

# AN ELECTION PRIMER

Pertinent Points About Our Election Machinery For New Voters and Old

## THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

When did the Republican party originate?

In 1854. The name was first used at a political convention in Jackson, Mich. The first Republican national convention met in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1856 and adopted a platform in which the chief plank declared "that the constitution confers upon congress sovereign power over the territories of the United States for their government and that in the exercise of this power it is both the right and the imperative duty of congress to prohibit in the territories those twin relics of barbarism, polygamy and slavery."

Who was the party's first presidential candidate?

John C. Fremont. He was defeated by James Buchanan, the Democratic candidate.

Who was the next candidate?

Abraham Lincoln. He was nominated at Chicago and elected, his chief opponent being Stephen A. Douglas, nominated by the northern wing of the Democracy. Lincoln was re-elected in 1864 over General George B. McClellan, Democrat.

How many Republican presidents have there been?

Nine. Lincoln, Johnson, Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Benjamin Harrison, McKinley and Roosevelt. Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley were assassinated. Johnson, Arthur and Roosevelt succeeded to the presidency on the death of the president, being vice-presidents. Roosevelt was elected to a full term after serving out McKinley's uncompleted second term.

Since the civil war, for what has the Republican party chiefly stood? For what is known as a protective tariff.

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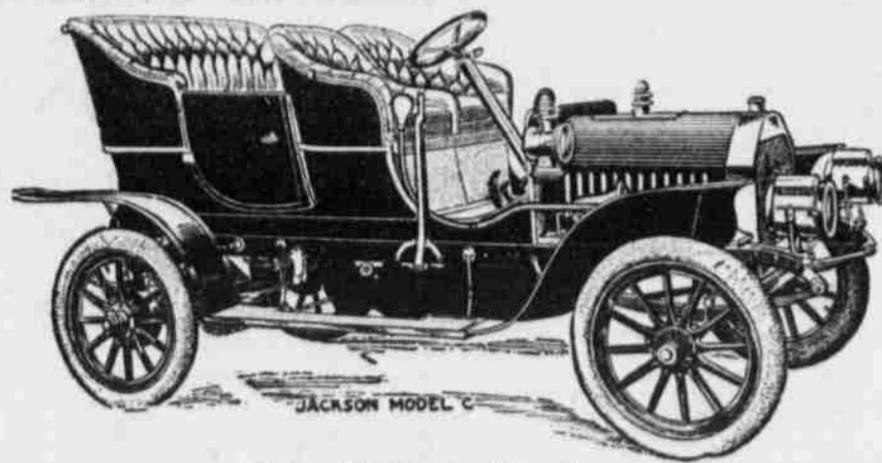
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# The American People Are Idealists.



By Governor CHARLES E. HUGHES.

THE American people are idealists. The man who goes about picturing our communities as filled with men having no higher ideal than the amassing of wealth and thinking solely of selfish enjoyment utters the BASEST LIBEL UPON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. If we could only keep the successful man, the leader in business, in politics or in any of the activities of our great life, true to the sentiments of the heart of the average American we should have LESS CAUSE FOR ALARM.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE FULL OF ZEAL FOR GOOD THINGS. GOOD IDEALS OF THEIR FATHERS ARE STILL CHERISHED IN THEIR HEARTS. THE SPIRIT OF LIBERTY AND THE DESIRE TO MAINTAIN INCORRUPTIBILITY OF THEIR INSTITUTIONS ARE JUST AS CONSPICUOUS TODAY, IF THE SENSE OF THE TIMES IS TRULY READ, AS THEY WERE IN THE DAYS OF '76.

The people simply WANT THINGS DONE RIGHT, free opportunity before the law, vindication of the institutions which grant all equal rights as citizens, and that no one through corruption of the government, through any favoritism of administration, shall obtain AN UNFAIR CHANCE AS AGAINST HIS NEIGHBOR. That is the secret of American life. The American people feel as strongly about it today and, I think, more strongly than they have in many of the days that are gone by.

## Mob Justice Undermines Civilization's Foundation.

By BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

FOR the negro criminal, and especially for the negro loafer, gambler and drunkard, I have nothing but the severest condemnation, and NO LEGAL PUNISHMENT IS TOO SEVERE FOR THE BRUTE THAT ATTACKS A WOMAN.

No doubt the people who engage in lynchings and excuse them believe that they will have the effect of striking terror to the guilty. BUT WHO SHALL SAY WHETHER THE PERSONS LYNCHED ARE GUILTY? Those who have examined into the facts know only too well that in the wild justice of the mob it is frequently the INNOCENT MAN WHO IS EXECUTED. These lynchings terrify the innocent, but they embolden the criminal. The criminal knows it is much easier to escape the mad fury of the mob than the deliberate vengeance of the law. But NO MAN IS SO INNOCENT that he can be safe at all times from THE FRENZY OF THE MOB.

MOB JUSTICE UNDERMINES THE VERY FOUNDATION UPON WHICH OUR CIVILIZATION RESTS—VIZ, RESPECT FOR THE LAW AND CONFIDENCE OF ITS SECURITY. THERE ARE, IN MY OPINION, TWO REMEDIES—FIRST OF ALL, LET US UNITE IN A DETERMINED EFFORT EVERYWHERE TO SEE THAT THE LAW IS ENFORCED, THAT ALL PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES AND ALL PLACES SEE THAT THE MAN CHARGED WITH CRIME IS GIVEN A FAIR TRIAL.

SECONDLY, LET ALL GOOD CITIZENS UNITE IN AN EFFORT TO RID THE COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY THE LARGE CITIES, OF THE IDLE, VICIOUS AND GAMBLING ELEMENT.

## Women Have a Rosy Future Almost For the Asking.

By SARAH GRAND, English Authoress.

IN the future the mental side of women will play a much more important part in life than it does now. MEN WILL THINK IT WORTH THEIR WHILE TO TALK SERIOUSLY TO WOMEN ABOUT SERIOUS AFFAIRS, SUCH AS POLITICS. THEY WILL BE AMAZED, it is safe to say, by the fresh and penetrating outlook women will bring to bear upon great points of issue and will be grateful for their advice instead of being merely tolerant or frankly contemptuous.

A new vista of worlds for them to conquer will be open to them and will induce them to try to add to their already acknowledged assets of beauty, tenderness and domesticity, quickness of wit and alertness of brain, qualities only admired by a few men now.

It is a ROSY FUTURE to which women have to look, I am firmly convinced, and theirs ALMOST FOR THE ASKING. But it is spathy, the result of the chronic debility induced by the weight and pressure of tight clothing, that is against them.

LET WOMEN LEARN AND SHOW HOW THE RACE WILL GAIN BY EVERY IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR POSITION, AND THEY NEED ONLY ASK TO HAVE ALL THAT THEY REQUIRE.

## The Conflict Between Self Indulgence and Temperance.

By Professor E. A. ROSS in "Social Psychology."

THE conflict between self indulgence and temperance is always breaking out afresh, BECAUSE IT IS A PARADOX TO SAY THAT THE WAY TO BE HAPPY IS TO QUIT WHEN YOU STILL WANT MORE. The illusion of epicureanism fights always with the paradox of stoicism, FOR WHAT SEEMS MORE ABSURD ON ITS FACE THAN THE WEEDING OUT OF YOUR DESIRES INSTEAD OF TRYING TO GRATIFY THEM ALL? In the reform of public morals the champions of physical force never surrender to the believers in moral suasion, for what looks more foolish than improving the conduct of men by the tedious method of persuasion when you can threaten them with the mailed fist?

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