

Senator Who Is Selected As Chairman

ELIHU ROOT.



Temporary Chairman, in Keynote Speech, Says Republican Administrations Have Been Faithful.

CHICAGO, June 28.—As soon as the vote making him temporary chairman of the convention was announced, Senator Elihu Root arose. He prefaced his keynote speech with a few extemporaneous remarks.

"Thank you," he said, "and I beg to believe that I deeply appreciate expression of your confidence."

"The law, law," came a guffaw from members of the Pennsylvania delegation brought a group of position in the direction of the speaker.

Senator Root resumed, the entire floor of the hall and gallery was filled with those who remained to hear the speech.

Keynote Speech. Root spoke as follows: "The Republican party, which has so long been the guardian of the liberties of this country, is to be tested by the selection of a candidate."

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Railroad Rate Control.

Upon the recommendation of the president the powers of the interstate commerce commission have been greatly enlarged and control over railroad rates and railroad service made more effective.

The prosecution of the interests and combinations in violation of the Sherman law has gone ahead with extraordinary success. The Standard Oil company has been dissolved by the pure food law, the meat inspection law, the general supervision and control of transportation companies, and the conservation of natural resources.

The chief function of the next administration, in my judgment, is to disengage the government from the entanglement from that which has been performed by President Roosevelt.

The chief function of the next administration is to perfect the machinery by which these standards may be maintained, by which the public interest may be protected and the public purse not be drained and dispatched to interfere with legitimate business as little as possible.

Faithful Observance. There spoke the voice of two Republican administrations and the promise of that declaration has been faithfully observed with painstaking and assiduous care.

Economy in Service. Great reforms have been made in the management of the government. A commission appointed by the president has been examining all the departments of government operating under the tariff, but for the benefit users.

Army and Navy. The army has been more effective. The great process of training the army has been pressed forward to the end that if war unfortunately comes upon us we shall have a great body of trained American citizens, competent to act as officers of the volunteer force upon which we must so largely depend for our military defense.

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Panama Canal. The construction of the Panama canal has been pressed forward with the greatest energy and the concentrated observation of all the civilized world that America possesses constructive genius, organization power and the ability to undertake the greatest of the greatest undertakings.

International Relations. In our foreign relations controversies of almost a hundred years over the northern fisheries have been settled by arbitration at The Hague. The attempt to preserve the further seal life of the Alaskan islands, in which we were defeated, was settled ago in the Berlin sea arbitration.

Up to People. The American people now have to pass, not upon the abuses of the tariff, but on the fundamental question between the two systems of tariff-making.

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Stable Government.

No government must be administered by the weak and fanatics, who will use the power of the government, under the constitution, that for a century and a quarter it has worked out the best results for individual liberty, progress in civilization yet achieved by governmental institutions.

We will maintain the power and honor of the nation, but will observe those limitations which the constitution sets up for the preservation of local self-government. This country is so large and the conditions of life so varied that it would be intolerable if the government were to interfere in our domestic affairs of our home communities, which involve no national rights, controlled by majorities made up of a few thousand individuals away or by the officials of a central government.

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