

confederate veteran, and General McDowell of Tennessee, commander of the confederate veterans of that state, also seconded the nomination. Following Prendergast's speech, a demonstration took place which lasted forty-five minutes. Mr. Roosevelt was nominated by acclamation.

John M. Parker, of Louisiana, nominated Governor Hiram Johnson of California for vice president. Judge Ben Lindsey, of Colorado, moved that Johnson be nominated by acclamation. This was carried. This was carried.

The Associated Press report tells of the conclusion of the convention in this way: Beveridge ordered the notification committees to bring in the candidates.

As Colonel Roosevelt and Governor Johnson took their places, side by side on the platform, a demonstration broke loose. The delegates leaped to their chairs and cheered for Colonel Roosevelt until he waved his hand to the crowd, but Johnson stood evidently just a trifle ill at ease. Over the heads of the two candidates a huge banner was unfurled with the inscription:

"Roosevelt and Johnson"—  
"New York and California."  
"Hands across the continent,  
"For there is neither east nor west,  
"Border nor breed, nor birth,  
"When they come from the ends of the earth."

The band struck up "Maryland, My Maryland," and the delegates sang a parody called "Roosevelt." Then followed "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The demonstration lasted some ten minutes and when order was restored Beveridge introduced Roosevelt as the "next president."

"I come forward," said the colonel, "to thank you from my heart for the honor you have conferred upon me, to say that of course I accept. I have been president, I have seen and know much of life, and I hold by far the greatest honor and the greatest opportunity that has ever come to me to be called by you for the time being for the leadership of this great movement of the common people.

"I wish to say how sensitive I am to the way this nomination has come to me and to tell those who proposed and seconded my nomination that I appreciate the honor that such men and women place me in nomination.

"I thank the convention for my running mate."

The colonel was roundly cheered as he eulogized Johnson.

"We have nominated a proper man for the vice-presidency," he said. "We have nominated a man fit at the moment to be president of the United States.

"I appreciate to the fullest the burden of responsibility you have put on me. I appreciate to the fullest the trust you have placed in me which can be met in only one way and that is that I shall so act as to deserve that trust.

"With every particle of high purpose there is in me, I pledge you my word to place every bit of ability, every bit of good sense I have at your disposal to carry out the principles to which you have here today dedicated yourselves."

When the cheers that greeted Roosevelt's speech subsided, Beveridge introduced Johnson.

"It is with the greatest solemnity," he began, "that I come here to tell you that I enlisted for the war."

A cheer interrupted him. He pledged himself to aid Roosevelt "in the fight for the common good," and concluded:

"I had rather go down to defeat with Theodore Roosevelt than to victory with any other presidential candidate."

When Johnson finished, Beveridge announced that the convention would

end its session by singing the doxology and by listening to the benediction by Rev. James Goodman.

The delegates, standing in their places, joined in the chanting of the old Puritan hymn:

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
"Praise Him, ye nations here below."

The rhythmic chant rose in a great volume from the thousands in the hall. As it died away the Rev. Mr. Goodman stepped forward and invoked the divine blessing. Then Beveridge, stepping to the front of the platform, announced the adjournment of the convention "without day."

"And thus ends," he said, "one of three most notable occasions in the country's history."

A cheer followed and then the crowd broke for the exits.

It was announced that Colonel Roosevelt would open the campaign in Rhode Island August 16 and that he and Governor Johnson would continue on the stump till the close of the campaign.

**PLATFORM OF THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY**

The new party organized at Chicago was officially named the "Progressive Party." The platform adopted is as follows:

The conscience of the people in a time of grave national problems has called into being a new party, born of the nation's awakened sense of justice.

We of the progressive party here dedicate ourselves to the fulfillment of the duty laid upon us by our fathers to maintain that government of the people, by the people and for the people, whose foundations they laid.

We hold with Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln that the people are the masters of their constitution to fulfill its purposes and to safeguard it from those who, by perversion of its intent, would convert it into an instrument of injustice. In accordance with the needs of each generation the people must use their sovereign powers to establish and maintain equal opportunity and industrial justice, to secure which this government was founded and without which no republic can endure.

This country belongs to the people who inhabit it. Its resources, its business, its institutions and its laws should be utilized, maintained or altered in whatever manner will best promote the general interests. It is time to set the public welfare in the first place.

**The Old Parties**

Political parties exist to secure responsible government and to execute the will of the people. From these great tasks both of the old parties have turned aside. Instead of instruments to promote the general welfare, they have become the tools of corrupt interests which use them impartially to serve their selfish purposes. Behind the ostensible government sits enthroned an invisible government, owing no allegiance and acknowledging no responsibility to the people. To destroy this invisible government, to destroy the unholy alliance between corrupt business and corrupt politics is the first task of the statesmanship of the day.

Deliberate betrayal of its trust by the republican party and the fatal incapacity of the democratic party to deal with the new issues of the new time have compelled the people to forge a new instrument of government through which to give effect to their will in laws and institutions. Unhampered by tradition, uncorrupted by power, undismayed by the magnitude of the task, the new party offers itself as the instrument of the

people to sweep away old abuses, to build a new and nobler commonwealth.

**A Covenant with the People**

This declaration is our covenant with the people, and we hereby bind the party and its candidates in state and nation to the pledges made herein.

**The Rule of the People**

The national progressive party, committed to the principle of government by a self controlled democracy expressing its will through representatives of the people, pledges itself to secure such alterations in the fundamental law of the several states and of the United States as will insure the representative character of the government. In particular the party declares for direct primaries for the nomination of state and national officers, for nation-wide preferential primaries for candidates for the presidency, for the direct election of United States senators by the people, and we urge on the states the policy of the short ballot with responsibility to the people secured by the initiative, referendum and recall.

**Amendment of Constitution**

The progressive party, believing that a free people should have the power from time to time to amend their fundamental law, so as to adopt it progressively to the changing needs of the people, pledges itself to provide a more easy and expeditious method of amending the federal constitution.

**Nation and States**

Up to the limit of the constitution and later by amendment of the constitution, if found necessary, we advocate bringing under effective national jurisdiction those problems which have expanded beyond reach of the individual states.

It is as grotesque as it is intolerable that the several states should have laws in matters of common concern, become competing commercial agencies, barter the lives of their children, the health of their women and the safety and well-being of their working people for the profit of their financial interests.

The extreme insistence on states' rights by the democratic party in the Baltimore platform demonstrates anew its inability to understand the world into which it has survived or to administer the affairs of a nation of states which have in all essential respects become one people.

**Equal Suffrage**

The progressive party, believing that no people can justly claim to be a true democracy which denies political rights on account of sex, pledges itself to the task of securing equal suffrage to men and women alike.

**Corrupt Practices**

We pledge our party to legislation that will compel strict limitation of all campaign contributions and expenditures and detailed publicity of both, before as well as after primaries.

**Publicity and Public Service**

We pledge our party to legislation compelling the registration of lobbyists, publicity of committee hearings, except in foreign affairs, and recording of all votes in committee and forbidding federal appointees from holding office in state or national political organizations, or taking part as officers or delegates in political conventions for the election of elective state or national officers.

**The Courts**

The progressive party demands such restriction of the power of the courts as shall leave to the people the ultimate authority to determine

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