

PLATFORM

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be strengthened and its real objects better attained by such amendments as will give the federal government greater supervision and control over, and secure greater publicity in the management of, that class of corporations, engaged in interstate commerce, having the power and opportunity to effect monopolies.

Railroad Legislation.

"We approve the enactment of the railroad rate law, and the vigorous enforcement by the present administration of the state against the roads and discrimination. We believe, however, that the interstate commerce law should be further amended to give the railroads the right to make and publish tariff agreements subject to the approval of the interstate commerce commission, but maintaining always the principle of competition between naturally competing lines, avoiding common control of such lines by any means whatsoever.

"We favor legislation that will insure federal supervision as will prevent, in the future, over-issues of stocks and bonds by interstate carriers.

Labor Plank.

"The Republican party pledges itself to continued devotion to every cause that makes for the safety and betterment of conditions among those whose labor contributes much to the progress and welfare of our country; to the same wise policy which induced the party to maintain the protection of American labor; to establish the eight-hour day in the construction of public works; adopt a child labor statute in the District of Columbia; direct an investigation into the conditions of working women and children, these later being the employees of telephone and telegraph companies engaged in interstate business; and amend and strengthen the laws prohibiting the importation of contract labor—and declares that these policies will be pursued in every legitimate direction, within federal authority, to lighten the burdens and increase the opportunity for happiness and advancement of the toilers of the nation.

"The Republican party will uphold at all times the authority and integrity of the courts, both state and federal, and will ever insist that their powers to enforce their processes to protect life, liberty and property shall be preserved inviolate.

"We believe, however, that the rules of procedure in federal courts with respect to the issuance of writs of injunction should be more accurately defined by statute in order that no injunction or temporary restraining order can be issued without notice, unless irreparable injury would result from delay, in which case a speedy hearing there after should be granted.

Extend Rural Delivery.

"The free rural mail delivery has now reached millions of citizens and we favor its extension until every community receives the benefit of postal service.

"We recognize the social and economic advantages of good country roads, maintained more and more largely at public expense, at less and less expense to the abutting owners.

Oppose Negro Disfranchisement.

"The Republican party has been for over fifty years a consistent friend of the American negro. We demand equal justice to all men, without regard to their race or color. We declare for the enforcement in letter and spirit of the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the constitution of the United States, designed for the protection and advancement of the negro, and condemn all devices that have for their real aim his disfranchisement for reasons of color alone.

"We endorse the movement inaugurated by the administration for the conservation of our natural resources; approve measures to prevent waste of timber; commend the work now going on for the reclama-

tion of arid lands and reaffirm the Republican policy for the distribution of available areas of the public domain to landless settlers.

"In line with this splendid undertaking it is our further duty, equally imperative, to enter upon a systematic improvement upon a large and comprehensive plan of the waterways, harbors and lakes of the United States.

Pension Increase.

"We commend the increase of pensions made by the present congress and declare for the liberal administration of all pension laws. We reaffirm our declaration that the civil service laws enacted, extended and enforced by the Republican party, shall continue to be maintained.

Advance Laws.

"We commend the efforts to secure greater efficiency in the national public health agencies and favor such legislation as will effect this purpose.

"In the interests of the great mineral industries, we earnestly favor the establishment of a bureau of mines and mining.

READY FOR WAR

BUT WANT PEACE

"Although at peace with the world, and secure in the conscientiousness that the American people do not desire and will not provoke war with any other country, nevertheless, we declare our unalterable devotion to a policy that will keep the republic in a position to defend her traditional doctrines at all times and assure her an appropriate part in the promoting of permanent tranquility among nations.

"We proclaim our obligations of further strengthening the bonds of friendship and good will with all nations. We adhere to the Republican doctrine of the encouragement of American shipping and favor such legislation as will revive the merchant marine prestige of our country, so essential to the national defense, the enlargement of foreign trade, and the industrial prosperity of our people.

Foreign Possessions.

"The present conditions in Cuba vindicate the wisdom of maintaining between that republic and this imperishable bonds of mutual interest and is now expressed that the Cuban people will soon again be ready to assume complete sovereignty over their land.

"In Porto Rico, the government of the United States is meeting with loyal and patriotic support, order and prosperity prevails; the well being of the people is in every respect promoted and conserved. We believe that the native inhabitants of Porto Rico should be at once made collectively citizens of the United States and that all others properly qualified for citizenship under the existing laws, residing there should have the privilege of becoming naturalized.

"In the Philippines, the insurrection has been suppressed; law established and life and property secured. Education and practical experiences there are advancing the capacity of the people for government; step by step to an ever increasing measure of home rule.

"Time has justified the selection of the Panama route for the isthmian canal and events show the wisdom of securing authority over the zone through which it is being built.

Favor Territories Admission.

"We favor the admission of the territories of New Mexico and Arizona as separate states of the union.

"We recommend a centennial celebration throughout the nation on Feb. 12, 1909, the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, by all the people especially by the public schools as an exercise to stir the patriotism of youth.

Conclusion.

"We call attention to the fact that none of the great measures here advocated by the Republican party could be enacted under a Democratic administration or under one where the party responsibility is divided. The continuance of present policies absolutely requires the continuance in power of the party believing in them and possessing the capacity to put them in operation. Beyond all platform declarations, there are fundamental differences between the Republican party and its chief opponents making the one worthy and the other unworthy of public trust.

"The present trend of the Democracy is toward socialism while the Republican party stands for wise, well regulated individualism. Socialism would destroy wealth. Republicanism would prevent its abuse. In line with this tendency the Democratic party today believes in government ownership and the Republican party believes in government regulation. Ultimately the Democratic party would have the nation own the people, while Republicanism would have the people own the nation.

"Upon this platform of principles

and purposes, reaffirming our adherence to every Republican doctrine proclaimed since the birth of the party, we go before the country asking support, not only from those who have acted with us heretofore, but from all our fellow citizens who, regardless of past political differences, unite with us with a desire to maintain the policies and perpetuate the blessings and make secure the achievements of Greater America."

HOW PLATFORM PASSED:

THE MEASURES DEFEATED

Forced mainly by the Wisconsin delegation, demanding more radical action, a minority report, embodying the Wisconsin demands, was made by the resolution committee.

The planks referring to the election of United States senators by the people; the ascertainment of the physical valuation of railroads and the publication of campaign expenses were taken out for separate action.

The remainder of the minority platform then was put to a vote and was lost by 952 against only 28 for it. Only 25 members of the Wisconsin delegates voted for the report and one from New Jersey and two from North Dakota voted with them.

The plank providing for the publication of campaign expenses was defeated by 880 yeas to 94 ayes.

The direct election of United States senators was defeated by 885 yeas to 114 ayes.

The provision for the physical valuation of railroads was defeated by 917 yeas to 63 ayes.

Representative Cooper, of Wisconsin, said he was the only who signed the report and said he was proud of it. The minority report opposed ship subsidies, pledged the party to the regulation of telephone and telegraph rates between states and including a slight modification of the Gompers anti-injunction plank made public yesterday.

The report demanded a revision of the tariff and Cooper shouted:

"We favor the establishment of a permanent tariff commission and believe that it should be appointed by the President from the ranks of the citizens."

The report said in part:

"No party can claim the public support which does not put itself squarely on record as opposing combinations of capital as at present constituted. It is more necessary now than in 1900 for the party to place itself on record as opposing criminal combinations organized to fix prices. We demand that congress go to the limit of its powers to enforce the Sherman act as it now stands."

LABOR IS DISPLEASED WITH PLANK

Chicago, June 18.—The labor leaders here watching the convention are apparently disappointed with the anti-injunction plank adopted today by the convention.

When he was asked for a statement concerning the anti-injunction plank, Samuel Gompers, president of the National Federation of Labor, said:

"I have nothing to say about it. I don't know that I will ever have anything to say about it."

John Mitchell said:

"I regard the anti-injunction as being equivocal to no anti-injunction plank. It sounds as though it promised something and may be an opening wedge for something better later on, but, of itself, it has no value whatever."

ROOSEVELT AND TAFT

STOOD FOR ANTI-INJUNCTION

"We can fight well, if we can fight right. It's imperative that such a plank should go into the platform."

—(Signed) William H. Taft.

This message from the secretary of war was read before the resolutions committee of the Republican convention today and was followed by this one:

"I stand for a square deal, not according to the extremists, neither the Manufacturers' association nor the trades unions."—(Signed) Theodore Roosevelt.

The committee thereupon, after a long and tedious session and much struggling for and against, settled the question of the anti-injunction plank and voted that it should go into the platform, the ballot showing 35 yeas to 16 noes.

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