
34. Nonpartisan judicial appointments.
35. Further control of railroads through extension of powers of the Interstate commerce commission.
36. Workingman's compensation act brought to successful issue in the supreme court.
37. Stock and bonds commission; valuable and exhaustive report submitted as basis for legislation.
38. Extension of civil service by executive order.
39. Practical conservation acts.
40. Courts of customs appeals; undervaluations stopped.

Policies of President Taft.

1. Peace with all the world through just dealing and preparedness for war.
2. Neither race nor creed a bar to appointment to office.
3. The upholding of a righteous judiciary.
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6. States' rights when not in conflict with federal authority.
7. Extension of practical conservation acts.
8. Parcels post.
9. Federal incorporation act.
10. Revision of currency laws and prevention of panics.
11. Protection of American citizens at home and abroad.
12. High standard set in federal appointments.
13. Scientific study of industrial conditions.
14. International investigation of causes of high cost of living.
15. Scientific revision of the tariff on a protective basis through nonpartisan tariff board.

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Capital	100,000.00
Amount of capital paid up	100,000.00
Income	1,030,823.13
Premiums received during the year	1,030,823.13
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	212,050.18
Total income	1,242,873.31
Disbursements:	
Paid for losses, annuities and surrenders	165,000.53
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year	27,081.15
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	6,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	190,886.51
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	13,616.67
Amount of all other expenditures	64,274.75
Total expenditures	467,860.74
Assets:	
Market value of real estate owned	220,314.48
Loans on farm mortgages	4,280,000.00
First lien only	222,781.05
Premium notes and policy loans	75,933.23
Cash in banks and on hand	80,381.57
Other assets (net)	80,381.57
Total assets	4,909,422.94
Total assets admitted in Oregon	4,909,422.94
Liabilities:	
Net reserve	8,552,244.88
Total policy claims	15,000.00
All other liabilities	31,409.54
Total liabilities	8,598,654.42
Business in Oregon for the Year:	
Total risks written during the year	258,000.00
Gross premiums received during the year	25,820.65
Premiums returned during the year	88.92
Losses incurred during the year	None
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1911	258,000.00

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revision and reform on a protective basis and of monetary reform and the great legal problem involved in the exact meaning of the Sherman anti-trust statute were squarely before the country. In the latter issue the supreme court had not made its famous ruling in the Standard Oil and tobacco cases which were to outline for the first time since the law was passed by congress its exact meaning. On each of these three great issues it has been necessary for President Taft to consider and frame a definite policy, and it is his decision as to these great questions that has convinced the business men, the laboring men and the farmers of the country that another term in the White House for William H. Taft is all that is necessary to restore the country on that basis of unparalleled prosperity which characterized the administration of William McKinley. It is this sentiment which not only assures the renomination of Mr. Taft at Chicago, but also his re-election in November.

So many bewildering side issues have become involved in the present campaign for delegates to the Chicago convention that the facts above stated have been overlooked in certain communities. Even the progressive achievements of the Taft administration have been forgotten in the excitement occasioned by the introduction of new political doctrines, practically none of which, except the proposal to recall federal judges, can be dealt with by the national government, but must be decided each state for itself. The demand for a presidential preference primary in each state, wholly a state matter, in which even the president himself has no right to interfere, has been magnified into a national issue notwithstanding the fact that there is and can be no national law on the subject, and only a few states are prepared to throw the protection of the law around any such primary and in face of the fact that one-tenth of the delegates to the Chicago convention are already chosen and hundreds of delegates elected to state and district conventions. It has been estimated that to clothe such a primary with legal authority, as provided by the rules of the party, it would cost the taxpayers of this country not less than \$5,000,000 immediately.

The hysteria occasioned by these conditions is now passing away, and the foremost facts staring the voters in the face are the progressive and definite policies of President Taft and the certainty of an immediate improvement in business conditions all over the country following his renomination and re-election. These facts are of vital interest to all classes of citizens, especially when they are confronted

South Dakota and Oklahoma of the middle western states will all have their quota of Taft delegates in the convention, four of them having already instructed delegates in some districts for the president. The southern states will be almost unanimous in their support of the president, while in Utah, Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Wyoming, Arizona and the Pacific coast states there is every assurance of solid Taft delegations. Present indications point only to a scattering opposition to President Taft's renomination.

Taft For Peace.
It was only by the exercise of rare discretion and tact that war was averted with Mexico nearly a year ago. Had President Taft yielded to the demands of some of the "Jingoes" of the country the United States might easily have been plunged into a conflict with its neighbor over fancied wrongs. Without permitting the rights of American citizens to suffer in any respect, Mr. Taft handled a ticklish diplomatic situation with such good judgment that trouble was averted and the friendly relations with Mexico were undisturbed.

Taft's Anti-trust Record.
In the real prosecution of the trusts the administration of President Taft has established a record that is far beyond that of any of his predecessors. Big combinations have been brought to the bar of federal justice, their promoters have been fined for disobeying the Sherman anti-trust law, and the controlling corporations have been disintegrated. The record of the Taft administration stands unequalled in its curbing of illegal combinations and monopolies.

What Theodore Roosevelt Said.
On the 4th of March next I shall have served three and a half years, and this three and a half years constitute my first term. The wise custom which limits the president to two terms regards the substance and not the form, and UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL I BE A CANDIDATE FOR OR ACCEPT ANOTHER NOMINATION. — Theodore Roosevelt, Nov. 8, 1904.

I HAVE NOT CHANGED AND SHALL NOT CHANGE THAT DECISION THIS ANNOUNCEMENT. — Theodore Roosevelt, Dec. 11, 1907.

I WILL ACCEPT THE NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT IF IT IS TENDERED TO ME, and I will adhere to this decision until the convention has expressed its preference. — Theodore Roosevelt, Feb. 23, 1908.