

NATIONAL PLATFORM.
The Reasons Why the Democratic Party Should be Retained in Power in the Nation as Enunciated at St. Louis.

The Democratic party of the United States in National Convention assembled renews the pledge of its fidelity to Democratic faith and reaffirms the platform adopted by its representatives in the Convention of 1884 and the views expressed by President Cleveland in his last earnest message to Congress as the correct interpretation of that platform upon the question of tariff reduction, and also indorses the efforts of our Democratic representatives in Congress to secure a reduction of excessive taxation.

Chief among its principles of party faith are the maintenance of an inalienable union of free and independent States, now about to enter upon its second century of unexampled progress and renown; devotion to a plan of government regulated by a written constitution strictly specifying every granted power and expressly reserving to the States or people the entire ungranted residue of power; the encouragement of a jealous popular vigilance, directed to all who have been chosen for public office, to see that they execute the laws and are charged with the duty of preserving peace, insuring equality and establishing justice.

The Democratic party welcomes an exacting scrutiny of the administration of the executive power, which four years ago was committed to its trust in the election of Grover Cleveland as President of the United States, but it challenges the most searching inquiry concerning its fidelity and devotion to the pledges which then invited the suffrages of the people during a most critical period of our financial affairs, resulting from overtaxation, the anomalous condition of our currency and a public debt unexampled in the history of the Republic.

It has retained the conservative and wise policy of the Republican party touching the public domain and has reclaimed from corporations and syndicates, alien and domestic, and restored to the people nearly six hundred millions of acres of valuable lands to be held as homesteads for our citizens.

While carefully guarding the interest of the taxpayers and conforming strictly to the principles of justice and equity it has paid out more for pensions and bounties to the soldiers and sailors of the Republic than was ever paid before during an equal period.

It has adopted and consistently pursued a firm and prudent foreign policy, preserving peace with all nations while scrupulously maintaining all the rights and interests of our own Government and people at home and abroad. The exclusion from our shores of Chinese laborers has been effectually secured under the provisions of a treaty, the operation of which has been postponed by the action of a Republican majority in the Senate.

Honest reform in the civil service has been inaugurated and maintained by President Cleveland and he has brought the public service to the highest standard of efficiency, not only by rule and precedent, but by the example of his own untiring and unselfish administration of public affairs.

In every branch and department of the Government under Democratic control the rights and the welfare of all people have been guarded and defended; every public interest has been protected, and the equality of all our citizens before the law, without regard to race or color, has been steadfastly maintained.

UPON RECORD. Upon its record this exhibited and upon the pledge of its continuance to the people of these benefits, the Democracy invokes a renewal of popular trust by the re-election of a Chief Magistrate who has been faithful and prudent. We invoke in addition to that trust, the transfer also to the Democracy of the entire legislative power. The Republican party, controlling the Senate and residing in both houses of Congress a reformation of the unjust and unequal tax laws which have outlasted the necessities of war and are now undermining the abundance of a long peace, deny to the people equality before the law and the fairness and justice which are their right. Then the cry of American labor for a better share in the rewards of industry is stifled with false pretences, enterprise is fettered and bound down to home markets, capital is discouraged with doubt and unequal laws which can neither be properly amended or repealed.

by this immense temptation, the remedy of the Republican party is to meet and exhaust by extravagant appropriation and expenses, whether constitutional or not, the accumulation of extravagant taxation. The Democratic policy is to enforce frugality in public expenses and abolish unnecessary taxation. Our established domestic industries and enterprises should not and need not be endangered by the reduction and correction of the burdens of taxation. On the contrary, a fair and careful revision of our tax laws with due allowance for the difference between the wages of American and foreign labor, must preserve and develop every branch of our industries and enterprises by giving them assurance of an extended market and steady and continuous operations.

THE NEEDS OF LABOR. In the interests of American labor, which should in no event be neglected, the revision of our tax laws contemplated by the Democratic party should provide the adjustment of such labor by cheapening the cost of necessities of life in the home of every workman, and at the same time secure to him steady and remunerative employment.

UPON THIS QUESTION OF TARIFF REFORM, so closely concerning every phase of our national life, and upon the question of the most serious problem of government, the Democratic party submits its principles and professions to the intelligent scrutiny of the American people.

THE PLATFORM. The Catechism of the Party in North Carolina. We again congratulate the people of North Carolina on the continued enjoyment of peace, good government and general prosperity under Democratic administration.

RESOLVED, That no government has the right to burden its people with taxes beyond the amount required to pay its necessary expenses and gradually extinguish its public debt; and that whenever the revenues, however derived, exceed this amount, they should be reduced, so as to avoid a surplus in the treasury. That any system of taxation which necessitates the payment of a premium of \$270 by the government on each \$1,000 of its bonds, taken up with the millions that would otherwise lie idle in its vaults, and paid to bondholders who purchased, in many instances, at less than par, is undemocratic, oppressive and inequitable and should be refunded.

RESOLVED, That while the details of the methods by which the constitutional revenue tariff shall be gradually reached are subjects which the representatives of our people at the National Capital may be trusted to adjust, we think the customs duties should be levied for the production of public revenue, and the discriminations in their adjustment should be such as will place the highest rates on luxuries and the lowest on the necessities of life, distribute as equally as possible the unavoidable burdens of taxation, and confer the greatest good on the greatest number.

RESOLVED, That we, as legislators, favor, and will not cease to demand, the unconditional abolition of the whole internal revenue system, as a war tax, not to be justified in times of peace; as a grievous burden to the people, and a source of annoyance in its practical operations. We call the attention of the people of the State to the physical hypocritical pretensions of the Republican party in this platform, that we are in favor of the repeal of this odious system of taxation, enacted by their party, while the Republicans in Congress are taxing their energies to obstruct all legislation inaugurated by the representatives of the Democratic party to relieve the people of a part of this odious system.

RESOLVED, That the course of the Democratic party, in furtherance of popular taxation, is a sufficient guarantee that we favor the education of the people, and we will promote and improve the present educational advantages so far as it can be done without burdening the people by excessive taxation.

RESOLVED, That, to meet an existing evil, we will accept, for educational purposes, from the Federal Government, our pro rata share of the surplus in its treasury. Provided, that it be distributed through State agents and the bill for the distribution be free from objectionable features.

RESOLVED, That as all taxation bears most heavily upon the laboring man, it is the duty of the legislator as a direct benefit to the workingman to keep the expenses of our public institutions at the lowest limit consistent with wise and efficient management. That the Democratic party opposes any competition between free and convict labor, but it insists that convicts shall not remain idle at the expense of honest labor.

RESOLVED, That ours being an agricultural State, it is our duty as well as our pleasure to promote any and all legislation that is best calculated to advance the interests of agriculture; and that in so doing we will most effectively advance the interests of mechanics, manufacturers and laborers.

RESOLVED, That the Democracy of North Carolina cordially approves the administration of Hon. Alfred M. Scales as honest, patriotic and conservative.

RESOLVED, That the ability, wisdom, honesty, patriotism, independence, faithfulness to duty and many other qualities of President Cleveland have won the admiration of all good men; and the interests of the country demand his re-nomination and his re-election.

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RESOLVED, That the Democratic party has ever been the party of the workingman and have never fostered monopolies nor have trusts or combinations, or pools, ever grown up under laws enacted by it. The content in this country being between aggregated capital seeking to crush out all competition and the individual laborer, the Democratic party is, as it has been against the monopolist and in favor of a just distribution of capital, and demands the enactment of laws that will bear equally upon all.

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TO THE VOTERS OF WILSON COUNTY.
Having persuaded my friends that for many years I have exerted a great influence for the success of the Democratic party in Wilson county, and that I intend to do so in the future, and by my own personal solicitations they have induced me to become a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds of Wilson county, subject only to the decision of whatever subsequent caucus of the Democratic party may be called on to decide, who is the most suitable man to receive the nomination for said office.

I attempted to run for this office two years ago, but was then in the hands of my friends, and they thought it best for me not to do so. This year it is somewhat different. I have taken my friends in my own hands, but for fear that the number of my friends, at this time, may be too small to secure my nomination, recruits from any and all of the townships in the county are respectfully and earnestly solicited, and will be gladly received until the decision referred to is made, after which recruits will be restricted for a month or two. I am, and they are, and—well we don't know what all the names will be, but suffice it to say, for the present, for the nominees of the great Democratic party.

I was in the hands of my friends during the year 1885, and they proper to put my name forward for the office of Treasurer of the county, but without any hope of my success. At that time I had powers that were, had disfranchised a great many of the best men of our county and had given the elective franchise to the ignorant and degraded negroes, who by the assistance of a few avaricious and prejudiced white men, took possession of our county government. I frequently felt that I was being sold, but I felt to be beaten, but have had an opportunity, since the Democratic party has been in power in the county, to realize the feelings of persons of political belief, or success in anticipated victory. Therefore, gentlemen, come on with your recruits.

A CARD.
FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.
Having been repeatedly solicited by friends in various sections of the county to allow my name to be presented for nomination for the office of Register of Deeds of Wilson county, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention. Expressing my thanks to my friends throughout the county for the many kind evidences of confidence and support, I am truly

W. P. Snakenberg.
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