The
Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League
The Reason for It

For many years the Republican party in the state of California has been under the domination of the political bureau of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and its allied interests.

The railroad influence by means of thorough organization has been able to dictate nominations, elect its creatures to office, and practically control the legislative and administrative departments of the state government; even the judiciary has not been always free from this manipulation.

The railroad and allied interests have not arrogated to themselves the responsibilities incident to manipulating the state government out of any charitable or philanthropic motives. The purpose of this control of government is generally understood by intelligent citizens. Its object is the getting of something for as nearly nothing as possible. The railroad and allied interests have found it cheaper to control legislatures, boards of equalization, railroad commissioners, supervisors and city councils, than to pay what they should for franchises, special privileges and taxes, or to comply generally with the regulations of government applicable to them.

It is an old story which the people, not alone of California but of the whole United States, have become pretty well accustomed to and ashamed of in recent years; but hardly in any other state has the influence of one great corporation been so predominant.

Primary
August 11, 1905
ITS BEGINNING.

Gradually it dawned upon those leaders in the Republican party who have been working against the "machine," as the railroad organization is called, that Organization Must Be Met by Organization, and that only through a centralized, harmonious and equally well organized effort could the control of the Republican party be restored to the Republican voters.

With this ultimate object in view, on August 1st, 1907, about fifty representative Republicans from all sections of the State met at Oakland, and organized the League of Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican Clubs, with the following platform of principles:

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PLATFORM OF PRINCIPLES OF THE LEAGUE OF LINCOLN-ROOSEVELT REPUBLICAN CLUBS OF CALIFORNIA.

Whereas, The organization and control of the Republican party of the State of California has fallen into the hands of the Political Bureau of the Southern Pacific Company, which has thus usurped functions and powers of right belonging to the Republican party and its membership; and

Whereas, We have unbounded faith in the ability of that great party to govern itself, and resent this gross usurpation of privilege; therefore, be it

Resolved, We do hereby pledge anew our fealty to the principles of the Republican party and proclaim the following in order that "Government of the people, by the people and for the people may not perish from the earth."

The immediate and essential purposes of the League of Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican Clubs of California are:

1. The emancipation of the Republican party in California from domination by the Political Bureau of the Southern Pacific Railway Company and allied interests, and the reorganization of the State Committee to that end.

2. The selection of delegates to the next Republican National Convention pledged to vote and to work for the nomination of a candidate for President known to be truly committed to and identified with President Roosevelt's policies, and to oppose the nomination of any reactionary candidate styled "safe and sane" by the great corporate interests.

3. The election of a free, honest and capable Legislature, truly representative of the common interests of the people of California.

4. The pledging of all delegates to conventions against the iniquitous practice of "trading" whereby political bosses effect nominations by bargain and sale, and the enactment of legislation penalizing such practices.

5. The enactment by the next Legislature of such laws as will give voters an advisory voice in the election of United States Senators until such time as an amendment to the National Constitution shall make that voice direct and absolute, which amendment we favor.

6. The pledging of candidates for the Legislature to the enactment of such a primary election law as shall afford the party voter a direct voice in the selection of party candidates.

The platform is direct, clear and explicit. All fair-minded Republicans who honor the ideals of Lincoln, Roosevelt and Taft, and who regard the preservation of government of the people, by the people and for the people in its full integrity to be the first duty of American citizenship, can indorse this
statement of principles.
The organizers of this movement saw that if the people of California were to be assured of the sincerity of the Lincoln-Roosevelt League, one thing in particular was essential—it was necessary to make a clean-cut declaration of opposition to the Southern Pacific Railroad as a factor in politics. It should be distinctly understood, however, that the movement is not directed against the Southern Pacific as a corporation, but only against the Southern Pacific as a political power. The Lincoln-Roosevelt League recognizes that the Southern Pacific Railroad, as a transportation enterprise, is a valued factor in the material development of the state. In all of its legitimate aims and objects the Southern Pacific Railroad, and any railroad or other corporation, has nothing to fear from the Lincoln-Roosevelt League, and nothing to expect but encouragement. The men active in this movement are not radicals, nor have they any envy of success or wealth honestly acquired. Many of them are large property owners and taxpayers themselves. They propose to see, however, that the railroad and its allied interests attend to their own business, and allow the real Republicans of California to run the Republican party. All that is asked for is A SQUARE DEAL.

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PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.
The organizers of the movement, however, did not content themselves with promulgating a declaration of principles, but adopted at the same time a comprehensive and thorough plan of organization for the whole state.
The Plan of Organization provides for state officers, a state executive committee, and a state central committee of one hundred and fifty, composed of one member from each of the eighty assembly districts in the state and seventy members at large. Each assembly district committeeman is responsible for the organization of clubs in his assembly district.

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The officers of the State League are as follows:
President, Frank R. Devlin, Vallejo.
First Vice President, Byron Mauzy, San Francisco.
Second Vice President, Harold T. Power, Auburn.
Third Vice President, Lee C. Gates, Los Angeles.
Secretary, Chester H. Rowell, Fresno.
Secretary for Southern California, Charles W. Bell, Pasadena.

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THE MEN BEHIND THE GUNS.
The men behind the guns in this battle for independence comprise practically all the leading Republicans of the State who are not affiliated with the machine organization, as well as many other citizens who have not hitherto participated in party movements in state or county, but who are now working with the League because they see that the Republican party is the dominant party in California, and that a League victory within the Republican party means free, honest, efficient, progressive government for the state.
The following men are among those who are taking an active part in the League work:
Herbert Raynes, Siskiyou.
Charles P. Cutten, Eureka.
Ralph W. Bull, Eureka.
A. Putnam, Ferndale.
Col. E. A. Forbes, Marysville.
Harold T. Power, Auburn.
Jacob H. Neff, Placer.
Mayor Clinton L. White, Sacramento.
A. L. Shinn, Sacramento.
A. B. Nye, State Controller, Sacramento.
Irving Martin, Stockton.
Frank R. Devlin, Vallejo.
B. B. Tuttle, Yolo.
C. M. Belshaw, Antioch.
Byron Mauzy, San Francisco.
Rolla V. Watt, San Francisco.
Marshall Hale, San Francisco.
W. D. Fennimore, San Francisco.
Charles S. Wheeler, San Francisco.
George L. Center, San Francisco.
Dr. Hugh Lagan, San Francisco.
Philip Bancroft, San Francisco.
Francis J. Heney, San Francisco.
Frank W. Marvin, San Francisco.
A. H. Breed, Oakland.
Mayor Frank K. Mott, Oakland.
W. R. Davis, Oakland.
George C. Pardee, Oakland.
Guy C. Earl, Oakland.
C. A. Snook, Oakland.
Dr. H. B. Mehrmann, Oakland.
Fred W. Foss, Berkeley.
Max Thelen, Berkeley.
Prof. C. D. Marx, Palo Alto.
Marshall Black, Palo Alto.
Chester H. Rowell, Fresno.
W. R. Williams, State Treasurer, Fresno.
A. M. Drew, Fresno.
W. F. Chandler, Fresno.
Warren M. John, San Luis Obispo.
E. O. Larkin, Tulare.
S. C. Smith, Bakersfield.
Lee C. Gates, Los Angeles.
W. J. Hunsaker, Los Angeles.
Walter Haas, Los Angeles.

Sidney A. Butler, Los Angeles.
George Alexander, Los Angeles.
Stoddard Jess, Los Angeles.
F. Q. Story, Los Angeles.
Oscar C. Mueller, Los Angeles.
Waldo M. York, Los Angeles.
Leslie R. Hewitt, Los Angeles.
Walter Mallard, Los Angeles.
Russ Avery, Los Angeles.
R. D. Wade, Los Angeles.
M. Lissner, Los Angeles.
Gilbert S. Wright, Los Angeles.
A. J. Wallace, Los Angeles.
Walter J. Wren, Los Angeles.
Marshall Stimson, Los Angeles.
Harry J. Leland, Los Angeles.
W. R. Valentine, Los Angeles.
S. C. Graham, Los Angeles.
W. L. Jones, Los Angeles.
J. W. Kemp, Los Angeles.
Henry Henderson, Los Angeles.
Robert Mitchell, Los Angeles.
A. T. Currier, Spadra.
George W. Marston, San Diego.
W. A. Sloane, San Diego.
Edgar A. Luce, San Diego.
J. L. Sehon, San Diego.
Geo. A. Gates, Claremont.
John Wasson, Pomona.
E. P. Clark, Riverside.
H. W. Johnstone, Redlands.
Thomas R. Bard, Ventura.
A. J. Crookshank, Santa Ana.
J. Beatty, Jr., Santa Ana.
P. F. Coggswell, El Monte.
Chas. Teague, Santa Paula.
Chas. W. Bell, Pasadena.
J. Perry Wood, Pasadena.
W. A. Johnstone, San Dimas.
N. Emmet May, Long Beach.
John M. Eshelman, Imperial County.

These names are a guarantee to the people of the State of California of the honesty and
character of the Lincoln-Roosevelt movement.

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WHAT IT IS.

The Lincoln-Roosevelt movement is a movement within the Republican party. It is a movement by Republicans for the purpose of reclaiming the Republican party. The real battle will be fought at the August 11th primaries, and the Lincoln-Roosevelt organization will abide by the result of the primary elections, which are really the most important elections that are held. It is proposed to see to it that the Republicans voting at the primaries know WHAT they are voting for and WHOM they are voting for. It is proposed to bring out and endorse in advance of the primaries the best available candidates for the legislature and other offices, whose consent can be secured, and the delegates to conventions endorsed by the Lincoln-Roosevelt League will be pledged not alone to stand for the principles of the League, but to do all in their power to secure the nomination of the clean, capable, and conscientious men who will be endorsed by the various Lincoln-Roosevelt clubs. There will be at least one club in every assembly district in the state.

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WHAT IT IS NOT.

The most natural attack against a reform movement is, of course, to discredit the motives of men who organize it.

One thing it is desired to especially emphasize: This movement is not in the interest of any man's personal ambition for United States senator, or any other office, nor is it supported by any special interest.

It is not an "independent" or "non-parti-
San Jose Mercury,
Stockton Record,
Santa Cruz Sentinel,
Fresno Republican,
Fresno Tribune,
Bakersfield Echo,
Ventura Free Press,
Santa Barbara Independent,
Oxnard Courier,
Modesto Herald,
Riverside Press,
Redlands Facts,
Redlands Citrograph,
San Diego News,
San Diego Sun,
Antioch Ledger,
Anaheim Gazette,
Artesia News,
Alhambra Advocate,
Azusa Pomotropic,
Brawley News,
Calexico Chronicle,
Chico Enterprise,
Clovis Tribune,
El Monte Gazette,
Escondido Times,
Escondido Advocate,
Eureka Times,
Eureka Standard,
Folsom City Telegram,
Fowler Ensign,
Gilroy Advocate,
Glendale News,
Glendora Gleaner,
Hanford Sentinel,
Highland Messenger,
Hollywood Sentinel,
Huntington Park Leader,
Inglewood Times,
Livermore Herald,
Madera Mercury,
Marysville Appeal,
Monrovia News,
Orange News,
Oroville Register,
Palo Alto Times,
Pomona Times,
Red Bluff News,
Richmond Leader,
Santa Ana Blade,
Santa Ana Register,
San Dimas Eagle,
San Fernando Press,
Santa Paula Chronicle,
Sawtelle Enterprise,
Sawtelle Sentinel,
Selma Enterprise,
Selma Irrigator,
Sierra Madre News,
South Pasadena Pasadenaen,
Solano Courier,
Tulare Register,
Vacaville Reporter,
Venice Vanguard,
Visalia Delta,
Watsonville Pajaronian,
Whittier News,
Whittier Register,
Wilmington Journal,
Yreka Journal.

This organized movement for clean methods has so appealed to the popular conscience that many Democratic and independent newspapers have endorsed the movement and wished it success. In fact, the issue in the state of California is one upon which men of all parties may agree. As was said by Governor Hughes in his appeal last year to the voters of New York to rescue his state from the evils of bossism: “It is not an issue of the Republican record. It is not an issue of Republican principles or of Democratic principles. It is not a partisan issue at all. It is the vital issue of decent government. It is an issue which should array on one side all the lovers of truth, of sobriety, and of honest reform, be they Republicans, Democrats or independents.”
THE MAY PRIMARIES.

Where the people were given an opportunity of expressing their choice at the May primaries, the League received overwhelming vindication.

Two-thirds of the elected delegates to the Sacramento convention were nominated by the League clubs. It was only by unlawfully ordering subservient county committees to appoint delegates that the machine by a narrow margin controlled the convention. The League had a majority of the delegates from over forty of the eighty assembly districts in the state, and so named about one-half the members of the Republican State Central Committee. The May primaries constituted merely a great preliminary skirmish, but the result fully justified the League in its mission, and demonstrated that true Republican sentiment in the state emphatically and enthusiastically approves of the League.

All of the enthusiasm at the Sacramento convention came from the camp of the Leaguers. The long faces were exhibited by the Railroad Republicans. The sentiment seemed to be that if the League, with an admittedly imperfect organization, in its first brush against veteran machinists, could make the showing it did, nothing could prevent an overwhelming victory at the August primaries, and the nomination and election of the first honest and truly representative legislature that California has had in a generation.

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THE SACRAMENTO CONVENTION.

The convention consisted of 629 delegates. George A. Knight, the machine candidate for chairman, received 351 votes; W. R. Davis, of Oakland, the Lincoln-Roosevelt candidate, received 275 votes; three votes were not cast. The organization selected three out of the four delegates-at-large to the National Convention at Chicago, and George A. Knight has appointed on the executive committee of the State Central Committee—the real governing body of the party—twenty-five dyed-in-the-wool machine men. In its first preliminary skirmish the Lincoln-Roosevelt League, as it expected, suffered defeat. But what caused the defeat? And was it an utter rout, or was it the kind of a defeat that spells victory? Let us see.

Of the 629 delegates in the convention, only 249 were elected at primaries held under the provisions of the law. The other 380 delegates were either appointed out of hand by county committees, generally affiliated with the state machine, or were programmed by these same committees at "unofficial primaries." The following table shows the places in which primary elections were held under the law, and the number of delegates elected by the Lincoln-Roosevelt League and the machine respectively:

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These figures show that where the people, under the law, were given an opportunity to
vote for delegates, they voted overwhelm-
ingly in favor of the Lincoln-Roosevelt Re-
publican League, and against the Herrin
machine. The total vote cast tells the same
story. In San Francisco the League polled
9,303 votes, and its opponents 7,682; in Al-
ameda County, 5,103 votes were cast for the
League delegates, and only 3,079 for the
opposition; in Los Angeles County, the
League polled 11,250 votes, and the machine
9,912 votes; and in that portion of Los An-
geles County in which the primary law is
mandatory,* consisting of the cities of Los
Angeles and Pasadena, the League polled
6,688, and the machine 6,336 votes. The
machinery of the Republican party is still
with Herrin, but the great mass of the Re-
publican electors of the state are with the
League.

THE VOTE AT THE MAY PRIMARIES,
AS ABOVE INDICATED, SHOWS CON-
CLUSIVELY THAT THE LEAGUE IS NOW
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF CALIFOR-
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

At the May primary election the Lincoln-
Roosevelt Republican League controlled the
dlegates to the Sacramento convention
from the following five Assembly Districts
in Los Angeles County: the 67th, 68th, 70th,
72nd and 74th districts, losing the 75th dis-
trict by only 12 votes, and the 69th district
by a very small margin. A difference of
100 votes would have given the League
30 more delegates to the State conven-
tion.

At the primary election on August 11,
the League hopes and feels sure that it
will do a great deal better in Los Angeles
county than it did in May. Our organiza-
tion at all in the May primaries, and re-
cieved no votes, we now have strong clubs.
With the help of free, independent, un-
bossed Republicans the Lincoln-Roosevelt
Republican League hopes to break control
of the Herrin machine in Los Angeles
county.

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TAFT AND SHERMAN.

On January 10, 1908, months before the
Sacramento convention, the Lincoln-Roose-
velt Republican League endorsed William H.
Taft for President, as the man most likely
and most able to continue the policies of
Theodore Roosevelt. From that day until
the adjournment of the Sacramento conven-
tion the League strongly and persistently
advocated the candidacy of Taft. The Her-
rin-controlled State Central Committee, on
the other hand, on January 20, 1908, refused
even to consider a resolution drawn by
Colonel E. A. Forbes endorsing Taft. On
the morning before the Sacramento conven-
tion M. H. De Young's "Chronicle" made the
machine's last effort to stay the Taft tide
by coming out with an editorial in favor of
an uninstructed delegation, as opposed to a
degligation instructed for Taft. But the Lin-
coln-Roosevelt League's work in creating
sentiment throughout the state for Taft was
so effective that the Sacramento convention,
in spite of the machine control, was forced
to pledge California to Taft. The Lincoln-
Roosevelt Republican League renews its al-
legiance to Taft, and will do all in its power
to secure the election of William H. Taft and
James S. Sherman.

The assumption of the name "Taft Repub-
licans" by railroad Republicans is an impu-
dent attempt to use the name and popularity
of Mr. Taft to pull machine chestnuts out of
the fire.
RESULTS ACCOMPLISHED.

In this first brush of its campaign the League may fairly claim to have accomplished the following results:

1. Although the Southern Pacific political machine hates Rooseveltian policies, the sentiment created throughout the state by the Lincoln-Roosevelt League compelled the pledges of California to William H. Taft.

2. Although the League is only a "baby" organization, and was fighting its first skirmish, it came within forty votes of controlling the convention.

3. The League broke the slate by the election of "Uncle Jake" Neff as one of the four delegates-at-large to Chicago, and Charles S. Wheeler, the distinguished lawyer of San Francisco, as one of the four alternates.

4. The result of the primary election in May shows that the League is now the Republican party in California, as distinguished from the machinery of that party.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

The great immediate work now ahead of the League is to give to the people of California an honest, capable and unbossed legislature. To that end the League will bend all its efforts between now and the date of the next primary election, on August 11th. The result of the Sacramento convention and the great strides forward which the League has taken since then would seem to justify the high hopes of the League that it will be able to do this immense service to the state.

HOW TO VOTE AT THE PRIMARY.

To vote the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican ticket at the primary election on August 11:

1. Take the pasters which will be mailed to you by the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League or which will be handed to you by a League man. This pasters will contain the names of delegates to the congressional district, state and county conventions.

2. Step into the polling place, give the clerk your name and voting number, and ask for a ballot marked "Republican."

3. Step in the voting booth and paste the pasters onto the ballot in its appropriate place. Names may be written onto the ballot with pen or pencil, but this method is too laborious if pasters are on hand.

4. Fold your ballot, step out of the voting booth and give your ballot to the ballot clerk.

These instructions apply only to cities like Los Angeles and Pasadena, where the primary election law is in force. In the country precincts the primaries are "official" and are held under the supervision of the Republican County Central Committeemen. No ballots are furnished to voters by the election officers, and only delegates to the county convention are voted for.

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A CALL TO ARMS.

The fight is on. On the one side are ranged the forces of Herrinism, generated and captained by the paid employees of the Southern Pacific political bureau and the leaders of the allied county machines. On the other hand stands the great rank and file of the Republican party of California, hitherto deprived of any real voice in the government of the party and the State, but now demanding that those who have used
the great old party for their own selfish and mercenary interests shall be cast out and that the government of the party and of the State shall be brought back to the people.

In this great struggle the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League asks and feels that it has a right to expect the help of all right-minded citizens. The League asks you to vote and work on August 11th for the delegates to conventions endorsed by the League clubs, to the end that government of the people, by the people and for the people may not perish in California.

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HEADQUARTERS.

Headquarters for Southern California and Los Angeles county have been established at rooms 503 - 506, No. 524 South Spring street, Los Angeles, where anyone so desiring may join the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican club in his district, and information will be cheerfully given.

Phone numbers — Sunset, Main 1292; Home, F 1292.

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THE LEAGUE'S LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM.

In accordance with the announced intention of the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League to give Republican voters an opportunity to know what they are voting for at the August primaries, the Los Angeles County Central Committee of the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League has adopted the following as its legislative platform for the ensuing term of the legislature:

1. The enactment of a direct primary election law whereby all elective officers shall be nominated by direct vote of the people, provided assembly constitutional amendment Number 3 shall be adopted at the general election in November, 1908.

2. A bill providing that the voters of California, acting within their respective parties, may cast an advisory vote for United States senator and that the candidate receiving the largest number of votes of his party, shall be declared the party nominee for such office.

3. The enactment of such laws as will penalize any violation of the provision of Section 21, Article 12, of the Constitution forbidding rebates and discriminations by transportation companies, but which section, for twenty-nine years, by the neglect of the legislature, has remained a dead letter and utterly inoperative.

4. A reciprocal demurrage bill, modeled after the Texas car law and substantially embodied in Assembly Bill 225, which failed to pass the legislature of 1907, providing that railroads must pay shippers damages for failure to deliver cars to them for the transportation of goods within a reasonable time after such cars have been ordered.

5. The enactment of a law modeled after the Hepburn Railroad Rate Law, which shall fully penalize and prevent the granting of any form of free transportation to any person except railroad commissioners and such persons as are excepted by said Hepburn Law.

6. The enactment of a stringent antiracetrack gambling law.
WHAT THE NEWSPAPERS SAY ABOUT
THE LINCOLN-ROOSEVELT
REPUBLICAN LEAGUE.

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FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO CALL.

The Call is in entire sympathy with the
avowed purpose of the League of Lincoln-
Roosevelt Republican Clubs. This paper has
no quarrel with the Southern Pacific Com-
pany as a transportation enterprise. It has
an unrelenting quarrel with the Southern
Pacific Company, and with any other corpo-
ration that attempts to advantage itself
through the corruption of public servants or
control of political parties.

The Southern Pacific Company, through
its political bureau, does dominate the Rep-
ublican party in California, and through its
domination of the Republican party abso-
lutely controls the acts of the legislature as
well as those of administrative departments
of the state government.

The Call's fight has been and will continue
to be for a free Republican party—not for a
new party, nor for secession from the Re-
publican party.

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FROM THE OAKLAND ENQUIRER.

The Lincoln-Roosevelt League is a spon-
taneous revolt against the dictation of self-
constituted political bosses and corporation
agents.

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FROM THE LOS ANGELES EXPRESS.

The Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League
is not alone a revolt of conscientious Repub-
licans against machine rule and Southern
Pacific control of the party organization. It
has even a deeper and wider significance
than the redemption of the dominant polit-
ical party from the clutches of a selfish and
mercenary railroad corporation. It is an
earnest effort to secure better government
than California has had in the past or is
likely to have until the Southern Pacific is
driven from power in every quarter of the
state. It means a return to "government of
the people, by the people and for the peo-
ple," the policy for which Lincoln gave his
life, and for which Theodore Roosevelt has
so heroically battled.

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FROM THE LOS ANGELES NEWS.

It is to be distinctly understood that the
Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League is not
a political organization with ambition to be-
come a party. Its members are Republicans,
who believe in the Republican party and its
principles, but reserve the right to band to-
gether for the nomination and election of
men who will legislate in the interest of the
people. It is organized in the name of clean
politics, and has no other object than prying
off the tentacles of an octopus that threat-
ens to throttle the ship of state.

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FROM THE LOS ANGELES HERALD
(Democratic)

All good citizens will rejoice to see suc-
cess attend the efforts of the Lincoln-Roose-
velt Republican League to shake off the
yoke of railroad domination, which has af-
fected the history of politics in Southern
California for many years.

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FROM THE PACIFIC OUTLOOK.

The remarkable success which has at-
tended the work of the Lincoln-Roosevelt
Republican League thus far has opened the
eyes of the Southern Pacific political bureau
to the fact that to retain its strangle hold upon the people of this state it must engage in the greatest fight in its career.

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FROM THE HIGHLAND PARK HERALD, LOS ANGELES.

The only organization which is opposing the continuance of the manipulation of the Republican party for the benefit of the Southern Pacific Railroad is the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League, which proposes to purify the party of Lincoln and Roosevelt by deposing from the high places in its councils the Harriman brood of intruders.

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FRESNO REPUBLICAN.

Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League, timely, popular, and independent, striving to accomplish within a party the reform which that party confessedly needs, and a success from the very beginning, is now accepted as the center around which all the sound political life of California will immediately gather. Instead of needing a boss, a campaign fund and a shrieking organ, the League has expanded of its own momentum without any other force than its own cause, until the movement now fills the minds of the people of California.

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SACRAMENTO STAR.

As the reformer of the Republican party in California, the Star wishes the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League Godspeed. That the old party, which has submitted to the dictation of Bill Herrin, and other agents of unholy political influence, needs reform, everybody knows. That the personnel of the League stands for higher and better things than the "organization," we firmly believe.

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SACRAMENTO BEE.

The organization of a Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League to oppose railroad domination of the Republican party in California is a good thing. This League deserves the support of every honest and independent Republican in the state; in fact, of every good citizen, irrespective of party.

This paper wishes all success to the movement.

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WATERHOUSE'S PAPER, SACRAMENTO, CAL.

The Lincoln-Roosevelt League is doing a strikingly good work in attempting to compel a house-cleaning within party lines. May it win out, and may it educate the Southern Pacific Company up to an appreciation of the fact that its business should be limited to running a railroad, and must not include the ownership of political parties.

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STOCKTON RECORD.

It is not often in political movements of the people that they are so well entrenched for battle with the enemy as are the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican Leaguers.

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SAN DIEGO NEWS.

The Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League is committed and consecrated by its very name to all that is best in American patriotism and manhood, and stands for an ideal of civic duty and responsibility which is recognized as the present hope of popular government.
RIVERSIDE PRESS.
The only banner of reform yet raised is that of the Lincoln-Roosevelt League, and it is possible by concerted effort and co-operation to make that organization a power for good in the politics of California.

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BERKELEY INDEPENDENT.
The Berkeley Independent heartily approves of the movement started by the Leauge of Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican Clubs of California.

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BERKELEY GAZETTE.
The mission of the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League is to eliminate whatsoever of a hurtful nature that may have crept into the party, and restore the organization to its old place in the confidence of the people. It is not for men, but for principles, that the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League is contending.

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PASADENA NEWS.
A movement has been inaugurated within the Republican party known as the Lincoln-Roosevelt League, the object of which is to repudiate and renounce the state Republican organization, alias the "Southern Pacific machine," and by dispensing with the services of the Southern Pacific cabinet of hirelings, including our own Walter Parker, give the Republicans of this state an opportunity to elect men of their own selection.

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PASADENA STAR.
As the object of the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League is to wrest the party organization from the control and manipulation of a rascally ring—to oppose the movement is to stand by the political ring.

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SANTA BARBARA INDEPENDENT.
When a small number of earnestly public-spirited California citizens assembled at Oakland August 1, and organized themselves into an association which they styled the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League, they inaugurated a movement which may, if continued upon the broad plans then announced, lead to the emancipation of California from political and commercial servitude to the Southern Pacific Railroad and its allied corporations.

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VENTURA FREE PRESS.
The Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League of the state is making headway for cleanliness in politics. A thorough organization has been effected all over the state, and it has been no trouble to find men who can stand at the head for decency in politics and for Republicanism without railroad domination.

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MODESTO HERALD.
The Lincoln-Roosevelt League movement is a cause worthy of the best efforts and the moral and material support of every member of the party not allied with the "machine."

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OXNARD COURIER.
The unsubsidized Republican press of the state is flocking to the support of the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League.

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SANTA ANA BLADE.
To rescue the Republican party in California from the control of a foreign corporation, the Southern Pacific and its political
machine, dominated by William F. Herrin, a Democrat, and to make the will of the people supreme in the councils of the party, is the mission of the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League.

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VACAVILLE REPORTER.

The Lincoln-Roosevelt League has a herculean task before it, but if it demonstrates its honesty and sincerity of purpose, every Republican in the state who glories in the past history of his party, and hopes to see it go on to still greater victories in the future, should lend this movement his earnest support.

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WATSONVILLE PARAJONIAN.

The Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican movement in California, representing as it does a protest against the control of the Republican organization in this state by corporate interests, and the demand for a return to the principle of people's rule, has evoked a general and sympathetic response everywhere throughout the state.

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POMONA TIMES.

The Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League means business on right political lines. It means to rescue the Republican organization of California from the political domination of the Southern Pacific.

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SAN FERNANDO PRESS.

Throughout the state there is no question but that the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League will cut a wide swath in the coming campaign.

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SAN DIMAS EAGLE.

The Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League is republican in inception and purpose—is composed of the best citizens as well as the best Republicans.

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EL MONTE GAZETTE.

At the next general election the Espee machine for making governors of California will be smashed into smithereens.

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SAN FRANCISCO BULLETIN.

Suppression and extermination of the corrupt rule of the Southern Pacific Railroad in the state of California and the restoration of government to the people is the avowed intention of the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League. It desires the election of a free and honest legislature. In short, it stands for the emancipation of the Republican party in California from the domination of the political bureau of the Southern Pacific.

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WHITTIER NEWS.

The Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League seeks and deserves the support of all who desire good government under Republican administration.

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WHITTIER REGISTER.

The rank and file of the party are with the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League, and they are going to restore the Republican party to the people.
WHO ARE REGULARS?
FROM THE FULLERTON NEWS.

The machine politician is prone to pose as the only dyed-in-the-wool "regular" Republican and accuse the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republicans with being outlaws and soreheads and questions their standing in the party. The editor of the News is not a member of the Lincoln-Roosevelt League and does not intend to join that organization, although he believes it to be doing excellent work. We know a number of men who do belong to the League and we know their Republicanism to be unquestioned.

This sort of cheap talk has called out a stirring statement from W. R. Davis of Oakland, in which he says:

"I have recently heard remarks from certain persons, pluming themselves on being 'regulars.' I know that some of them are extremely regular. They are regulars in drawing salaries from the city, county or state.

"They are regulars in opposing Republicans who do not think as they do. They are regulars in fighting any movement inaugurated for the purpose of accomplishing something that would be of benefit to all the people and not the privileged few. They are regulars in opposing independent men who think and act for themselves. They are regulars in taking orders from machine sources. "Since when has it become irregular for any Republican or any voter to express himself as he sees fit in speech and to register his convictions at the polls?"

"The Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League stands for Taft and Sherman and the Republican party, and will be found fighting for these all the way and all the time. It will be well if as much can be said for the machine."

What the correspondent of the Los Angeles Times said about Southern Pacific control of the Legislature in 1907.

"The most disgusting feature of the entire session was the prominent part played by Walter Parker and Jere Burke of the Southern Pacific Railroad Lobby. It can be said in absolute truth that they directed the majority in both houses as to the course it should take on every bill of any importance. Once in a while some independent Senator, and there were less than ten of these out of the membership of forty, would embarrass the body by the introduction of a bill or an amendment that was unsatisfactory to the railroad company. Burke would proceed to get busy. Through the sergent-at-arms or some other trusted attaché, he would send a message to one of the tribe wearing the collar—usually Leavitt of Oakland—and the word quickly would pass through the house that this particular measure should be killed. It was.

It was the inexorable roll call that measured every man in each house of the Legislature. The roll call on strictly railroad measures told the tale. It proved that more than thirty out of forty Senators, and that over fifty out of seventy-nine Assemblymen (one having died) could be depended upon to 'take programme'."
YOU CAN HELP

restore representative
government to California.

HOW?

BY VOTING

the ticket endorsed by
the Lincoln-Roosevelt
Republican League at
the primary election on

August 11th, 1900.