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WE PLATFORM

Adopted by the State Convention May 18th, 1892.

Resolved I. That the democracy of North Carolina reaffirm the principles of the democratic party, both State and National, and particularly favor the free coinage of silver and an increase of the currency and a repeal of the internal revenue system. And we denounce the McKinley tariff bill as unjust to the consumers of the country, and leading to the formation of trusts, combines and monopolies which have oppressed the people; and especially do we denounce the unnecessary and burdensome increase in the tax on cotton ties and on tin, so largely used by the poorer portion of the people. We likewise denounce the iniquitous Force bill, which is not yet abandoned by the republican party, but is being urged as a measure to be adopted as soon as they regain control of the House of Representatives, the purpose and effect of which measure will be to establish a second period of reconstruction in the Southern States, to subvert the liberties of our people and inflame a new race antagonism and sectional animosities.

2. That we demand financial reform, and the enactment of laws that will remove the burdens of the people relative to the existing agricultural depression, and do full and ample justice to the farmers and laborers of our country.

3. That we demand the abolition of national banks, and the substitution of legal tender Treasury notes in lieu of national bank notes, issued in sufficient volume to do the business of the country on a cash system, regulating the amount needed on a per capita basis as the business interests of the country expand, and that all money issued by the government shall be legal tender in payment of all debts, both public and private.

4. That we demand that Congress shall pass such laws as shall effectually prevent the dealing in futures of all agricultural and mechanical productions; providing such stringent system of procedure in trials as shall secure prompt conviction and imposing such penalties as shall secure most perfect compliance with the law.

5. That we demand the unlimited coinage of silver.

6. That we demand the passage of laws prohibiting the alien ownership of land, and that Congress take early steps to devise some plan to obtain all lands now owned by alien and foreign syndicates; and that all lands now held by railroads and other corporations, in excess of such as is actually used and needed by them, be reclaimed by the government and held for actual settlers only.

7. Believing in the doctrine of "equal rights to all and special privileges to none, we demand that taxation, National and State, shall not be used to build up one interest or class at the expense of another. We believe that the money of the country should

be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand that all revenue, National, State or county, shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government, economically and honestly administered.

8. That Congress issue a sufficient amount of fractional paper currency to facilitate the exchange through the medium of the U. S. mail.

9. That the General Assembly pass such laws as will make the public school system more effective than the blessings of education may be extended to all the people of the State alike.

Mr. McDonald, of Cabarrus moved that the platform be adopted by acclamation. The following amendment was offered and accepted:

Resolved, That we favor a graduated tax on income.

WEAVER'S BRUTAL CRUELTY.

Testimony of One Who Witnessed it in Tennessee.

TALLAPOOSA, Ga., Aug. 23. —I see in your issue of Saturday, the 20th inst., an extract from a letter written by an old citizen of Pulaski, Tenn., also a copy of a clipping from the Giles County Democrat of the 20th of July charging General Weaver, the people's party candidate for President, with beastly cruelty towards the citizens of Pulaski and Giles county while in command of the Union army at that place in 1864.

I can fully substantiate a number of the charges contained therein, and could add many others of like character, all from my own recollection. Although quite young such a state of terror as we were kept in by this brute in human form made an indelible impression upon my mind.

My father, Dr. Perkins, was living in Pulaski at this time. Our house, my grandmother's (Mrs. Dr. Ordway, now of Nashville) and Maj. Jones, a relative of ours, were used as officer's quarters. We were subject to many insults. Maj. Jones' family were ordered out of their house at about 12 o'clock on a bitter cold night in December. They were not allowed time to dress. Mrs. Jones had to wrap her sick child in bed-clothing and carry it in her arms to a neighbor's house. Many acts of barbarous cruelty committed on my relatives and friends are fresh in my memory. Men of highest standing, both young and old, were thrown into prison, kept there for months, and some shot down like dogs with never a charge entered against them.

Ladies were insulted on the streets — it was indeed a reign of terror. Such acts of vandalism and crime I have never even read of in a civilized country. All of it was done by the order or with the consent of General Weaver. — MRS. ANNIE E. HALL, in Atlanta Journal.

Morganton Herald. —Bower may be "the Democratic Goliath," as the Rev. Mr. Patton called him yesterday, but the result showed that the combined hosts of republicanism and third partyism have not yet found the David who can knock him out.

Herald. —Bower may not be quite as good as good as a school teacher as Patton, but yesterday's discussion showed he could beat him to death on the black board exercises.

Houston, Texas Post. —The solid South will remain solid as long as it is menaced by any measure that threatens its peace and prosperity. The republican party aimed at the South's vital interests when it proposed to re-establish carpet bag and sealow rule in the South by means of bayonets at the polls. There is no discontent among the people because of conditions which are the result of republican class legislation, and there is some impatience for the correction of these evils. But it is evident now that the only hope of the people is in the democratic party and nothing is to be gained by going off into important factions. There will be no break in the solid South this year.

Charlotte Observer. —What a contrast between the parties at the campaign proceed! In North Carolina, on the one side Stevenson, and Ewing, and Ransom, and Jarvis, and Osborne, and Aycock and scores of others — a host of thoughtful Statesmen and brilliant orators; on the other Weaver, whose foul mouth once heaped abuse and curses on this very people, and President Marian Butler — with his insane platitudes about fiat money and the government ownership of rail roads — and Exum (if he is out of jail!) "Hispanian to a Satyr!" Look on the two pictures, white men of North Carolina.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior court of Watauga county obtained on the first Monday in Sept., 1892, I will on the first Monday in Oct., 1892, at the court house door in Boone in said county proceed to sell on a credit of six months, except 10 per cent, which must be paid in cash on day of sale, a certain tract of land in Shawnee township, adjoining the lands of George Bugger, Martin and Noah Culver and others, containing 46 acres more or less, sold as the property of J. A. Shumaker, dec. to make assets to pay the indebtedness of said estate. This Sept. 5th 1892. L. W. FARTING, Ex. E. F. LOVILL, Atty.

NOTICE

By virtue of a decree of the Superior court of Caldwell county, I will sell for cash at the court house door in Boone on the 10th day of October, 1892, it being Monday of Watauga Superior court, J. C. Jones' interest in 105 acres of land lying on the west prong of Beaverdam creek, in Beaverdam township, Watauga county, adjoining the lands of Thos. Farthing's heirs, Calvin Moody and others, levied on by me to satisfy the sum of \$50 prin. with interest on same from 19th day of Nov., 1889, till paid and costs of suit amounting to \$103.42 in suit wherein M. A. Jones is Plaintiff and J. C. Jones Defendant. This Sept. 5th '92. D. F. BAIRD, Sheriff.

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