

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

For Governor,
COL. ISAAC P. GRAY, of Randolph.
For Lieutenant Governor,
GEN. M. D. MANSON, of Montgomery.
For Secretary of State,
CAPT. W. M. R. MYERS, of Madison.
For Auditor of State,
JAMES H. RICE, of Floyd.
For Treasurer of State,
JOHN J. COOPER, of Marion.
For Attorney General,
FRANCIS T. HORD, of Bartholomew.
For Superintendent of Public Instruction,
JOHN W. HOLCOMB, of Porter.
Reporter of Supreme Court,
JOHN W. KERN, of Howard.
Judge of Supreme Court,
J. A. S. MITCHELL, of Elkhart.

The Democratic Congressional Convention for the Tenth Indian District, will be held at Rensselaer on Tuesday, July 22d, 1884. Hon. T. J. Wood will be present and address the people on the issues of the day.

The Chicago Convention next week will name the next President of the United States.

The Democracy of Illinois have placed Mayor Carter Harrison, of Chicago, in nomination for Governor.

It is pretty well understood that Mr. S. P. Thompson is the coming man for Representative—Goodland Herald.

The voters of this Representative District will determine that matter.

Jas. T. Sanderson, Esq., of Kentland has been solicited and consents to a nomination for Judge of this Judicial Circuit. Mr. S. is well qualified for the position. In case the office will seek the man.

Peter H. Ward, in his speech accepting the nomination for judge last Tuesday, announced that he was a thorough partisan, one who had "never belted the ticket" in his life.—Goodland Herald.

But then we have rumor of a declaration on his part that he would bolt if defeated in the nomination for judge at the judicial convention.

"The voters would do well to so vote as to promote harmony and unity in the party."

"The voters should each take his choice, leaving out of consideration the writer," etc.—S. P. Thompson in Republican.

The voters, in their "freedom of choice" gave no consideration to the imputation of "clannish and local" expressions for official preference as the following from the Rensselaer Republican of last week indicates:

"To Rensselaer, itself the place of all others in which he (Chilcote) is best known, although a special and determined effort was made against him, on the ground, perhaps, that it would be politically inexpedient to take the nomination away from Newton county, yet he received four-fifths of the vote cast, and in many of the townships his vote was proportionally even greater."

There was evidently too much "freedom of choice" to meet the approval of the self-constituted dictator, and he was compelled to call to his aid parties in Benton county who had already expressed fear-cut opposition to his favorite, and the vote diverted from one of its own citizens.—Jasper county, it was seen, before the convention was held, through the operations of a very few men, would be deprived of its choice. Benton would be served in like manner.—Messrs. Streight and Chilcote refused their names to be passed upon, and to mystify its readers the Kentland Gazette furnishes the following dish:

"The Gazette and the Republicans of Newton county, appreciate the action of their other Republicans and Hons. M. F. Chilcote and D. E. Streight, in permitting a unanimous vote of their counties for Judge Ward."

"Permitting a unanimous vote of their counties" is good. They simply refuse to have anything to do with the convention, and are free to act as they may think best in the future.

HOW HE TREATED THE SOLDIERS.

Logansport Pharos: The following letter received before the Monticello convention, relates to the candidacy of W. D. Owen. For obvious reasons we did not publish it before the nomination of Owen. If the charges therein contained are true, the Republican candidate for Congress does not deserve the vote of a single soldier who served his country in the late war. We know of prominent politicians who loaned money at forty per cent, during the late war, but

we know of no person in this county who tried to defraud soldiers or soldiers' widows of that which a grateful people had bestowed upon them. Here is the letter:

OXFORD, INDIANA, June 16, 1884.
MR. EDITOR—Dear Sir: W. D. Owen, who is now a candidate for congress, run for county treasurer in this county about the year 1863; am not certain as to the exact time, but he was beaten between 300 and 400 votes, and run against a very slow man, and the county was near 200 Republican. The reasons were that he used county money when his uncle was county treasurer, with the connivance of his uncle, to buy soldiers' and widows of soldiers, claims that were issued to them during the war to keep them from want. His uncle would say that there was no money for that purpose, but that his nephew, "Billy," had some and would probably buy them. Now "Billy" was not worth one cent in the world, yet he bought hundreds of dollars worth of these orders at sixty five per cent, and less, and no doubt made his start in the world by that means. There is not one in twenty soldiers that will vote for him in this county under any circumstances. It is your duty to enquire into that matter, and you will find out that I have not overdrawn the case. If he had no such record he is no representative of the people.

A SOLDIER.

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

The Democratic party of Indiana, in convention assembled, renews its pledges of fidelity to the Constitution and to the doctrines taught by the illustrious men who were its founders and illustrated in their administrations of the Government, and insists upon an honest and economical administration of public affairs, Federal, State and municipal. It will resist all efforts to deprive the Federal Government of any of its powers as delegated in the Constitution, and will maintain the rights and powers reserved to them in the Constitution.

It condemns the corrupt and extravagant expenditures of the public money that have prevailed at Washington during the rule of the Republican party.

2. To the end that such expenditures may be discontinued, and cruel burdens removed from the taxpayers we insist that the Federal taxes be reduced to the lowest point consistent with efficiency in the public service, and we demand a revision and reform of the present unjust tariff.

3. The Constitution of the United States which is the only source of taxing power, confers upon Congress the right to establish a tariff for revenue, and as a just exercise of that power we favor such an adjustment of its provisions, the revenue standard, as will relieve, as far as possible, the necessities of life from the burdens of taxation, and derive the principal amount of revenue for the support of government economically administered, from luxuries; and such tariff should be adjusted without favoritism, so as to prevent monopolies, and thus in effect promote labor and the interests of the laboring people of the United States.

4. We insist that the surplus revenue shall be faithfully applied to the payment of the public debt. When these revenue reforms shall have been accomplished the people may hope for economical and honest expenditures.

5. The Democratic party being of the people and for the people, favors such legislation as will guarantee the broadest protection to the interests and welfare of the industrial masses; it recognizes the fact that labor is the producer of the wealth of a nation, and that laws should be so framed as to encourage and promote the interest, progress and prosperity of each and every branch of industry; it favors the enforcement of the National eight hour law, as also a reduction of the number of hours in a day's labor upon all public work, State and municipal; it favors the establishment of Bureaus of Labor Statistics, State and National; it favors, as far as practical, the use of prison and reformatory labor so as not to compete with the labor of the honest citizen upon the outside; it favors the enactment of such laws as will prohibit the employment of children under fourteen years of age in our manufacturing, mines and work shops; it favors the passage of laws for the payment of labor performed in lawful currency, instead of private depreciated scrip, and that the mechanic shall be secured, by a first lien upon work done, for wages thereon performed. We demand a strict enforcement of the laws against Chinese immigration, and such legislation by Congress as shall effectually prevent the importations of persons who are brought here with no purpose of permanent settlement or residence—a system which reduces the wages and deteriorates the character of our home industries.

6. That we recognize the right of all men to organize for social or material advancement; the right of wage workers to use all lawful means to protect themselves against the encroachment of monopolists, and the right to fix a price for their labor commensurate with the work required of them, and we hold that every man has the right to dispose of his own labor upon such terms as he may think will best promote his interests, and without interference by any other person. In relations between capital and labor the Democratic party favors such measures as will promote harmony between them, and will adequately protect the rights of both.

7. We deem it of vital importance that private corporations should be prohibited by law from watering their corporate stock.

8. Resolved, That it is the duty of the Government to repossess itself of all public lands heretofore granted for the benefit of corporations which have been forfeited by non-compliance with the conditions of the grant, and should hold the same for the use and benefit of the people. Laws should be passed to prevent the ownership of large tracts of land by corporations, or by persons not citizens of the United States, or who have not declared their intention to become such as provided by law. Congress should discourage the purchase of public land in large bodies by any parties for speculative purposes, but should preserve the same, as far as practicable, for actual settlers, and for that and all subsidies of land, as well as money, to corporations and speculators, should cease forever.

9. The Democratic party is the faithful friend of the soldiers, their widows and orphans. We are in favor of the granting of pensions to all soldiers suffering from disability incurred during active service in the army; of granting pensions to the soldiers of the Mexican War; of equalizing bounties and pensions to soldiers and pensioners without limitation as to time, and of providing for the widows of all soldiers.

10. We hold it to be the duty of our Government to protect in every part of the world all our naturalized citizens, including those who have declared their intention to become such according to our laws, the same as we would our native-born, and to resist all improper claims upon them by governments to which they no longer owe allegiance; and our sympathies are with all oppressed people in all parts of the world, in all rights, and proper efforts to free themselves from oppression, and establish free institutions based on the consent of the governed.

11. The Democratic party demands reforms in the civil service that will again result in the employment of those who are honest and capable, and that honesty and capability shall again be made a condition of public employment.

12. The free schools of Indiana are the pride and glory of the State, and the Democratic party will see to it that they are not poisoned by the breath of sectarianism, or destroyed by waste and extravagance in their management.

13. We approve of the action of the late Democratic Legislature in preventing a partisan Governor from politically revolutionizing the benevolent institutions of the State, which he had already commenced by the nomination of his party friends to fill the vacancies about to occur in the boards of directors of said institutions.

14. We also approve of the repeal by said Legislature of the infamous law passed by the former Republican Legislature for the settlement of decedents' estates under which law estates were being consumed by court costs, and we declare in favor of all fees and salaries relating to the necessities of the times, and that rigid economy shall be observed in every department of the State and Federal Government.

15. We also approve of the passage by said Legislature of the Metropolitan Police bill, whereby a riotous partisan police, at the capital of the State, whose chief business was to labor to keep the Republican party in power, was superseded by a strictly non-partisan police, equally divided as to politics between Democrats and Republicans, and who are required by the law to preserve order and attend to regular police business, and forbidden to interfere in elections. It is particularly appropriate that the State should have some voice in choosing the police of its own capital, where the State Treasury, public buildings and archives, and where its principal public officers reside, or periodically assemble, and about the greatest nuisance that can be inflicted on a city is a mere partisan police chosen by a lot of ward bumpers and low grade politicians and adventurers. We favor all measures that will secure and purify municipal governments and make them protective of the interests of the whole people rather than of the party which, for the time being, happens to be in power.

16. We commend the act of the late Democratic Legislature in refusing an indirect subsidy to the contractors upon the New State-house, and it is the sense of the Democratic party of Indiana that no subsidy, either direct or indirect, shall be hereafter voted to contractor on said building.

17. Resolved, That we are opposed to calling a convention to alter and amend the Constitution of this State. Such a Convention would be a great and useless expense, and would result in unsettling laws and systems now well established and understood, and which could not be as well understood under a new Constitution for a quarter of a century. It will be wise in this matter to let well enough alone. The country has prospered and grown great under the present Constitution, and it needs no tinkering with at the present time, especially in the interest of any party seeking to invade the rights of private property and personal liberty now secured by the Constitution. And any amendments that may become necessary in the future should be made in the cheap, simple and just manner provided in the Constitution itself.

18. It is provided by the Constitution of this State that the liberty of the people should be protected and that their private property should not be taken without just compensation, and we are opposed to any change in the Constitution tending to weaken these safeguards, or to any legislation which asserts the power to take or destroy the private property of any portion of the people of this State, without compensation, or which unjustly interferes with their personal liberty as to what they shall eat or drink or as to the kind of clothing they shall wear, believing that the government should be administered in that way best calculated to confer the greatest good upon the greatest number, without sacrificing the rights of person or of property, and leaving the innocent creeds, habits, customs and business of the people unfettered by summary laws, class legislation, or extortionate monopolies. While standing faithfully by the rights of property and personal liberty guaranteed to the people by the Constitution, we distinctly declare that we are in favor of sobriety and temperance, and all proper means for the promotion of these virtues, but we believe that a well regulated license system, and reasonable and just laws upon the subject, faithfully enforced, would be better than extreme measures which, being subversive of personal liberty and in conflict with public sentiment, would never be effectively executed, thus bringing law into disrepute and tending to make sneaks and hypocrites of our people; therefore we are opposed to any Constitutional amendment relating to the subject of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating and malt liquors.

19. Believing that the elections should be controlled by the people under State laws, and that the stability of our institutions depend upon fair elections and an honest count of the votes cast by the people, the Democratic party demands a repeal of the laws enacted by the Republican party designed to place the elections under Federal control in violation of the rights of the States, and that it will hold up for the detestation of the people the supreme fraud of 1876-7 by which the will of the people was set aside and usurpers were placed in the two most important offices of the country.

20. The Republican party stands arraigned at the bar of public opinion for its long and continued course of usurpation and misrule. It has disregarded the

rights of the people and the States; it has held on to its ill-gotten power in defiance of the popular will by the corrupt use of money in the elections (especially in Indiana in 1880), and it has corrupted public morals by elevating to high places men who are known to be dishonest, and has continued during a period of peace a system of high taxation justified only by a condition of war in which it had its origin, and to furnish a pretext for its continuance has favored every extravagant appropriation of the public money, entailed a burden on the people, and which is a benefit only to those who share in the plunder. The remedy for these evils is an immediate change of administration. Let taxation be reduced to the end that the money shall remain in the pockets of the people instead of accumulating in the Treasury to tempt the cupidity of the venal and corrupt.

21. The continuance of the same party or set of men in power consecutively for a great many years is naturally corrupting, and not in accordance with the genius of our republican institutions. The long continuance of the Republican party in power, now nearly the quarter of a century, has led to Star-trover and other frauds and corruptions frightful to contemplate, the full extent of which will never be known until the party is driven from power, which is now demanded by the best interests of the country; and we favor holding all public officers to a strict accountability, and their prompt and severe punishment for all thefts of public money and corrupt maladministration of office.

22. Resolved, "That our confidence in, and esteem for, Hon. Daniel W. Voorhees, our great representative in the United States Senate, continues unabated, and we cheerfully greet him, and his Democratic associates from Indiana in the House of Representatives, with the plaudits: "well done, good and faithful public servants."

23. Resolved, That it will be the mission of the Democratic party to foster and build up all the great business and material interests of the country and restore the Government to the purity of its earlier days. To successfully accomplish this a man should be placed in the Presidential chair in whom the business men of the country, and the whole people, have implicit confidence; a man fully endowed with all the qualities desirable in the head of the great American Republic; a man with a pure and spotless personal and political record, and always sound upon all the great questions of the times.

We know Joseph E. McDonald of Indiana, to be such a man.

We respectfully present his name to the people of the United States as worthy to be their President, and we hereby instruct the delegates from Indiana to the Democratic National Convention to support his nomination for that high office as a unit, and to use all honorable means to secure his nomination.

Time and place for Congressional Convention—July 22d, at this place. Delegates: Jas. W. Douthitt, Dr. J. H. Loughridge, Esq. James Yeoman, P. E. Davis—Austin.

On the county Democratic ticket for County Treasurer, Ex-Auditor Ezra C. Nowels is so far the only one spoken of. His well-known fitness and honesty and popularity are urged on all sides, and if nominated we understand will accept.

Wash. Scott, of Milroy, and William Hoover, of Marion township are being urged by their respective friends for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff of Jasper county.—Honest and capable, either would make splendid, possibly a successful race.

Mr. Adam Hess, of Gilliam township, is urged by many friends in that and other localities as a very proper candidate for Sheriff on the Democratic ticket. Ad is a first-rate Democrat, a good citizen, and very popular among his acquaintances.

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