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The Democratic Platform.

In his speech at the Cincinnati national meeting, George H. Pendleton thus concisely stated the Democratic faith, doctrine, platform and aims:

Read the platform. It declares its faith in the perpetuity of republican government. As essential to that result it advocates: Absolute acquiescence in the will of the majority. Supremacy of the civil over the military power. Separation of church and state. Equality of all citizens before laws of their own enactment. Liberty of all citizens untrammelled by arbitrary laws. Education of the rising generation. And recognizing these as fundamental maxims of all free governments, and particularly applicable under our system to the states, it declares, in order that they shall not be hindered, but as far as may be, shall be advanced by the federal government, its unflinching devotion to the federal constitution and all its amendments. And rising to the consideration of our present ills and their remedy it declares its reform; reform wherever there is an abuse, amendment wherever there is a fault. Reform is essential in the federal administration in order that while "the powers granted" shall be maintained in their integrity, that other provisions, equally dear to every free man, "the powers not granted are hereby reserved" shall be asserted with equal fidelity; and this home rule—or, as I prefer to call it, states rights—shall be inviolate, and that centralism shall be avoided which has proven the hey-day of incapacity and waste and fraud, the era of small intellects and gigantic crimes, "the very golden age of the coward and the bigot and the slave." Reform is essential in the monetary and financial policy in order that "a system of public economy, official retrenchment and wise finance," creating at no time a surplus of currency, at no time alarming the public mind into a withdrawal of the vast machinery of credit by the threat of such scarcity, may inspire general confidence, relieve all our business, industry, art and agriculture, and in commerce, manufacturing and mechanical arts, restore employment to labor and renew in all its national source the prosperity of the people, and thus prepare the sure and solid basis of national greatness. Reform is necessary in the sum and mode of federal taxation; in "the inequalities, injustices and fraud" of the tariff which has "obstructed the progress of production and withheld the fruits of labor"; which has "impoverished many industries to subsidize a few," and above all, to establish that "custom-house taxation shall be for revenue only." Reform is essential in the amount of government expenditures, for they have swollen from \$5 a head in 1860 to \$18 a head in 1875. Reform is essential in the administration of the public lands; for in fifteen years more land has been given in railroad subsidies than is contained in all the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio and Indiana. Reform is essential in the treaties and laws, in order to protect, in every corner of the globe, wherever they may go, American citizens, whether naturalized or native. Reform is essential in the tone and discussion of our party policies in order to stamp out the two false and fraudulent issues of sectional hatred and sectarian strife. Reform is essential in the civil service, that officers may be posts of honor, assigned for proved competency and held for fidelity in the public employ. This is the creed of the Democratic party—this is its profession of faith. It presents to you clearly the alternative, Grant or the one idea, Reform on the other. The Democratic party declares these reforms essential to the remedy of existing evils arising from republican misrule, and promises to carry them out in administration, and in token of its sincerity it has nominated that man who, by his talents, his experience, his courage and his open frankness has done more in the way of actual, practical reform than any other man in America.

French Strategy

From the San Antonio Herald

When the French were in Mexico the stage robberies in the vicinity of Monterey became almost as frequent as they are getting to be here and there and Kingbury. With the practical common sense for which the French are distinguished when they go about killing people, the French general at Monterey devised a plan that worked like a charm. He picked out half a dozen of his smallest couriers and dressed them up as females and put them on the stage. Each unprotected female had a short breech-loading carbine concealed under her petticoat, and they covered their demure faces by veils.

Of course the robbers surrounded the stage, and the ladies, with an excess of feminine modesty, climbed up to the vehicle and fell in line with the feet of the passengers, as if by a sudden epidemic broke out among these Mexican patriots, for each lady in an instance, destroyed about three of them, and the rest lost all taste for female society, and went away disgusted. The ladies returned to town in high glee, but for a long time the Mexican population of the gentler sex that an old woman and a shawl displayed conspicuously in a stage secured it immunity from interruption.

Gold is daily being shipped in little rag-wrapped packages and sold to banks and stores.

Grant as we predicted

Just as we predicted

In the Southern States, and over and over again, for months, all the whisky ring accomplices and friends of Grant are to be pardoned, out of penitentiary cells, and sent forth to labor for Hayes and reform. A special dispatch from Washington to the Baltimore Gazette says:

It is quite certain now that the president will pardon McKee in a few days, no matter what advice Taft may have to give on the subject. The pardon of Avery will follow soon after McKee's enlargement, and then McDonald and Joyce in the due order. The White House organ comes out flat-footed this morning for the pardon of all the convicted friends of the president, and the severe punishment of the distillers and poaching subordinate revenue officials, on whose testimony they were found guilty. The attitude of the leaders of the republican party toward these acts of the president will be watched closely by the country. There is but one way for the party to escape the responsibility for the enlargement of these convicted public robbers; and that is to formally cut itself loose from Grant and his administration. But will it dare to do this?

A Happy Boy

Lincolnberry was always dressed in the cast of clothes of full-grown men, and they were in perennial bloom, and fluttering with rags. His hat was a vast raiment with wide crescent looped out of its brim, his coat, when he had one, hung loosely to his heels, and had the reserved buttons far down the back; but one buttoner supported his trousers; the seat of his trousers bagged down and contained nothing; the fringed legs dragged in the dirt when not rolled up. Huckleberry came and went at his own free will. He slept on doorsteps in fine weather and in empty hogsties in wet; he did not have to go to school, or to church, or to any being master, or obey anybody; he could go fishing or swimming when or where he chose, and stay as long as it suited him; nobody forbade him to fight; he could sit up as late as he pleased; he was always the first boy that went barefoot in the spring and the last to resume leather in the fall; he never had to wash, nor put on clean clothes; he could swear woefully. In a word, everything that goes to make life precious, that boy had.

It Can be Beaten

(From the Wilmington Star, July 13.)

This ticket, though undeniably strong, can be beaten badly. It will be, unless madness has seized the people. Vance is everywhere a stronger man than Thomas Settle. He will pluck the dragged honors of Grant's favorite, and walk clean over the doughy captain. The issue is now joined—the chiefs have been chosen. Let the welkin ring with Vance and victory.

Charles Schurz and Hayes

From the New York World

Mr. Charles Schurz, according to a newspaper report not yet contradicted, was made aware in advance of the character of Mr. Hayes' letter of acceptance, and pronounced it satisfactory. We congratulate Mr. Schurz on the position in which he finds himself. Mr. Hayes approves generally the platform that approves Gen. Grant's administration, and especially the resolutions which mean a continuance of dragging at the south and a revival of sectional hatred at the north. Inasmuch as Mr. Schurz in his day fired a good many rounds of blank cartridges at the administration and the carpet-bagger for stamping out and robbing the southern states, we are curious to see how he is going to wear his collar without galling his neck. When, however, we reflect that Mr. Schurz lived in six states in seven months, and a Japhet in search of a seat in the senate from the political gang in Missouri, where inept legislation had disfranchised a majority of the voters, when he had been a resident of the state but ninety days, we cannot be surprised if he has a fellow-feeling for carpet-baggers.

Custer's Bleeding Heart

A special from Sioux City says that

Indians arriving there from the place where the battle with Custer was fought, give an account of the barbarous treatment of the bodies of the deceased soldiers. A rain in the face cut the heart from Custer's dead body, put it on a pole and a grand war dance was held around it. The Indians were jubilant, boastful and arrogant of making better terms on account of their success.

Wholesale Cash Prices

As of July 15, 1876

Cotton, Sea Island, 50c
" Low, 40c
" Fair, 35c
" Middling, 30c
" Good, 25c
" Poor, 20c
" Very Poor, 15c
" Extra, 10c
" Inferior, 5c
" Worst, 2c
" Rags, 1c
" Shavings, 1/2c
" Sawdust, 1/4c
" Lard, 10c
" Tallow, 8c
" Grease, 5c
" Fat, 3c
" Oil, 10c
" Honey, 12c
" Butter, 15c
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