

SPEAKS FOR TAFT

Representative Burton Places Ohio Man in Nomination.

SPLENDID RECORD IN REVIEW

In Urging Claims of the Secretary of War as Party's Leader, His Long and Useful Public Service is Set Forth.

Chicago.—In the Republican national convention Representative Theodore E. Burton placed in nomination for the presidency, William H. Taft of Ohio. Mr. Burton said:

This convention enters upon the grave responsibility of selecting a presidential candidate with the serene assurance that the Republican party will continue to rule this people. It is especially appropriate that this gathering should be held in this marvelous city of Chicago. Here it was that the righteous uprising against slavery and Bourbonism, sprung from the nation's conscience, raised its first triumphant voice when Abraham Lincoln was nominated. And here, again, with notes of thunderous acclaim, enraptured throngs greeted the naming of Garfield, of Blaine, of Harrison, and of Roosevelt.

Again Ohio presents a candidate to the national Republican convention. In seven stubbornly contested presidential campaigns, sons of her sacred soil have led the embattled Republican hosts to victory. The Buckeye state has assuredly contributed her share of statesmen and generals for the upbuilding of the nation. But that of which we are prouder still is her stalwart citizenship—the mightiest bulwark of the republic in every commonwealth—made up of America's free yeomen, ever ready to respond to the tocsin of alarm in days of peril, or



Hon. William H. Taft.

to crush corruption whenever it raises its menacing head. From this citizenship Ohio, in the supreme emergency of the civil war, sent forth more than 200,000 soldiers for our country's defense, a formidable array easily surpassing in numbers the world-conquering legions of imperial Caesar, and even larger than any army ever mustered by Britain for the tented field.

We welcome the friendly rivalry of candidates from other states—from the great Empire state, the Keystone state, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin, forming with Ohio a broad expanse extending in unbroken sweep from old ocean to the uppermost bound of the greatest of inland seas. Each of these presents a leader among leaders whose

achievements and renown are not confined to the narrow limits of a single commonwealth. To-day with fervid earnestness we wage a contest for the prize. To-morrow, united for the fray and quickened by a common fiery zeal, the champions of all the candidates will go forth with mounting enthusiasm to vanquish the foe.

The most perplexing questions of to-day arise from the bountiful development of our material wealth. Such a development can not occur without the creation of inequalities and dangers to the social fabric. I most strenuously deny that the American business man or the American citizen cherishes lower standards than the citizens of any other country. The American people are by no means depraved. But by reason of their busy absorption in varied pursuits and of the glamour which attends success in great undertakings, questionable methods have been able to engraft themselves upon the business of the country. Rich rewards have too frequently been gained by some who are none too scrupulous. Monopoly, dishonesty and fraud have assumed a prominence which calls for the earnest attention and condemnation of every man who truly loves the republic.

Against all these abuses and in the work for restoring old ideals of honesty and equality, as well as for higher standards of civic duty, one man has stood pre-eminent, and that man is Theodore Roosevelt. Against corruption in every form he has set his face with grim determination, prompt and fearless in action and with that intelligent leadership which has assured the establishment of a better era in which the strong and the weak alike must submit themselves to the impartial execution of the law. The story of his achievements will make up one of the brightest pages in the history of this or any age and will prove that to-day, as in any critical hour of social unrest or of danger, the man will appear who can grapple with the emergency.

Who so fit to take up the tasks which this wondrous generation demands should be wisely and impartially performed as his great war secretary? Since the day when, in Benjamin Harrison's administration, these two first met—the one as solicitor general, the other as a member of the civil service commission—they have been bound together by like ideals and aims, by close ties of friendship, and by the exchange of mutual counsel, each with his own individuality and characteristics keeping constantly in view the ennobling vision of a better and a greater America. Since the day when, less than 30 years of age, Mr. Taft denounced, with burning words, a member of his profession who had been guilty of flagrantly vicious practices and had demoralized the community, he has ever been associated with the cause of true reform—with that reform which will not content itself with academic dissertation or hollow words. He has been imbued with the spirit of action. His advocacy of sounder conditions has never arisen from a desire for the exploitation of himself.

No one has ever yet assumed the presidential chair who had received a more ideal preparation for the duties of that great office. As judge in state and federal courts, as solicitor general, as governor of the Philippines, as secretary of war, which has included the work of colonial secretary and director of national public works, he has received his training and has always shown himself master of the situation and competent to make more honorable and beloved the American name. There have been no years of inaction in his career. He has been continuously engaged in weighty tasks and each successive service has been characterized by an increasing influence upon most vital questions.

In our domestic affairs, in whatever position he has held, he has displayed the rare union of a judicial temperament with an unsurpassed gift for administrative management. Although

of an aggressive personality, he possesses an infinite good nature, a charm of manner and a poise which have made him a model for exalted station. In the final analysis even the highest officials must be judged as men, and under this criterion Secretary Taft is now and will ever be known for his broad sympathies with every grade of humanity and as one invariably actuated by that democratic spirit which should characterize a progressive American. And yet no one can for a moment hesitate to recognize his severity in dealing with wrong-doing. While no honest enterprise need fear him, no dishonest scheme could hope to hide its face from the light or to escape punishment.

More than any other of our public men he has had to do with our outlying dependencies and colonial relations. It was he who took in charge the prosecution of that colossal enterprise on the isthmus, the canal uniting the lesser and the greater oceans, and under his directing hand the completion of this most stupendous of public works is no longer a vague and distant hope, but an imminent reality. With his ever-ready skill as a pacifist, he restored tranquillity in the fertile island of Cuba, so often distracted by civil strife. In the far-off Philippines, under a blazing tropical sky, he found a people of many races and tribes, degraded by centuries of misrule and oppression; and there too he not only established the rule of law and local control in place of confusion and bloody strife, but showed the way to self-government, and a new recognition of the rights of man.

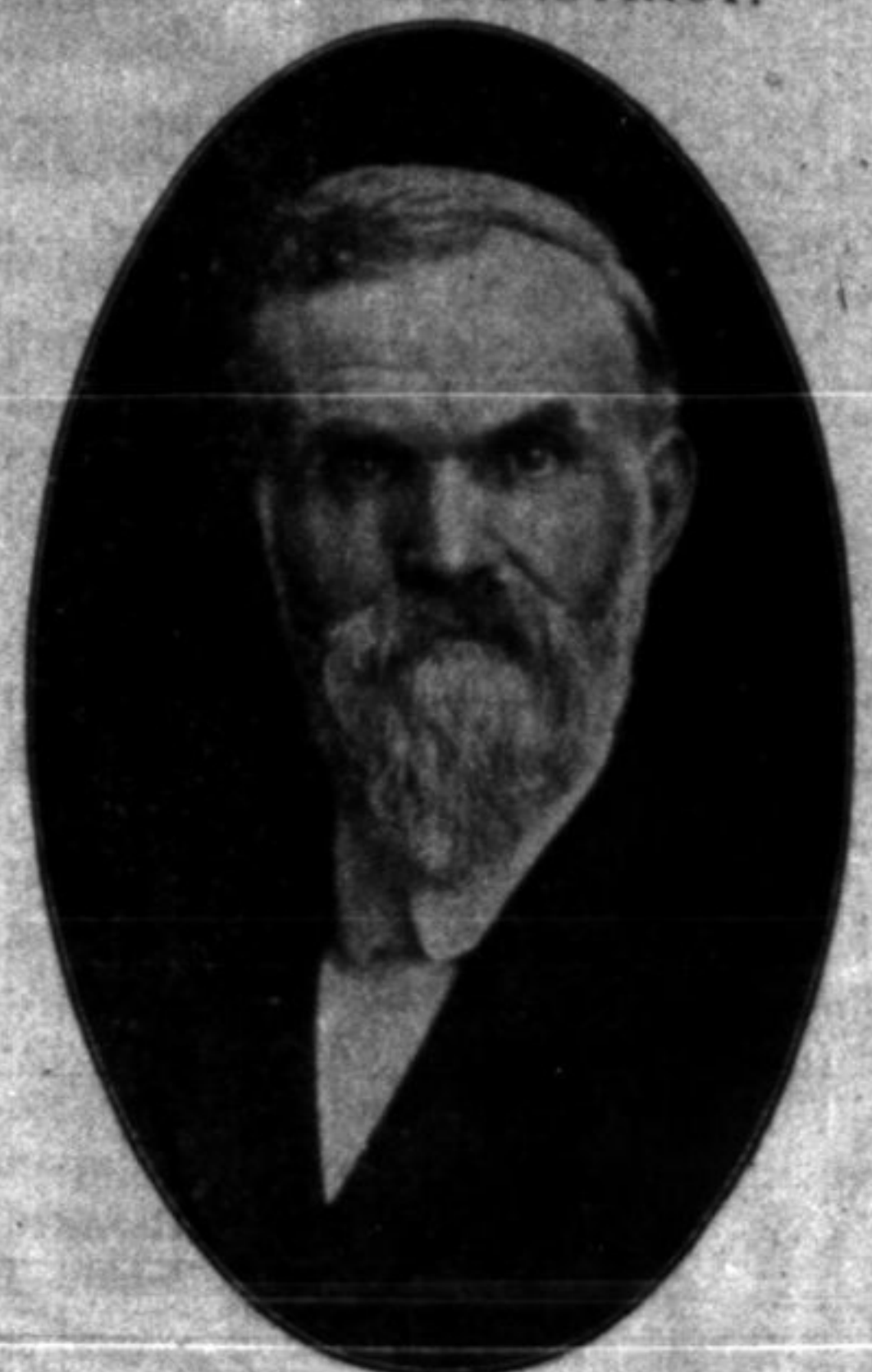
In the larger sphere of world politics, we are entering into new and closer bonds with all the nations of the earth. Who is better qualified than he to lead America to her true position in this later day when the boundaries established in the centuries past are becoming less distinct and kingdoms and races are beginning to realize that they have all one common destiny?

Secretary Taft has exceptional familiarity with conditions in the distant orient—in Japan, in China. We may rest assured that our traditional friendship with Japan will continue. Moreover, the future promises that the slumbering millions of China will awake from the lethargy of ages, and she then will realize that the morning dawn of fresher life and wider outlook comes to her across the broad Pacific from free America, her truest friend and helper. We covet no portion of her territory. We desire from her, as from all nations, increased good will and that mutual respect which knows neither bluster nor cringing on either side. Thus in this new era of larger relations, Secretary Taft, with his comprehension of national and international subjects, would furnish a certainty of peace and sustained prestige. Under him, at home and everywhere, this mighty people would have an assured confidence in the secure development and progress of the country and would rest safe in the reliance that a chief executive was at the helm who, in peace or in war, would guide the destinies of the nation with a strong hand and with a gentle, patriotic heart.

And so to-day, in the presence of more than ten thousand, and with the inspiring thought of the well-nigh ten thousand times ten thousand who dwell within our borders, I nominate for the presidency that perfect type of American manhood, that peerless representative of the noblest idea's in our rational life, William H. Taft, of Ohio.

"Have you got all you want for the cycling picnic?" asked his wife. "Yes, I think so; the lamp, the wrench, the oil—yes." "I knew you'd forget it," she remarked; the most necessary thing for the trip. Here." And she handed him the court plaster.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE EIGHTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.



The undersigned respectfully announces himself a candidate for the Republican nomination as Representative to the General Assembly and will be grateful for the support of the voters.

D. C. COWAN.

Poplar Grove, Ill., June 1, 1908.



WM. P. WEISS

I take this means of declaring my candidacy for the nomination for the office of States Attorney of Lake county. Realizing the importance of this office to the people in general, and appreciating the responsibility thereto attached, I ask your support.

Having practiced law in Lake county for more than twelve (12) years with a good measure of success, and my republicanism never having been in doubt, I feel justified in asking your support on August 8th.

If on the above date I am nominated and in November elected, I shall, during my tenure, make an honest effort to so conduct the affairs of the States Attorney's office as to meet the approval of the entire people.

My oath of office as prescribed by the statutes shall at all times be my platform.

Under the new Primary law which will be in force July 1st, and will therefore govern in August, the people have the absolute power to select the men to make up the Republican ticket, and when you make your mark in front of a candidate's name you are doing that which has heretofore been done by a delegate in convention; so in reality on August 8th, 1908, Lake county will hold the largest convention in its history, and I am particularly anxious to receive the indorsement of that convention.

WM. P. WEISS.