

Fellow Republicans:

I am glad to  
be with you to-night. I ap-  
preciate the honor of ad-  
dressing the <sup>Republican</sup> Lincoln Club.  
To the officers and members  
of this club I extend my  
heartly and sincere thanks  
for the invitation to be with  
you this evening.

I am here, however, not  
so much to speak, as I  
am to meet you, and greet-  
you with a few words of  
encouragement and Congratu-  
lation.



I ~~am~~ have no prepared address to deliver. ~~to-night~~. I am not here to sound a keynote for the great political campaign that will take place in 1912.

I am here ~~not~~ to listen not to talk - to hear rather than to speak - to learn rather than to teach. To get ideas from my constituents rather than to promulgate my own <sup>views</sup> ~~to~~ opinions. I am here to ~~place myself as closely~~ as get in touch with the ~~sentiments of~~ people of my district, to get <sup>information and inspiration</sup> ~~information~~ that I may be able to ~~per~~ <sup>serve</sup> them more effectively, satisfactorily and successfully.



You have named your club after  
 the most illustrious ~~name~~  
 character that embodies the  
 wonderful history of the Repub-  
 lican party. When I was at-  
 tending college I aided in the  
 organization of a literary  
 society. The name chosen  
 for that society was  
 the Franklin - in honor  
 of the great Revolutionary diplo-  
 mat, philosopher, <sup>statesman</sup>, and  
 patriot - Benjamin Franklin.  
 The Latin motto selected for  
 the society was this: Bonum  
Exemplum sequimur - "We



follow a good example."

The Lincoln Republican  
Club might well adapt  
that motto - Bonum Exem-  
plum sequimur - we  
follow a good example.

For you will never go wrong  
as long as you follow the  
teaching and imitate the life  
and character of ~~Abraham~~  
the first great leader of  
the Republican party -  
Abraham Lincoln.



I am not ashamed of the Republican party. I am not here to apologize for it. I glory in its past history and I have faith in its future. I have confidence ~~in~~ in its leaders, and I believe the rank and file of the party have the intelligence, good common sense and the patriotism to settle with ~~any~~ questions or problems ~~about~~ upon which our ~~Republican~~ leaders may differ.

We are too apt to over-estimate the importance of our leaders.

~~A political party is great not for its leadership, but~~  
Great leaders do not make



a great political party.

Rather a great <sup>political</sup> party - ~~Coups~~  
~~producer~~ <sup>make</sup> great leaders. The

strength, and usefulness of  
 a political party depends  
 not upon ~~the~~ a few leaders,  
 but upon ~~the~~ ~~so~~ the intelli-  
gence, and patriotism on  
 the average member of that  
 party, or upon the aggregate  
 intelligence and patriotism of  
 that party. Lincoln, Grant,  
 Garfield, and McKinley did  
 not make the Republican party.  
 These great characters were made  
 by the Republican party. They



great men stand as the pre-  
dict of the party.

During the recent extra ses-  
sion of Congress, there was  
much discussion over the  
bill providing for the ad-  
mission of Arizona and  
New Mexico as states into  
the Union. The initiative,  
referendum, and recall  
provisions of the Arizona con-  
stitution occasioned much  
controversy. ~~I took~~ In a humble  
way I took part in that  
discussion. In these remarks  
I said in reaching my conclusion  
to vote for the admission of these  
territories, I did not regard the



the provision in the proposed  
 State Constitution ~~as~~ as the  
 real test ~~for~~ ~~as to the fitness~~  
 to be applied. That I looked  
 back and began the provisions  
 of the written Constitution  
 to the character of the  
 people. That I, for one, would  
 prefer a good people with  
 a bad Constitution, rather  
 than a bad people with  
 a good Constitution.  
 So the real strength, and greatness  
 and usefulness of a political  
 party depends upon the honesty,  
 intelligence, and patriotism  
 of the members of that party.



and the principle, policies  
for which this member-  
ship stand.

So the rank and file of the  
Republican party from its in-  
ception <sup>down to the present time</sup> ~~has stood~~ <sup>an</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>indisputable</sup>  
for human freedom, for  
equal rights to all men under  
the law, for the enforcement  
and supremacy of the Con-  
stitution and laws of the  
United States, for the honor  
and integrity of the national govern-  
ment, for the protection of every  
American citizen in all his rights,  
at home or abroad, for the bene-



ment of the Nation's debt, and  
for the credit of the Nation,  
for a tariff policy that would  
encourage and stimulate home  
industries, build up American  
markets, furnish employment  
at good wages for our  
working men, maintain  
our higher standards of living  
among the masses of our  
citizenship, and for ~~peace,~~  
~~prosperity, and progress.~~  
any policy, or measure that would  
promote the welfare, and  
happiness of the American  
people.



11.  
In less than one year  
we will be in the midst  
of a great political cam-  
paign. I don't know who  
will be our leader  
in that campaign. I have  
my opinion about the  
matter. I believe it is  
not out of place for  
me to express my opinion.  
The present chief magistrate  
has made the people a  
good President. He has  
had many difficulties  
not unlike to contend,



# 1-2 the Platform on Trusts

...countries that are also agricultural,  
...ecting a custom-house barrier of pro-  
...tariff taxes against the richest coun-  
...the world, that stand ready to take our  
...surplus of products, and to exchange  
...commodities which are necessities and  
...of life among our own people.

## TRUSTS AND COMBINATIONS.

We recognize in the trusts and com-  
...s, which are designed to enable capital  
...more than its just share of the joint  
...of capital and labor, a natural conse-  
...of the prohibitive taxes which prevent  
...competition which is the life of honest  
...at we believe their worst evils can be  
...y law, and we demand the rigid en-  
...t of the laws made to prevent and  
...hem together with such further legis-  
...restraint of their abuses as experi-  
...y show to be necessary.

...e and their employees, and recommend  
...islation as is necessary to carry out this

## TRUSTS AND POOLS.

...sorption of wealth by the few, the  
...ation of our leading railroad systems,  
...formation of trusts and pools require  
...r control by the Federal Government  
...arteries of commerce. We demand  
...gement of the powers of the Interstate  
...ce Commission, and such restriction  
...ntees in the control of railroads as  
...ect the people from robbery and op-



opolies are indefensible and in-  
destroy competition, control  
material and of the finished  
robbing both producer and con-  
cessen the employment of labor.  
fix the terms and conditions  
provide individual energy and a  
of their opportunity for better-  
the most efficient means yet  
ropriating the fruits of industry  
of the few at the expense of the  
unless their insatiate greed is  
alth will be aggregated in a few  
Republic destroyed.

paltering with the trust evil by  
n party in State and national  
clusive proof of the truth of the  
ists are the legitimate product of  
licies, that they are fostered by  
aws, and that they are protected  
blican Administration for cam-  
ions and political support.

he Democratic party to an un-  
re in nation, State, and city  
e monopoly in every form. Ex-  
ist trusts must be enforced and  
ones must be enacted, providing  
as to the affairs of corporations  
erstate commerce, requiring all  
to show, before doing business  
of their origin, that they have  
eir stock and that they have not  
and are not attempting, to monop-  
ch of business or the production  
of merchandise; and the whole  
power of Congress over inter-  
ce, the mails, and all modes of  
ommunication shall be exercised  
ment of comprehensive laws upon  
trusts.

ze that the gigantic trusts and  
designed to enable capital to se-  
n its just share of the joint prod-  
and labor and which have been  
promoted under Republican rule,  
to beneficial competition and an  
ermanent business prosperity. A  
upply is indefensible and intol-

equality of opportunity and free competition are essential to a healthy and permanent commercial prosperity and any trust, monopoly or monopoly tendency to destroy free competition, controlling production, restricting output, or fixing prices should be prohibited by law. We especially condemn discrimination by trans-  
 companies as the most potent factor in promoting and strengthening these  
 piracies against trade.



for an income tax as part of our revenue and we urge the submission of a constitutional amendment specifically authorizing to levy and collect a tax upon individual incomes, to the end that the Interstate Commerce Commission shall be authorized to share of the Commission.

with and approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission shall be unlawful, unless or classification affecting interstate rates, railway agents affecting interstate rates, agreements of traffic or other of a law.

We further declare in favor of a law, complaint has been made to it by the ship power to fix or investigate a rate, interstate Commerce Commission is inadequate by reason of the fact that service. The present law relating to as being more than should be charged its own initiative to declare a rate in the Interstate Commerce Commission effect by the railroad companies, and police and transportation charges.

W--A private monopoly is indefensible and therefore favor the vigorous enforcement of all as the civil law against trusts and trust and the enactment of such additional legislation necessary to make it impossible for a private monopoly to exist in the United States.

declaration by law of the conditions upon which shall be permitted to engage in interstate commerce, among others, the prevention of holding stocklocking directors, of stock watering, of price, and the control by any one corporation of any industry as to make it competitive conditions./x x x



# Republican Platforms on Trusts.

1892

of thought and conscience, of speech and press,  
and approve all laws which shall be passed by Congress  
The World's Columbian Exposition is a great  
THE COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.  
the maximum benefits to the people.  
nation, and occupancy by settlers as will secure  
gressional restrictions as to disposition, rela-  
Territories in which they lie, under such Con-  
laws, of the arid public lands to the States and

1900

credit and to bring once more into question the  
intention of the American people to maintain  
upon the gold standard the parity of their  
money circulation. The Democratic party  
must be convinced that the American people  
will never tolerate the Chicago platform.

## TRUSTS.

We recognize the necessity and propriety of  
the honest cooperation of capital to meet new  
business conditions, and especially to extend  
our rapidly increasing foreign trade; but we  
condemn all conspiracies and combinations in-  
tended to restrict business, to create monop-  
lies, to limit production, or to control prices,  
and favor such legislation as will effectively re-  
strain and prevent all such abuses, protect and  
promote competition, and secure the rights of  
producers, laborers, and all who are engaged  
in industry and commerce.

1904

constitutionally limited, and, if such is the case,  
we demand that representation in Congress and  
in the electoral colleges shall be proportion-  
ately reduced as directed by the Constitution  
of the United States.

## COMBINATIONS OF LABOR AND CAPITAL.

Combinations of capital and of labor are the  
results of the economic movement of the age,  
but neither must be permitted to infringe upon  
the rights and interests of the people. Such  
combinations when lawfully formed for lawful  
purposes are alike entitled to the protection of  
the laws, but both are subject to the laws, and  
neither can be permitted to break them.



Rep.

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1908

every dollar shall be based upon and as good as gold.  
POSTAL SAVINGS.

We favor the establishment of a postal savings bank system for the convenience of the people and the encouragement of thrift.

TRUSTS.

The Republican party passed the Sherman antitrust law over Democratic opposition, and enforced it after Democratic dereliction. It has been a wholesome instrument for good in the hands of a wise and fearless Administration; but experience has shown that its effectiveness can be strengthened and its real objects better obtained by such amendment as will give the Federal Government greater supervision and control over and greater publicity in the management of that class of corporations engaged in interstate commerce having power and opportunity to effect monopolies.

1912

x x x The Republican party favors the enactment of legislation supplementary to the existing Anti-Trust act, which will define as criminal offences those specific acts that uniformly mark attempts to restrain and to monopolize trade, to the end that those who honestly intend to obey the law may have a guide for their action and that those who aim to violate the law may the more surely be punished.

x x x In the enforcement and administration of Federal laws governing interstate commerce and enterprises impressed with a public use engaged therein, there is much that may be committed to a Federal Trade Commission, thus placing in the hands of an administrative board many of the functions now necessarily exercised by the courts. This will promote promptness in the administration of the law and avoid ✓ delays and technicalities incident to court procedure.



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Progressive Party Platform,  
On Trusts

1912

We therefore demand a strong national regulation of interstate corporations. x x x

To that end we urge the establishment of a strong Federal Administrative Commission of high standing, which shall maintain permanent active supervision over industrial corporations engaged in interstate commerce, or such of them as are of public importance, doing for them what the Government now does for the National banks, and what is now done for the railroads by the Interstate Commerce Commission. x x x