

# The Democratic Party Merits Your Confidence

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THE regular Republican party and the new Third Term party are united in an effort to frighten the people into opposition to the Democratic party.

To secure their own ends they are willing to do all in their power to endanger the business of the country and obstruct the spread of prosperity, which, after nearly five years of deep depression, has at last begun to relieve the people; indifferent to the suffering and distress they would cause, if it only tends to promote their own political interests.

Recently the Republican organization published an advertisement extolling the virtues which it claims for its candidate, but which in itself, when properly considered, affords an answer to this false prediction of calamity. This advertisement says:

"When President Taft took over the government the country was prostrate. Industry was paralyzed. Business was chaotic, uncertain, suspicious. Millions were out of employment. Investors, wherever possible, had withdrawn their capital. Enterprise was dead."

Hon. George W. Guthrie, chairman of the Democratic State committee, was busy at his desk in Democratic State headquarters, Harrisburg, the other day, when this subject was brought to his attention. After reading the advertisement carefully he pondered a moment and then said:

Let the people remember. In November, 1907, when the panic to which this article refers and from which we are now slowly recovering, began, there had been an era of almost twelve years of uninterrupted Republican supremacy and the Dingley tariff, with its prohibitory rates, had been in force for ten years; Mr. Roosevelt had still nearly a year and a half to serve as President—the probabilities were that a Republican would be elected to succeed him, and it would be two years before a new Congress could even consider any alterations of the tariff rates then existing.

And yet the panic occurred. It followed nearly twelve years of Republican administration and High Protective tariff for the trusts.

Whatever its cause the Republican party must bear the sole responsibility.

The Republican party, at the time, practically acknowledged that the tariff, for which it was responsible, at least contributed to the distress of business and the suffering of the people, and promised a revision for their relief, which promise Mr. Taft, its candidate, declared meant "a revision downward."

On this promise, so interpreted, the people determined to continue the Republican party in power; but instead of redeeming the promise, the Payne-Aldrich tariff was passed.

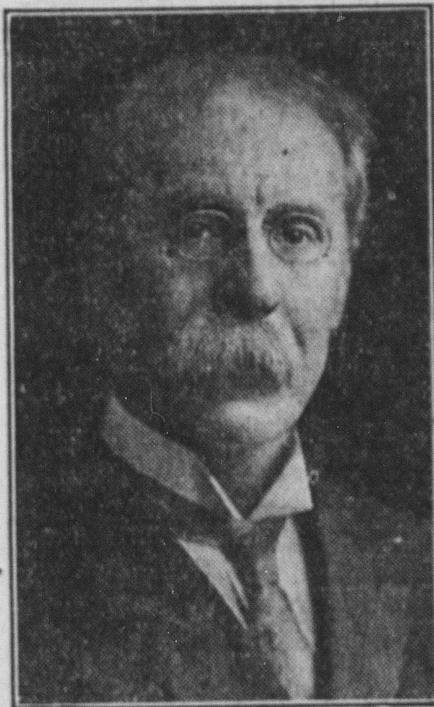
## DEPRESSION CONTINUED

The depression continued and the sufferings of the people were not relieved.

Instead, the earning power of the people decreased and the cost of living increased.

In 1910 the people, voicing their demand for relief which the Republican party had promised but failed to give, elected a Democratic House of Representatives.

When the Democratic House showed that it had the power to agree upon amendments and reductions which a united



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party would support, the hopes of the people revived and from that time to this, when the election of Woodrow Wilson and a Democratic House seems so certain as to be almost conceded, the improvement of business has been continuous.

Now, President McCrea, of the Pennsylvania railroad, states in a public interview, "Prosperity has survived."

In view of the suffering the people have so long endured, this effort, under the direct inspiration of the National Republican administration to destroy confidence and obstruct business, in order to secure a partisan advantage and a continuance of the privileges which a few now enjoy at the expense of the many, is most dishonest and unpatriotic.

Every intelligent man whose views are not perverted by the special privileges which he enjoys under the present law, admits the necessity of a change.

The Republican party has clearly shown that it either will not or cannot make the changes demanded by justice and fair dealing, and which are necessary that the prosperity of the country may continue.

The Democratic party is loyal to the country and desires its best interests above all else. Its representatives are as intelligent and as capable of handling this question wisely as the members of the Republican party, their interest in its prosperity is as great and they have the advantage that they are neither subsidized nor controlled by the "predatory interests of great wealth."

The destiny of the country will be safe in their hands.

What they promise they will do.

In view of the past failures of both Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft, in this regard, the people have no cause to expect anything from them.

## FREE FROM CONTROL

In order that a political party should be the instrument of free government, it must itself be free from any control but that of the people themselves, and at all times responsive to their will.

In order that it should be productive of good government it must be under the leadership of men who have no selfish interests to advance and can be depended upon to act solely for the best interests of the whole people.

Can any citizen of Pennsylvania honestly say that he believes that the Republican machine will be improved in its methods or purposes no matter which of the contending factions wins?

Consider the conduct of their respective candidates.

The "Republican" (?) State candidates have surrendered their right to support the candidates of either faction of President of the United States—even the candidates of the party whose nomination they hold.

It is currently reported and believed that they privately favor the candidate of the Progressive or Washington party, but they still remain on the "Republican" ticket, although they are disloyal to its head. Benedict Arnold remained a general in the Continental army under similar conditions.

In the same way, candidates for Congress, for State Senator and State House of Representatives, have resorted to various expedients to secure and retain nominations on both