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STATE OF MAINE

REPUBLICAN

AND

DEMOCRATIC

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THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

The Republicans of Maine in convention assembled here will submit to the people of the State the following statement of views and principles:

The Republicans of Maine endorse the administration of President Taft as wise, progressive and safe, and commend it for continuing energetically and effectively the wise and necessary policies of President Roosevelt's administration.

We commend the present Congress of the United States, under Republican control in both branches, for its industry and success in interpreting into law the purposes of the party as expressed in the last national convention. The reasonable regulation of interstate railroad rates, the conservation of the natural resources, the establishment of postal savings banks and the adjustment of tariff duties to new conditions of industrial and commercial life have presented serious questions of great national importance which the Republican administration and Congress have decided wisely and for the advantage of the people of the nation. The tariff question has been adjusted by legislation which in its broad and general features as is being shown by its practical applica-

tion meets to an eminent degree the demands and expectations of the American people; and by a provision for such further scientific investigation as may be needed in the details of future adjustments. And we condemn the efforts of the Democratic party to precipitate another general revision, with the consequent disturbance of business conditions.

We record our approval of the clean, straightforward and successful administration of Governor Fernald, who has labored most earnestly for the best interests of the State and its people.

We cordially endorse our senators and representatives in Congress for all their acts in the last Congress and extend to them our hearty thanks for their devotion to the fundamental principles of the Republican party.

We stand squarely and emphatically in favor of prohibition and for the vigorous and honest enforcement of the prohibitory laws. We believe in further legislation for good roads, equitable taxation, the assumption by the State of such municipal burdens as benefit the State as a whole, and a continuation of the policy inaugurated by Governor Fernald looking to the conservation of our forests and the development of our water powers in the interest of our own people.

We urge upon our Legislature the enactment of such direct primary and other laws as may properly regulate the conduct of all caucuses to secure the honest and free expression of the proper voters therein.

We favor the ratification by the next Legislature of the amendment to the federal constitution as proposed by Congress, relative to an income tax.

We pledge to the nominees of this convention a cordial and loyal support at the polls.

THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

The Democratic party of Maine, in convention assembled, declares to the people of our State that, if entrusted with power, it will

1.—Reduce the State expenditures and readjust our tax system so that no direct tax shall be levied by the State except that which is necessary for the economical administration of State affairs, the improvement and maintenance of our highways, the support of our schools and the careful maintenance of our charitable institutions.

2.—Enforce the laws by means of regularly elected officers, repeal the so-called Sturgis law and resubmit to popular vote the question of constitutional prohibition.

3.—Demand the election of United States Senators by the people.

4.—Endorse the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States relative to the taxation of incomes.

5.—Enact a corrupt practice act.

6.—Demand a direct primary law.

7.—Remedy the existing conditions, whereby for 28 years, this State has been misgoverned by politicians, who caring more for succession in office than for State's progress, who, are

neither or either Republicans nor Democrats as their political fortunes may have dictated, have exploited Maine to the incalculable injury of her citizenship. These politicians have saddled an annual expense of \$4,000,000 upon our people and upon our homes. They have entrenched an army of office holders; they have persistently nullified the fifth amendment to the constitution; they have spent \$153,707.56 since 1905 in the pretended enforcement of a law they themselves have repudiated. They have set at naught counties' rights of police regulations. They have increased the State expenditures 300 per cent. in 28 years while the population shows a growth in the 1900 census of but seven per cent. in the same period.

8.—Pledge to the nominees of this convention and to the local candidates of our party our earnest and undivided support and call upon all men, regardless of party, who desire good government in Maine, to join with us in bringing about those changes which shall enable this State to take that place among its sister states which it once held and which of right belongs to it.