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and fittingly expressed by turning our faces forward rather than back. Therefore, we bind ourself to specific future performances rather than to ask for votes by reason of our past achievement, however great it is.

We indorse such efforts as President Taft has made to fulfill the promises of the republican national platform and pledge him our support for all efforts for the enactment of progressive laws.

We commend the fight made on Cannonism and Aldrichism in congress, modifying the rules of the house of representatives and overcoming the senate leadership, so that the enactment of long delayed public measures has been made possible.

We pledge our loyalty to the republican national platform of 1908 and bind ourselves to carry out its declarations, accepting the policy of protection as outlined in our party platform as the established policy of the nation and binding our Kansas members of congress in both houses to vote for a revision of the tariff law of 1909, using as a basis for fixing duties the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad, with a reasonable profit for American manufacturers.

We do not recognize the revision of the tariff of 1909 as a satisfactory fulfillment of the tariff pledge of the republican platform. And we therefore pledge the people of Kansas that the republican senators and congressmen from this state shall work and vote for legislation that will create an independent non-partisan tariff commission with ample power and sufficient appropriation to ascertain accurately the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad, and after having obtained such information we hereby pledge our republican senators and representatives immediately to fix the duties upon the basis of this information.

We pledge our senators and representatives to vote for a joint resolution that will promote the revision of the tariff, one schedule at a time.

We pledge our republican members of the lower house of congress to support and vote for a rule that will make the membership of the more important house committees elective instead of appointive.

We demand the strictest enforcement of the anti-trust laws and believe that violators of the law should be imprisoned.

While indorsing the amendments made to the interstate commerce law by the last session of congress we pledge our senators and representatives to vote for such further amendments to the interstate commerce law as will give

power and money to the interstate commerce commission to ascertain the physical valuation of the railroads.

We pledge our Kansas republican senators and representatives to vote and work for effective laws that will prevent over-capitalization of corporations and will require all moneys received for the sale of stocks and bonds to the actually invested for the benefit of the property owned by the corporation.

And we further pledge our republican congressional delegation to work for laws that will give the interstate commerce commission authority over the issue of stocks and bonds of common carriers.

We pledge our members of congress to continue the policy of the republican party now firmly established of caring for the soldiers and sailors of the war of the rebellion and for those who carried the flag of liberty to the oppressed of other lands.

We pledge our Kansas republican congressmen and senators to vote on all measures concerning the conservation of our natural resources along the lines advocated by Ex-President Roosevelt as opposed to the lines laid down by those who are hiding behind the out-worn doctrine of state's rights, and we demand that every possible effort be made to prevent private interests from obtaining unrestricted ownership or unchecked control over the vast mineral and water and timber resources of Alaska.

We hereby pledge our Kansas republican members of congress in both houses to make every effort to obtain the submission to the people of a constitutional amendment that will provide for the direct election of United States senators by the people.

We pledge our republican senators and congressmen to the enactment by congress of a law regulating shipping of intoxicating liquors into states which have prohibitory laws.

We favor an amendment to the United States constitution to provide for popular election of federal, circuit and district judges for limited terms; and we instruct our senators and congressmen to labor for the early enactment of a federal code of civil procedure to simplify and expedite litigation in federal courts, following the reformed procedure now in vogue in the most enlightened and progressive states of the union. We endorse without qualification the administration of Governor Stubbs and we pledge the people of Kansas during the two years to come the same fidelity to public interest that he has manifested during the past twenty months of his administration.

We pledge republican members of the legislature in both houses to vote for a law that will place statewide public utilities, railroads, telegraphs, telephones, electric lights and power companies, street railway, distributors of gas, whether in cities or by pipe lines, express companies and common carriers of all kinds, under the control of a state commission having authority over the issue of stocks and bonds, having means and power to obtain the physical valuation of the plants of these corporations, to fix and adjust rates upon their own motion and to regulate rates and services in the interests of the people of Kansas and the investors and employes of these corporations.

We hereby bind republican members of the Kansas legislature to vote for the enactment of a law that will compel corporations doing business in Kansas to begin all litigation in Kansas courts and take no refuge in the federal courts until the litigation in question has been passed upon by the Kansas supreme court.

We hereby instruct republicans in the Kansas legislature to vote for a law that will make the second offense against the Kansas prohibitory law punishable by a sentence in the penitentiary.

We believe that the first duty of every party is to put the responsibility of government as directly as possible into the hands of the voters, giving the people veto power not only upon undesirable laws, but upon those who enforce the laws. To that end we pledge our state senators and representatives to that principle and declare for the following policies:

To submit to the people in the election of 1912 a constitutional amendment giving the people the power to recall officers of city, county and state governments whom they believe to be derelict or unfaithful, under procedure similar to that now granted to cities of the first class adopting the commission form of government, and to give the recall promptly to the people upon every officer under legislative authority.

To submit to the people of Kansas a constitutional amendment in 1912 giving them the right to initiate legislation and to vote upon certain legislative enactments—the amend-

ments that have been adopted by the states of Maine, Oregon and South Dakota, with a five per cent petition for a referendum vote and eight per cent for an initiative vote.

To adopt immediately the Oregon plan, which gives the people a right to vote at this general election for the partisan nominees for United States senator. The enactment of a law which shall compel publicity of campaign contributions both as to source and to disbursement before primary and general elections, both for campaign committees and for individuals, with severe penalties for violations.

And we pledge republicans in the Kansas legislature to so amend the Kansas primary law that delegates to the national convention may be elected at the primary election, and that the names of the candidates for president and vice president shall be placed on the ballot that the people of Kansas may instruct their delegates on nominations for president and vice president.

We pledge all republicans in the Kansas legislature to vote for the ratification of the amendment to the United States constitution providing for a federal tax on incomes. And we pledge our congressional delegation too for a law providing a graduated tax without waiting for the amendment.

We pledge the republican members in the Kansas legislature to vote and work for a measure creating a commission under the authority of the next Kansas legislature which shall make inquiry into the practicability of a workman's compensation law framed to meet labor conditions in Kansas.

We pledge the enactment of an employers' liability law, following the provisions of federal law and the advanced views of the supreme court of Kansas on that subject.

We commend and indorse the bank guaranty law passed by the last legislature and we call particular attention to the fact that it is the only guaranty law that has received the approval of the superior federal courts. We commend the present state administration for its successful defense of the law in the courts and we hereby reaffirm our faith in the principles embodied in this law, and instruct our representatives in congress to favor such legislation as will permit national banks to participate therein.

We favor increasing the exemptions to direct heirs under the inheritance tax law.

We pledge our republican members of the legislature to make such appropriation for the practical work of the farm departments of the state agricultural college as will bring it as near the practical everyday life of the farmer as possible.

We favor a uniform system of county and township records and state publication of county and township blank books.

We send our greeting to Theodore Roosevelt and the new world's champion of the rights of man in the world-old contest between rising humanity and the encroachments of special privilege.

In all the above pledges, both as to matters state and national, we hereby add this paramount pledge, binding upon republican administration as well as upon republican lawmakers, state and national, to consolidate all appointive offices, boards and commissions where good administration and economy have common interest; to reduce taxes levied direct and indirect, wherever possible in the national, in the state and in the counties and to spend no dollar of taxes without giving the taxpayers one hundred cents of value received.

We hereby adopt the eagle as the party emblem of the republican party in Kansas.

FATHER AND SON

At the same election where Hiram Johnson, insurgent, became the republican nominee for governor of California, his father, former Congressman Grove L. Johnson, was defeated for renomination to the state legislature. Doubtless the father was able to stand the shock of his own defeat in the great pride he felt over the high honor that had been conferred upon his boy.

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