

## Republican National Platform.

**T**HE platform adopted by the Republican National Convention at Chicago, June 22, declares constant adherence to the following principles:—

“Protection which guards and develops our industries is a cardinal policy of the



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For the first time the voice for the presidency.

Republican party. The measure of protection should always at least equal the difference in the cost of production at home and abroad. We insist upon the maintenance

of the principles of protection and, therefore, rates of duty should be readjusted only when conditions have so changed that the public interest demands their alteration, but, this work cannot safely be committed to other hands than those of the Republican party. To entrust it to the Democratic party is to invite disaster. Whether, as in 1892, the Democratic party declared the protective tariff unconstitutional or whether it demands tariff reform or tariff revision, its real object is always the destruction of the protection system. However specious the name the purpose is ever the same. A Democratic tariff has always been followed by business adversity, a Republican tariff by business prosperity. To a Republican Congress and a Republican president this great question can be safely entrusted. When the only great free trade country among the great nations agitates a return to protection, the chief protective country should not falter in maintaining it.

“We have extended widely our foreign markets, and we believe in the adoption of all practical methods for their further extension, including commercial reciprocity, wherever reciprocal arrangements can be effected consistent with the principles of protection and without injury to American agriculture, American labor, or any American industry.

“We believe it to be the duty of the Republican party to uphold the gold standard and the integrity and value of our national currency. The maintenance of the gold standard, established by the Republican party, cannot safely be committed to the Democratic party, which resisted its adoption and has never given any proof since that time of belief in it or fidelity to it.

“While every other industry has prospered under the fostering aid of republican