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NEBRASKA DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM APPROVED BY W. J. BRYAN.

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The following is the platform adopted lows the flag and denounce the doctrine by the Nebraska State Democratic con-that an executive or a congress, created vention last week amid the greatest en- and limited by the constitution, can thusiasm :

convention assembled, do hereby reaf- lieving that a nation cannot long enfirm and indorse, in whole and in part, dure half republic and half empire, we in letter and in spirit, the platform oppose wars of conquest and colonial adopted by the Democratic national possessions. convention held in Chicago in 1896.

"We favor amendments to the federal constitution specially authorizing an income tax and providing for the dangering our form of government, election of United States senators by a and as we are not willing to surrender direct vote of the people.

tion and the blacklist, and favor arbi- declaration of the nation's purpose to tration as a means of settling disputes give to the Filipinos, first, a stable form between corporations and their em- of government; second, independence,

port given by Democrats throughout given protection to the republics of the country to the movement looking Central America. toward the municipal ownership of municipal franchises.

be deemed conclusive evidence against ample. disease and disability before enlistment

ing measure, skillfully devised for the be a republic's defense. dens which they should not bear.

publican party, which has abandoned toward any of the European nations. American ideas and American ideals, and at the command of corporate wealth but because we believe in the principles has plotted against the financial inde- of a republic and reject, as did our forependence of the individual, and now fathers, the theory of monarchy, we contemplates the nullification of the sympathize with the Boers in their

ceasing warfare against all the trusts- leaders, who four years ago expressed the money trusts, the industrial trust sympathy for the Cuban patriots, to and the international land-grabbing feel an interest in the struggle of the

chain our nation to the gold standard to which to commit this country. and compel it to participate is all the disturbances which come to European nations, we demand an American financial system, made by the American ple for themselves, to be and unlimited coinage of gold and sil- is interesting both in public speaking of any other nation.

admitted the gold standard to be un- point that he wishes to make. satisfactory by appointing a commission to solicit foreign aid in restoring the here about the type of the gentlemandouble standa d, and a Republican con- gambler in Kentucky, Dr. Guerrant gress, even while trying to make the gave an idea of that character by regold standard permanent, has confessed lating an episode in the life of Bishop judgment against the standard by at- Kavanaugh, of Kentucky. Years ago tempting to revive the delusive hope of this worthy divine went to New York international b metallism.

and control the volume of paper money from home caused the gambler to for their own profit, we reiterate our de- drop conventionalities, and, shaking or paper, and we demand the retention a near-by restaurant. of the greenbacks as they now exist and the retirement of national bank notes old school of gentlemen, but his table as rapidly as greenbacks can be sub- manners were primitive. During the stituted for them. *

against the trusts or to recommend a ately called the waiter and said :

more effective law. "We favor a state constitution which a fresh dish. will probibit the organization of a should supplement the efforts of the turned an drawled out: State by legislation which will require every corporation, before engaging in bring in a fresh one. Bishop, help inter-state commerce, to show that it yourself to the butter!" has no water in its stock, and that it has neither attempted in the past nor is attempting to monopolize any branch of business or the production of any

article of merchandise. "In its platform of 1860 the Repub- Puerto Rico lic n party declared that the maintenbodied in the federal constitution. 'That | following extraordinary admissions : all men are created equal; that they are of the governed,' is essential to the pre- the Philippine Islands. servation of our republican institutions, by placing the dollar above the man would also cover the Philippines.

declared to be essential. house of representatives of a bold and treaty rights."

open violation of the nation's organic

law and a flagrant breach of good faith. "We assert that the constitution folexercise lawful authority beyond that "We, the Democrats of Nebraska, in constitution, or in violation of it. Be-

"The Filipinos cannot be citizens without endangering our civilization; they cannot be subjects without enour civilization or to convert a republic "We oppose government by injunc- into an empire, we favor an immediate and third, protection from outside in-"We observe with approval the sup- terference, as it has for nearly a century

"We favor the expansion of trade by every legitimate and peaceful means, "We favor the principal of the initia- but we are opposed to purchasing trade tive and referendum wherever it can be at the cannon's mouth with human blood; neither do we believe that trade "We are in favor of liberal pensions secured and held by force is worth the to deserving soldiers and to their de price that must be paid for it. We are pendents; we believe that names upon in favor of extending the nation's inthe pension rolls should not be arbi- fluence, but we believe that that influtrarily dropped, and we believe, as ence should be extended, not by force stated in the last national platform, that and violence, but through the persuathe fact of enlistment and service should sive power of a high and honorable ex-

"We oppose militarism. It imposes "We are in favor of the immediate upon the people an unnecessary burden construction and fortification of the and is a constant menace. A small Nicaraguan canal by the United States. | standing army and a well-equipped State "We condemn the Dingley tariff law militia are sufficient in time of peace; as a trust-breeding and extortion-invit- in time of war the citizen soldier should

purpose of giving to a few favored that "We believe with Jefferson, in peace, which they do not deserve and of plac- commerce and honest friendship with ing upon the whole people many bur- all nations, and entangling alliances with none, and we regard with appre-"We welcome the opportunity of hension the doctrine advocated in some fered this year to take the federal gov- quarters that this nation should, in its ernment out of the hands of the Re- dealings or diplomacy, show partiality

"Not because of hostility to England, declaration of American independence. heroic efforts to preserve their national "We pledge ourselves to wage an un- integrity. The failure of Republican Dutch in South Africa, shows the para-"Instead of a system which would lyzing influence of the imperial policy

The Yunkee and the Butter. Charlotte Observer.

Dr. E. O. Guerrant, who delighted audience on Tuesday the immediate restoration of the free with his lecture on Morgan's raiders, ver at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, and in conversation. He has a broad without waiting for the aid or consent knowledge of men and affairs, and a happy faculty of being able to tell an "The Republican adminis ration has apropos anecdote to illustrate any

In talking with some of his friends on a visit, and one of the first persons "Instead of the system favored by that he saw on the streets was a gamthe Republican party, under which na- bler who had formerly lived in the tional banks are to be permitted to issue Blue Grass State. The sight of a face recognizes the government's sovereign latter to lunch with him. The Bishop right to issue all money, whether coin accepted, and the two men went into

Now the Bishop belonged to the course of the meal he reached over "We believe that private monopolies and used his knife to cut a piece of are indefensible and intolerable, and we butter from the dish in the centre of condemn the national administration the table. A dapper, fidgety Yankee, for its failure to enforce the present law who was sitting at the table, immedi-

"Take that butter away and bring

The gambler's eyes flashed. From monopoly within the State and also pre- his back-pocket he drew an immense vent a monopoly organized elsewhere bowie knife, and cutting off a large from doing business within the State; slice of butter, dashed it into the face but we further believe that congress of the fastidious man. Then he

"Waitah, remove this Yankee and

Creelman Exposes McKinley's Plan.

NEW YORK, March 15 .- The New York Journal publishes the following from James Creelman at San Juan de

"Information has been received here ance of the principles promulgated in that the administration Senators at declaration of independence and em- Washington have privately made the

"They have stated that the real purendowed with inalienable rights; that pose of the Puerto Rican tariff is to governments are instituted to secure avoid fulfilling the fourth article with their rights; and that governments de Spain, which allows that nation equal rive their just powers from the consent trade rights with the United States in

"These Senators have also admitted but the Republican party, under its to the Puerto Rican delegates that if the present leadership, is endangering the constitution followed the flag and covpreservation of republican institutions erell Puerto Rico, it, the constitution,

in the c nstruction of government, and "In that event the whole trade of the of violating the principles that it once late Spanish possessions would be thrown over to Spain, whereas it was We condemn the Porto Rico tariff hoped by some future tariff device to the Ohio man who recently eloped would bring a solace and satisfit bill recently passed by a Republican cheat Spain out of her solemnly secured with his mother-in-law is in a class

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

pecial Correspondence. The act of Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, in introducing a free trade amendment to the Porto Rican bill, with the proviso that the Constitution shall not be understood to be extended to that Island, has stirred up fresh difficulties among the Republicans in Congress. The worst of the situation, from a party standport, is that Mr. Beveridge took his action after consultation with the President, and it is understood that the President advocates the measure. If this is so, McKinley has flopped again, leaving the thirty odd Republicans in the House, whom he induced to vote for the original bill, out in the cold. The action of Mr. Beveridge has not only thrown the entire Indiana delegation into the greatest confusion, but it has upset the course of procedure of the "peace" committee of the Senate. However, no action will be taken for some time yet, and it is fondly hoped by the G. O. P. that some means out of the tangle may be found that will still bleed Porto Rico without wrecking the

The country need not be surprised if it wakes up some fine morning to find itself involved in a war in China. The meaning of the mysterious concentration of the Asiatic squadron in Chinese waters has at last leaked out, and shows, as many people imagined it would, that the United States has practically engaged to do England's Oriental work for her while she is suppressing liberty in South Africa. It shows, too, that there was more truth than poetry in the stories of a Britsh-German-American alliance. From source that is absolutely accurate, the facts in the case have been ascertained. The maneuvres of the American fleet, which is now the largest in existence at any one place, are directed, not towards a lot of miserable Chinese rioters, as has been intimated, but towards our old time friend, Russia. The Administration and

Great Britain, putting their heads together, have concluded that Russia meditates directing the powerful armaments that she has collected against China, where, with the connivance of the Empress, she will expel the British and other nations and divide up Chinese territory between herself and France. The chances are that the Russian designs are directed merely against Britain, but this, from the Administration standpoint, is as fore taking every precaution to prewaters, on one pretext or another, the Oregon, Monadnock, New Orleans,
The anxiety and concern of govern-British and German fleets have also ment and officials are greatly on the been quietly increased and Japan is strain. All departments of the adthe least need of doing so. Having suffering take not the place of the well. declared war against the Filipinos needy. And it should be borne in Besides it would be a good idea to fire the American heart just before election.

The United States troops in the Philippines are about to be withdrawn mand for the financial system which hands with the Bishop, he asked the to the seacoast until after the rainy season. President McKinley objects to this because of the effect an unfinished war in those islands will have on the coming election, but there is no way out of it.

The large forces maintained in mountain districts pursuing Filpinos soon will have to be withdrawn to the coast towns, leaving small detachments to look after guerilla bands. General Otis has made no official report as to his view of the present situation after five months of active campaign work, in which Gen. Lawton, Gen. McArthur and Gen. Young were the most active and determined pursuers of Aguinaldo and his supporters.

It cannot be forgotten how freely it was predicted by army experts both here and at Manila that with an army of 65,000, affording an active field force of 40,000, the uprising would be crushed before the wet season, Aguinaldo captured and the war at an end. But dispatches giving accounts of fighting are still being received every day.

Negroes Told to Keep Out of Politics.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 15 .- The commencement of Shaw University, one of the leading negro colleges in this country, occurred to-day. There were four graduates in law, twelve in medicine and six in pharmacy. The Rev. O. E. Winship, editor of the New England Journal of Education, delivered the address. President Meserve, in delivering diplomas, advised the negroes to keep out of politics, though he urged them to exercise the right to vote.

"The negro has accomplished two things in politics," he declared; "one is the passage of the Jim Crow car act, the other his disfranchisement."

There are heroes and heroes, but the light of the faith of our fat all by himself.

INDIA'S AWFUL FAMINE.

Rev. Justin E. Abbott, in Leslie's Weekly.

India has been called a land of it had been the family talk-will the dreams. It is now a land of horrors, maternal ancestor go to Florida or not. terrible reality. Thousands of once finally sent her a liberal check wherewith a terrible knawing of hunger and pay her way to Jacksonville. It too weak to cry, adding to their terrible personal suffering from days of insufficient food. The bodies, finding no nourishment, turn into the those little skeletons that one can hold in

having exhausted every possible resource, sold and pawned the last article of their possession, having lived somehow for a time on coarsest of wild to satisfy that awful craving that comes from days of starvation-tramp and every time they came to greet her. many a long, weary mile to find some government or other relief. There is scorehing this year-the pangs of stream is dry; and when the sun goes through the chilly night.

Other missionareis describe finding abandoned children in dying condition, whom they have been able to save, or failed to save, because too far gone. The familiar famine scenes are witnessed of famishing people following grain carts and struggling among themselves for the stray kernels that fall by the way. Abandoned children are found subsisting on thing that has nourishment in it, filling up with water to drown the gnawings of hunger, and producing those painful monstrosities—bodies swollen out of all proportion, but head that is but a skin-covered skull.

gone she knows not where. mind that the prospect must grow their undivided attention to this.

Wiggin, care of American Board of Foreign Missions, 14 Beacon street, Boston, who cables at short intervals in India.

New Hampshie's Governor Pleads for Fast Day.

The Fast Day proclamation of Gov. Rollins, of New Hampshire, is as follows:

19, as Fast Day and call upon the people of our State to observe it in its true and best sense.

"When the country was in its infancy and dangers surrounded it on every hand, our ancestors felt the need of a protecting and guiding now that we are a vigorous, wealthy people, having safely passed the perthe strong arm upon which our fore- impressive. fathers leaned. Instead of abolishing Fast Day as a worn out and useless custom I would call our people to a first time sixty-seven years ago, and I renewed observance and a better ap- do not suppose there are a hundred preciation of the real significance of people living who saw it before then.

men who seldom, if ever, cross the We returned to Georgia by land in a the threshold of a church, to kneel carriage. It took us two months to dren, and see if the church has not crossed cultroad for there was nor some message for them. I believe crossed that a single honest attempt to co Dieges. Beaum. boy tehioff the blinding and depressing in 4 | new 1 ences of doubt and materialism to look at life once more through clear, earnest eyes of youth an like the benediction that for after prayer."

MRS. ARP IN FLORIPA.

as her people fight with plague and Her posterity down there had been famine. It is no nightmare, but a calling her long and frequently and strong men are now skin and bones, with to provide a suitable paraphernalia within. It is a pitiable sight to see was an awful struggle. The girls hinted tall, manly men so terribly reduced that if she was not going she ought to as to be hardly able to walk, yet send the check back, and when at last somehow making their way some- she bought the beautiful silk mohair where to find food. More pitiable are Henrietta Maria Vendetta, or words to the women who, with a keen sense of that effect, and turned it over to the modesty, are fighting womanfully with dressmaker, it looked like she was their fast-rottening rags, and their certainly going, but I had my doubts. children emaciated, fretful, crying, or She wanted me to decide the momentous question, but I looked solemn and maintained a dignified neutrality. "If you are going," said I, "of course I will go with you, for where thou goest I will go, but you must start next Tuesday eve and stay a week only, for I have Thousands of families like these, got to go to Carolina again the last of next week." Still she hesitated and gave no certain sign. There were posterity at home that she feared would fall into a well or get bitten by a mad fruits, or roots, or weeds-anything dog, or get run over on the street, or catch the measles or something else, her eyes would get watery at the thought of leaving them. Neighbors and kinthe scorehing sun by day-unusually dred urged her to go for she had not been as far as Atlanta in five years, and thirst as well as hunger, for every needed a change of air and water and scenery. And so we escorted her to down, out in the open fields, with the the depot and there were so many nothing to cover them, they shiver all to kiss and so many parting injunctions about the children that she had liked to have been left after all. For ten miles she never said a word, but looked out of the window and ruminated.

> An acquaintance on the car came forward and that relieved the monotony and we got to Atlanta in due time and after a short stay left for Florida.

Now we are both glad that we came, for we made our kindred happy and clods of earth and every possible will make some more happy when we get back. This evening we visited the ostrich farm, the Florida zoo, which of

itself it worth a trip to Jacksonville. I wish that all the children could visit it for it is a bigger thing than a circus with sticks of legs and arms, and a or menagerie; it is much larger than it was two years ago, for now, besides And the babies grow weaker and over a hundred ostriches the proprietors weaker in their hungry cry, or si- have many varieties of the most beaulenced by opium, rapidly turn to tiful birds in the world. They are of pitiable little skeletons that move exquisite plumage-pheasants, ducks, with emotion the strongest hearts parrots, pelicans, cranes—and there are that look upon them. What wonder deer, monkeys, crocodiles, otters and that a despairing mother, unable to many other creatures that are never ourselves. Secretary Hay is thereown famishing body, sells her little beauty that would delight the little focks. success and a specialty for Jacksonville. Crowds visit it every day and the tourists buy feathers and eggs most liberally.

The street car takes you there for a working night and day to get her vessels in readiness. Altogether it is caution and the utwest visitors are called upon to exercise the wisest to St. Augustica next day, and bear Bellimore to St. Augustica next day, and bear st. evident that the President means to fight for the Chinese trade if there is and those not actually reduced to letters from home tell us that all are

the month of June next. The gravity for pestilence, and the tourists hurried would run it." of the situation needs to be recog. through it to safe havens. Now there nized. The Viceroy personally and are 35,000 people, and during the winter the government of India are giving balf as many more. The city has been should be sent to Treasurer F. H. streets and walk ways are all paved and of his sermon. everything looks clean as a parlor.

The pestilence that walketh at noonday will not walk here any more. And the amout available, thereby afford- then what a change of diet has come ing immediate relief to the sufferers over us. Early vegetables, early oysters and shad and pompano, and strawberries for dessert every day. I sent some orange blossoms home yesterday but requested the girls not to get married until we return. My wife and I are being rejuvenated. Fine clother, fine diet, and nothing to do but receive "I hereby appoint Thursday, April attention, will regenerate maternal ancestors.

And it helps the vetera is, too. this morning like I can jump over a two-rail fence and cut the pigeon wing

-a small pigeon. But I never said anything about our brief stay in Savannah, that grand old power, and sought it prayerfully, city that Georgia is proud of, and it is leaving us this annual rite as a sacred still the most beautiful and interesting inheritance. Now that we have at- city in the South. Its parks alone are tained a strong and lusty manhood, a monument to Oglethorpe. Its broad streets and shade trees and flowers are things of beauty. Its churches and ils of our youth, we are apt to forget public buildings are time-honored and

Now just ponder it for a moment when I say that I saw Savannah for the My parents and brother and myself "I would ask that large body of sailed from there to Boston in 1833. once more where they knelt as chil- make the long journey, and we never-

first gallusses. But I verily believe I can chop more wood in a day than Marks can and I could outrun him but Going, going, gone! For two weeks for my corporosity. BILL ARP.

> Ten-Cent Cotton and Silver. Baltimore Sun.

It is not meant for an unkindness to say that 10-cent cotton demolishes the best argument Mr. Bryan ever had for silver inflation. Planters of cotton can now see that cheap silver does not necessarily mean low-priced cotton, but that cotton, like grain and other things, rises and falls under the law of supply and demand. Popocrats told us that we should never again get above 5-cent cotton so long as we had the gold standard. The hand that "struck down" silver struck down the honest farmer. and the only hope of the latter was to remonetize silver. Yet here is cotton going skyward, while silver still lies prostrate and the Gold Standard bill has been passed by Congress. The goldbugs seem to be baving their way,

but, nevertheless, cotton goes up. The fact is that cotton, grain and silver go high or low according to supply and demand. Now that the cotton supply is small and the prospective demand is large, prices naturally advance. When grain was scarce, not long ago, it went above a dollar a bushel, notwithstanding the low price of silver. Experience since 1896 has shown cleary that there is absolutely no connection between the price of commodities and the price of silver. Oceans of rhetoric have been poured out by the silverite orators to prove such a connection, but facts refuted them. Some apology is now due from the orators to the voters whom they misled in 1896.

A Family Mardered and Burned.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 22 .- Among the most horrible crimes in the history of North Carolina, ranks that of early this morning at Garner's, five miles east of this city, when a negro, Tom Jones, commonly known in the county as "Preacher" Jones, murdered Ella Jones and her oldest daughter, Ida Jones, and then set fire to the beds in which were bodies of the murdered victims and four others, all children, ranging in years from a baby one month old to the largest boy, who was not more than 5 years of age. The work was done with an axe, the murderer, according to little 7-year-old Laura Jones, who escaped with her younger sister, deliberately and coolly striking the mother four times and then making two heavy strokes into the body of the oldest child.

The house was completely destroyed by fire and the bones of the four youngone for a few handfuls of grain; and My wife says that it is the best show est children are now distributed among China while she is busy in South Africa. He has collected in Chinese 13. year-old child, were burned beyond recognition, and are lying on the ground charred to a crisp and with the whole bodies cut open and displayed to

From the Bowersville Clarion: "Next week we will begin running this paper as Capt. Kid1 would have run it. De-What a wonderful change has come linquent subscribers may expect a call over the city since I first knew it, when from us with their accounts stuck in the process with regard to Russia. at least the horizontal of the regard to Russia. at least the beginning of the rains in was under the ban-a suspect-a home this paper will be running as the sheriff

> Rev. O. C. Horton, a Baptist minister of West Durham, in charge of three thoroughly sewered and drained and is churches, dropped dead Saturday even-Contributions for the relief fund supplied with the purest water and the ing in Piney Grove church at the close



"Sweet Bells Jangled

Out of Tune and Harsh." Shakespeare's description fits thousands of women. They are cross, despondent, sickly, nervous—a burden to themselves and their families. Their sweet dispetitions are gone, and they, like the bells, seem sadly out of tune. But there is a remedy.

McELREE'S Wine of Cardui

It bring organismay all terrors by strawell restal organs. It fits a lit my's coming. By revite WE centravy