

The Democratic Platform As Adopted By the Convention At Charlotte Recently.

Following is the platform which the Democratic State Convention, in session at Charlotte, adopted recently:

The Democracy of North Carolina in convention assembled reaffirms its allegiance to the cardinal principles of true Democratic government and congratulates the people upon the wise, the progressive and the economical conduct of public affairs since its restoration to power in this State.

In the inaugural address of Governor Aycock January, 1901, is this sentence: "This year we meet under extraordinary circumstances—one party goes out and another goes in; one policy ends and a new one begins."

The Democratic party again entered into power: Democratic policy became the controlling policy of our State. The achievements of those years are unmistakably great. To the trust imposed, the Democratic party has been wholly faithful. The administrations of Governor Charles B. Aycock and Governor Robert B. Glenn have added prestige to our history, and given prosperity to our people. State affairs have been conducted with clean efficiency, and to the people has come peace.

A SPLENDID RECORD.

Out of the very shadows of disorder the records begin. There is now no more disorder, and no more doubt. The people have come into their own. Responsible government is made sure. Conditions encourage the full and free development of our industries. To the child is given greater and greater opportunity for knowledge and North Carolina is become a national leader in popular education. A stable government has inspired confidence. Local improvements are pushed with vigor. Good schools and good roads are no longer a dream, but are growing in reality. State institutions have been managed with credit and without scandal. The record is unmarred by official misconduct. Appropriations have increased as our needs demand while taxes are reduced. Even the convict is now able to add his part to the support of the government.

The Confederate soldier has been remembered with gratitude and increased provision made against want in the days of his old age. The needs of the unfortunate are many, and the call of the afflicted is answered. To the blind and to the deaf the State now holds open the door of refuge and comfort. That the Legislature could dedicate one-half million dollars for the adequate care of all our unfortunates shows the growth of our ability, and the certainty of our cause.

And the Democratic party pledges itself to maintain these policies which make for the development of every section of our State, and for the security of our people, and the stability of our institutions.

GLENN ADMINISTRATION ENDORSED.

We endorse the able and progressive administration of Gov. R. B. Glenn and the State officers, and we approve and commend to the people of North Carolina the record of our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States.

We regard with approval the increased interest in permanent road building, and recognizing that the advantages in the way of greatly increased land values, in the quick and easy transportation over good roads and the consequent saving of wear and tear on stock and vehicles is no longer an experiment, but a plain, practical fact, as seen in those sections of North Carolina and other States where such roads are in use; and believing with a constantly improving school system, a system of good roads, linking the east with the Piedmont section, and the

Piedmont section with the mountain section, will be of great good to North Carolina, therefore, we recommend this spirit of internal improvement to the people of our State for their investigation, and suggest that the next general assembly take such action on this matter as may seem best.

EDUCATION FUNDAMENTAL.

We believe that education is one of the fundamental needs of all government. We believe that every prospective citizen has the right to receive and, it is the duty of the State to furnish, adequate preparations for such citizenship. We congratulate the people that a four months' school in every district is no longer merely a promise but a realization.

The Democratic party has kept its promise and materially reduced passenger and freight rates in the State, and given to the people lower rates, while the reports of the railroad companies show that this reduction of rates has been accompanied by increased revenue on that class of business affected by the laws of the State reducing the rates.

We desire that the best interest of the State demands that all of our people shall unite in earnest endeavors to secure employment at fair wages for all of our fellow citizens who are now idle or who are working on short time, by no fault of theirs, but by reason of the panic caused by the Republican policies.

CAPITAL WELCOMED.

Every enterprise looking to the investment of capital and employment of skilled labor should be fostered and encouraged by the State.

All foreign corporations doing business in this State should be required to obtain license to do so, and the license of such corporations should be revoked if watered stocks or bonds be issued by it in violation of State statutes, or without the approval of properly constituted legal authorities.

Foreign corporations doing business in this State should be required to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State under penalty of having their license to do business in the State revoked.

All contributions to political parties or for political purposes should be made public at once, and the charter of any domestic corporation doing business in this State, and the license of any foreign corporation should be revoked, if any such corporation contributes to any political campaign fund, or to any fund for the purpose of aiding or procuring the nomination of any candidate for public office.

PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS.

All public service corporations and natural monopolies should be brought under strict control of the United States as to inter-state business, and of the State as to intra-State business, but a fair return on a fair valuation of property owned or operated by them should be allowed, after paying operating expenses, including just and pair wages to employees.

Private monopolies should be destroyed. Conspiracies by prospective purchasers to put down or keep down the price of articles produced by the labor of others should be made criminal, and all persons or corporations entering into such conspiracies should be punished; and we condemn in every form, subsidies, gratuities, bonuses, trusts and monopolies and they should not be tolerated.

Congress should so amend the inter-State commerce law as to prevent discrimination and rebates in inter-State traffic, and provide for the punishment by imprisonment of officers of railroads and other common carriers and public service corporations,

violating such laws; and particularly to make unlawful such discriminations as are now or may in the future be practiced by railroad companies and other common carriers and public service corporations against all North Carolina points in favor of points out of the State having no greater natural advantage.

The party in power in the nation that has so long failed to correct such inequalities is equally guilty with the public service corporations for the disadvantages under which this State has labored.

No railroad company, telegraph company, telephone company, express company or other public service corporation should be permitted to issue or grant to any person, except officers and employees, any free pass, franks or other free service, privilege, benefit or favor, should be made equally guilty with the corporation issuing or granting the same.

EQUAL PROTECTION TO ALL.

We pledge not only to citizens of this State but to citizens of other States that all capital invested in legitimate enterprises in North Carolina, whether foreign or domestic, corporate or private, shall have the equal protection of the laws and the equal friendly consideration of those who administer the laws; and we further pledge that all such persons or corporations violating the law shall be made to feel and suffer the full penalties for such violations.

We condemn the practice of professional lobbying.

We denounce the vacillating and do nothing policy of the last session of the Republican Congress. We declare that most of the legislation enacted by that body is cheap, tawdry, hypocritical makeshift.

CURRENCY BILL DENOUNCED.

We denounce the Cannon-Vreeland-Aldrich currency bill passed by the last session of Congress in the interest and at the dictation of a handful of great banks and speculators who occupy offices on Wall Street. This iniquitous measure, which further centralizes in the hands of a few the issue of American money of the American people was shamelessly rushed through both houses of Congress, in its dying hours, under the lash of the Czar like methods of the speaker and through the trickery of the Republican dictator of the Senate. No more shameless spectacle has ever been presented to the American people than the method by which this hybrid and iniquitous measure was railroaded through Congress. This bill turns over the Treasurer of the United States to the gamblers of the New York stock exchange for a period of six years. It means a gift to the enemies of the Republic of the power to issue or retire one-half billion dollars, exciting speculation or compelling disaster, according to which ever best suits their betting book.

We condemn the Republican party whose policies and conduct produced in 1907 the most acute and disastrous panic in the history of the United States. The effect of its policy has precipitated panic, blighted industry and trade with prolonged depression, closed factories, reduced work and wages, halted enterprises, and crippled American production. Under this Republican panic suffering has been universal; soup houses have been established and strikes have been of almost daily occurrence. The Republican party has been in control of the national government in all of its branches for the past 11 years, and now in the midst of abundant crops and boundless national resources it has occurred since the formation of the panic in our history. The point of the fact that every panic which has occurred since the formation of the Republican party was precipitated while that party was in power.

REPUBLICAN PARTY SCORED.

We condemn the Republican party for its efforts in the national Congress to revive the bitterness of the Civil War and renew again the bloody shirt issue, by tacking to the campaign publicity bill Crumbracker's Southern representation reduction measure. The passage of this bill through the lower House of Congress was an act of cheap, hypocritical politics, designed to corral the negro vote in the doubtful states for their presidential nominee.

We denounce the Republican party for its failure to enact during the last session of Congress a campaign publicity bill; but the people of the country need not expect such a measure to come from a party that thrives on corruption money and which could not carry on a campaign or win a national election without corruption funds from favored interests.

We denounce the present infamous and trust-breeding tariff imposed upon the people by the Republican party and renew our demand for its immediate revision, to the end that all unfair burdens shall be removed, and especially those upon the necessities of life, and those that enable the trusts to extort from the people unreasonable profits and to sell their products to consumers at home at higher prices than is charged for the same goods to foreign consumers.

WILD EXTRAVAGANCE.

We denounce the Republican party for its wild extravagance during the last session of Congress. In the last five months the Republican Congress spent \$1,200,000,000 of the people's money, levying a tax of \$15 per annum on every burdened tax payer. We do not wonder, therefore, at the present deficit of \$660,000,000 in the treasury, and the expected deficit of \$180,000,000 at the end of the next fiscal year. The Republican billion dollar Congress of 1890 produced a Democratic victory in 1892; the Republican billion dollar session of the present Congress means the triumphant election of a Democratic President in the coming election.

We condemn the Republican administration for turning over millions of dollars of its public money to its pet banks in New York City, which thereby depleted the public treasury to such an extent that it became necessary for the Republican administration to issue bonds and borrow money to meet the daily obligations of the Federal government.

We condemn the Republican party for its failure in the last Congress to enact a law forbidding one inferior judge to suspend the operation of a State law without notice or hearing.

We declare our inflexible opposition to the methods of expanding Federal power at the expense of the just powers of the State, and we especially denounce the bold and revolutionary threat that the omission of the States to pass laws upon subjects within their constitutional powers, may be treated as a surrender of these powers into the hands of the Federal government, which may then lawfully proceed as if such powers were possessed by it under the constitution.

PROMISED REFORMS NOT GIVEN.

Though promising reforms demanded by the people, the Republicans in their national convention, at the behest of favored interests, voted down every plank looking to reforms and relief of the people, for curbing the powers of the trusts. That convention, controlled by Federal office holders, after nominating for President a life long office holder who was never elected by the people to any office, adopted a platform that on every important measure, staddles, or gives promise to the ear only to break it to the hope and completed its work by nominating, to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia," a candidate for Vice President who has led in throttling every reform

measure offered in the last session of Congress, including a bill to meet the pressing need of preservation of our national resources, opening waterways and preventing the destruction of our forests.

We have a faith in the patriotism of our people, and in the ultimate development of the natural resources of the State, and we call upon all North Carolinians to unite in a common effort to restore prosperity, to re-establish confidence, to forget factional differences and to cultivate peace and good will among men.

Birthday Party and Ice Cream Supper.

Peter's Creek, Va., July 4.—A birthday party and an ice cream supper was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Beasley June 19th in honor of their son, Mr. John Beasley. It being his 19th birthday. The following people were present: Misses Nannie and Ida King, Lucy Dunkley, Flora and Annie Hutchens, Nellie and Mary Mays, Nellie Howell, Lottie Floyd, Mary Pace, Carrie Rhoads, Rhoda, Champ, Gracie and Jewel Williams, Marcella Barnard, and Mamie Bouldin, Messrs. Andrew and Lester Padgett, John Pace, James Williams, Henry Terry, David Dunkley, Robt. Rhoads, Rillie Martin and Walter Floyd. All report a nice time. Mr. Beasley left this morning for Wilkesboro, where he will get ready for traveling July 10th.

ONE PRESENT.

SANDY RIDGE.

Sandy Ridge, July 6.—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sheppard attended the foot washing at Piny Grove Sunday.

Mr. L. B. Morefield visited at Mr. C. H. Sheppard's Sunday.

Miss Sallie and Mary Kington, Gracie and Maggie Wilkins visited Misses Sibby and Nina Sheppard Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Young visited at Mr. J. D. Young's Sunday afternoon.

We had a good rain in this section the past week and it was badly needed.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Young visited their son and daughter Mrs. R. W. Covington and Mr. W. G. Young at Meadows.

Taft Goes To Hot Springs, Va.

Washington, D. C., Friday, 3.—Candidate Taft, accompanied by Mrs. Taft, left at 4 o'clock this afternoon for Hot Springs, Va., where he will spend most of the campaign, though he must be in Cincinnati July 29th to be notified of his nomination.

Report of the Condition of the Bank of Stokes County, At the Close of Business May 14, 1908.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$30680.74
Overdrafts.....	238.65
Banking houses, \$1516.19; furniture and fixtures, \$1796.87.....	3313.07
Due from banks and bankers.....	40790.87
Cash items.....	390.45
Gold coin.....	694.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency.....	2409.50
National bank notes and other U. S. notes.....	6862.00
Total.....	\$85388.28
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock.....	\$10,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid.....	1356.54
Deposits subject to check Demand certificates of deposit.....	33372.31
40250.12	
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	409.31
Total.....	\$85388.28

State of North Carolina, Stokes County, I, N. E. PEPPER, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

N. E. PEPPER and O. N. PETREE, Cashiers.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 30th day of May, 1908.

E. P. PEPPER, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
N. E. PEPPER,
O. N. PETREE,
JOHN A. BURTON.

CHARLOTTE IS CHOSEN.

The Republicans State Convention Will Meet There on August 26.

The Republican State convention for the nomination of candidates for Governor and other State offices will be held in Charlotte August 26th. This was decided at a meeting of the State executive committee held in Greensboro on last Friday, the vote on the meeting place standing as follows: Charlotte, 11; Asheville, 3, and Greensboro, 2. Charlotte's invitation was extended by a delegation of thirty men, representing the commercial, political and social life of the city.

BEST THE WORLD AFFORDS

"It gives me unbounded pleasure to recommend Bucklen's Arnica Salve," says J. W. Jenkins, of Chapel Hill, N. C. "I am convinced it's the best salve the world affords. It cured a felon on my thumb, and it never fails to heal every sore, burn or wound to which it is applied." 25c. at all druggists.

Miss Lelia Flinn, of Pine Hall, is the guest of her friend, Miss Sadie Petree.

NOTICE.

State of North Carolina, In the Superior Stokes County Court. Before the Clerk. Notice to Non Resident Defendants, and Order of Publication.

George W. Eads, Henrietta Tilley and her husband Walter Tilley, Emmett Eads, Joe Mabe, Walter Mabe, Sallie Hodges and her husband James Hodges, Pliffs.

Vs. Mary Ann Ferguson and husband John Ferguson, Hartie Agee and her husband William Agee, John Mabe, Harry Mabe, Abner Mabe, Lelia Mabe, John Hodges husband of Harriet Hodges deceased, Lula Justine and her husband Chas. Justine, Cornelia McGee and her husband William McGee, and Hardin Hodges, Defendants.

It appearing to the Court by the petition filed in this cause and the affidavit thereto annexed and filed herein, that a cause of action exists in favor of the petitioners herein and against the defendants herein, the same being a special proceeding to divide about 140 acres of land lying in Snow Creek Township Stokes Co., N. C., on the waters of Crooked Creek, adjoining the lands of Eliza Joyce, the Lettie Joyce lands, the Walter Joyce tract, Sam Martin, R. T. Martin and others, which lands formerly belonged to Winston Eads, and which is now owned by the parties hereto as tenants in common, and this proceeding is for the purpose of dividing the same and also for the further purpose of selling the lots which may be allotted to the children of Susan Mabe, decd., and Harriet Hodges, decd., and dividing the money arising from the sale thereof instead of the land itself. It also appearing by said affidavit that Mary Ann Ferguson and her husband John Ferguson, Hartie Agee and her husband Wm. Agee, John Mabe, Harry Mabe, John Hodges, husband of Harriet Hodges, decd., Lula Justine and her husband Chas. Justine, Cornelia McGee and her husband Wm. McGee, and Hardin Hodges are non residents of the State of North Carolina and after due diligence cannot be found therein, and cannot be served with process in the ordinary way, and are necessary parties to this proceeding. It is therefore ordered by the Court that notice be served upon the said Non Resident Defendants by publication thereof for four successive weeks in the Danbury Reporter, a newspaper published in Danbury, Stokes Co., N. C., notifying the said defendants of this action, and let the said defendants, Mary Ann Ferguson and her husband John Ferguson, Hartie Agee and her husband William Agee, John Mabe, Harry Mabe, John Hodges husband of Harriet Hodges, decd., Lula Justine and her husband Charles Justine, Cornelia McGee and her husband William McGee, and Hardin Hodges, take notice that if they fail to answer or demur to the petition which is filed in this cause, on or before the 29th day of June, 1908, that the relief will be granted as prayed for therein. Done at office in Danbury on 23rd day of May, 1908.

M. T. CHILTON, Clerk Superior Court.
J. D. Humphreys, Atty. for Pliffs.