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LIGHT AND AIRY

The Monkey.
Now the poor, consumptive monkey is thoroughly thawed out, and is seen in the skeets by snatching up a sprout.
Then sits upon the curstone, shivering in the cold.
Till his ancient Roman master grinds out a chestnut off, what a sad affliction to me caused to a thing that's setting out "Sweet Violets" and "Spring, Gentle Spring."
Not enough to hear it while passing on your way.
That poor monkey gets it a thousand times a day.
On a steady diet of "Spring, Gentle Spring," he would not die that monkey for doing any thing.
He'd kill that old Italian and thus thin out the ranks.
See we got a pension and a hearty vote of thanks.—Chicago News

Summer Life on the Hudson.
Lady Fair in her summer villa on the Hudson—Perkins, have the Pinkerton guards at their breakfast?

Perkins—Yes, madam, they are now clean and relooking their Winchesters.

Have the night sentinels come in from no park?

They have, madam, and they report that

gangs of tramps have been seen since mid-May.

Very well. Request the guards to form and be ready to accompany me. I am to walk a few moments in the garden.—The Anna World.

THE PLATFORM.

Adopted by the Democratic State Convention.

We again congratulate the people of North Carolina on the continued enjoyment of peace, good government and general prosperity under Democratic administration of affairs of the State which has now been broken for so many years; upon the just impartial enforcement of the law; upon increasing efficiency of our common school system, and the progress made in popular education; upon the improvement of enterprise 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 Republican ascendancy in our borders. We pledge ourselves to exert in the future as in the past best efforts to promote the best interests of the people of all sections of the State. Among our adherence to Democratic principles as heretofore enunciated in the platform of the party, it is hereby,

SOLVED, That no government has the right to burden its people with taxes beyond amount required to pay its necessary expenses and gradually extinguish its public debt; that whenever revenue derived from taxes exceeds this amount, they should be reduced, so as to avoid a surplus in the treasury. That any system of taxation necessitates the payment of a premium of \$270 by the government on each article of merchandise taken up by the law that would otherwise lie idle in its stores, and paid to bondholders who profited, in many instances, at less than par, undemocratic, oppressive and injurious to the people. The course of our Democratic Reformation, given in Congress, efforts to give relief to the people from some internal revenue and tariff taxes meets with the approval of the Democratic party of this State and we respectfully recommend that they be adopted, to our people all the social demands presented in Congress that will afford partial relief from such existing taxes.

SOLVED, That while the details of the new code, which the constitutional convention shall be gradually reached, are decided, which the representatives of our state at the national capital must be trusted to adjust, we think the customs duties should be levied for the production of public revenue, and that the amount of government should be such as will place the lowest rates on luxuries and the lowest on necessities of life, distribute as equally as possible the unavoidable burdens of taxation among the greatest good on the number.

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SOLVED, That we, as heretofore, labor

will never 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 upon the people, a source of annoyance in political operations. We desire the adoption of the surplus in its treasury. Provided it be disbursed through State agents and not for the distribution to be free from local features.

SOLVED, That the United States being government and ours a national party, we propose to offer to the Republicans to sectional issues in Congress, and to unite and to promote discussion and harmony between the people of the different sections of our common country.

SOLVED, That it is due to the people of eastern counties, who have so cheerfully shared all our common burdens, that the present or some equally effective form of county government shall be maintained.

SOLVED, That the Democratic party is

to any further extension of the "No"

unless such extension shall have been authorized by a majority of the elected voters within the territory to be affected.

SOLVED, That the Democratic party has been the party of the workingman, and never fostered monopolies nor "trusts" or "combinations" or "pools" ever made under laws enacted by it. The iniquitous monopoly between big capital, seeking to crush out all competition, and the individual party, the Democratic party is, as it has ever been, against monopolist and in favor of a just distribution of capital, and demands the enactment of laws that will bear equally upon all classes.

SOLVED, That as all taxation bears heavily upon the laborer, the task of the legislator, as a direct benefit to the workingman, to keep the expenses of our public works at the lowest limit consistent and efficient management. The public works, in the main, competition from free and convict labor, but if it insures convicts shall not remain idle at the expense of honest labor.

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

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

SOLVED, That the ability, wisdom, honesty and manly independence, faithfulness and manly virtue of President Grant have won the admiration of all men; and the interests of the country, here nomination and his re-election

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National Democratic Platform.

The Democratic party of the United States, in National Convention assembled, renews the pledges of its fidelity to Democratic faith and, reaffirming the platform adopted by its representatives in the Chicago Convention of 1884, endorses the views expressed by President Cleveland in his last earnest message to Congress as a correct interpretation of that platform upon the question of tariff reduction; and also endorses the efforts of our Democratic representatives in Congress to secure a reduction of the excessive taxation. Among its principles of party faith are the maintenance of an indissoluble union of the free and indestructible States, now about to enter upon its second century of unexampled progress and renown, and devotion to the government, regulated by the written constitution; strictly specifying every granted power and expressly reserving to the States or the people the entire ungranted residue of power; the encouragement of the jealous and 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 and equity, 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 involved the sufferings of the people during the most critical period of our financial affairs, resulting from over taxation, the anomalous condition of our currency, and public debt unmiminated. It has by a wise and conservative course not only averted disasters, but greatly promoted the prosperity of our people. It has reversed the improvident and unwise policy of the republican party, touching public domain, and has reclaimed from corporations and syndicates, all land dimes and taxes, and restored to the people nearly one hundred million acres of land, to be safely held as homesteads for our citizens. While carefully guarding the interests of the principles of justice and equity it has paid out more for pensions and bounties to 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 simultaneously maintaining all rights and interests of our own government and people at home and abroad. The exclusion from our shores of Chinese labor has been effectually secured under the provisions of a treaty, the operation of which has been postponed by the action of the republican majority in the Senate. In every branch and department of the government, under democratic control, the rights and 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. It has record that exhibited and upon the pledge of a continuance to the people of the benefits of democracy, it invokes a renewal of popular trust by the re-election of the Chief Magistrate who has been faithful, able and prudent. It invokes in addition to that, the trust, by transfer, also to the democracy, of the entire legislative power. The republican party, controlling the Senate and resisting in both houses of Congress the reformation of the unjust and unequal tax laws which have outlasted the necessities of war and are now undermining the foundations of law, peace, and deny to the people equality before law and the fairness and justice which are their rights. Thus the cry of American labor for a better share in industry is stifled with false pretense enterprise is fettered and bound down to human markets, and capital is disengaged; yet the laws can neither be properly amended or repealed. The impudent party will continue, with all the power confided to it, to struggle to reform these laws in accordance with the pledges of its base platform, which was endorsed at the ballot box by the suffrages of the people of all industries. The freemen of our land—an immense majority, including every tiller of the soil—no advantage from excessive tax laws, but the price of nearly everything they buy is increased by favoritism, or the 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 unjustifiably 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 rapidly enriching a few they confine for the robbery of our citizens, by depriving them of the benefits of national competition. 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 channels of trade, and accumulated as a demolishing surplus in the National Treasury. The money now lying idle in the Federal Treasury, resulting from superfluous taxation, amounts to more than one hundred and twenty-five million dollars, and the surplus now being collected is reaching the sum of more than sixty millions annually. Deprived by this immense temptation, the remedy of the republican party is to meddle and exhaust by extravagant appropriation and expense; whether constitutional or not; this 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 a due allowance for the difference between the wages of American and foreign labor must promote and encourage every branch of such industries and enterprises, by giving them the assurances of an extended market and steady and continuous operations, 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 the necessities of life in the home of every working man, and at the same time securing 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 profession to the American people.

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