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The sensation of the week in Washington has been the decision of the Supreme Court against the Merger in the celebrated Northern Securities case. Those who know little about the facts in the case are enthusiastic in their approval of the 5- to -4- finding of the court on the ground that it hits monopolies a rap, but thoughtful men of both parties are keeping very still and examining the merits of the problem. The White House and Attorney-General's office are quietly exchanging congratulations and it is generally felt that a prohibition of such a trust as will prevent competition must be beneficial. But when great wealth and vast commercial interests are thus enjoined, is it too much to expect that workingmen's unions will be a little less vociferous against "government by injunction?"

But he relived, That in the death of Marcus A. Hanna, the nation has lost one of its greatest statesmen, the Senate one of its foremost members, the Republican party its able, trusted, and wise leader, and the people generally one of their truest friends, in whatever station or condition they might be. He was always to be relied upon for advice and assistance, wise counsel and prompt action in their behalf. In him was embodied the true idea of American citizenship; a self-made man in its best meaning, he was an example to our youth and a monument to our institutions which can produce such a character. That our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his bereaved family in the loss of one so dear to them.

Resolve. That on this fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the Republican party, we are profoundly grateful to the Providence which called it into existence, and has protected it during these 50 years in its work for the good of the people and the glory of the nation. While it has met with reverses, checks and hindrances, three of its chosen Presidents have met untimely death while in the discharge of their duty, yet it has never wavered in its onward course, nor halted in its progress for the good of the whole people; it has not been wedded to idols of the past, but has foreseen new issues and conditions and been prompt to face them as they arose. That the conduct of national affairs upon the declaration of the Philadelphia platform of 1860, first under President McKinley and afterwards by President Roosevelt, meets with our cordial approval and highest admiration, especially the administration of the Philippines, the passage of the law providing for irrigation sites and reservoirs, and the consummation of the treaty under which a canal will shortly be constructed by the United States and under its control for the commerce of the world, mark an era in the nation's progress for which the Republican administration is entitled to the credit.

Resolve, That the administration of President Roosevelt during the period of nearly three years, in which he has been at the head of the nation, as the successor of the lamented McKinley, merits our highest admiration and approval. He has carried out the policy and expressed wishes of his predecessor, and has met new issues and conditions when they arose as he believed McKinley would have done. To him more than any other belongs the credit of the consummation of that great project, the Isthmian Canal entirely under American control, which for years past has been the hope of the people. And by his vigorous prosecution of the same, he has secured the

tion of illegal trusts; the emphasis should be placed upon a thorough investigation of alleged frauds and corruption in the postoffice and land departments of the government, which has demonstrated the same qualities which caused the people to select him four years ago as a suitable and proper person for the high office of Vice President. And we believe that he has earned the right to occupy by the suffrages of the people, the great office which he hold by operations of the law. Therefore, we instruct our delegates to the national convention to vote for, and use all honorable means to secure the fearless, patriotic, strenuous American, Theodore Roosevelt, as the candidate of the party for President of the United States.

Respectively, that the conduct of territorial affairs, in all its branches under the administration of Governor Miguel A. Otero, merits the highest commendation not only of the Republican party but from all good citizens. The public debt has been steadily reduced until the last of the \$150,000 deficiency which it inherited from the Democratic administration, has been paid. Assessed values have increased while there is a sinking fund on hand sufficient to meet the maturing bonds, and interest on the territorial obligation has been promptly paid.

A uniform system of keeping the public books and records has been