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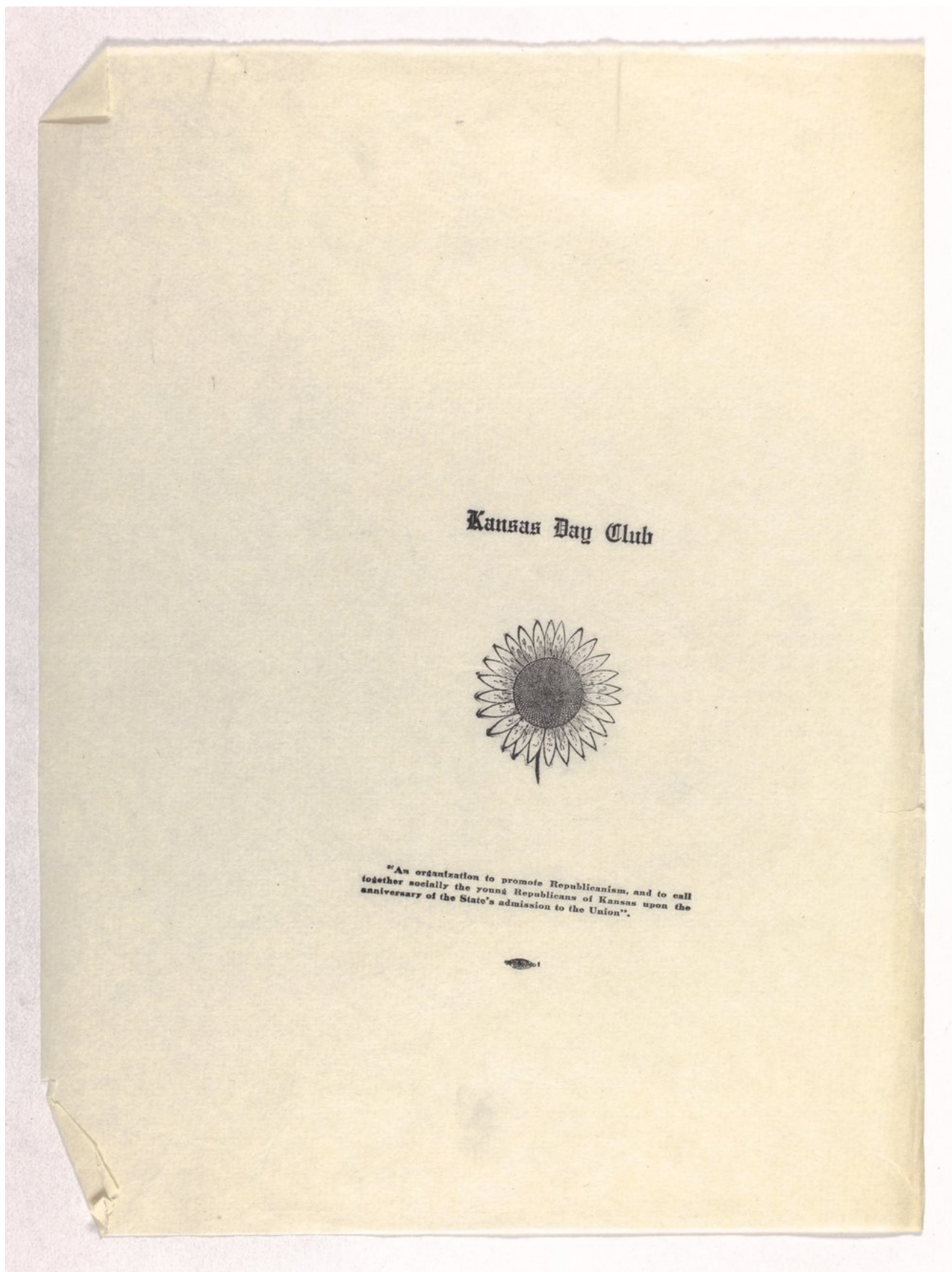
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Program

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

HON. GEORGE R. ALLEN, Kansas City ✓

"KANSAS"

F. L. PLATT, Kirwin ✓

"THE PARTY AND ITS LEADERS"

HON. ROBERT LOOFBOUROW, Neodesha ✓

"THE YOUNG REPUBLICANS"

A. M. EBRIGHT, Kansas University Republican Club ✓

WAR TIME MELODIES

VETERAN GLEE CLUB, Lawrence

"THE MEAT BOYCOTT"

HON. HENRY J. WATERS, Pres. State Agricultural College

"PATRIOTISM AND PARTY FEALTY"

WILL S. RUPE, Morrill ✓

"THE INTERPRETER"

O. H. FOSTER, Garden City ✓

"THE MESSAGE OF THE WEST"

HON. CHARLES O. WHEEDON, Lincoln, Nebraska

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"K A N S A S ."
A Toast
given at the
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"K A N S A S".

Mr. Toastmaster, Gentlemen of the Club and Fellow Citizens, I speak to-night of Kansas.

Kansas is more than a geographical quadrangle of 400 X 200 miles. It is more than wheat, corn and alfalfa farms. It is more than all the orchards of which any Wellhouse ever dreamed. It is more than cement, coal, oil and gas fields. It is more than a great salt producing region. Kansas produces "the salt of the earth", for as certain of our own poets has said:

"States are not great,

Except as men may make them.

Men are not great except they do and dare."

Whatever Kansas has been, is due to what our fathers did and dared, whatever she is and whatever she may be depends upon what we and our sons may "do and dare."

In 1856 my father came to Kansas by the Iowa route because it was not healthy for a Freestate man to travel through Missouri. Perhaps the history of no other state records so many fierce struggles as that of Kansas. Her founders defended by night, the cabins they reared by day. An historian has said: "To epitomize history: the Civil War originated on, in and over Kansas." The Missouri Compromise ^cnarxotized the National Legislature. The Kansas-Nebraska Bill, with its theory of "squatter sovereign^xty," quickly roused Congress from this lethargy. The passage of that measure transferred from congressional halls to Kansas prairies, a struggle, henceforth characterized by assassinations and massacres.

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Menu

BLUE POINT COCKTAIL

WAFERS

CELERY

TOPEKA CLUB SANDWICH

SWEET PICKLES

ROAST DOMESTIC DUCK

BAKED APPLES

POTATOES AU GRATIN

FRENCH PEAS

OLIVES

RADISHES

SUNFLOWER PUNCH

FRUIT SALAD

WHIPPED CREAM

CREAM CHEESE

WATER CRACKERS

NEOPOLITAN ICE CREAM

CHOCOLATE CAKE

ANGEL FOOD CAKE

MACAROONS

SALTED PEANUTS

BLANCHED ALMONDS

ASSORTED FRUITS

CAFE NOIR

HAVANAS

CARNATIONS

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The "Ma²xrais du Cygne" outrage, which Whittier so touchingly celebrated, is an example of guerilla atrocity. Quantrill's Raid left one hundred forty three corpses on the streets of Lawrence. Eighty widows and two hundred fifty orphans mourned the dead. These outrages came upon Kansas because of a great National Sin—a sin for which the only ^atonement was bloodshed. An old, gray-headed man and his five sons realized that, "no question is ever settled, until it is settled right," and the eyes of a so-called Christian nation were opened by the sacrifice of that grand, old hero, patriot and martyr, John Brown of Ossawatimie.

In those early days my mother and her sister kept a boarding house ^{here} in Topeka. One day a boarder packed his saddle bags and went to Lawrence, leaving in his room this photograph of himself. Perhaps nowhere else in Kansas is there an original photograph of Senator James H. Lane. Time forbids any eulogy of this erratic politician, energetic statesman and wonderful orator, but do you know that to him we are indebted for Lincoln's second nomination? Listen to a few lines of history. The Grand Council of the Union League, a secret Republican organization, met in Baltimore on the eve of the convention. Lincoln's renomination seemed almost impossible. General McClellan's removal from the Army of the Potomac, had furnished the northern Democrats a nominee of great strength. General Fremont already headed the Independent Party. Lincoln still maintained the distasteful army draft. General Grant's glorious record made him a leading candidate. The Grand Council included a large majority of the convention delegates. Upon whom will the scattered forces unite? The debate waxed warm—if numerous speeches^s on

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one side of a question may be called a debate. Lincoln was severely criticized. Many eloquent speakers held him up to ridicule and scorn, while his few, firm friends seemed choked and dum~~x~~founded by the unmerited censure heaped upon him. It seemed folly to oppose such a majority, but during a lull in the storm Senator Lane arose. With cutting sarcasm, he flayed Lincoln's opposers. He clearly explained Lincoln's misconstrued motives. He showed that Lincoln had invariably done the best thing. He asked them to name the man to whom they would entrust the weighty responsibilities, Lincoln had borne through the war. In closing this electrifying appeal, he spoke of the ~~max~~^morrow's convention. "We shall come together to be watched in breathless listening by all this country- by all the civili~~z~~ed world- and if we shall seem to waver as to our set purpose, we destroy hope, and if we permit private feeling as to-night, to break forth into discussion, we discuss defeat; and if we nominate any other man than Abraham Lincoln, we nominate ruin !

Gentlemen of the Grand Council of the Union League, I have done."

"The senator sat down and no man arose to reply." Resolutions approving Lincoln's course were adopted and the next day he was nominated on the first ballot and a national calamity was averted.

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It is January 29, 1873, in the Legislative Hall in this city, near the close of a bitter and heated Senatorial campaign. The leading candidate and his friends are confident that the joint ballot for United States Senator is a mere formality.

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Candidates for State and Congressional Offices Subject to Republican Primaries, August 2, 1910

For Governor—Hon. W. R. Stubbs, Lawrence, Kansas; Dr. J. W. James, Columbus.

For Lieutenant Governor—Hon. R. J. Hopkins, Garden City.

For Attorney General—John S. Dawson, Hill City.

For Secretary of State—Charles Sessions, Topeka.

For State Auditor—Will E. Davis, Dodge City.

For State Treasurer—Hon. Mark Talley, Independence; Dr. O. F. Lewis, Girard; Hon. Harry W. Grass, La Crosse; F. J. Altswager, Hutchinson.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction—Hon. E. T. Fairchild, Ellsworth; E. L. Payne, Emporia.

For Superintendent of Insurance—Ike Lewis, Dodge City; Van H. King, Salina; Hon. F. L. Travis, Iola.

For Railroad Commissioner—Hon. Frank J. Ryan, Leavenworth; Lem A. Woods, Chanute; Hon. R. B. Ward, Belleville.

For State Printer—T. B. Brown, Topeka; W. C. Austin, Cottonwood Falls.

For Supreme Court Justice—Hon. Silas Porter, Kansas City; Hon. Charles B. Graves, Emporia; Hon. J. S. West, Topeka.

For Congressman, First District—Hon. D. R. Anthony, Jr., Leavenworth; Hon. T. A. McNeal, Topeka.

Second District—Hon. Chas. F. Scott, Iola; Hon. Alexander Mitchell, Lawrence.

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Fourth District—Hon. J. M. Miller, Council Grove; Hon. Fred S. Jackson, Eureka.

Fifth District—Hon. William A. Calderhead, Marysville; Hon. R. R. Rees, Minneapolis.

Sixth District—Hon. W. A. Reeder, Logan; Hon. L. D. Young, Beloit; Hon. W. E. Ham, Stockton; Hon. H. B. White, Mankato.

Seventh District—Hon. Victor Murdock, Wichita.

Eighth District—Hon. Ed Madison, Dodge City.



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A.M. York, State Senator from Montgomery county arises and addresses the members, and when he finishes a story, which makes every loyal Kansas Republican blush for shame, he walks down the hall and places upon the Speaker's desk \$7000., which had been given him to vote for Samuel C. Pomeroy, and demands that the money be used to prosecute the infamous bribe-giver. The vote which followed stood ~~not~~^{by} none against and one hundred fifteen for John J. Ingalls, and one of Kansas most celebrated citizens began his senatorial career.

But time fails me to more than mention Butler, Barber, Montgomery, Robinson, Plum, Cordley, the Thatchers, Snow, McVicar, Taylor, Fairchild, Hudson, the Murdocks and the thousands of other loyal Kansans of high and low degree, who either have passed to the Great Beyond, or have removed from our borders, whose lives do but repeat the fact that,

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If it is true that, "there are no good Indians but dead Indians," it is not true that there are no great Kansans but dead Kansans.

The campaign of 1878 was intense. With true Kansas spirit, her best people, realizing that legality does not make wrong, right, elected John P. St. John, Governor and a Legislature pledged to submit the Prohibitory Amendment. This amendment was submitted by a vote of 132 to 21, and at the general election, carried by 8000 majority. This was the greatest moral victory gained in Kansas since its admission to the Union. St. John and that Legislature helped make X Kansas great.

Sometimes enforced, sometimes neglected, often ignored this law has

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*President's Address
Geo R Allen*

GENTLEMEN OF THE KANSAS DAY CLUB:

We meet tonight around these tables for the nineteenth time. I need not suggest to you the difference found in state and party in comparing '92 with 1910. Some of use were fighting battles of Republicanism in Kansas long prior to that first meeting; others of us have come into the conflict since that time. But all of us as citizens of this splendid State and members of that party which has since the day it first unfurled its banner to the breeze been identified with and known as the supporter of those progressive principles of government that have carried the glory of this Nation to the further most corners of the earth are proud alike of state and party. It were idle for me in this gathering to sketch in detail the various steps that have marked the progress of this party, and equally futile to recount seriatim the various meetings of this Club. Suffice it that on our Club roster are to be found names known and honored, many of them household words within the State and ^{of} some of them now becoming household words throughout the Nation. Wherever Republican policies are being formed and whenever Republicanism is under discussion, the name of Kansas comes into mind and when you speak of Kansas and the Republican Party within the State you pay involuntary tribute to the Kansas Day Club.

The Republican party has been always and everywhere a party of action. For half a century it has moulded the policies, domestic and foreign of our Nation. Two or three brief periods memorable chiefly as exhibitions of incompetency in public affairs or for the inauguration of eras of National disaster mark occasional breaks in Republican rule. The student

will be in twenty or fifty years hence.

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never been better enforced than under our present Attorney General. If our Senators and Representatives realized^z the real Kansas sentiment, they will pull their coats ~~off~~ and fight for a Federal Law to uphold the hands of Fred S. Jackson.

Kansas intense interest in politics has developed organization after organization, machine after machine. Each in turn became a Juggernaut under whose wheels the real wishes of the people were ground. From 1878 to 1906 is a long jump, but in the latter year came the most important State Legislation since the passage of the Prohibitory Amendment. Two bills became laws in that session, which already have revolutionized^z ~~Kansas~~^{am} politics and placed our State in the forefront of the present progressive movement. The one makes every man's franchise equal; the other says that the transportation which the poor man has always had to buy, the rich man and the politician ~~zk~~ may not receive as a gift.

All the arts and wiles of the politicians, backed by the power and money of the "John Barclays" of commerce, proved unable to defeat these bills, and the Anti-Pass Law and the Primary Election Law mark an epoch in Kansas history, across whose pages are written in letters of living light the names of their authors, our friend Robert Stone, and that red-headed, fighting Quaker, Walter Roscoe Stubbs.

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^{ca} Speaking of red-headed men, there is another red-headed one whom Kansas delights to honor. Though not a mathematician^a he knows that

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can determine as well whether this country was under Republican administration or otherwise by the files of Bradstreet or Dunn as he can from the pages of political history; the business man may determine from his ledger balances whether the party in power is Democratic or Republican. Our party is to be congratulated in that it has had for its leaders the ablest statesmen and diplomats of the day who have received the support of a working majority of the thinking men of the country. It is the dominant party of these United States because of what it has accomplished. It came into existence with a particular work to do. It has continued to exist because whenever the task of a given day was accomplished and the questions then before the people determined, it immediately assumed and advanced stand on succeeding issues.

We may think that the day in which we live is less strenuous than those days which marked the birth of Kansas as a State, but I say to you tonight gentlemen that in my humble opinion there are public questions to be solved in the next few years that mean as much for the economic welfare of the American people as meant the question of slavery. John Brown has become immortal and the name of Kansas will never perish because of the position taken by her heroic settlers in that tremendous struggle immediately following the advent of Republicanism and which banished forever the lash of the slave driver from the fields of the South. The developments in art, commerce, mechanics, transportation, agriculture, -in short in every one of the numerous avenues of modern activity in the past half century have been so remarkable that no man tonight may speak with assurance of what will be in twenty or fifty years hence.

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His everlasting persistence finally secured a recognition of this simple demonstration, and an investigation into the railroad mail carrying contracts, which saves his district, his state, and the whole nation thousands of dollars annually. This red-headed fighter from the Eighth District and his colleague from the Seventh, even though

"Cannon to right of them,

Cannon to left of them,

Cannon in front of them"

should "volley and thunder", dare stand for that, which though unpopular in Washington, is mighty popular on the broad Kansas prairies. Is it not significant that Madison and Murdock are Kansas only uncontested Congressmen?

But a man does not have to be red-headed to be great. If he is honest, earnest, faithful and fearless, he may be so long, lean and lank that the sun must shine upon him twice to cast a shadow, or he may be so loose-jointed that it is difficult to make his feet track, and yet if his dome of thought contain the regulation gray matter, his ideas will follow in such quick and logical succession that he can o'erleap custom and precedent and in his first session become a great senatorial debater. Recognising ^zKansas sentiment, as well as party pledges and platform phraseology, he works with a steady hand, speaks with a clear voice, and casts a consecrated ballot. Kansas and Joe Bristow know that great as ~~are~~ party regularity and party solidarity, "they are not to be compared



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Financial legislation adequate to meet the needs of great commercial enterprises upon the one hand, while encouraging and fostering savings and thrift by the wage earner and man of humble means upon the other, must be provided;

Provision must be made conserving for the people of this and future generations by wise and beneficent legislation the marvelous natural resources of the country, the wealth of which beggars description;

Provision by law for scientific inquiry and dispassionate consideration and determination of industrial measures dealing directly with the profit of the manufacture, the wage of the worker and the right of the consumer; rather than leaving this question to be used as a foot ball of politics; kicked to and fro in partisan strife;

Speedy and fair compensation upon an equitable basis for those who lose life or limb in modern industrialism.

Regulation by laws that will not be evaded, of great industrial and public service corporations and enterprises of every nature;

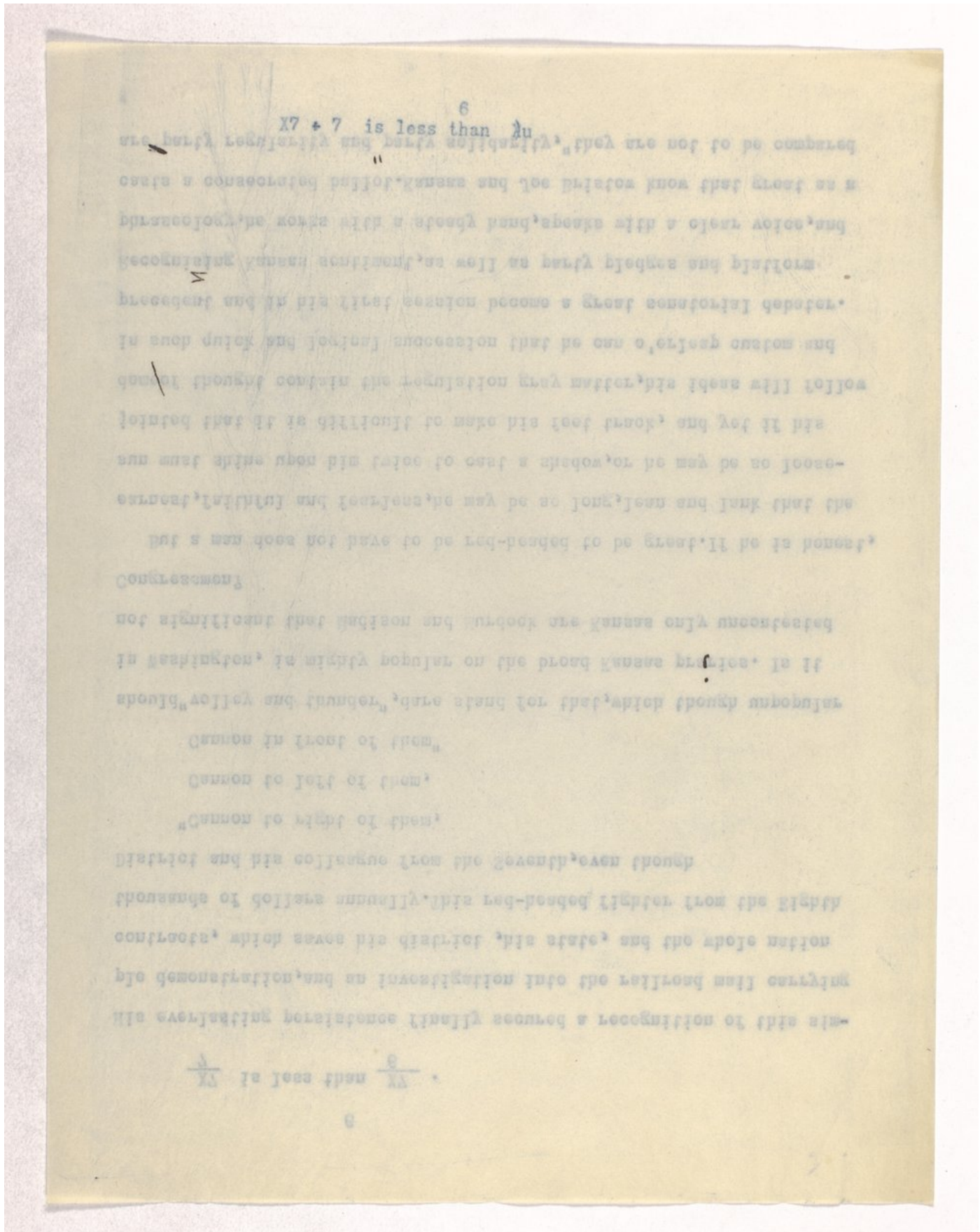
Reform in courts that will expedite justice and minimize delay and expense, doing away with procedure, some of it hundreds of years old and wholly unfitted to modern times;

The elimination of "slush" funds for campaign purposes contributed by beneficiaries of special legislation.

These questions suggested and others that come into your mind and mine must be met and solved by this party of ours or through the very force of public opinion, it will be destroyed because unable to cope with conditions that must be met.

Bribery with patronage is just as truly corrupting as bribery with money or stocks or bonds. Men realize that uprightness in political life is possible. From time to time some

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here dares to lose his job because he speaks the truth. Citizenship and partisanship can and will go hand in hand or partisanship will perish. That man is the best partisan who is the best citizen. This means however, a development of the highest type of partisanship and not a grovelling and debased sort of fealty to party principles having its source in sordid things. The Republican party will either solve these things in accordance with principles of eternal truth and righteousness or it will pass out of existence and some other organization known by some other name will succeed to its heritage and lead the country onward.

The Republican party must continue to recognize the right of the majority to rule; it must not forget that it came into existence as a party of freedom and of progress; it must keep in mind that its greatest leaders have been men who listened most closely to the throbbings of the public heart; it must not overlook the fact that the great idea of freedom means equal right under the law for the rich man and the poor man; it must stand for the protection of the weak against the strong. It must continue to be that party whose motto is "do" as distinguished from that one whose permanent pass-word is "don't."

As Republicans, we must place citizenship and partisanship in apposition and by so doing if I read aright, the signs of the times, this party with its splendid record will enter upon an era of renewed prosperity and leadership that will intrench it in the hearts of the people beyond the power of demagogism to dislodge.

Men everywhere in all ages of the world have instinctively rendered homage to individual worth. No higher compliment can be paid to any one than to say of him in truth that he is a manly man. No higher tribute will ever be paid to any political party than to say of it that it recognizes the manly virtues, commends the right, condemns the wrong.

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with party integrity!

"States are not great,

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But Peace,Prosperity,Education,Literature and Business have their truly great,the same as Politics and War.Again I can name only a few other Knasans who have done and are doing their full share to make Kansas great;Rev. Charles M.Sheldon,William Allen White,F.D.Coburn,J.K.Codding,E.A.Friedenhagen,C.J.Jones and Doctor Crumbine , with his little tin cup, will join with every loyal Kansan in a toast to Kansas greatness.

"What constitutes a State?

Not high-raised battlement,or labored mound,

Thick wall, or moated gate;

Not cities proud with spires and turrets crowned;

Not statred and spangled courts,

Where low-browed baseness wafts perfume to pride.

No:Men,high-minded men,

Men who their duties know,

But know their rights,and knowing dare maintain !"

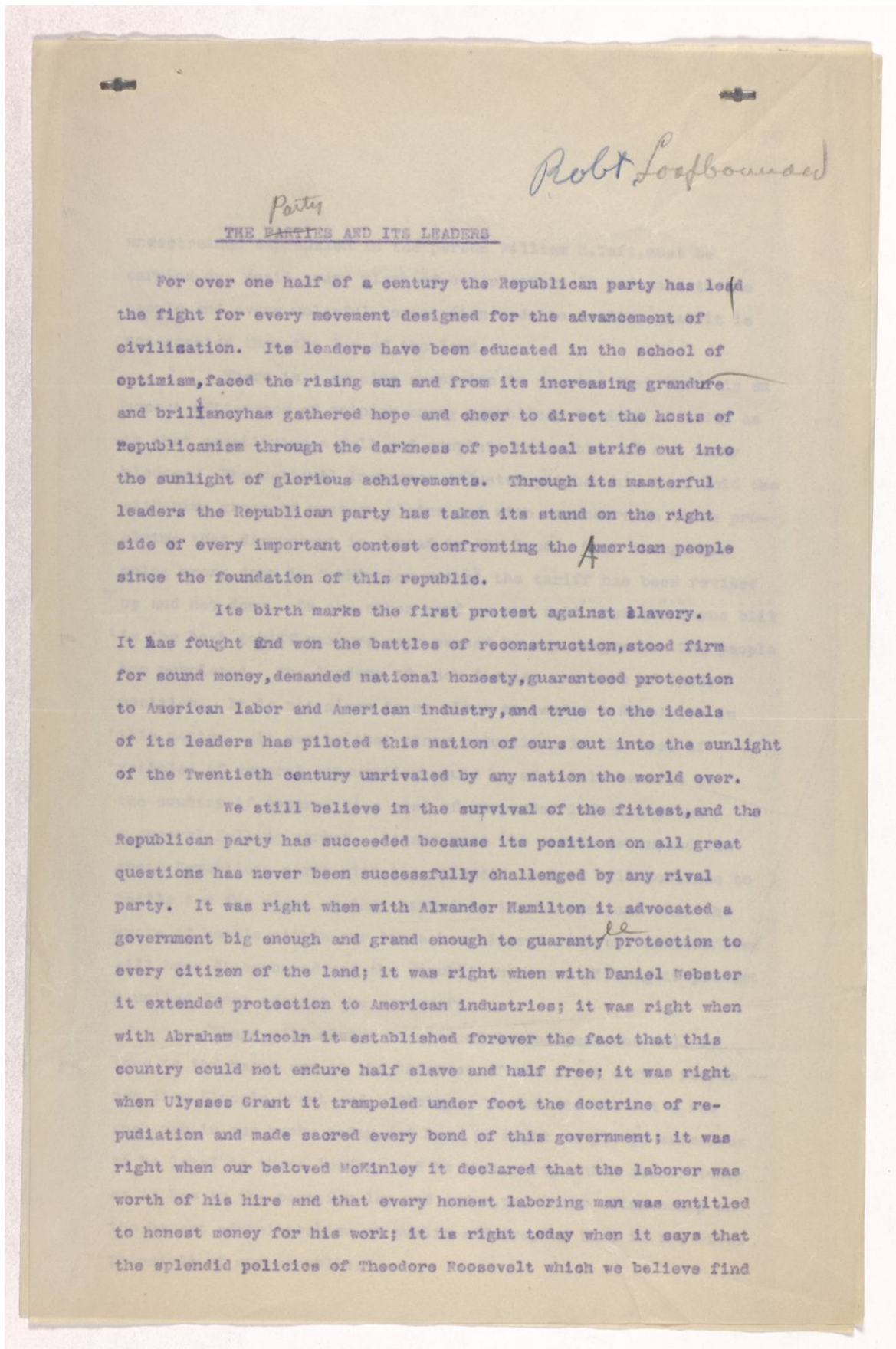
God grant that each of us may be imbued with the spirit of our fathers, and be ready to"do and dare" to keep our beloved State ever in the path of rectitude and honor,in prosperity as in poverty, in peace as in war, by developing and maintaining all the true attributes of manhood.

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I have in my mind two men, both now dead. One of them, a type of politician produced by corrupt partizanship. A spoilsman of the spoilers, he rewarded those who voted with him and for him with the best gifts at his disposal. Enormously profitable contracts were awarded to his henchmen and supporters by the authorities of his City and State at his behest. He was a type of all that citizenship should not be. Whether a Republican governor and Republican Assembly or a Democratic Governor and a Democratic assembly chanced to be in power mattered not to him. He was influential with either. Probably for twenty years no important legislation was affected in his state with which he was not concerned. If it were a measure in the interests of the people, he usually opposed it; if in the interest of the recipient of special privilege the spoilsman or the grafter, he commonly supported it. Frequently his opposition defeated the one while his support secured the other. In his home, he was a kind and affectional man. But as a citizen he was a monstrous, an iniquitous, a damnable failure. While he spent his life in public service, no monument will ever be erected to him; no father of good repute will ever point his son to the career of that man as of a type to be followed. No enduring legislation is upon the statute books of his state through any effort of him. In no one thing that tends for good government is he to be mentioned.

The other man I have in mind advocated certain things which by a sort of evolution ultimately brought about the organization which we call the Republican party. A man of education, but not of wealth. A man who dared to speak the truth he felt within him, who dared to write the sentence that his heart framed. Filled with indignation at the existence of a great national wrong, which he called a crime, he left his home in the East, came to a little City on the Eastern bank of a great river. Through

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demagogery when men's blood ran hot in political strife, his life was offered as a sacrifice for the principles he espoused. Some of you may have seen in the cemetery on the bluffs overlooking the Father of Waters that beautiful monument erected by popular subscription to his memory. You recall that lime stone shaft some seventy-five feet in height surmounted with the bronze figure of a winged angel looking westward as if in prophecy holding with one hand to the lips a trumpet; the other outstretched, a pen.

No thoughtful man loyal to his country but feels his blood quicken when he reads the inscriptions from the utterances and writings of the ardent patriot whose memory is honored by the bronze and rock;

I quote but that upon the "North" base, and commend its thought to every Republican;

"But Gentlemen: So long as I am an American Citizen and so long as American Blood runs in these veins, I shall hold myself at liberty to write, to publish what I please upon any subject being amenable to the laws of my country for my utterances".

The influence of the life of that man will never cease because he stood for principle and not for spoil. His most enduring monument is not that erected by the people of his adopted state and dedicated with imposing ceremonies by its officials, but is rather in the hearts of men who read and think and stand exponents of an elevated partisanship, that makes the best type of citizenship.

Men do not today look upon every question as they looked upon it yesterday, nor is consistency in this sense of the word required of a party more than of an individual. Changing events require changing of views. Consistency of conduct means cling-



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unrestrained expression in the person William H. Taft, must be carried out until every plank of our platform is redeemed to the people and every unlawful corporation made to realize that it is not greater than the law of the land.

There is a growing suspicion in my mind that there is an honest difference of opinion among republican leaders of today as to what constitutes a full and complete redemption of our party pledges. The national Insurance Adjuster pitches his tent amid the withering grass of western plains and with no uncertain voice proclaims that discontent is abroad in the land. That things are going wrong down in Washington --that the tariff has been revised up and not down. On the other hand we are told that the Payne bill is the best tariff measure ever passed by any congress. The people are perplexed. The leaders of each faction are sure of their position. It is not given to me alone to render a decision in this matter. It may be that minor reductions in the cost of articles of general consumption would be of little benefit to the country if secured at a cost of suspended industries and a general falling market. At any rate the crisis is on, and the great Republican party with its splendid leaders will continue to battle for the right as they have done in the past, and when the smoke of battle within our lines has cleared away, all differences will have disappeared and the republican voters will again present a united front against the common foe.

There will always be need of leaders, men who will be true to the party and to the interest of the great common people -- men like Lincoln, Grant and McKinley. We are not without a few such men in our ranks today, and here to night we pledge ourselves to be loyal to those leaders and to that party which stands today as it has in the past, for law and order, patriotic citizenship and the honest administration of public affairs, for this is the vital principle of our republic.



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ing to those ideals around which a party is centered, rather than a blind, unchanging hold on a particular tenet perhaps no longer pertinent. A biographer speaks of Gladstone as "the greatest statesman of the Victorian reign, inconsistent like any other great statesman, for the essence of statesmanship consists in recognising imminent tendencies and actual facts." The Republican party has been great in American History because of its ability to recognize the tendencies of the times and deal with the facts confronting it perhaps in seeming disregard of its attitude upon some particular and settled issue.

As Republicans in this Central State of the Union, every year of our success bearing some splendid accomplishment for public welfare and our temporary disasters becoming prophetic assurances of following victory, we have it within our power to help to mould the policies of the Republican Party in accordance with those principles around which it has grown, and which if it continue to recognize, it will never die.

Let no man think that party fealty consists solely or even chiefly in bowing down and worshipping deeds of a bygone day or hurrahing over the accomplishments of men long since dead who in their day and generation doubtless acted for the present and not the past, for such an one is not building for the permanency of this party. We can not fight against the future with the weapons of the past. Time is on the side of progress and of justice. Great social forces which move onward in their might and majesty and which neither tumult nor dissension can long impede or disturb, are against him who forgets the future, ignores the present and worships the past. These might forces are marshalled on the side of progress. Republicanism has been triumphant for half a century because its banner has been borne aloft in every decade of our history by men who looked with unfaltering eye toward the

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The Young Republicans

A. M. E. Bright

KANSAS DAY BANQUET SPEECH.

Kansas played an important part in the formation of the Republican Party. And it is eminently fitting that the Republicans of Kansas should honor this anniversary day. The passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act in 1854, which provided for the organization of those territories, caused a storm of protest throughout the North and East, and proved the immediate cause of the birth of the Republican Party. Men from all parties now felt the compelling need of a party, which should insist on the supremacy of the Federal Government, and assert its right to legislate in regard to the extension of slavery in the new territories. The function of the National Government and its relation to the States, had been the cause of constant conflict for almost three quarters of a century. During these years legislation had been embarrassed, progress impeded, and the efficiency of Congress greatly reduced. The Kentucky-Virginia Resolutions, The Ohio Frenzy, The New England Manufacturer's Threat, The South Carolina Tariff Troubles, and all the vague and uncertain compromises illustrate the seriousness and extent of this struggle. And the present protests against the right of the Federal Courts to interfere with the Bank Guaranty Law reflects the same spirit that inspired those earlier challenges. Under such circumstances the Republican Party sprang into being, carried the elections of 1860, and after four stormy years of civil strife, under the leadership of that patient and master Republican established forever the superiority of the Federal Government. This was the supreme mission of the Republican Party.

But in order to live, every institution, be it social or pol-

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future. Recognizing tendencies, dealing with facts, using history and experience as lights to their pathway, and always moving unflinchingly forward. If for a brief time the banner of Republicanism sunk low because of some passing fad taken up by the populace, the reverse was but temporary because upheld by the firm hands of stalward men, its followers were destined to win, if not an easy, at least a certain victory.

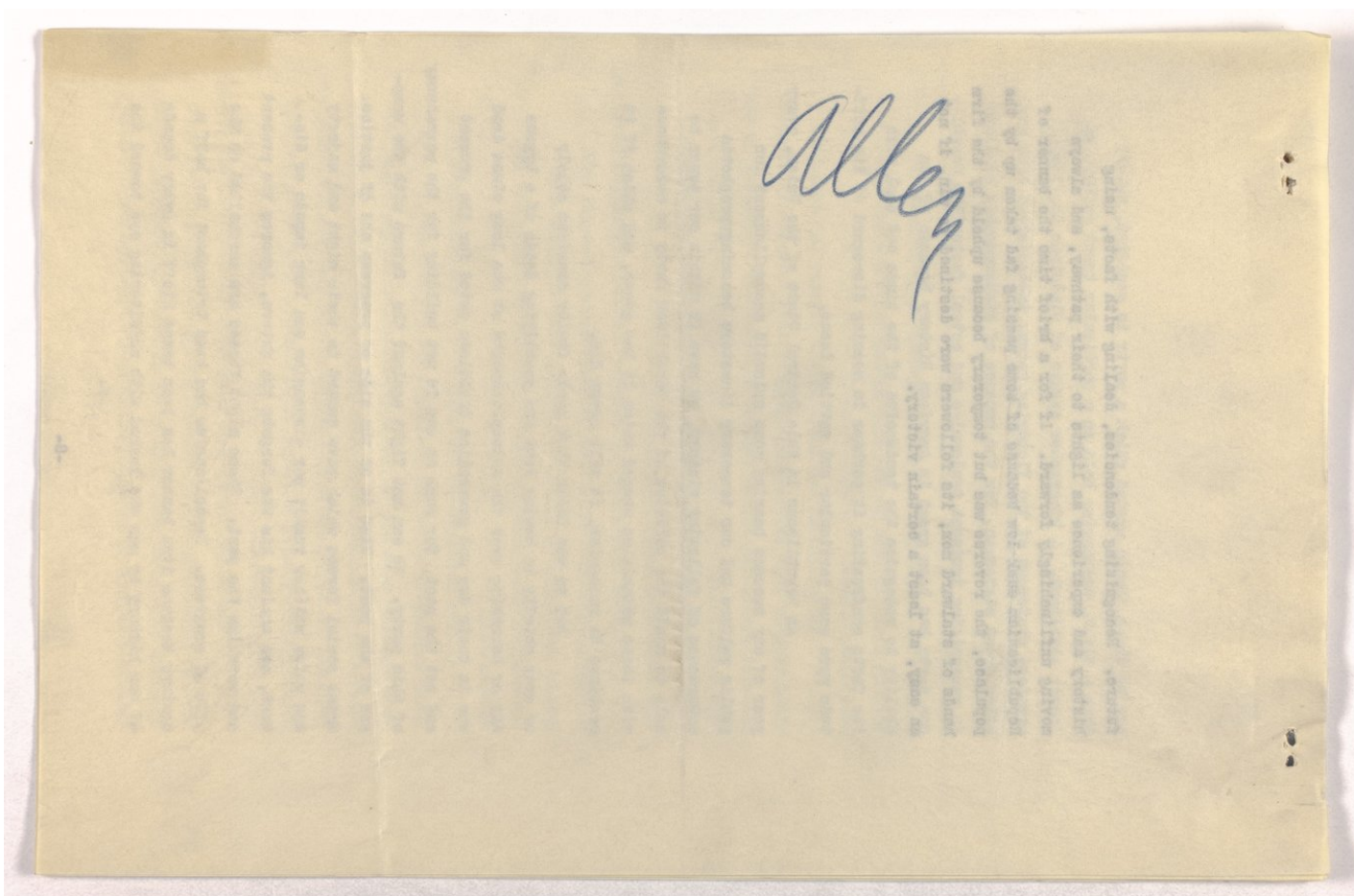
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itical, must adapt itself to the new conditions, and circumstances, that are constantly arising, no matter how burning a message it may in the first instance bear. It was failure to recognize this fact that caused the decline of the Federalist and Whig Parties, after only about thirty years of existence. These parties failed to interpret the voice of the future. That the Republican Party has not failed in this respect is evidenced by fifty years of almost uninterrupted power. That it has not abused this power is evidenced by the progress and prosperity of the nation during these fifty years. That it shall continue indefinitely its mission of service to the American people, is the ardent wish of these older Republicans, who are now devoting the best of their lives to its cause. And that it shall be, for years to come, the mouthpiece through which the people shall speak, is the earnest hope of us young Republicans, who are now endeavoring to understand and appreciate its teachings.

Being thus concerned in the welfare of the Party, we young Republicans have become intensely interested in its status at the present time. We have noted that there is more or less dissatisfaction among the people at the apparent indifference of the Party toward important matters of legislation. We have also noted that there is more or less agitation of broken faith and compromise within the Party itself. We have listened to this dissatisfaction and agitation at times with fear. But conscious of our limited information, and appreciating the influence of interested papers and men, we have felt a hesitancy in boldly asserting the extent of this dissatisfaction and the truthfulness of this agitation. We have come to recognize however that, in a nation of so many and varied interests, it is an extremely difficult

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task to legislate to the entire pleasure of every state or section of the country. On this account we have thought perhaps our alarm as to the discontent of the entire people unfounded. We have also come to recognize that the inability of the average voter to comprehend the nation-wide viewpoint of an administration explains, in part, the apparent indifference of the Party, in certain matters. We have also come to recognize the growing tendency to unjustly criticize and indiscriminately accuse those holding offices of public trust, and remembering that Washington, and Hamilton and Lincoln were oftentimes charged with disloyalty in the performance of their public service and remembering the many crises through which these United States have passed by reason of the honesty and integrity of its public men, we are loath now to credit all the charges of corruption and betrayal of those in high places.

But in spite of our optimism we young Republicans do feel that the Party is now passing through a period of testing. Whether or not it shall endure depends upon its wise disposal of the questions now before the bar of public opinion. Some of these questions have reference to the technicalities and delays of the courts, the conservation of natural resources, the reclamation of arid lands, the improvement of inland water-ways, the revision of the rules of the national congress, the effective regulation of industrial and quasi public corporations, and the thorough disposition of the tariff question. For notwithstanding the years of discussing and legislation, the tariff still arises to confound us.

It is in the solution of these questions that the Republican Party must now earnestly engage itself. That high motives conceived the Party, that performance of a great mission established its power,

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that wise men have championed its cause, that progress has been its watchword in the past will not avail it now. It is true that some are secretly doubting, and others openly criticizing the motives and attitude *toward these questions. Educated as we have been by a strenuous and impulsive administration,* of the present administration, we have grown accustomed to manifestations of great activity. Carried away by flaming advance notices of a continuation of past policies, we have confidently expected the same degree of excitement to continue. In this expectation we have been disappointed, and this fact has tended to lessen our faith in the present administration. And the desire of the President to be true to the Party's promises and effect needed reformative legislation has made it necessary for him to enlist the sympathy and cooperation of certain influential leaders in Congress. This imperative policy has indicated, in the minds of some, a complete alignment between the President and certain men, supposed agents of special interests, and an antipathy to other men, supposed champions of the people. But the assuring and convincing messages of the President during the past month have rebutted this foolish assumption, and fully restored our faith. And whatever our beliefs and sympathies in regard to the so-called insurgent movement, which the terrifying correspondents would have disrupt the Party, we should recognize the great responsibilities of President Taft, and the delicate position in which he is laboring, and be broad enough to commend the dignified course he has pursued, and the unselfish devotion he has shown in his endeavor to carry out the wishes of the Party and serve the nation.

We young Republicans are proud of our political parentage. We are proud of the Party's past. We are hopeful of its future. We are firm in the belief that a patriotic, determined, and capable President has recommended a broad and wholesome system of legislation, that a more

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or less warring Congress will cooperate in its enactment, that a ready and thankful people will gladly receive its benefits. We believe this period of testing will again prove the merit and worth of the Republican Party.

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Patriotism, - love of country, devotion to the land that bore us, is now urged upon us as higher and paramount to every other emotion that sways the human heart.

' The tho't cannot be expressed in loftier or more comprehensive terms than by Cicero who says, " Dear are parents, dear are children, dear are friends and relations, but all affections are to all men are embraced in country alone". The Greek, the Roman, the Frenchman talk about Fatherland and we are beginning to copy them, through to my ear, the English Mothercountry, is far more tender and true. Patriotism is a much abused word and has been used to express almost every feeling to which the human heart is heir. I believe with the De Tocqueville, that there are two kinds - that of instinct and that of reason. The former was possessed by the American Indians and consists in a love for old customs and old traditions. The latter is patriotism in its highest form and consists in an honest desire to perpetuate the meritable policies and institutions of one's country, and may only be possessed when one is fully conscious that the responsibilities of the nation to some extent rests on him. " There is no such thing as abstract patriotism," says Burke, and this patriotism consists in a devotion to certain political principles.

A man who is a ^{love} slave to a party is neither patriotic or wise. But he who has no political creed and cares not for the great political problems yet to be solved, is derelict to his highest duty as a sovereign citizen. Parties are organizations to control legislation; principles are fundamental truths, which guide one to right action. Parties are only a means to an end; principles are an end within themselves. Parties are factors, principles are ideals. Parties are instruments with which men work; principles are causes born of conscience and conscience is God. Parties are sometimes organizations to gain power and control spoils. Principles are immortal and on their solution the fate of our nation rests.

I worship no idols. Yet I am a firm believer in certain political principles which have stood the test of ages. I wish to compare briefly the policies of the Republican party with those of the opposition.

(Periods have been used for amendments.)
The Republican party was formed for the sole purpose of preventing the extension of human slavery. It struck the shackles from four-million slaves and made them free, and caused freedom to reign supreme from lakes to gulf. It enacted a protective tariff, which has made us the greatest manufacturing nation on earth, and has given to the laboring man contentment and rest. It has created a great navy which places us on an equality with Europe and insures us protection and peace. It gave us a national banking system. It created a currency which circulates throughout the world on a equality with gold. It restored specie payment. It inaugurated the homestead system, thus giving homes to the homeless and causing the desert to give way to growing fields and waving grain. It made provisions for the widows and orphans of those who followed the flag thro' long and weary marches, who suffered the privations of war and finally offered up their lives that this nation might live. It built the Pacific railroad and connected Boston Harbor to the Golden Gate. It has developed the internal resources of our country and proved to the world that we are creators as well as imbibers, sowers as well as reapers. It compelled France to depart from Mexico, and drove tryant Spain from Cuba. It created the interstate commerce commission and has been the pioneer in the prosecution of great and greedy corporations, who have been wearing crowns of gold bought with money picked from the 'pockets of the needy'. It has is building the Panamal canal. It has successfully fought two wars and has never yet allowed the American flag to fall in dishonor. It carried the flag of civilization from bleeding Kansas westward across the Kansas prairies, still westward across the burning sands and savage wildernesses of the Rocky Mountains. It carried it on thro' the Golden Gate and planted it, to remain forever, midst the isles of the Pacific.

The Democratic party has opposed nearly all of these policies. They have been a party of dreamers, but theirs is not the ploughman's hand nor the gleaner's husbandry. We have brought about a state of prosperity unequalled in history, with the opposition in power there has been chaos in the business world, restlessness in the heart, Abarchy in the street.

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Our party comprises within its fold the best blood of the nation. From "Our first great Chirf" down to our late martyr President whose soul was borne upward by the prayers of millions while the angel chorus was singing "Nearer My God To Thee," ours has ever been the party of the people. We are not sectional. We are greater than Puritan, greater than Cavalier, for in the depths of our universal policies the faults of both are lost. We are not perfect, but at least, are dwelling on the mountain tops. We are indeed a chosen party. Ours is a glorious heritage. Our fathers charged the bayonets of aristocracy at Nasaly and Marston Moore. But party cannot live on past glory. When life ceases decay begins. Whoever sits down will sleep, and whoever sleeps will perish. We demand that our party shall cling to principles worthy of our past and prophetic of our future. We are simply beginning that triumphant march which shall lead us sweeping onward and upward to that grandeur, which will last when dynasties have decayed and kingdoms have perished. I already behold the sunburst of that coming day, when the stars and stripes shall float as the world's emblem of liberty and our country shall stand as, 'the enlightener of the nations, the beautiful pioneer in the progress of the world.' We are just beginning to occupy that place in the world's history, which other nations have dreamed of, but have never yet realized. Our mission is not yet ended, not until life, vigor and health pervade every part of our country, not until we have produced a nation of homes where abides prosperity and love, not until ignorance shall become a crime and every American citizen shall become an educated American citizen. Not until the ballot is held sacred and party is made subservient to principle. Not until labor and capitol are more firmly cemented together, and labor occupies a position of thrift, prestige and respect. Not until our country shall stand as the unchallenged protector of the world's liberty, the accepted arbiter of the world's disputes; Not until we realize that the air of America will not support two flags. When the blood of the sons of the North, and the sons of the South, the cowboys of the West, and the aristocracy of the east flowed down San Joan hill in one common stream, it was prophetic that henceforth class, sectional and industrial wars should be unknown. Not until America is a country where man is free. A country where peace prevails between man and man. A country where art, literature and music thrill and inspire the human heart with faith, and hope, and love. A country in which no exile sighs, no prisoner mourns. A country without vice or crime, without the widow's wail, or the orphan maniac's yell will our mission be ended. And, as I look, life lengthens joy deepens, love canopies the earth, and over all in the great dome, shines the eternal star of "Human Hope". And to these worthy principles of the past, to our still grander mission of the future, "it summons to its banners now and henceforward the ardor and patriotism and conscience of American manhood, the enthusiasm of youth, and wisdom of its maturer years." Down thro' the long vista of the ages when the Goddess of Civilization shall sit as the Supreme Queen of the Universe, with her right hand she shall point to our American Republic as the protector and defender of Civilization. Her left hand shall enclose a scroll and on it will be inscribed these words.

"To those who kept the faith - the Republican Party."

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"The Interpreter"

It must be, and indeed, I believe is, conceded by all men that in life there is no point of stand-still; that all existence is either advancing or retrograding. This truism applies with equal force to all life and existence, animate or inanimate, national and political.

No men or set of men, the constituent parts of a political party, can point even with pardonable pride to its achievements in the past no matter how useful for the betterment of mankind or how glorious in a national aspect its record and achievements may have been, and sit satisfied with the past, content with the present and without the greatest anxiety, effort and action for the future, and long survive in usefulness to the country.

No nation, no matter the environments of its birth, no matter the basic principles upon which it is founded, no matter the important part it may have played in the great drama of the world toward the betterment of the conditions of humanity and the advancement of civilization, no matter the high place it may have acquired and held among the nations of the earth, may rest upon the past without advancement equal to the march of time, and expect to hold its place in the affairs of the world.

That man, that political party, that nation that lives upon the past without exerting every effort to correct the present and safeguard the future is on the highroad to ruin, death and decay, and Time that ever marches onward will soon sing a requiem o'er its untimely death.

Such is the history of the world.

Political parties are but the interpreters of the people. As music, poetry and painting are the interpreters of the emotions and beauty of life and soul, so political parties are the interpreters of the conditions, the needs and the requirements of the people of this country, and that political party which correctly hears and interprets



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the voice of the people crying out the conditions, their needs and their desires and needs that cry by giving to them the needful laws and regulations, is the political party of the people and must stand for advancement and the maintenance of the high standard and place this country has so rightfully acquired in such a comparatively short space of time.

The deeds, achievements and history of a political party may rightfully be passed in review in determining the justness of its claims for continuance in power, and in presenting to the people of this country the claims of the Republican party we are proud to point to every page of its history. Born of the plain people of this land to save the disruption of the Union; that mighty mission accomplished through the terrors of a civil war the like of which the world never before saw, and notwithstanding the destruction and devastation caused by the great struggle, under Republican rule peace, prosperity and happiness again smiled upon the country and her people. That onward march continued until the mistake of placing the entire control of this country into the hands of a political party always opposed to Republican doctrine, was made. It is sad to recall the conditions the country fell into during the brief period of control by the opposition. Want, despair, idle labor, lost capital, tramps, Coxey's Army, indeed, the manufactory, the mines, the herds, the forest and the fields, all met the same fate of destruction, until the patriotic citizens of the country composing the Republican party met in convention and at the polls and paid the last sad rites to the dead and dying industries of the country, stamped out repudiation, and a Republican President re-kindled the fires of industry and held aloft the flaming torch of prosperity that has led the onward march of progress to this day.

We are proud of the men who have led the country under Republican rule; proud to point to the sacrifice they made in the interests of the country; proud of Lincoln, Grant, Garfield and scores of others, the history of whose deeds will last forever; proud of our own part and



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of the men of Kansas--who have ever been found in the vanguard of the nation; and proud of him whose whole life was devoted to public service, in times of war as well as peace; he whose birth the Nation this day celebrates and whose life is commemorated by the decoration of patriotic home throughout the land with these little flowers, made more beautiful and fragrant by the love his great heart gave them--the great McKinley. Proud of the strenuous Roosevelt and the examples he set; proud of the present administration, both ~~of~~ State and Nation; and above all, proud of the great mass of sturdy manhood that makes up the rank and file of our great party--a party with such a history, a party with such men, living and dead, a party with such principles commends itself to the patriotic citizenship of America. However, it is not enough that the Republican party in the past has kept time with the public pulse, and has met conditions as they have arisen. The onward march of events awaits no political party nor power.

Selfishness, greed and oppression will work itself into all institutions unless a strong, masterful and reliable hand is at the helm to root out as it appears and prevent its reappearance in some other form. New conditions and surroundings in a fast moving age like the present are constantly appearing, presenting new and difficult problems to be solved, and the political party that meets these conditions as they arise will continue to be the party of the people. It is a fast moving train that keeps pace with time. In the midst of all the prosperity and happiness this people are now enjoying there are problems to be solved and they must be met at this time. Conditions have arisen that require new action to be taken--conditions are arising that threaten the just rights of the people which must be stamped out and new regulations for the future provided.

This country needs a law that will justly and rightfully protect every industry in every section of the country, framed along the underlying Republican principles of protection, and so adjusted as to oppress no man or class of men nor unduly protect any particular line



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or lines of industry. This result may be accomplished through the medium of a commission whose duty it shall be to ascertain the facts, advise or put in operation such a schedule as shall accomplish the result, or by any other method so long as the result is obtained.

The great mass of consumers of this country who pay transportation charges on nearly every article of the necessities of life need protection against exorbitant freight rates. One section of the country needs protection against discrimination in freight rates in favor of some other section. The small shipper needs protection against discrimination by transportation companies in favor of the larger shipper. These protections must come either by giving to the commissions, both interstate and state, not only the power, but the duty of regulating the rates and manner of shipment so as to avoid this evil. And further by making any order of such commission operative until set aside by a higher power, and then such commission so clothed with such power and impressed with such duty must act, must be up and doing or the regulation must come in some other appropriate and efficient manner. Some regulation also to compel transportation companies to handle with despatch the business of the public must be had.

The great evils of unlawful combinations in restraint of trade needs the serious consideration of the country. We must not permit competition in trade to be destroyed or even hampered. Just to ^{the} ~~that~~ extent that competition is injured in any way, just that much are American institutions weakened. These aggregations of wealth combined in corporations must be looked into and safeguarded. The business they engage in and carry on must be understood and scrutinized by proper officials of the State, and above all a summary manner of preventing the continuation of unlawful combinations must be devised. These corporations owe their very existence to the State. It is given them in an easy, almost informal manner. Provide a way of taking their

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existence from them in the same simple way and you will have them under control. By some means these evils must be controlled and aggressive action should be taken.

Kansas is proud of being among the first states to provide protection for the man who deposits his money in banks against loss by failure of the banks, but that is not enough. The banking business of the country should be so regulated and controlled that banks will not fail. A system of banking can be so arranged that stringencies in money in any particular section can be averted and a re-occurrence of the experience of 1907 avoided.

These are some of the conditions and requirements of the country. The political party that is alert and looking to the country's welfare can hear the pless and cries and the petitions from the bone and sinew of the people in all parts of the country, for a correction of these evils and a guaranty against increasing oppressions. Will the Republican party hear and interpret the voice of the people now coming from every direction? The Republican party that has at all times in the past met all conditions as they have arisen may be trusted now. The people are the masters and their will must be obeyed. Their rights at the hands of the Republican party must be protected as against the so-called corporate interests. These patriotic people throughout the land must be heard by the Republican party. No one-man rule shall obtain, and free exercise of independent judgment must not be stifled in legislative halls under Republican rule.

There is another voice of the people emanating in the short grass country of the West, local and small at first, that has now assumed proportions until it is heard from all parts of this great Commonwealth--that is the cry for the Honorable R. J. Hopkins of Finney County for Lieutenant Governor.