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HARMONY RINGS THROUGH ENTIRE SESSION OF G. O. P. CONVENTION

Many Planks Included in Platform That is Adopted Early This Morning

Ending their work in the same spirit of harmony in which they began, delegates to the Republican territorial convention called for the purpose of adopting a platform finished their labors at an early hour this morning with the platform in order and heartily endorsed by all the delegates.

Successful in drawing up a draft of the proposed platform, the special committee reported to the convention shortly after 10 o'clock last night, and a little later printed copies of the proposed platform were distributed. It was taken up section by section by the delegates, and that in the end only a few changes were made or additions agreed upon shows with what care the document was prepared.

During the afternoon the platform committee worked in the chamber of the supervisors. Many planks touching on many subjects were laid before it, and these were all carefully gone over, some taken, others rejected. A few candidates for elective positions in the territory availed themselves of the offered opportunity to appear before the committee and suggest platform material.

At 10:30 o'clock last night the convention was again called to order by Chairman Judd. It had been agreed when adjournment was taken at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon that the delegates should reassemble at 10 o'clock, the platform committee in the meantime to complete its work.

Resolutions Are Passed. While the delegates were waiting for the platform to come from the printer's, three resolutions were introduced and unanimously adopted. The first resolution went vigorously on record against any federal leper settlement on Molokai, the second put the party on record as firmly in favor of only citizen labor on federal work and the final one is directed to the departments of the army and navy at Washington, and urge that better quarters be provided for the soldiers and sailors, and pledges the party to do all its power to see that such quarters are provided.

The work of the convention was finished by 1:30 o'clock. In meeting last night it was agreed that adjournment should not be taken until the platform was finally approved. Not a large number were present last night as during the morning session. There was, however, a very generous quorum, and a number of spectators followed the proceedings from one side or the other of the Popular Theater.

S. C. Dwight, chairman of the platform committee, stated after the adjournment that he was very much pleased with the success of the convention, and statements to the same point were made by Chairman A. F. Judd and Secretary Charles Wilcox, and other members of the convention. Unity is Characteristic. The entire session was characterized by a unity of intention—to work for the best interests of the party and the territory. Though on some occasions there were lively debates, they only went to reveal the earnestness with which the delegates were working. During the adoption, section by section, of the platform, strong arguments were made, but they were all obviously based upon a desire to be of service to the party, and not for the advantage of any particular candidate.

Partisan politics, as far as boosting or injuring any candidate for nomination, was kept out of the convention from beginning to end. Chairman Judd in his opening address spoke of the necessity for this, and his view on this subject was adopted by the other delegates. Only on one occasion, and that was near the close of the convention, did a situation arise which tested the position the delegates had taken in the manner of its relations to candidates. It was suggested that Delegate Kubio and Senator Rice be allowed to make an address before the convention "for the good of the party." The suggestion was voted down emphatically, the convention sustaining the point of order made by the chair.

The platform, which is about 5000 words in length, contains many planks of territory-wide interest and embraces subjects of great importance here. The following are the titles of the different planks, which suggest their contents:

Home rule and statehood, harbor improvements, settlement on queen, city and county government, woman suffrage, education, reform in judicial procedure, prison reform, liquor law, political contributions, regulation of foreign corporations, surety companies, regulation of insurance companies, citizen labor, plant and fruit industry, workmen's compensation, public utility, election laws, beef and pork license, public health, water supply, labor laws for women and children, promotion, fisheries, pastoral land

law, civil service, labor, immigration and homesteading.

The platform, as adopted, follows: Preamble.

The Republican party, assembled by its duly elected representatives in territorial convention, hereby declares its unchanging faith in the principles asserted and vitalized by the constitution of our country.

We renew our unwavering allegiance to the principles of the Republican party of the United States, and do hereby pledge our cause to the principles of government of the people, by the people, for the people.

The greatest mission of the Republican party has been to exalt the human race, equalize political and industrial opportunities and preserve unimpeachable institutions of justice.

Under its progressive and constructive statesmanship our country has grown to be one of the greatest of the civilized and civilizing nations. Under its administrations and policies the ambitious and industrious from other lands have never been denied a home, the right to freedom, entire independence in right doing, and perfect liberty in the pursuit of happiness. It has always maintained the property of the nation; protected the workmen and American industries; promoted domestic and foreign commerce, and has, indeed, always upheld at home and abroad the honor and the glory of our country against the vicissitudes of the times.

Under the constructive administrations of the Republican party, Hawaii has developed to be a great industrial commonwealth. Our social and industrial institutions, which the Republican party has so wisely fostered and developed, stand forth as a tribute to the soundness of its policies.

The Republican party in Hawaii now, as always, is prepared to go forward with the solution of all questions concerning our many phases of life, and to the end that these islands may be protected by its liberal, progressive and constructive policies, it pledges its candidates for public office to the fulfillment of all its promises.

Tariff. We denounce in emphatic terms the unwise and injurious legislation which the Democratic party has enacted under the present administration, regulating the tariff schedules, by imposing upon our island territory the evils of their principles of free trade, thereby producing a demoralizing effect on the sugar industry, the predominant industry of the islands. This legislation has caused the values of our properties to depreciate; compelling the suspension of the employment of hundreds of workmen; retarding the progress of business enterprises, and creating the suffering of want and need in the homes of hundreds of our workmen. Depreciation in property values has caused an increase in the taxation rates and has burdened the workmen with heavier taxes, while their wages and opportunities to work are being lessened.

That the electorate of the territory of Hawaii will in November of this year, by the election of a Republican delegate to Congress, and Republican officials throughout the islands, vigorously protest against the continuance of these disastrous policies, we doubt not. We do appeal, however, to the electorate to make that protest as nearly unanimous as possible, in order that the Congress of the United States shall hear expressed in no uncertain terms our belief that a continuance of the present tariff will spell commercial ruin and disaster for Hawaii.

The utter disregard of the Democratic party for the interests of the territory of Hawaii is likewise illustrated by its action in cutting fifty per cent the duty on rice, which has for years been an important industry within the Hawaiian islands. Owners of rice plantations here have been forced to compete with rice grown by the pauper labor of the Orient, with the result that within a comparatively short time, unless relief is afforded, the industry within the islands will be almost totally abandoned.

Home Rule and Statehood. We favor the enactment by the Congress of the United States of laws giving to the Territorial legislature broader powers in the control of local matters, and protest against the enactment of any laws proscribing those powers, and thus attributing to us a lack of capacity for self government. The period is not far distant when the question of our admission as one of the states of the Union will be an issue before Congress. When the Republican party again assumes control of national affairs, statehood for Hawaii may be hoped for, since the position of that party on the subject is well known.

The greater the power given to us in the management of the affairs of the Territory, the greater will be our opportunity for demonstrating our ability to successfully conduct them.

The Democratic party has openly, flagrantly and contemptuously declared that amongst our electorate can be found no person fit to hold public office, and has appointed to federal positions citizens of Hawaii only in cases where required to do so by positive law—a policy directly contrary to an unqualified promise contained in their platform. We vigorously protest against this attitude, and pledge ourselves to do everything in our power to neutralize the harmful and false declarations of the incompetency of our people necessarily implied by the adoption of this course.

Harbor Improvements. We believe it to be the imperative duty of the Republican party to secure for the people of Hawaii the full commercial benefits resulting from construction of the Panama canal.

To utilize these benefits, coal wharves must be provided in the harbors of Honolulu and Hilo, at points adjacent to land that can be made available for coal storage. Wharves for over-sea commerce must be provided for the use of large vessels on the Lahaina coast of Maui, Kona coast of Hawaii, and at Nawiliwili, Kauai, to facilitate the economical distribution and marketing of the products of these sections of the Territory.

We pledge the Republican Delegate to Congress, to be elected in November, to support all projects for improvements to harbors within the Territory which are proper subjects for federal supervision, and particularly the project to dredge a channel from the Honolulu harbor to the Kaili entrance to that harbor. Knowing that the Hawaiian Islands, with the completion of the Panama canal, will be not only in name, but in fact, the "Crossroads of the Pacific," we pledge both our members of the next legislature and our Delegate in Congress, to employ all legitimate means to secure aid from the general government for such improvement of our harbors as shall enable us to properly care for the increased commerce which is bound to come by reason of the construction of the Panama canal.

Settlement on Queen. We favor a permanent settlement on the former Queen Liliuokalani as long as she shall live and pledge the Republican members of the next legislature of the Territory of Hawaii to support the proper appropriation therefor.

City and County Government. Greater and broader powers should be accorded the City and County of Honolulu, and to this end we pledge the legislative candidates to empower, by proper legislation, the people of Honolulu to revise their charter at a convention consisting of representatives to be chosen by the people.

Like power should be granted to all counties within the Territory should the legislative delegations from said counties request the same.

Woman Suffrage. We heartily favor granting to women the right of suffrage. Should Congress give to the Territorial legislature the power to grant that right—and we pledge our delegate in Congress to the support of such a law—we further pledge the Republican members of the legislature to introduce and pass legislation for this purpose.

Education. For the purpose of further aiding in the great work which our public schools are accomplishing, we believe that our children should be taught the importance of manual labor in fostering sound and useful citizenship, and thus be ready to lead in hastening the time when the many important tasks confronting the territory shall be undertaken and directed by American citizens of intelligence and loyalty.

We renew our former pledges of liberal financial support of the public schools. The College of Hawaii has made a splendid beginning and we pledge the Republican party to cordially support every measure that will enable the authorities of the college to continue the development so that the territory shall be worthy of the splendid endowments provided under the federal appropriations. It is our duty as well as our privilege and opportunity to liberally supplement the federal appropriations.

Reform in Judicial Procedure. Believing that present cumbersome and technical methods of enforcing the law result in much injustice, delay, expense and vexation, and that the enactment of needed reform as to judicial procedure in both criminal and civil matters will not only accomplish much desired relief, but will restore to the courts that respect which they are rapidly losing by adherence to technical rules which the spirit of this age has outlived, we favor the enactment of laws which, without denying persons accused of crime rights to which they are justly entitled, shall secure a speedy hearing, and a determination of guilt or innocence without reference to the numerous technicalities now employed as a shield for the guilty; which shall secure to suitors in civil matters a speedy, inexpensive hearing on the merits, devoid of technicalities; and which shall, in every constitutional method which can be employed, simplify existing judicial procedure.

Prison Reform. Realizing that the tendency of the

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address the convention on the good of the party. Charley Achi immediately moved an amendment that the "delegate to Congress and the national committeeman" be invited to speak, thus avoiding the use of more personal reference.

Chairman A. F. Judd promptly ruled the motion out of order. He declared that Achi's amendment was but a subterfuge for the motion to ask Kubio and Rice to speak, and that such an invitation would violate the principle laid down by the chairman upon taking the chair, that any attempt to use the convention for the advantage or disadvantage of any candidate would be contrary to the spirit of the direct primary law.

Chairman Judd then invited the convention to express its wishes as to his ruling by voting either to sustain or to override the chair.

The result of the vote, however, seemed to give general satisfaction and the delegates quite obviously felt that the right course had been taken. Delegate Kubio and Senator Rice both appeared before the platform committee during its sessions yesterday and last night, making a number of suggestions. Delegate Kubio urged that instead of asking Congress for broader powers as a territory, Hawaii should concentrate forces on its fight for statehood. He pointed out that Hawaii already has very broad powers for a territory and that the movement for statehood should be strongly supported.

present age—a tendency justified by experience and study—is to couple with punishment inflicted for violation of law endeavors to reform the criminal, we advocate the passage of laws seeking to accomplish this end. Particularly do we pledge the Republican members of the coming legislature to the support of a law which will prevent places of confinement from becoming schools of crime; which will not permit youthful offenders or persons convicted for the first time to be associated with hardened criminals.

We further pledge the Republican members of the legislature to the support of legislation to the end that juveniles may be better cared for than under existing laws.

Liquor Law. In our platform of two years ago we pledged our representatives in the legislature to resist any attempt to alter the laws of the territory of Hawaii in respect to the liquor law. The experience of the last two years has further demonstrated that in all of its material aspects the present liquor law is admirably adapted to conditions within the territory. We believe, however, that such an amendment should be made as shall give to the various liquor commissions power to subpoena and examine witnesses, under oath, to the end that such commissioners may ascertain all of the facts necessary to enable them to act more intelligently in the granting of licenses to sell intoxicating liquors; false swearing before said commissioners to be punished as perjury.

We pledge our representatives in the legislature to grant to the liquor commissioners this added power.

Political Contributions. We favor the enactment of laws requiring that full publicity shall be given contributions to political committees in charge of or connected with campaigns, and that a limitation should be placed both on individual subscriptions and on the aggregate amount to be used in any campaign. We believe that private individuals should be prohibited from contributing unlimited amounts of money in territorial campaigns.

Regulation of Foreign Corporations. We favor the enactment of stringent laws concerning the regulation of foreign corporations selling and dealing in securities within the territory, to the end that the people of the territory may be amply protected against investments induced by unfounded and fraudulent representations.

Surety Companies. We recommend the passage of laws by which the liability of corporations authorized under the laws of the territory to act as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of a public officer shall not be permitted to escape liability on technical grounds, nor be allowed to set up as a defense to any suit brought to enforce liability the fact that the officer whose fidelity is guaranteed acted beyond his statutory duties in defrauding his principal. We further recommend the enactment of more stringent laws for the purpose of insuring the solvency of surety companies permitted to give indemnity bonds.

Regulation of Insurance Companies. We favor the adoption of laws relating to fire insurance, and providing for the regulation and control of rates of premium thereon.

Citizen Labor. We pledge all Republican senators and representatives at the next session of the legislature to memorialize the Congress of the United States to the restriction of the employment upon federal work to American citizens or those eligible to become citizens only, and pledge our delegate to Congress to urge congressional action to effectuate such restriction.

Plant and Fruit Industry. We pledge ourselves to encourage the plant and fruit industry in the territory. We believe that ample appropriation should be made to effectually assist in the campaign against the Mediterranean fly and other pests.

Workmen's Compensation Law. We favor the enactment of a progressive and modern law to provide an exclusive remedy and compensation for accidental injury resulting in disability or death to employes within the territory of Hawaii, so that the families of working people will be relieved of misfortunes beyond their control.

Public Accounting. We recommend that an improved system of accounting of public moneys be devised, and pledge our Republican members of the next legislature to pass laws which will tend to prevent the defalcation of public moneys.

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chain or to override the chair. The chair was sustained by a rather close vote. As nearly as could be ascertained last night, the Maui, Kauai and the Fourth district of Oahu backed up Senator Judd, while the Hawaii and Fifth district delegates voted to override the ruling.

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