

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 endorses 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 independent union of free and industrious 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 brief terms to enact and 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 unmeasured, it has by the adoption of a wise and conservative course not only averted disaster but greatly promoted prosperity to the people.

It has reversed the improvident and unwise 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 one hundred millions of acres of valuable land to be sacredly held as homesteads for our citizens.

While carefully guarding the interests 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 of peace.

It has adopted a 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 promoted by the action of the 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 precept, but by the example of his own untiring and unselfish administration of public affairs.

In every branch and department of the Government the Democratic control the rights and the welfare of all the people have been guarded and defended; every public interest has been protected, and the equality of all our citizens before the law has been steadily maintained.

REPUBLICAN OBSTRUCTION. Upon its record thus exhibited and upon the pledge of a continuance to the people of these benefits, the Democracy invokes a renewal of popular favor and the reelection of a Chief Magistrate who has been faithful, able and prudent. We invoke in addition to that trust the transfer also to the Democracy of the entire legislative power. The Republican party, contrary to the Senate and resisting 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 and the peace of the people equality before the law and the fairness and the 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, unjust laws can neither be properly amended or repealed.

The Democratic party will continue, with all the power confided to it, the struggle to reform these laws, in accordance with the pledges of its last platform, indorsed at the ballot box by the confidence of the people. Of all the industries freedom of our land the immense majority, including every tiller of the soil, gain no advantage from excessive tax laws, but the price of nearly everything they buy is increased by the favoritism of an unequal system of tax legislation. All unnecessary taxation is unjust taxation. It is repugnant to the creed of Democracy that by such taxation the cost of the necessities of life should be unjustly increased to all our people. Judged by Democratic principles, the interests of the people are betrayed when, by unnecessary taxation, trusts and combinations are permitted to exist, which, while unduly enriching the few that combine, rob the body of our citizens by depriving them of the benefits of natural competition.

SURPLUS REVENUE AND TAXES. Every Democratic rule of governmental action is violated when through unnecessary taxation, a vast sum of money, far beyond the needs of an economical administration, is drawn from the people and the channels of trade and accumulated as a demoralizing surplus in the National Treasury. The money now lying idle in the Federal Treasury resulting from superfluous taxation amounts to more than \$125,000,000, and the surplus collected is reaching the sum of more than \$60,000,000 annually. Debouched

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 expense and abolish unnecessary taxation. Our established domestic industries and enterprises should not and need not be endangered by the reduction and oppression 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 promote and encourage every industry and enterprise 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 promote the advantage of such labor by cheapening the cost of necessities of life at the home of every workingman, 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 every question involved in the problem of good government, the Democratic party submits its principles and professions to the intelligent suffrages of the American people.

THE PLATFORM.

The Catchism 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 since the affairs of the State which has now been unbroken for so many years; upon the just and impartial enforcement of the law; upon the increasing efficiency of our common school system, and the progress made in popular education; upon the improvement and subsistence manifested in all parts of the State. We again challenge a comparison between this state of things and the outrages, crimes and scandals which attended the Republican ascendancy in our borders. We pledge ourselves to exert in the future as in the past our best efforts to promote the interests of the people of all sections of the State. Affirming our adherence to Democratic principles as heretofore enunciated in the platforms of the party, it is hereby

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 iniquitous and should be refunded. The course of our Democratic Representatives in Congress, in their efforts to give relief to the people from burdensome internal revenue and tariff taxation, meets with the approval of the Democratic party of this State and we respectfully recommend that if they find it impossible to give to our people all the relief demanded, they support any just and practical measure presented in Congress that such affording a practical relief from such existing burden.

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 must 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.

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RESOLVED, That the course of the Democratic party, in furtherance of popular education, is a sufficient guaranty 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.

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in the territory to be affected thereby. RESOLVED That that 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 contest 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.

RESOLVED, That as all taxation bears most heavily upon the laboring class, 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 level consistent with wise and efficient management. 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 effectually advance the interests of mechanics, manufacturers and laborers.

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

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A CARD. 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 future, and by my own earnest solicitations they have consented for me to become a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds of Wilson county, subject only to the decision of whatever subsequent tribunal, 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 assure 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 received for Messrs. Cleveland, Fowler, and—well, you 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 1866, who saw proper to put my name forward for the office of Treasurer of the county, but without any hope of my success. At that time the 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 deluded negroes, who by the assistance of a few avaricious and prejudiced white men, took possession of our county government. Consequently I have known ever since how it feels to be beaten when I expect to be beaten, but have not had an opportunity, since the Democratic party has been in power, in the county, to realize the feelings of personal indignity, defeat, or success in anticipated victory. Therefore, gentlemen, come on with your recruits.

Very respectfully, Elias C. Barnes. June the 25th, 1888.

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, I take this method of making known to them that I have consented to assent to their wishes. I therefore declare myself a candidate 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

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