

Five years ago the Republican party assumed control of the administration of national affairs after four years of Democratic rule, during which the country had experienced one of the severest industrial and commercial depressions in its history. When the Republican party was restored to power, hundreds of mills and factories were idle and hundreds of thousands of people were without employment. Both our foreign and domestic commerce had made little if any progress in the preceding four years. There has been financial distrust and an indisposition on the part of capital to invest in new enterprises. The great transportation interest was unprofitable as a whole. The agricultural producers were not making money. The wages of labor were lower than they had been for a number of years. The consumption of the products of the farm and factory had materially declined.

The Republican party promised to remedy this unhappy condition. It made provision for doing so as soon as possible. Indeed, immediately after the election of 1896 the business situation began to improve and there was a steady tide of prosperity. The industries of the country became active and continue so. The demand for skilled labor grew until it exceeded the supply and wages increased. Our foreign and domestic commerce grew with unprecedented rapidity. Transportation and agricultural production became profitable. The consuming power of the people was greatly increased.

The country is still prosperous. All industries are in active operation, the great iron and steel industry, which perhaps best reflects the general prosperity, having business which assures at least another year of undiminished activity. The great transportation interest is making good earnings, which promise for the current year, if crops are favorable, to equal or exceed the highwater mark of last year. There is little idle labor in the country and in some portions the demand is in excess of the supply.

The most striking results of the prosperity under Republican policy during the last five years is the statistics of savings banks. Equally valuable evidence of the benefit of this policy to the agricultural producers is the great amount of mortgage indebtedness paid off, aggregating hundreds of millions of dollars. In short, there is not an industrial or commercial interest that has not shared in the remarkable prosperity which has prevailed since the Republican party returned to power five years ago and labor in this country is as a whole better off today than at any previous time in our history.

The New State Committee.
The new state committee is a strong one. It is composed of the following named:
First district—E. J. Magerstadt, Fourth ward, Chicago.
Second district—T. N. Jamieson, Sixth ward, Chicago.
Third district—Charles S. Dineen, Thirty-first ward, Chicago.
Fourth district—John J. McKenna, Fifth ward, Chicago.
Fifth district—J. E. Bidwill, Eleventh ward, Chicago.
Sixth district—William J. Moxley, Twentieth ward, Chicago.
Seventh district—Phillip Knopf, Fifteenth ward, Chicago.
Eighth district—James E. Burke, Seventeenth ward, Chicago.
Ninth district—Fred A. Busse, Chicago.
Tenth district—James Pease, Chicago.
Eleventh district—L. T. Hoy, Woodstock.
Twelfth district—Charles T. Cherry, Kendall county.
Thirteenth district—James R. Cowley, Freeport.
Fourteenth district—James McKinney, Alton.
Fifteenth district—John H. Pierce, Keokuk.
Sixteenth district—R. B. Fort, Lacon.
Seventeenth district—Frank L. Smith, Dwight.
Eighteenth district—Len Small, Kankakee.
Nineteenth district—Charles G. Eckhart, Tuscola.
Twentieth district—H. D. L. Grigsby, Pittsfield.
Twenty-first district—W. J. Butler, Springfield.
Twenty-second district—C. N. Travous, Edwardsville.
Twenty-third district—John J. Brown, Vandalia.
Twenty-fourth district—Randolph Smith, Florida.
Twenty-fifth district—Daniel Hogan, Mound City.

Work of the Convention.
While it is true that the indorsement given Mr. Hopkins by the state convention is not formally binding upon the Republican members of the legislature, because they were not selected by that convention, those members could not well disregard the overwhelming vote cast in favor of Mr. Hopkins, if they desired to, and the action of the convention makes him the recognized candidate of the party for United States senator. Aside from all other considerations, however, the fact of practical importance in this connection is that the party leaders throughout the state who selected the delegates to the state convention at the same time selected the delegates to the legislative conventions which have named or will name the Republican candidates for the general assembly. It is apparent to every experienced politician, then, that the general result of the legislative conventions will be practically the same as that of the state convention. As Mr. Hopkins received two-thirds of the votes in the state convention, this means that at least two-thirds of the Republican members of the next general assembly will support him for senator because they have favored his candidacy from the beginning and were nominated as Hopkins men, while still more will support him because of the emphatic expression given by the state convention of the preference of the Republicans of Illinois for him for that office.

High Praise for Hopkins.
Everybody appears to be reconciled to the result of the Republican state convention except Senator Mason, who continues to make wild charges against the overwhelming majority of delegates who opposed him. Although the Chicago Tribune favored the selection of Mr. Hitt in preference to Mr. Hopkins, it accepts the action of the state convention as determining the senatorial contest and pays high tribute to the ability, fitness and character of the Aurora congressman in an article headed "The New Senator from Illinois." In that editorial the Tribune says:
"The action of the state convention at Springfield in recommending to the legislature the election of Mr. Hopkins as United States senator need not make the judicious grieve. The Tribune has long been of the opinion that it is a proper function of a state convention to pass a resolution of this kind, and it will not be distressed if the practice passes into an established custom. The nearer we can get to the people in the election of United States senators the better off we shall be."
"While the state convention is an imperfect substitute for a direct vote of the people, senatorial nomination by it is a tendency in the right direction, and one that every friend of pure popular government should approve of. Why should not the state convention express its opinions on a subject of this importance in emphatic language? We rejoice that it has done so, and that the choice of the convention has fallen upon a man so thoroughly deserving of it as Hon. Albert J. Hopkins."
"The action of the convention is conclusive so far as the Republican party is concerned. If Mr. Hopkins lives and keeps his health, and the Republican party has a majority in the next legislature, he will certainly be elected senator, and he ought to be. The campaign is over. The shouting and the tumult have ceased, and the people of the state are to be congratulated many months in advance of the actual election upon the result."
"Mr. Hopkins is a man of absolutely unspotted reputation, public and private. He is a good lawyer, a good speaker, a good legislator. He has had ample experience. He has sufficient will and character. He is a native of this state and thoroughly attached to it in every fiber of his being. Illinois might have none farther and fared worse. It could not have gone farther and fared much better."

Mr. Bryan's Prophecy in Fulfillment.
Mr. Bryan said four years ago that the prosperity of the country was only fictitious and that it would soon be over. The Nebraska statesman could not conceive that there could be any prosperity that was not based on his peculiar theories and he affected not to believe there was any real prosperity in the country. But the prosperity has continued for four years since the dismal statement of Mr. Bryan was uttered and it is growing greater every day. The workmen in the country are having more days of work than they ever had and the wages are good. Under the Republican administration there has been no stoppage of work, save for strikes, and it is a significant fact that these strikes were for higher wages or shorter hours, or both, while in the previous administration the strikes were against reduced wages and were rarely successful because there were more men seeking work than could be had.

MASTER'S SALE.
State of Illinois, ss. Circuit court of DuPage County, in chancery.
William Straube, complainant, vs. Swante Wm. Ohlsson, Betty Ohlsson and W. H. Edwards, trustees, defendants. Foreclosure Gen. No. 5023.
Public notice is hereby given, that, in pursuance of decree made and entered by said court in the above entitled cause, on the 21st day of April, A. D. 1902, I, William S. Gary, Master in Chancery of the said circuit court of DuPage county, will on Saturday, the 7th day of June, A. D. 1902, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the west front door of the court house, in the city of Wheaton, county of DuPage and state of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, for cash, all and singular the following described premises and real estate in said decree mentioned, situated in the county of DuPage and state of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said decree to-wit:
Lot twenty-seven (27) of block eleven (11) in Straube's addition to Downers Grove, being a subdivision of part of lot four (4) of the Assessor's division of section seven (7) and eight (8), township thirty-eight (38) north, range eleven (11) east of the third principal meridian.
Dated, Wheaton, Illinois, May 10th, 1902. WILLIAM S. GARY, Master in Chancery of the Circuit court of DuPage county.
GRAY & BURCK, Complainant's Solicitors.

MASTER'S SALE.
State of Illinois, ss. Circuit court of DuPage County, in chancery.
The Equitable Trust company receiver of Masonic Mutual Savings and Loan association, and William T. Underwood, Trustee, Complainants, vs. Dora B. Russell and Berry J. Russell, defendants. Foreclosure Gen. No. 5010.
Public notice is hereby given, that, in pursuance of a decree made and entered by said court in the above entitled cause, on the 21st day of April, A. D. 1902, I, William S. Gary, Master in Chancery of the said circuit court of DuPage county, will, on Saturday, the 31st day of May, A. D. 1902, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the west front door of the court house, in the city of Wheaton, County of DuPage, and State of Illinois, sell at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in said decree mentioned, situated in the city of Downers Grove in the county of DuPage and state of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said decree to-wit:
Lots five (5) and six (6) in block eight (8) in Straube's addition to Downers Grove, being a subdivision of part of lot four (4) of the Assessor's subdivision of sections seven (7) and eight (8) in township thirty-eight (38) North, Range eleven (11), east of the third (3d) principal meridian.
Dated, Wheaton, Illinois, May 7th, 1902. WILLIAM S. GARY, Master in Chancery of the Circuit court of DuPage county.
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