Why?

I. The Times champions the electorate of Charles Evans Hughes because he is a great champion of liberty and the freedom of our nation; because his purposes are patriotic; because, while it opposes class legislation against capital, it is the best and staunchest friend that labor ever had; because its restoration to power will, when the Repub- lic perished in a state of obscurity, "dig the finger of God into the ephialtic slumber, and the land filled with the music of contented and well-paid toil.

II. The Times supports the Republican party because its history is the history of the Reconstruction, and it has safeguarded the freedom of our nation; because its purposes are patriotic; because, while it opposes class legislation against capital, it is the best and staunchest friend that labor ever had; because its restoration to power will, when the Repub- lic perished in a state of obscurity, "dig the finger of God into the ephialtic slumber, and the land filled with the music of contented and well-paid toil.

III. The Times favors the Republican party because under its wise guidance starve millions are kept from starvation; the comforts of life are multiplied; all the sources, millions have been added to our wealth, city after city has been developed from villages, the land has been leased with a network of iron rails, and the grand diapason of free labor has been made to sound throughout the land. The Times favors the Republican party because, under its inspiration, the United States, once a collection of wretched and discordant commonwealths, once shamed with slavery and decrepit with the disease of recession, have become a country which will win the admiration and respect of nations. A political system, upheld by the band of power, where no man dots his last to another except through the courtesy of equals, where education is free, where manhood is respected, and where toil is properly rewarded.

IV. The Times favors the Republican party because, under its patriotic rule, the United States has become a nation whose name is now proudly spoken in the singular and not in the plural number; whose credit rests on the market of the world; whose wealth is distributed to the industrious, freedom to the slave, and armies and treasure for the preservation of the nation whose existence was im- periled by the Democracy.

V. The Times favors the Republican party because, under its guidance, the United States has become the greatest, freest, and most prosperous nation under the light of the sun.

Macaulay said that "history is philosophy teaching by example." May we not profitably study the lesson of our own history during the last half-century? It is true that the United States was not a united nation, but two nations, North and South, hand in hand, they are as dead questions politically alive. The Times does not claim that the Democratic party, if in power, would retrograde so far as to put the northern and southern armies again in the field, in order that Secretary Baker might order a Union general to go to this point and another to that, and then order one of them to surrender to him, nor that Woodrow Wilson might command a Union general to tunnel into Appomattox in order to surrender to a new Lee. But though the issues of the Republican party are not identical with the issues of the party of the North, there are some fundamental issues of the parties which now seek the confidence and support of the American people.

What has been the attitude of the Democratic party for sixty years? Has it ever favored a fair or noble policy?

The Democratic doctrine in 1860 was that there was no difference between slave property and other property and that under the Constitution, as was strayed by the Dred Scott decision, a slaveholder had a right to take his slaves into the Territories and be protected in their possession by Federal power. Many southern statesmen went further and claimed a similar right in the States. Senator Toombs said that the Democratic party "would not hesitate to march to the right of Bunker Hill monument. The time had arrived in 1866 when slavery, aggressive by that very necessity of its nature which demanded expansion as a condition precedent of its existence, sought to make slave States, out of Kansas and Nebraska Terri- tories.

The Republican party did not propose to interfere with slavery where it existed as the creature of local law, but utterly denied that it was national or entitled to protection against invasion from the North or from the Territories. It was under the guise of a battle no surrender of return of fugitive slaves, the Southern Democrats attempted to force their abrogation doctrines upon the Nation. They mistook the temper of the people of the free States. They mistook the temper of the people of the free States. They mistook the temper of the people of the free States.

The Democratic party now is, as it has ever been, a party of retrogression. It opposes Preparedness, Protection and Prosperity because the Republican party favors them. Its purpose is to build up that which Republicanism has torn down, to tear down that which Democracy has built up, to destroy that which Republicanism has achieved, to achieve that which Republicanism has refused. If some scientist were to successfully demonstrate that by retrogressive chemical action man could be redeemed awkwardly, the Republic with its dry, stolid, and starchy, but still infinitely gagging unconsciously to a Devonian rock—that scientist would take high rank in Democratic councils.

What Republican but rejoices in the history of his party? That history was written not alone on fields whose surface men's feet shook like thunder and whose turf was stained with the blood of valor, but also on fields where the feet of the peacetime follower followed the plow and where the flowers of the field, in shops where strong arms hammered the forging for future food, and on streets where women and children of the absent soldier. It was written where trembling fingers wrote the checks that Capital gave to Country. It was written in the hospitals where patriotic doctors and nurses were nurtured. By the blood which both fire and amis the road, wherever the heart of the Nation throbb'd, wherever the sword of the Nation gleamed, there, upon the parchmen of the eternal ages the Republican party wrote its title to rule the land which it saved!