

THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL PLATFORM

Chicago, June 18.—The text of the platform as adopted by the republican national convention is as follows:

"Once more the republican party, in national convention assembled, submits its cause to the people. This great historic organization, that preserved the union, restored credit, expanded the national domain, established a sound financial system, developed the industries and resources of the country, and gave to the nation her seat of honor in the councils of the world, now meets the new problems of government with the same courage and capacity with which is solved the old.

REPUBLICANISM AND ROOSEVELT

"In this, the greatest era of American advancement, the republican party has reached its highest service under the leadership of Theodore Roosevelt. His administration is an epoch in American history. In no other period since national sovereignty was won under Washington, or preserved under Lincoln, has there been such mighty progress in those ideals of government which make for justice, equality and fair dealing among men. The highest aspirations of the American people have found a voice. Their most exalted servant represents the best aims and worthiest purposes of all his countrymen. American manhood has been lifted to a noble sense of duty and obligation. Conscience and courage in public station and his standards of right and wrong in private life have become cardinal principles of political faith; capital and labor have been brought into closer relations of confidence and interdependency and the abuse of wealth, the tyranny of power and all the evils of privilege and favoritism have been put to scorn by the simple, manly virtues of justice and fair play.

"The great accomplishments of President Roosevelt have been first, and foremost his brave and impartial enforcement of the law; the prosecution of illegal trusts and monopolies; the exposure and punishment of evil doers in the public service; the more effective regulation of the rates and service of the great transportation lines; the complete overthrow of preferences, rebates and discriminations; the arbitration of labor disputes; the amelioration of the condition of wage-workers everywhere; the conservation of the natural resources of the country; the forward step in the improvement of the inland waterways and always the earnest support and defense of every wholesome safeguard which has made more secure the guarantee of life, liberty and property. These are the achievements that will make for Theodore Roosevelt his place in history, but more than all else, the great things he has done will be an inspiration to those who have yet greater things to do. We declare our unflinching adherence to the policies thus inaugurated and pledge their continuance under a republican administration of the government.

EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY

"Under the guidance of republican principles the American people have become the richest nation in the world. Our wealth today exceeds that of England and all her colonies, and that of France and Germany combined. When the republican party was born the total wealth of the country was \$16,000,000,000. It has leaped to \$110,000,000,000 in a generation, while Great Britain has gathered but \$60,000,000,000 in 500 years. The United States now owns one-fourth of the world's wealth and makes one-third of all modern manufactured products. In the great necessities of civilization, such as coal, the motive power of all activity; iron, the chief basis of all industry; cotton, the staple foundation of all fabrics; wheat, corn and all the agricultural products that feed mankind, America's supremacy is undisputed. And yet her natural wealth has been scarcely touched. We have a vast domain of three million square miles literally bursting with latent treasure, still waiting the magic of capital and industry, to be converted into the practical uses of mankind; a country rich in soil and climate, in the unharnessed energy of its rivers and in all the varied products of the field, the forest and the factory. With gratitude for God's bounty, with pride in the splendid productiveness of the past and with confidence in the plenty and prosperity of the future, the republican party declares for the principle that in the development and enjoyment of wealth so great and blessings so benign, there shall be equal opportunity for all.

THE REVIVAL OF BUSINESS

"Nothing so clearly demonstrates the sound

basis upon which our commercial, industrial and agricultural interests are founded and the necessity of promoting present continued welfare through the operation of republican policies as the recent safe passage of the American people through a financial disturbance, which if appearing in the midst of democratic rule or the menace of it, might have equaled the familiar democratic panics of the past. We congratulate the people upon this renewed evidence of American supremacy and hail with confidence the signs now manifest of a complete restoration of business prosperity in all lines of trade, commerce and manufacturing.

REPUBLICAN LEGISLATION

"Since the election of William McKinley in 1896, the people of this country have felt anew the wisdom of entrusting to the republican party through decisive majorities, the control and direction of national legislation. The many wise and progressive measures adopted at recent sessions of congress have demonstrated the patriotic resolve of republican leadership in the legislative department to keep step in the forward march to better government.

"Notwithstanding the indefensible filibustering of a democratic minority in the house of representatives during the last session, many wholesome and progressive laws were enacted, and we especially commend the passage of the emergency currency bill, the appointment of the national monetary commission, the employers' and government liability laws, the measures for the greater efficiency of the army and the navy, the widows pension bill, the child labor law for the District of Columbia, the new statutes for the safety of railroad engineers and firemen and many other acts conserving the public welfare.

PLEDGES FOR THE FUTURE

"The tariff—The republican party declares unequivocally for a revision of the tariff by a special session of congress immediately following the inauguration of the next president and commends the steps already taken to this end in the work assigned to the appropriate committees of congress which are now investigating the operation and effect of schedules. In all tariff legislation the true principle of protection is best maintained by the imposition of such duties as will equal the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad, together with a reasonable profit to American industries. We favor the establishment of maximum and minimum rates to be administered by the president under limitations fixed under the law, the maximum to be available to meet discriminations by foreign countries against American goods entering their markets and the minimum to represent the normal measure of protection at home; the aim and purpose of the policy of the republican party being not only to preserve, without excessive duties, that security against foreign competitors to which American manufacturers, farmers and producers are entitled, but also to maintain the high standard of living of the wage earners of this country, who are the most direct beneficiaries of the protective system. Between the United States and the Philippines we believe in a free interchange of products with such limitations as to sugar and tobacco as will accord adequate protection to domestic interests.

THE CURRENCY

"We approve the emergency measures adopted by the government during the recent financial disturbance and especially commend the passage by congress at the last session of the law designed to protect the country from a repetition of such stringency. The republican party is committed to the development of a permanent currency system, responding to our greater needs and the appointment of the national monetary commission by the present congress which will impartially investigate all proposed methods, insures the early realization of this purpose. The present currency laws have fully justified their adoption, but an expanding commerce, a marvelous growth in wealth and population, multiplying the centers of distribution, increasing the demand for movement of crops in the west and south and entailing periodic changes in monetary conditions, disclose the need of a more elastic and adaptable system. Such a system must meet the requirements of agriculturalists, manufacturers, merchants and business generally; must be automatic in operation, minimizing the fluctuations in interest rates, and above all, must be in harmony with that republican doctrine which insists that every

dollar shall be based upon and as good as gold.

POSTAL SAVINGS

"We favor the establishment of a postal savings bank system for the convenience of the people and the encouragement of thrift.

THE TRUSTS

"The republican party passed the Sherman anti-trust law over democratic opposition and enforced it after democratic dereliction. It has been a wholesome instrument for good in a wise and fearless administration, but experience has shown that its effectiveness can be strengthened and its real objects better attained by such amendments as will give to the federal government greater supervision over and secure publicity in the management of that class of corporations engaged in interstate commerce having power and opportunity to affect monopolies.

THE RAILROADS

"We approve the enactment of the railroad rate law and the vigorous enforcement by the present administration of the statutes against rebates and discriminations, as a result of which the advantages formerly possessed by the large shipper over the small shipper have substantially disappeared; and in this connection we commend the appropriation by the present congress to enable the interstate commerce commission to thoroughly investigate and give publicity to the accounts of interstate railroads. We believe, however, that the interstate commerce law should be further amended so as to give railroads the right to make and publish traffic agreements subject to the approval of the commission, but maintaining always the principle of competition between naturally competing lines and avoiding the common control of such lines by any means whatsoever. We favor such national legislation and supervision as will prevent the future over issue of stocks and bonds by interstate carriers.

RAILROAD EMPLOYEES

"The enactment in constitutional form at the present session of congress of the employers' liability law; the passage and enforcement of safety appliance statutes, as well as the additional protection secured for engineers and firemen, the reduction in the hours of labor of trainmen and railroad telegraphers; the successful exercise of the powers of mediation and arbitration between interstate railroads and their employes, and the law making a beginning in the policy of compensation for injured employes of the government are some of the most commendable accomplishments of the present session. But there is further work in this direction to be done and the republican party pledges its continued devotion to every cause that makes for safety and the betterment of condition among those whose labor contributes so much to the progress and welfare of the country.

WAGE EARNERS GENERALLY

"The same wise policy which has induced the republican party to maintain protection to American labor; to establish an eight hour day on the construction of all public works; to increase the list of employes who shall have preferred claims for wages under the bankruptcy laws; to adopt a child labor statute for the District of Columbia; to direct an investigation into the condition of working women and children and later, of employes of telephones and telegraph companies engaged in interstate business; to appropriate \$150,000 at the recent session of congress in order to secure a thorough inquiry into the causes of catastrophes and loss of life in mines; and to amend and strengthen the law forbidding the importation of contract labor will be pursued in every legitimate direction within federal authority to lighten the burdens and increase the opportunities for happiness and advancement of all who toil. The republican party realizes the special needs of wage-workers generally for their well being means the well being of all. But more important than all other considerations, is that of good citizenship and we especially stand for the needs of every American, whatever his occupation, in his capacity as a self-respecting citizen.

COURT PROCEDURE

"The republican party will uphold at all times the authority and integrity of the courts, state and federal and will ever insist that their powers to enforce their process and to protect life and liberty and property shall thus be preserved inviolate. We believe, however, that the rules of procedure in the federal courts with respect to the issuance of the writ of injunction should be more accurately defined by statute, and that no injunction, or temporary re-