

THE STATE PLATFORMS

For Purposes of Comparison the Declarations of the Republican and Democratic State Platforms on the Various Issues of the Campaign Are Hereewith Given in Parallel Columns, Arranged by Topics:

DEMOCRATIC. REPUBLICAN.

THE WAR.

We, the Democracy of Indiana, in convention assembled, now, as always, loyal to our country and our flag, affirm that the cause for which the United States is engaged in war with Spain is just and righteous. We recall with pride the early espousal and united and persistent support of this cause by the senators and representatives of the Democratic party in congress. We congratulate the country upon the universal patriotic uprising which has swept away the last vestige of sectionalism, and revealed us to the world as a united people. We rejoice in the heroic deeds of Dewey, Bagley, Hobson, and their brave comrades, which have added new luster to the American name. We demand, now, as heretofore, the most vigorous prosecution of the war until it shall have ended in vindication of the national honor, the absolute relinquishment by Spain of possession or control of any part of the western hemisphere, and the formal acknowledgment by that kingdom of the independence of the Cuban republic. We favor the prompt recognition by the United States of such independence as a war measure, and as an act of justice to a brave people, struggling for freedom. We urge the immediate increase of the volunteer forces of our army and navy to any extent necessary to assure speedy and decisive results, and the appropriation of all the funds requisite for the adequate equipment and support, and for the comfort of our gallant soldiers and sailors in armed conflict against the public enemy. The supreme duty of the hour is to relieve the perishing victims of Spanish cruelty and secure the complete triumph of the national arms. When this shall have been accomplished the justice and wisdom of the American people may be safely trusted to deal with all questions which may grow out of existing complications, in such a way as best to promote the objects for which this republic was founded.

We favor such a permanent strengthening of the navy of the United States and such improvements of our system of coast defenses as shall assure adequate protection of the country against foreign aggression.

THE NAVY.

Having achieved its manhood, the republic, under God, is entering upon its greatest period of power, happiness and responsibility. Realizing the mighty future of wealth, prosperity and duty which is even now upon us, we favor the extension of American trade, the reformation of our consular system accordingly, the encouragement by all legitimate means of the American merchant marine, the creation of a navy as powerful as our commerce shall be extensive for the public defense and security, and the establishment of coaling stations and naval rendezvous wherever necessary.

PENSIONS.

We hold in undying honor the soldiers and sailors whose valor saved the life of the nation, and those who were but recently called to arms in vindication of their country's honor and the cause of human liberty. Just and liberal pensions to all deserving soldiers are a sacred debt of the nation, and the widows and orphans of those who are dead are entitled to the care of a generous and grateful people.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

We most heartily approve of the annexation of the Hawaiian islands as a wise measure; we recommend the early construction of the Nicaragua canal under the immediate direction and exclusive control of the United States government—the importance and necessity of the canal having been emphasized by recent events connected with the present war with Spain.

THE FINANCIAL QUESTION.

We reaffirm and emphasize the platform adopted by the national Democratic convention of 1896 at Chicago. We are in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver at the existing ratio of 16 to 1, without the aid or consent of any other nation.

We are unalterably opposed to the single gold standard, and we specially protest against the declared purpose of the present Republican secretary of the treasury of applying that policy more thoroughly. We believe that the practice of the treasury in paying treasury notes in gold only, in violation of law, and in surrendering the option of the government, reserved by the statute, to pay in gold or silver, is chiefly responsible for the great money depression now, and for so long a period, existing in this country, is destructive of business enterprise, dangerous to the public credit and the prosperity of the people, and a serious menace to the national honor.

THE INHERITANCE AND INCOME TAXES.

We insist that the wealth of the country should bear its just share of the public burdens. For that reason we approve the inheritance tax recently adopted through the efforts of the Democrats in congress and we favor the principle and policy of an income tax. The demonization of silver and the judicial denial of the power to tax incomes have materially impaired our resources for war purposes. We favor the reimposition of an income tax, so that the question of its validity may be reviewed by the supreme court.

THE TARIFF.

We earnestly reassert the Democratic doctrine that all tariff taxes shall be laid for revenue as their sole object and purpose, and we do at this time especially denounce and condemn the high prohibitory rates of the present Republican tariff, commonly called the Dingley bill, under the operation of which trusts and combinations have

While we sincerely deplore the necessity of war, we believe the president and congress acted wisely in demanding the complete withdrawal of Spanish sovereignty over the island of Cuba and in proceeding to enforce the demand with the military and naval power of the government. And now that our army and navy, through their splendid achievements, have blessed our nation with triumphs not excelled in the world's history, rendering many names illustrious and immortal, and adding prestige and glory, limited only by civilization, to our great republic, the occasion is one of supreme gratitude to the great ruler of nations. We extend to the brave men on land and sea who have gone forth to battle for the glory of our flag and the cause of human liberty our deepest sympathy on account of the sacrifices they have made and the hardships they are called upon to endure, and our warmest praise for their unconquerable valor.

We honor, congratulate and applaud our country's heroes who have once more proved the matchless intelligence, devotion and courage of American manhood. They have proved to the world that the United States is a nation, one and indivisible, without sections and without classes, whose purpose is "to deal justly, love mercy and walk humbly before God."

We commend Mr. McKinley's conservative and patriotic course in earnestly hoping and negotiating for peace while yet prudently preparing for war. And we further express our most earnest approval of his vigorous prosecution of the war, and our entire confidence in his ability to secure such terms of peace, now happily near at hand, as will advance human liberty and comfort with the dignity and honor of the American people.

We commend the wise, prudent, patriotic and economical administration of Governor Mount and the Republican state officials, under which, with a reduction of 25 per centum in the state tax rate within the last 18 months, \$920,000 of the state debt has been discharged; an army of over 7,000 men has been equipped and placed in the field at an expense of over \$300,000; the laws have been enforced and the name of Indiana honored throughout the land.

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We call attention to the record of the last two legislatures, each Republican in both branches, which made scarcely a law of material benefit to the people. So many of these legislative measures were marked by corruption and dishonesty so scandalous that even Republican organs were driven to denounce them. They have to their credit the infamous special verbiage law, which provided for the payment of the present legislative body, and by which the senate is given 51 members, in violation of the constitution; the anti-trust law, inspired by trust attorneys and purposely made so worthless that Republican state officials dare not attempt to enforce it; an oppressive earnings law, which undertakes to deprive wage-earners of the state of their constitutional right of exemption; and the outrageous partisan measures to extend the term of the appellate judges, county superintendents and township trustees.

We felicitate the country on the fact, when in the exigencies of war it became necessary to issue \$200,000,000 of government bonds to meet the extraordinary expenditures, a Republican administration had the good sense and wisdom to put the loan within the easy reach of the people, where it has been wholly absorbed, furnishing a splendid security for their savings, awakening a new interest in the permanency of our government and the soundness of its financial system.

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We especially commend the president and congress for the prompt passage of a wise revenue law in accordance with the sound Republican doctrine of reciprocity and protection to American industries and home labor, and express our unbounded confidence in the beneficial results predicted for this measure by our party leaders, evidences of which

DEMOCRATIC—multiplied, the cost of the necessities of life has been increased and the wages of labor have not been advanced, and which has entailed upon the country a deficit of many millions to be made up only by additional taxation in time of war, thus imposing, instead of a benefit, an onerous burden upon the people of the United States.

We reaffirm and emphasize our repeated declarations in favor of the election of United States senators by the people.

We sincerely sympathize with organized labor in its efforts to adjust differences between the employer and employee. We denounce the incorporated trusts which have overcome these efforts by cruel and unjust methods and we favor a system of equal and disinterested arbitration as a means of adjustment of such differences.

We take pride in the long list of laws enacted by Democratic legislatures for the benefit of the workingmen of the state, including the 8-hour labor law, the law prohibiting "plunk-me stores," the repeal of the infamous Republican intimidation laws, the law prohibiting the importation of Pinkertons, the law prohibiting "blacklisting," the miners' law providing for the proper ventilation of mines and the use of honest weights and screens; the law protecting workmen in the right to organize for mutual defense, the co-employees' liability law, the mechanics' lien law, the law prohibiting the forced collection of fees from employees of railroad corporations to sustain company hospitals, restaurants, etc., the law guaranteeing the civil rights of all citizens, and the law prohibiting the importation of paupers and aliens under contract into the state who have no purpose of becoming citizens thereof.

We demand a more thorough enforcement of the 8-hour and other laws in the interest of labor by the public officials charged with that duty.

We are opposed to the contract labor system in prison, but we believe that to maintain convicts in idleness is inhuman and unjustly burdensome to the people. We believe some plan should be devised for the profitable utilization of their labor without bringing it into competition with free labor. The projects for its employment under the public account system or in the construction of a ship canal connecting Lake Michigan with the Wabash river, or in some other enterprise of great public utility should be carefully considered and that plan which promises the best results and is open to the fewest objections should be adopted by the next legislature.

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GENERAL STATE ISSUES.

The Democratic party feels a just pride in the other great legislative reforms it has accomplished for the people of Indiana and points to their continuing benefits as certain proof of their wisdom. We call attention to the anti-trust bill enacted against Republican opposition and still having a great purifying effect on elections notwithstanding the Republican amendments lessening its safeguards; to the board of state charities law for the supervision and regulation of our penal and charitable institutions; to the school book law, by which the great school book trust has been driven from the state; the price of the books used in public schools has been reduced over one-half and the frequent changes in books, formerly so burdensome to the people and detrimental to the schools, have been prevented; to the free and salary law and other great measures of reform which the state of Indiana owes to the Democratic party.

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PRIMARY ELECTION REFORM.

We are earnestly in favor of legislation for the regulation and reform of primary elections.

COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT.

We recognize the existence of grave defects in the laws governing counties and townships of this state. We favor a complete and systematic revision of such laws to the end that public business may be transacted with greater efficiency and economy.

THE TRUANCY LAW.

We favor such an amendment of the truancy law, which now requires a parent or necessary expenditure of public money, so as to transfer the duties of such officials to township trustees, who shall perform the same without further compensation.

PERSONAL LIBERTY.

We adhere firmly to the teachings and practices of the Democratic party in favor of the largest measure of personal liberty consistent with public safety and social order. We are opposed to all projects of legislative interference with, or regulation of, matters which are within the domain of individual judgment and conscience.

—REPUBLICAN—are daily accumulating in the way of renewed business prosperity and ample revenue for ordinary governmental expenditures. We, therefore, reaffirm our belief in the doctrine of reciprocity and protection to American labor and home industries and condemn the Democratic doctrine of tariff for revenue only as unsound and unsuited to the best interests of the country, a doctrine the falsity of which has been demonstrated by our experience under the Wilson revenue bill that plunged the nation into commercial and financial distress, from which it is fast recovering since the change from that Democratic policy.

ELECTION OF U. S. SENATORS.

We reaffirm and emphasize our repeated declarations in favor of the election of United States senators by the people.

LABOR.

We favor the enactment and enforcement of laws restricting and preventing the immigration of such undesirable foreign population as is prejudicial to free American labor.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK.

I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* on every the original "CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the Mothers of America for over thirty years.

LOOK CAREFULLY at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought and has the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company, of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.

March 24, 1898.

Do Not Be Deceived.

Do not endanger the life of your child by accepting a cheap substitute which some druggist may offer you (because he makes a few more pennies on it), the ingredients of which even he does not know.

"The Kind You Have Always Bought" BEARS THE SIGNATURE OF

Chas. H. Fletcher

Insist on Having The Kind That Never Failed You

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, 77 MURRAY STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

Mrs. W. M. White has returned from a visit to friends in Canada.

Bishop Bowman occupied the pulpit of the M. E. church here last Sunday. He is the oldest Bishop in Methodism and has dedicated nearly 1,500 M. E. churches.

The receipts of the late Clinton county fair were about \$3,500. The operating expenses aggregated \$1,600, the premiums close to \$1,400 and speed ring purses \$900—total \$3,900.

During the year, at South Bend, a 30,000 school house, three new churches, a factory plants, \$325,000 hotel, the opera house and over 200 other buildings have been erected, which makes an unsurpassed record for that city.

Johnathan Fruits and son, Ollie, went to Dakota last week, taking their threshing machine outfit and are now in the middle of the biggest threshing business they ever had. Hundreds of bushels of outstanding wheat is still to be taken care of and they will have to work until late in the season.—Waynetown Dispatch.

The Fountain county court house is an old and out-of-date structure, and a new one is needed badly, but the big men of Covington are afraid it will go to Veedersburg on account of the latter place being more centrally situated. There is a hot fight on between the papers of the two places, the Veedersburg News frequently referring to Covington as a "Jim Crow village," and the Covington Republican talking of Veedersburg "as the darkest burg in seven States and unfit for a justice's shop."

Special Sale on Shirt Waists.

We have placed on sale our entire stock of fine waists, including white piques, lawns, madras, gingham, percales and other popular materials in quantities worth \$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.00 and \$2.50, choice for the lot 98c.

Choice of all our \$1 and \$1.25 waists in best materials, up to date styles, with separate collars, for 50c and 75c waists, this year's styles, and \$1 and \$1.50 last season's waists.

Last year's styles that sold for 50c, 75c and \$1 go at 10c.

There will be many sizzling hot days yet this summer and you can't go astray on these items.

LOUIS BISCHOP

The Big Store, temporary quarters, Y. M. C. A. Armory.

The Shakers of Mt. Lebanon, a community of simple, honest, God-fearing men and women, have prepared the Shaker Digestive Cordial for many years, and it is always the same, simple, honest, curative medicine that has helped to make the Shakers the healthy, long-lived people that they are. The Shakers never have indigestion. This is partly owing to their simple mode of life, partly to the wonderful properties of Shaker Digestive Cordial. Indigestion is caused by the stomach gland not supplying enough digestive juice. Shaker Digestive Cordial supplies what's wanting. Shaker Digestive Cordial invigorates the stomach and all its glands so that after awhile they don't need help. As evidence of the honesty of Shaker Digestive Cordial, the formula is printed on every bottle. Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 bottle.

Sumatra kerosene is at present a formidable competitor in the Russian market. The supply seems to be unlimited.

Special prices on Wrappers.

To close balance of our wrapper stock we make following prices:

Beautiful light colored lawn wrappers, fast colors, worth \$50.....39c

Dark colored calico wrappers, made of fast color indigo blue, grey and fancy colored prints, worth \$50.....49c

75 light colored lawn and percale wrappers worth up to \$1.25.....69c

Choice of all our light colored wrappers including goods worth up to \$3.....98c

LOUIS BISCHOP, The Big Store Annex, 122 W. Main St.

The number of foreign students at German universities is this summer 2,350. Of these Berlin has 720.

Heavier Than Before.

My stomach and liver had troubled me for years, and not obtaining relief from medicines, I continued to grow worse until I gave Hood's Sarsaparilla a trial. This medicine cured me and I am now sound and well and heavier than ever before in my life." BE LE MURPHY, Allensville, Indiana.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Be sure to get Hood's.

The Big Store offers many grand bargains in ladies' shirt waists for this week. Think of a shirt waist for 13c.

The State Fair at Indianapolis, which begins next Monday, will doubtless attract many of our people. The low railroad rates and the interesting program offered, make it an object to visit the capital city during the week. The night program, the Battle of Manila, and display of fireworks, will eclipse anything ever shown in the State.

A person walking at the rate of four miles an hour consumes 2,300 cubic inches of air per minute.

New fall goods are being received daily at the Big Store and prices on all light weight stuffs are greatly reduced. The goods are good investments if you lay them away for next summer.

The victories of Hood's Sarsaparilla over all Forms of disease Conclusively prove That it is an unequalled Blood purifier. It conquers The demon, Scrofula, Relieves the itching and burning of salt rheum, cures running sores, ulcers, boils, pimples, and every other form of humor or disease originating in impure blood. The cures of Hood's Sarsaparilla are cures—absolute, permanent, perfect cures. They are based upon its great power to purify and enrich the blood.

Next week will be the time to visit Indianapolis. Low railroad rates and the Big State Fair, with the Battle of Manila attraction and many other features, will make it an interesting visit.

Butter and bacon are declared by a medical writer to be the most nourishing of all foods.

Don't fail to see the bargains in shirt waists at the Big Store to-morrow. You will be surprised at the beautiful garments you can buy for a little money and there will be much shirt waist weather yet.

Berlin has a new medical club with about 400 members.