

THE STATE PLATFORMS

For Purposes of Comparison the Declarations of the Republican and Democratic State Platforms on the Various Issues of the Campaign Are Herewith 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 to us 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.

THE NAVY.

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.

PENSIONS.

The Democratic party of Indiana, now, as in the past, advocates liberal pensions as well to the disabled survivors of the Union army in the civil war, and their widows and orphans, as to the victims in the present conflict, and those who may be dependent upon them. We honor alike the valor of those who suffered for the flag in the gigantic contest of 1861-65, and of those who have now gone forth to do battle in the cause of liberty and humanity.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

We are in favor of the construction and control of the Nicaragua canal by this government, when its feasibility shall have been determined; but we are opposed to a loan of the national credit to any private corporation for that purpose.

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 demonitization of silver and the judicial denial of the power to tax incomes have materially impaired our resources for war purposes. We favor the reposition 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

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.

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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.

U. S. SENATORS.

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 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 "pluck-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 workingmen 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 burdening 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.

We approve the child labor and factory inspection law, and favor such amendments to the same as shall render it more effective.

THE DEMOCRATIC TAX LAW.

We congratulate the taxpayers of Indiana upon the rapid decrease in the state debt, and beg to remind them that the revenues with which the payments thereon have been made and are being made result from the enforcement of the Democratic tax law of 1891, which was enacted by a Democratic legislature over Republican opposition and protest, which was assailed by a Republican state convention, denounced by Republican orators and the entire Republican press, but which was sustained in the highest court of the nation through the efforts of a Democratic attorney general. Every dollar paid on the state debt by Republican officials is cumulative evidence of the stupidity, or worse, of the Republican organization in its bitter opposition to the law which made such payment possible, and which, since coming into power, they have made no effort to repeal.

We also recall that a Democratic legislature enacted a law creating a sinking fund of 3 cents on the \$100, to be applied exclusively to the extinguishment of the state debt, and that under these laws the Democratic administration of Governor Matthews, in 1895 and 1896, set the pace by reducing the state debt more than \$2,000,000.

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 particularly in the educational benefits it has derived from their wisdom. We are attached to the Australian ballot law, enacted against Republican opposition and still having a great purifying effect on elections notwithstanding the Republican amendments lessening its safeguards; the bona fide school law, and 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 in the 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 fee and salary law and other great laws, which have been enacted by the state of Indiana and owe to the Democratic party.

We call attention to the record of the last two legislatures, each Republican in both branches, which made scarcely a law of man or God. Both of these legislatures were succeeded by a complete change in the majority so suddenly that even Republican organs were driven to denounce them. Then have to their credit the iniquitous special verdicts, which in the present session of the present legislative session, when the present legislative session, when the senate is given 51 members, in violation of the constitution; the antitrust law, inspired by trust attorneys and purposely made worthless; that Republican state officials did not attempt to collect the antitrust law, which underlies wage-earners of the state of their constitutional right of exemption; and the constitutional measures to extend the term of the appellate judges, county superintendents and township trustees.

PRIMARY ELECTION REFORM.

We are earnestly in favor of legislation for 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 large and unnecessary 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 security and social order. We are opposed to all projects of legislative interference with the regulation of matters which lie within the domain of individual judgment and conscience.

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 *Castoria* wrapper. This is 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 *Chas. H. Fletcher* on the 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.

Chas. H. Fletcher M.D.
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To close balance of our wrapper stock we make following prices:

Bishop Bowmen 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 prizes \$900—total \$3,900.

LOUIS BISCHOF,

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 780.

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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 Manilla, and display of fireworks, will eclipse anything ever shown in the State.

Special Sale on Shirt Waists.

We have placed on sale our entire stock of fine waists, including white pique, lawns, madras, ginghams, percales and other popular materials in qualities 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.....

Regular 50c and 75c waists, this year's styles, and \$1 and \$1.50 last season's waists.....

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

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

Releases 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.