

Platform Is Progressive and True to Republican Policies

M. R. TAFT declares that the preconvention campaign presented "a crisis more threatening and issues more important than those of the election campaign which is to follow."

Republicans, of whatever faction or affiliation, can not fail to be gratified with the declarations of policy set forth in the Chicago platform. It is a statesmanlike document, in full harmony with the most enlightened modern aspirations, and at the same time true to the traditions of the republican party.

The protective tariff is so woven into the fabric of our industrial and agricultural life that to substitute for it a tariff for revenue only would destroy many industries and throw millions of our people out of employment.

This platform calls for a downward revision of the tariff in all cases where an expert and nonpartisan examination of the industrial facts calls for action of that character.

A notable declaration of the platform embodies the policy so constantly urged and advocated by Andrew Furuseth of this city to the end, as the platform declares, "that seamen shall not be compelled to endure involuntary servitude at sea."

Among other declarations of the platform, the republican party is pledged to institute a parcels post system on the zone plan advocated by Senator Bourne and Postmaster General Hitchcock.

The platform upholds the independence of the judiciary, but calls for reform of judicial procedure in the state and federal courts, so that the law's delay and the system of tedious and costly appeals may be remedied.

In a word, the document and its pledges may be characterized as progressive in the true sense.

HARMONY, however much it may be desired by the democratic party, does not come by taking thought. Conflict is the law of politics, and despite the promised era of good feeling and the expected love feast at Baltimore, the democracy is already suffering from an acute fit of political indigestion.

Hopes for Democratic Harmony Already Gone

Judge Parker was once the candidate of the party for the highest office. His selection as chairman is urged as a graceful compliment in that relation, but it is, perhaps unkindly, urged that if any such consideration is to govern the selection, why then Mr. Bryan has arithmetically three times as good a claim to the preferment.

Therefore the harmony folks are denouncing the Nebraskan for chucking the fat in the fire, but really their optimistic expectation that they could shut out the conflict of opinion was born of a hope that a moment's consideration might have demonstrated to be impossible in the circumstances.

This is the ancient quarrel between the radicals and the conservatives which, call it by what name you please, constitutes the basis of all political life, and it may be said that without this conflict there would be no life.

WHEN residents of the Fairmont District complained before the supervisors that they could not get enough water in the morning to wash their faces or prepare their meals, the vice president of the Spring Valley Water company explained glibly that the water was there in the pipes, but, on account of consumption at the lower levels, the pressure was so reduced that it did not reach the dwellings on the hills.

How City Might Relieve the Water Crisis

So the water was there—the householders should not worry about that—but it wasn't available because there wasn't pressure enough to force it out of the pipes. Thus, a defunct bank might announce to its depositors, "Never fear; there is plenty of money in the world, but we haven't the credit to exert pressure enough on the United States treasury to get what is needed."

The Fairmont District is another recruit to the sections of the city which are without water, the most conspicuous, by reason of several disastrous fires, being the Richmond District.

The supervisors have wrangled with the Spring Valley Water company over the water supply, and the wrangles have come to naught. It seems that a board in whose honesty the people have implicit confidence can accomplish little if anything more than a board whose integrity is below suspicion.

Spring Valley puts an exorbitant value on its holdings in Alameda and San Mateo real estate; it purchases large tracts of "watershed," but makes no provision for shedding the water over San Francisco. Any duck can be a watershed, but a water company should be able to shed the water where it may be used to advantage.

This the Spring Valley company has not done. San Francisco is committed to the principle of owning and operating its own water works. The city is to bring water from Hetch Hetchy as soon as necessary legal matters are adjusted and

Three Make a Crowd



the works may be constructed. Bonds have been sold and money is available for building a municipal water system.

Why can not some of that money be put to use at once in giving water service? The city could—and there seems to be no legal difficulty in the way—lay pipes into the outlying sections and charge Spring Valley a rental for their use.

The board of supervisors meets today. The members should have learned by this time that parleying with the Spring Valley is futile. The company would oppose any move to lay city pipes, but in this day civic needs are more important than corporation paralysis.

Among other declarations in the republican platform, the one that most concerns California deals with provision for the prevention of floods. The plank is suggested by the recent devastation of the Mississippi region by overflow; but any plan for the protection of that territory will necessarily involve the provision of similar measures for the prevention of overflow by the rivers of California.

Senator Newlands of Nevada has been the chief proponent of the general scheme of legislation for this purpose and his plan includes provision for the California rivers in proportion to their needs.

This matter of flood prevention has assumed the importance of a great national question, as may be inferred from its inclusion in the republican platform. Treatment of the whole subject on a comprehensive scale is being urged by organized effort, as may be gathered from the following statement issued on behalf of the Mississippi valley bodies:

Harness the source streams. Conserve the freshest waters for dry season navigation. Draw power from dams and reservoirs. Turn the floods of the upper Missouri out over the dry bench lands. Build strong levees from Cairo to the gulf that will hold the partially controlled floods in the lower river. And what will be the result?

The reservoirs will supplement the summer flow and thereby provide at all times an adequate supply of water for the system of locks and dams so that there will always be a navigable stage in the Ohio on which to float out to tide water the coal, the iron, the steel and the manufactured products of that portion of the country, while the power developed will go a long way toward increasing the economy of manufacture.

In the upper Missouri river country hay will grow on millions of acres of land now devoted to grazing and the production of cattle that will then thrive on that land will be increased tenfold. In addition summer seepage will return enough water to the river to supply a navigable stage throughout the dry season.

The reasoning applies with equal force to the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys. It is not a question of flood prevention merely, but involves in an important way the promotion of irrigation and the conservation of navigation in the dry season.

In a word, the policy recommended in the platform touches California in three several important ways.

"DEATH VALLEY SCOTTY" has admitted that he is a faker, a fact which has been suspected ever since his plunge into the sea of gulls. Worse than being a faker, he has been the figurehead of a tremendous swindle, according to testimony he gave before the Los Angeles grand jury. He told the grand jury that his "hole" in Death valley was a myth which had been used for years to fill the pockets of the promoters. "Scotty" wanted the promoters to file on claims in Death valley to give a semblance of good faith, but that was deemed unnecessary. So "Scotty" is a more vacuous fraud than the Keeley motor. That, at least, had an obvious motion, even though the impulse was external to the machine.

"Scotty" Not Even a Good Highwayman

"Scotty" told the grand jury that the president of a Chicago insurance company grubstaked him for years and that a mining engineer of New York put up the \$10,000 for the special train in which "Scotty" made his spectacular press agenting trip across the continent several years ago.

So the "Scotty" bubble has burst. This man of most flagrant mystery must have fooled a large number of people or he could not have kept up his game.

It was once reported that this kingfisher in the sea of gulls was a highwayman and that he secured his fabulous returns by robbery. But even that dubious fame is to be denied him. He appears, from his testimony before the Los Angeles grand jury, to be a cheat and nothing more, of the type of crook who packs a lodging house with transient guests and sells the place on the pretense that they are all permanent.

Las Vegas

By THE POET PHILOSOPHER

LAS VEGAS, oh Las Vegas, hot village of the plain, the pilgrims headed for you will soon load every train; the low-browed gents will gather around your village inn, and stake their bones on Johnsing, or bet a few on Flynn. For fevered days, Las Vegas, the brazen trumps will blow, and to your hungry coffers the shining wealth will flow, and for a little season you're surely on the map, and you will say, exulting: "There's nothing like a scrap!" But days will come, Las Vegas, when you'll deplore this game, and wish you hadn't gathered a wild and woolly fame. The human recollection to ugly facts adheres, and you'll be classed with bruisers through all the coming years. Las Vegas, when you're striving to gain a fair renown, as an abode of culture, a decent, godly town, a place of schools and churches, where proper men abide, the burden you are making will on your shoulders ride. "Las Vegas!" Folks will shudder when they pronounce the name; "that's where they still encourage the brutal fighting game! Go there and take our children, and grow up with the town? Not if she gave a bonus and paid the money down!" With cities as with people there's nothing like a name that's bright and all untarnished by any breath of shame.

Careless of Him "So you found a poker chip in your husband's pocket?" "Yes," replied Mrs. Flimflitt. "And you reproved him?" "Indeed, I did. A man who is that careless about cashing in should not be allowed to play cards."—Washington Star.

What Was Needed "I can bring tears to the eyes of the audience," Theatrical Manager—"Huh! We want somebody who can bring the audience."—Puck.

SUMMER

By GEORGE FITCH, Author of "At Good Old Swash"

SUMMER began officially on the 22d, but has been doing spring training in sunstrokes and thirsts for almost a month. It is that quarter of the year in which the sun gets up early, takes a position directly over the earth, and shines on it for 16 hours with no time off for meals.

The result is so uncomfortable that people frequently travel 5,000 miles to find a spot where the sun observes union hours.

Summer comes in very gradually and quietly like legislation in behalf of the interests, but can be readily detected by consulting the thermometer. If the mercury registers 100 degrees and the paint is peeling off, it is perfectly safe to remove one's winter underwear. Even those who have no thermometer and have to depend on the ice water instruments used by the government weather bureaus can detect the arrival of summer by the affectionate and clammy manner in which their clothes cling to them. When a man's shoes seem filled to bursting with hot, moist feet and his collar flops down on his neck and begins to trickle down his spine, he can feel perfectly safe in putting on a straw hat without offending the calendar. Summer can also be distinguished by the firm and dictatorial manner in which a man's throat takes him and leads him into a drug store or a beer garden, even when he is in a great hurry.

Summer lasts in prosperous localities until the vacation money is exhausted and in working circles until father begins to eat supper with his coat on. It is extremely beneficial to mankind, producing more crops in a minute than winter could turn out in a century. But like other medicine it is hard to take. It is especially hard on fat men. After a fat man has waded through two months of summer like a sprinkling cart, leaving a broad trail of perspiration behind him, he begins to think of hades with a great deal of longing—for it is not recorded that lost souls have to wear collars and shoes.

Summer produces many phenomena, including baseball fans, mosquitoes, ventilated hosiery, Coney island, Atlantic City, shirt waist men, feather weight fiction, Panama hats, ice cream festivals, bathing suits, circuses and watermelon pickles. In summer man lives from thirst to thirst and slight, frail women attack huge and deadly tubs of ice cream soda and engulf them in a manner which causes the visiting European the profoundest alarm.

In summer every one is very uncomfortable and exhausted and goes away on a vacation for two weeks. This is the most deadly feature of this season, so by the time a man has overworked a month getting ready for his vacation and has overworked another month on his return to let some other man rest, he is entirely worn out and falls victim to the deadly cucumber salad without a struggle.



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PERSONS IN THE NEWS

JESSE BOSCAOCCI, a young business man of Stockton engaged in the hardware and plumbing line, is spending his honeymoon at the Golden West with his bride, who was formerly Miss Christina Weber. Justice A. C. Parker performed the ceremony and Josephine and Will Weber were, respectively, bridesmaid and best man. The couple intend to make a tour of the bay cities before taking up their home in Stockton.

GEORGE EARLE, a real estate operator of Chicago, and Mrs. Earle, I. M. Fisher Jr. of Helena and P. M. Wigginton of Portland were among yesterday's arrivals at the Sutter.

HUNT CHIPLEY, an attorney of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, is at the St. Francis with Mrs. Chipley. They make their home in New York.

BENJAMIN F. WRIGHT, the Southern Pacific company's direct representative at Del Monte, is at the Bellevue with Mrs. Wright.

B. B. BLAKENEY, an attorney of Shawnee, Okla., Mrs. Blakeney and their son are recent arrivals at the Hotel Sutter.

C. J. WILLIAMSON and George Ennis of Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Joyce of Hot Springs and C. P. Bradshaw of Portland are guests at the Mann.

CHARLES L. PINNY, manufacturer of metal hardware, is at the Palace with Mrs. Piny, registered from Los Angeles.

E. V. WOODWARD of Richmond, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. S. A. McNear of San Jose are guests at the Union Square.

WILLIAM LAWSON, who is associated with the Riverside hotel in Reno, is at the Stewart with his bride.

R. C. STODDART, assistant attorney general of Nevada, is spending a few days at the Palace.

DOUGLAS L. EDMONDS, an attorney of Los Angeles, is registered at the Palace.

F. W. McRAE, prominent oil man of Hanford, is at the Bellevue en route east.

LIEUTENANT J. F. HAMMOND is at the St. Francis with Mrs. Hammond.

The Colyum

EVERYBODY'S DOING IT "You must not dance the Turkey Trot, The conventions say it won't do," Said the aunt, but the girl replied, "Why not?" "I'll bolt the conventions, too!"

UNCLE SAM—LAUNDRYMAN

Washington—The treasury laundryman who is now working daily, and turning out good work. Laundrymen are being paid out daily over the counter here, at the treasury here, at subtreasuries, and over counters of the largest banks in New York, Chicago, Boston and other large cities.

The saving in the treasury will amount to many thousands of dollars annually.—Wall Street Journal.

R. S. H., in giving us the above information, says that if the laundry doesn't make a more economical job of it than his laundry does to his collar, he doesn't see where the saving will come in.

But maybe R. S. H. doesn't wear paper collars.

Progressive politics may be less progressive whilst every man doesn't mean an advance you might be shunted back from the first to the booby table.

NEWPORT, R. I., June 21.—For the first time in three years Mrs. Vanderpool is occupying "The Breakers." She arrived from New York this evening.—Newspaper item.

THE JUDICIARY committee of the house of representatives has decided to introduce impeachment proceedings against Judge Archbald. Now, in order that the two systems might be tested, some one should start a recall against some judge somewhere, and see what the proceedings would first land the "injunctive" head in the basket.

WE JUST WANT casually to advise the girls that if they are not married by next Sunday they will have missed the opportunity of becoming June brides, for a year at least. Think it over.

WAR IS—R. G. F. says that as he stood on a street corner the other day there was a telegraph pole between him and the name of the star at the Columbia theater, Helen Ware. The pole came athwart his vision and cut the final letter of Helen's last name. The effect reminded him somewhat of General Sherman's aphorism on war.

THERE WERE TWO red headed girls in the village who were to work yesterday, so we casually glanced out of the window and the first animals that met our gaze were two white horses. So it still holds good.

PROSE EVERY CHILD MAY SKIP

The entrance of the highest class of mining talent backed with an amplitude of developing capital has had a most salutary effect upon the reputation of Allegheny. The result is that mining and financial centers, and full confidence is felt locally that with the coming of the "idea of November," Allegheny will be yanking down the bacon. Claim and mineral property holders are going ahead with dead exploratory work in order to meet the propositioners who it is believed will be flocking in here next fall, and Allegheny salutes the summer under auspices most flattering despite fire, floods, disasters and calamity howling.—Treas Valley Transcript.

Before Bob No. 1 "Bob" La Follette, in an interview in the Chicago News very ungratefully criticizes the Johnson administration for making a state wide primary law. He says that he would like to remember that they made the law to help you. What if they did bolt from you fickle men, you should not holler.

PHIL HASTINGS has a new term—"consultory publicity"—mouth to mouth advertising.

THE DEMOCRATIC PROBLEM It's a shame to treat the democrats this way—for the republicans to split two ways so the democrats can't tell which way to go. It's a shame to beat, and so will not know whether to put up a conservative or a radical. "Uncle Sam" is not a radical, but a Woodrow Wilson. It isn't fair to the grand party of opposition to make it have to choose between two opposites. Of course, the logic of the democratic situation is a split. That party never can get on its feet unless it is opposing something, and now that there are two republican factions to oppose, why, it must choose between two opposites. And such a small party, too; there are scarcely enough voters to make one party.

NEW CITY HALL

Objections have already been made to the plans for the new city hall. The chief complaint registered against them by former city architect is that they are the plans of a "typical city hall." Just in what degree such a defect is fatal we have not yet learned. It would be an excellent idea for the city officials to determine whether a typical city hall is what is wanted. It would be serious if, after the hall was built, we should find it wasn't practical. Something like that was discovered in the Twin Peaks reservoir. It would be unfortunate if, when the hall is finished, it should find that all it was good for was to be dumped in the "useless" Twin Peaks reservoir. It might contribute mightily to filling the hole, but it would not be a typical use to which to put the building.

CUT OUT THE ROUGH STOUGH

Fred G. Athearn of the Southern Pacific bureau of economic objects before the California development board county convention that much of the literature out of the state is deceitful and exaggeration. He would prefer that California was presented to the world's mind in its true colors, for instance:

The peaches California grows Are not so large as barrels; The mud hens California knows Don't always sing in choirs.

The pumpkins in the meadow land Are not so big as a barn; Mount Shasta is a bit more grand Than several cribs of corn;

But we've a railroad, let us speak Which has been built for years; That ne'er of politics did reek, From graft and crime is free!

WHAT THE FEDERATION MAY CONSIDER

The General Federation of Women's clubs meets in biennial convention here beginning today. That the women may not be without topics of discussion, we suggest a few:

"Should a bathing towel hat be worn with a wash gown?"

"Shall women have gained in consideration of others by the year 1932 so that, as a sex, they will close a streetcar door?"

"Will women, as a sex, cease to expect a seat in a streetcar until, as a sex, they learn to close a car door?"

"Shall women of sheltered lives develop enough interest in the welfare of working women to urge that the ballot be given all women?"

"Shall society women develop so that they will monopolize the cigarette and highball habits, leaving the sterner virtues of chewing gum and drinking buttermilk to men?"

(If the committee on program wants any more suggestions we'll gladly furnish them.)—A. L. P.

Abe Martin



Those who try to escape their least blame seem to get the most. You can't get a warty fair idea of some fellows by their warty expression.