

OREGON REPUBLICANS MEET

Resolutions Recognize Necessity of Improving Our Rivers and Harbors

Provides for County and State Conven- tions to Ratify the Nominees of the People After the Direct Primary

PLEDGE FOR HARMONY.
Resolved, That the Republicans here assembled, proud of the brilliant achievements of the Republican party, and confident of its continued harmony and good fellowship, with the single purpose of securing to the nation and to the state a perpetuation of the principles of the Republicanism of Lincoln; and to that end we unite in calling upon our fellow-citizens, whatever their past affiliations may have been, to join with us in an honest endeavor to put aside personal differences and local prejudices, and to establish the Republican party in Oregon upon a firm and enduring basis.

REPUBLICAN RECORD.
Resolved, That we reaffirm the principles of the Republican national platform, adopted at Chicago, June 22, 1864, and congratulate the country upon the continuation of the area of prosperity that began under the wise and beneficent administration of public affairs by a Republican president and a Republican congress. There never was a time or place in the history of

the world when the blessings of life were more bounteously bestowed than upon the American nation today. American citizens enjoy advantages that others well may envy; and while foreigners so fully appreciate the benefits to be had under the Stars and Stripes that they are now pouring into this country in unprecedented numbers, it is a source of gratification to our people that our great industrial growth and the unexampled development of the resources of mine and farm and workshop since 1867 is due to the fact that the Republican party, with its policy of protection, and with its firm stand for a safe and honest monetary system, has exercised the functions of government. With such a bright record of achievement, the Republican party expects a continuance of the confidence heretofore manifested in the public elections. And we, therefore, call upon the people of Oregon to give their support in the next elections to the party of protection and prosperity.

ROOSEVELT COMMENDED.
Resolved, That the unprecedented

majority given by the voters of Oregon to the Republican electoral ticket at the election last November, was an expression of confidence in the sincerity, the honesty of purpose and the ability of President Roosevelt. His administration of the affairs of the nation, at home and abroad, and his activity in promoting the peace of the world, justify the faith that the common people have in him as a wise and patriotic executive officer. The Republicans of Oregon, here in convention assembled, respectfully extend to him congratulations upon the successful termination of his efforts to bring to a close the protracted and bitter war between two nations with whom our country has ever maintained most cordial relations of friendship and amity. We especially commend the steps taken by him to promote internal peace and contentment in the Philippines, and to encourage the trade relations of our people with the several nations of the Orient. In his battle for civic righteousness he is entitled to the cooperation of all good citizens.

RIVERS AND HARBORS.
Resolved, That, in the judgment of the Republicans here assembled, it is important to secure from the government at Washington sufficient appropriations to complete the improvements under construction at the mouth of the Columbia river and at Celilo, as well as at other places upon the bays, harbors and principal water-courses of the state of Oregon, as promptly as possible, and that the growing importance of the commerce of this state justifies us in expecting at the hands of congress such liberal appropriation for our rivers and harbors as will at once and for all time remove all barriers and open our state to the exchange of commercial products with the markets of the world.

DIRECT PRIMARY LAW.
Resolved, That it is the deliberate judgment of the Republicans of the state of Oregon in voluntary association convened—

First—That the direct primary law should be honestly, faithfully and loyally observed in spirit and letter in making all nominations of candidates for public office elective by the people contemplated by the same, and any defects that may be reasonably apparent in the administration of said law should be noted and referred to the next legislative assembly of the state of Oregon for correction, revision or amendment, as experience may demonstrate.

Second—That the Republicans of every precinct in each county of this state be urged to bring before the electors as such primary election to be voted for as candidates for nomination such leading, influential and representative Republicans as can be induced to stand for such nominations at such primary election, and that in making such selection the Republican electors should choose their candidates without regard to any past factional division or previous identification with any so-called faction, and solely with regard to their ability, integrity, honesty and fitness for the office for which the candidate may be nominated.

Third—That when capable, efficient and honest men have been nominated at the primary election, and have become the regular Republican candidates for the respective positions for which they have been chosen, they are entitled to and deserve the loyal, cordial and enthusiastic support of every

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Republican elector in the state, and to this end in order that such nominations may be fully ratified and approved, it is the judgment of the Republicans of Oregon, in this assembly convened, that there should be held immediately after the primary election and as soon thereafter as the nominations shall have been made a convention in each county to ratify all nominations made by the people, and to elect delegates to a state convention to ratify all nominations made by the people for state officers, and to elect delegates and to ratify nominations for congress made in the respective congressional districts of the state, and such other district nominations as may be made by the people.

can electors be earnestly urged and invited to participate in any precinct election to choose delegates to such county conventions, and that all leading influential Republicans, without regard to past political or factional differences, be respectfully urged and invited to become delegates in their respective counties to said various conventions, to the end that such conventions, when assembled, may be the free and untrammelled choice of the Republican electors of the respective counties, and that the state convention to be convened may be representative of the best leadership in the Republican party of this state.

RAILROAD FREIGHT RATES.
Resolved, That the members of the national congress, representing the state of Oregon therein, be requested to support the measures recommended by President Roosevelt in his recent message to congress, relating to the regulating of freight rates on the railroads of the United States, now before the national congress.

BEWARE OF INITIATIVE LAW.
Resolved, That the state of Oregon (Continued on page nine.)

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Fourth—That the said state convention, in addition to such ratification of candidates so nominated shall adopt and announce a platform giving authoritative expression to the principles of the Republican party upon questions of state, national and local concern, and shall pledge its candidates for office to a faithful adherence to Republican principles.

Fifth—That at said respective county conventions and such state convention the respective county, state and district committeemen to be chosen by the people under said primary law be respectfully requested to organize by the election of appropriate officers and the organization of suitable and proper committees to carry out the will of the people and to promote the election of the Republican candidates, and to organize the Republican electors of the state into a complete, harmonious and perfect organization to the end that the interests of the people in the state and nation may be faithfully protected and preserved.

Sixth—That the existing state, district and county central committees, until their successors shall have been elected under said primary law, are respectfully requested to carry out these resolutions to the best of their ability, and to call said conventions at an early date after said primary election as may be reasonably practicable, and that delegates to such conventions shall be appointed and selected in the usual method obtaining in such cases and according to political and parliamentary rules existing in the absence of express provision of law, and that all Republi-

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