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DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM PLEDGE.

"The Democratic party pledges itself to the maintenance of the existing monetary standard."

Such is the first sentence of the money plank which it is proposed by the dominant or Parker forces shall be adopted as a part of the national platform of 1904. It can not be adopted without a bitter and perhaps sensational struggle in the committee on resolutions and in the convention itself, with William Jennings Bryan and Senator Bailey, of Texas, the rival gladiators in the arena.

Now that the nomination of Judge Parker, of New York, for president is no longer in doubt, all opposition to him worthy of serious attention having disappeared, and now that the choice of former Senator Turner, of Washington, for vice president is so strongly probable as to be well nigh a certainty, interest in the proceedings of the convention, which is to hold its first meeting tomorrow, is confined largely to the combat between the radicals and the conservatives over the chief bone of contention between them.

Though the war of words may fiercely rage, it is certain that the conservatives have control of the convention by about 700 votes out of 1,000. They are determined to drop free silver as they have already dropped its foremost advocate. The only question in their minds is as to the language which they shall employ in writing upon the pages of current history the momentous fact that the Democratic party has turned from its pursuit of the will-o'-the-wisp of a silver standard and has at last planted its feet again upon the rock of gold.

The following is the plank favored by the Parker leaders, and which will be placed in the hands of the chairman of the committee on resolutions as a declaration satisfactory to the candidate and his friends, and to serve as the basis of the committee's action:

"The Democratic party pledges itself to the maintenance of the existing monetary standard, which has been rendered adequate to the needs of our expanding trade by the addition to the existing stock of money metals within the last eight years of a supply of gold alone of more than \$2,000,000,000 from which enlarged stock of the United States have been able to obtain \$700,000,000, thereby doubling the supply of standard money, raising their circulation per capita from \$25 to \$30, and contributing to the great development of industrial activity which would not otherwise have been obtained."

It will be noticed that this plank really consists of two parts. The first is a declaration of policy or intention, and is contained in the opening sentence:

"The Democratic party pledges itself to the maintenance of the existing monetary standard."

The second part, or all that follows, is merely explanatory, a pointing out of changed conditions and their causes, a sort of excuse for the new attitude now to be taken by the party. Some of the Parker leaders favor dropping all the explanation and reducing the money plank to the first thirteen words.

Their argument is that if the Democratic party is to win the confidence of the country it must frankly and squarely offer its pledge to maintain the existing standard. There must be no loophole of omission or of vague phrase which would enable the Republicans to charge that the Democrats might upset the present standard, or permit it to be jeopardized, if they came into power. Such pledge they would offer in the opening phrase, and that they would make stronger by omitting all thereafter—all the apology for the attitude of the party in the past and all explanation of why it has changed.

A majority of the party managers fear a declaration so bold and simple would seriously offend many Democrats who fought under the banner of Bryanism and who are not yet sufficiently cured to enable them to stand a strong dose of the gold standard. Hence they propose to add the softening explanation. This notion of asserting, either plainly or by implication, that the party was right when it demanded free coinage in 1896 and 1900, and that it is now able to come over to the gold standard on account of a vastly increased output of money metals, is the John Sharp Williams idea, often spoken of as putting the responsibility on Nature and Providence in order to relieve the party of any blame. But there is a vital difference between the Williams or Mississippi plank and the plank which the Parker leaders hope to have adopted, and which is given in full above. The Williams plank contains no pledge, no declaration of purpose, no statement of intention to support and maintain the existing standard. And that is the very thing Messrs. Belmont, Hill and other representatives of Judge Parker say they must have if they are to have a chance to carry New York, New Jersey and Connecticut for the Democratic ticket.

The Williams or Mississippi plank, from which all but the pledge part of the proposed plank was drawn, reads as follows:

"The Democratic party congratulates the country upon the vindication of the Democratic contention for an increased volume of real or metallic money in manner acceptable to all Democrats by the addition to the world's stock of money metals of \$2,000,000,000 gold within the last eight years, from which these United States have been able to obtain \$700,000,000, thereby doubling their stock of standard money, raising their circulation per capita from \$25 to \$30 and contributing to the era of industrial prosperity, which could not otherwise have been attained. The fact that these results have been reached by no action of government, but by the act of God through human instrumentalities of discovery and invention, does not lessen our gratitude."

In other words, with or without explanation and apology, the Democratic party proposes to come to the support of the gold standard eight years after the Republican party, assembled in this city, managed to screw its courage to the sticking point and use the word "gold" in its platform. The Republicans obeyed the mandate of events at a time when only the more open minds were able to read it in the skies, and, after a first and terrific battle fought on that very issue, and a second one of lesser though like significance, the opponents of the present monetary standard in 1896 and 1900 now propose to pledge their support to that which has been set up and whose maintenance is no longer a practical question in American politics.

Even now the Democrats are afraid of the word "gold" even as a great many Republicans were eight years ago.

James H. Eckels has proposed a real gold plank: "The Democratic party adheres to the gold standard of 1834 and 1853, and insists upon the parity therewith of every dollar issued by the government."

But there is no likelihood that a plain, blunt gold plank like this will be adopted.

And over the adoption of the more cautious and placating combination of Parker pledge and Williams apology and explanation it is expected there will be a terrific row.—Walter Wellman, in Chicago Record-Herald.

A chair of applied matrimony is a new idea. Who will endow such a chair? Who will teach the subject? Stranger subjects have been endow and developed to the good of humanity. Why not have such a

department in every college? It would be so much better than the so-called child study which has become a foolish fad, especially since the lecturers and teachers are usually those who never had a child of their own.

Can any good come out of Indiana? Yes, she has furnished two presidents and six candidates for vice president. Here they are: The first was George W. Julian, who ran in 1852 as the candidate of the Free Democracy. Then came Schuyler Colfax, Republican in 1868; Thomas A. Hendricks, Democrat, in 1876 and 1884; William H. English, Democrat, 1880, and now Charles W. Fairbanks, Republican.

The issues of the coming campaign will be before the people at the end of this week. The two leading parties will have nominated their candidates. The candidates will have had their day and from then to the day of election, the voter will be the potent factor in the campaign.

One of our exchanges says that the Roosevelt administration is costing the people nearly a billion dollars more than the Cleveland administration. True enough and the Roosevelt administration has the money to pay its bills and a large surplus in the treasury.

The Hearst boom is about to collapse but it is not the first one of the kind that has collapsed. The Lafayette Courier says he is not the first man in politics who has been systematically milked but it is doubtful if ever another was milked more thoroughly.

The Democrats seem to be combining on Parker for president and it looks as if it will be Parker on the first ballot. Of course Hearst, Gray and Olney will have cabinet positions if Mr. Parker has any such positions to dispense next March.

Glen Miller Park was well patronized last Sunday. It does a citizen of Richmond good to see the rich and poor, the laborer and those who have leisure, enjoy the pure water and peaceful shade of their own park.

WILLIAMSBURG

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wooley, of Ohio, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Wooley over the Fourth.

Messrs. Harry and Charley Land and families spent the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Edwards.

Miss Lillie Wright, of Economy, and Mr. and Mrs. Thad Frazier, of Cambridge City, visited Mr. and Mrs. James H. Clements.

Mrs. Parks and daughter, Leona, of Lexington, Ky., are visiting Mrs. Parks' mother and father here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kein, of Cincinnati, visited friends here the past week.

Mr. Oral Chamness and Miss Adda Study spent the Fourth with friends in Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude B. Helm, of Indianapolis, were the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. W. M. Helm over the Fourth.

A few fire crackers and some cannon crackers told the people of Williamsburg that the glorious Fourth was here.

Mr. J. E. Tuttle, of Indianapolis, spent the Fourth with Dr. Helm and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison made a business trip to Richmond on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Roberts entertained some young people to supper last week.

On Friday night twelve automobiles visited our little city.

Mrs. Syler, of Ohio, is visiting her brother, Mr. Doe, Caykendall.

The Ladies' Aid Society will be entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stetson on next Thursday.

SCHOOL EXPENSE INCREASES.

Per Capita Increase of Eleven Cents Last Year.

An increase of eleven cents for each school pupil in Indiana is shown in the summary of the reports compiled by the state board of education, showing the cost of education. In the report of last January the appropriation of money per capita was shown to be \$1.41, while in the report sent to the printers Friday it is shown to be \$1.52. In this the increase of the number of pupils in the state is considered although it is not very large.

The amount received from counties is \$1,191,151.90. The amount in the treasury was \$1,331.30 and the amount appropriated was \$1,163,370.80. The balance now in the treasury is \$24,112.40.—Logansport Reporter.

Self Protection.

demands that you be on the alert to see that you get Painkiller (Perry Davis) when you ask for it; some dealers will try and persuade you to take something else, claimed to be just as good; insist upon getting Painkiller the remedy which has been the world's family doctor for 60 years; it never fails to stop diarrhoea, griping pains in the stomach or bowels, dysentery, etc. Large bottles 25 and 50 cents.

MR. DOOLEY'S RETURN.

Mr. Dooley's thousands of readers and admirers will be glad to learn of his return. His delightful and inimitable letters upon topics of the times, which have now gained for him a world-wide fame, will begin in the Sunday Record-Herald of July 10 and will appear every Sunday thereafter.

There is but one Dooley. A Chicago product, his quaint and humorous philosophy is now known wherever the English language is spoken. The coming presidential campaign and other current events will afford a wealth of material for his pen.

WHITEWATER

John F. Addleman returned from Iowa last week.

Fred White, who is attending school at Bloomington, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. White.

Rev. Cunningham filled his regular appointment at the Christian church Saturday evening and Sunday and on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan White were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allie Harrison and family at West Manchester, Ohio, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Flatter and family of Glen Karn, visited here last Sunday.

Omer Simpson and Bert White spent the Fourth at Arcanum, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pyle entertained on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Townsend and family and Reed Gordon.

Several of our young people spent Sunday at Glen Miller.

The ice cream social given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church on Saturday evening was largely attended and quite a neat sum was realized.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pyle and family of Albany, visited here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson visited at Richmond on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Squires, of Greens Fork, were the guests of Mr. J. A. Stephenson and family Sunday.

THE CONTRACT

Let to Mr. E. T. Fee for the Sum of \$769.00.

The plans and specifications of the new crematory were presented to the council last night for its inspection. Bids were also presented by several Richmond parties. The contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, Mr. E. T. Fee, for \$769.00.

NEXT SUNDAY

The Entertainment at Jackson Park Next Sunday.

Mr. Elias Day with his various entertainments will appear at Jackson Park next Sunday afternoon and evening. He has appeared in all of the leading Chautauquas and lecture courses of the country.

The following is taken from the Morning Herald, Lexington, Ky.: "He is one of the most fascinating entertainers that has ever appeared in Lexington. His work is both novel and unique, and as a characterist few can equal him. His facial expression is but little short of marvelous."

PEOPLE'S PARTY

Name Candidates for President and Vice President.

Springfield, Ill., July 6.—Before adjournment sine die last night, the national convention of the Middle-of-the-road and Populist parties, now known as the Allied People's party, nominated Hon. Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, for president of the United States and Hon. T. H. Tibbles, of Nebraska, for vice president.

MONTHLY REPORT OF HEALTH DEPT.

SHOWS CITY TO BE ENTIRELY FREE FROM CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

THE WORK OF CLEANING

The Parts of Poorest Sanitation Has Brought Noticeable Good Results.

The monthly report of the city health department, published yesterday in brief, is one of the best that has been made for several months. As to the birth-death part, the births outnumbered the deaths by three, which is good, but which might be better. Special attention should be directed to the sanitary part. For the first time since last September the city is in a state of clean, good, sanitation, with not one case of contagious disease within the limits. The last two cases of diphtheria were healed a few days ago and with them went the last of the diseases that are able to be "caught." This is a condition of which Richmond should be proud, as it shows that the people are desirous of having a clean city and to that end are willing to take the precautions necessary for the rendition of the unhealthy parts into fit places to live. Many places where the sanitation was so poor as conducive to bad health and disease, have been cleaned by the untiring efforts of the city officers and assistants, often almost with force on the part of the cleaners.

Quite a good deal of money has been expended in the fight for healthy places, but the results are worth all that was spent in securing them and the city will profit. Richmond now is one of the healthiest of Indiana cities, of whatever size, and the work of the health officers deserve commendation.

A RETRACTION

From July No. Ladies Home Journal. In the May number of the Ladies' Home Journal we published, in the article entitled "The 'Patent-Medicine' Curse," an analysis of "Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription," in which that preparation was represented as containing, among other ingredients, tincture of digitalis, tincture of opium, and alcohol. Immediately upon publication of the number a suit for damages was instituted by The R. V. Pierce Medical Company, of Buffalo, New York, proprietors of the preparation in question against The Curtis Publishing Company, based upon the claim that none of the three ingredients was contained in the medicine.

Upon the filing of the suit, we, of course, immediately looked into the published analysis. It appears that this particular analysis had been made, if made at all, fully twenty-five years ago. We, thereupon, employed three leading chemists in different cities to make an analysis of the preparation from bottles bought in the open market. These analyses, one and all, now show to us conclusively that not a single one of the ingredients mentioned by us in the analysis quoted—that is, either digitalis, opium, or alcohol—was contained in the bottles analyzed. We then—the President of this company and the writer—personally visited The R. V. Pierce Medical Company at Buffalo, and were there convinced that the officers of the company were absolutely truthful in their claim that not one of these injurious ingredients was contained in "Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription." Naturally, since the analysis we printed has been proved erroneous, the deductions, made in connection with this preparation were unwarranted and unfounded.

Under these circumstances it is now perfectly plain to us that this magazine was unintentionally, but nevertheless absolutely misled in making the original statement, and we hereby, of our own volition, make this unqualified acknowledgement of our mistake to The R. V. Pierce Medical Company and to our readers.

The mistake was honestly made, but it was a mistake.

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—F. Y. Fitzpatrick.

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STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Richmond people interested in the Little Kingdom Mining company, of Colorado will hold a meeting tonight in the room of H. A. Rost, over Alford's drug store. About 75,000 shares are held here. The property is located in Gilpin county, on the Colorado Southern Railroad. S. O. Trescott, a miner of national reputation from Denver, will address the meeting. The company is now going to put up a mill of large capacity.