

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM, 1890.

Resolved that the Democracy of North Carolina reaffirm the platform and principles of the Democratic party, both State and national, and particularly favor the free coinage of silver, and an increase of the currency, and the repeal of the internal revenue system. And we denounce the McKinley tariff bill as unjust to the consumers of the country, and leading to the formation of the trusts, combines and monopolies which have oppressed the people; and especially do we denounce the unnecessary and burdensome increase in the tax on cotton ties and on tin, so largely used by the poorer portion of the people. We likewise denounce the iniquitous Lodge Force bill, whose purpose is to establish a second period of reconstruction in the Southern States, to subvert the liberties of our people and inflame anew race antagonism and sectional animosities. And we denounce the tyrannical action of Speaker Reed and his abettors who have changed the Federal House of Representatives from a deliberative body into a machine to register the will of a few partisan leaders.

Resolved, That we demand financial reform, and the enactment of laws that will remove the burdens of the people, relieve the existing agricultural depression, and do full and ample justice to the farmers and laborers of our country.

Resolved, That the Democracy of North Carolina take a just pride in the able and patriotic course of their Senators and Representatives in Congress touching the great public questions that have been before them for action, and especially do we appreciate the great ability and zeal of Senator Vance in the protracted contest on the tariff question, which reflect honor and credit alike on him and on the State of North Carolina; and we cordially recommend his re-election to the United States Senate by the next General Assembly of North Carolina, and we commend the wise and satisfactory administration of our State affairs.

Whereas the education of the people is essential not only to individual happiness and prosperity, but also to the maintenance of civil and religious liberty.

Resolved, That the next General Assembly of North Carolina be requested to increase the fund for the maintenance of public schools.

Resolved, further, That we demand the abolition of National Banks, and the substitution of legal tender Treasury notes in lieu of national Bank notes, issued in sufficient volume to do the business of the country on a cash system, regulating the amount needed on a per capita basis as the business interests of the country expands, and that all money issued by the government shall be legal tender in payment of all debts, both public and private.

2. That we demand that Congress shall pass such laws as shall effectually prevent the dealings in futures of all agricultural and mechanical productions; preserving a stringent system of procedure in trials as shall secure the prompt conviction, and imposing such penalties as shall be thoroughly understood that all members of the Order are free to entertain any political or religious belief they choose. Political and religious liberty at individual rights that must not be abridged.

3. That we demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

4. That we demand the passage of laws prohibiting the alien ownership of land, and that Congress take early steps to devise some plan to obtain all lands now owned by aliens and foreign syndicates; and that all lands now held by railroads and other corporations, in excess of such as is actually used and needed by them, be reclaimed by the government and held for actual settlers only.

5. Believing in the doctrine of "equal rights to all and special privileges to none," we demand that taxation, national or State, shall not be used to build up one interest or class at the expense of another. We believe that the money of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand that all revenue, national, State or county, shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government economically and honestly administered.

6. That Congress issue a sufficient amount of fractional paper currency to facilitate the exchange through the medium of the United States mail.

THE Ocala DEMANDS.

1. a. We demand the abolition of National banks.

b. We demand that the government shall establish Sub-Treasuries or depositories in the several States, which shall loan money direct to the people at a low rate of interest, not to exceed two per cent. per annum, on nonperishable farm products, and also upon real estate, with proper limitations upon the quantity of land and amount of money.

2. We demand that the amount of the circulating medium be speedily increased to not less than \$50 per capita.

3. We demand that Congress shall pass such laws as will effectually prevent the dealing in futures of all agricultural and mechanical productions; providing a stringent system of procedure in trials that will secure the prompt conviction, and imposing such penalties as shall secure the most perfect compliance with the law.

4. We demand the passage of laws prohibiting alien ownership of land, and that Congress take prompt action to devise some plan to obtain all lands now owned by aliens and foreign syndicates; and that all lands now held by railroads and other corporations in excess of such as is actually used and needed by them be reclaimed by the government, and held for actual settlers only.

5. Believing in the doctrine of equal rights to all and special privileges to none, we demand— a. That our national legislation shall be so framed in the future as not to build up one industry at the expense of another.

b. We further demand a removal of the existing heavy tax from the necessities of life, that the poor of our land must have.

c. We further demand just and equitable system of graduated tax on incomes.

d. We believe that the money of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand that all national and State revenues shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government economically and honestly administered.

6. We demand the most rigid, honest, and just State and National governmental control and supervision of the means of public communication and transportation, and if this control and supervision does not remove the abuse now existing, we demand the government ownership of such means of communication and transportation.

7. We demand that the Congress of the United States submit an amendment to the Constitution providing for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people of each State.

The National Economist is the organ of the Alliance. Until recently we supposed, says the Wilmington Messenger, it had tied itself to the third party. But it has probably had advice as to the effect of political agitation within the order and sends out the following warning:

One of the best and truest lines of work for true Alliance men during the coming year is to preserve the Order free from political entanglements. Let it as an organization be strictly non-partisan and let it be thoroughly understood that all members of the Order are free to entertain any political or religious belief they choose. Political and religious liberty at individual rights that must not be abridged.

Again: The Alliance as an organization, if perpetuated, must be kept entirely separate from any political party. Amalgamation with the People's party or the independent party would be just as fatal to the order as an organization as amalgamation with the Democratic or Republican party. This is very unpopular doctrine to teach at this time in the eyes of Radical reformers, but it has been the position of The Economist from the start, and it has been endorsed time and again by the people. And the Economist will not now desert its plain duty; to stand by the order and try to avert the evil effects of a political campaign no matter how unpopular that course may be to any men or set of men.

Resolved, That we again denounce Hon. L. F. Livingston for betraying his trust and not having the honesty or manliness to resign a position which he continues to hold only to injure those who have honored and exalted him.

Resolved, That we favor a called session of the State Alliance at once to depose him and elect a president who is honest and true.

We have noticed that almost invariably when an Alliance man begins to assert his party lealty too loudly or to hold back on any of the extreme measures and suggest the advisability of going slow, he falls under the disfavor of his brethren and is in danger of being charged with treachery to the order. Not many months ago a distinct lecturer

in this State, whose Democracy is of a pronounced type, was quietly bowed out of his position and superseded by an extremist. Only last week Burke county Alliance asked for the resignation of the county lecturer, who had recently written a Democratic letter to a State paper. In an open letter week before last Mr. Ehas Carr, of Edgecombe, dis-sented from the doctrines of the St. Louis platform and now the "reform" press is on his bones. There are plenty of conservative men in the Alliance, but they dare not assert themselves. Talking privately with individual Alliance men, one is rarely ever found who is in favor of the sub-Treasury scheme or the government ownership of railroads, but whenever these measures are put before them in a body they go through. The conservatives in the organization are below par.—Charlotte Observer.

THIRD PARTY PLATFORM.

The following is the platform presented by the committee and adopted by the conference, taken from the Progressive Farmer:

We do ordain and establish the following platform of principles:

1. We declare the union forces of the United States this day accomplished, permanent and perpetual. May its spirit enter into all the hearts for the salvation of the Republic and the uplifting of mankind.

2. Wealth belongs to him who created it. Every dollar taken from industry without an equivalent is robbery. "If any will not work, neither shall he eat." The interests of rural and urban labor are the same, and their enemies are identical.

3. We demand a national currency—safe, sound and flexible, issued by the general government, only a full legal tender for all debts, public and private, and without the use of banking corporations, just and equitable means of circulation, at a tax not to exceed two per cent., as set forth in the Sub-Treasury plan of the Farmers' Alliance, or some better system; also by payments in discharge of its obligation for public improvements.

4. We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

5. We demand that the amount of circulation medium to be speedily increased to not less than \$50 per capita.

6. We demand the graduated income tax.

7. We believe that the money of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand all National and State revenues shall be limited to necessary expenses and the government economically and honestly administered.

8. We demand that postal savings banks be established by the government for the safe deposit of the earnings of the people and to facilitate exchange.

9. Your sub-committee upon the land plank beg to submit to your approval the following: That the land, including all natural resources of wealth, is the heritage of all the people, and should not be monopolized for speculative purposes, and the alien ownership of land should be prohibited. That all land now held by railroads and other corporations in excess of their actual needs and all lands now owned by aliens should be reclaimed by the Government and held for actual settlers only.

10. Transportation being a means of exchange and a public necessity, the Government should own and operate the roads in the interest of the people.

11. The telegraph and telephone, like the postal system, being a necessity for the transmission of news, should be owned and operated by the Government in the interest of the people.

12. We demand that the Government issue legal tender notes, and pay Union soldiers the difference between the price of depreciated money in which he was paid, and gold.

[The foregoing is a verbatim copy as it appears in the Progressive Farmer each week, with the exception of the Union soldiers plank which is proven beyond any doubt to be a plank in the platform; and with the exception of the numbering of the paragraphs. The above is the original copy as adopted by the St. Louis convention, and is, therefore, genuine.—EDITOR.]

Extremists in the Saddle.

Congressman Livingston, president of the Georgia State Alliance having gone home to rally the Georgia Alliance to the support of Democratic principles, Bellevue Alliance, of that State, has passed the following resolutions:

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