

THE OHIO PLATFORM

For governor, Tom L. Johnson, of Cuyahoga county.

For lieutenant governor, Frank B. Miles, of Lucas county.

For supreme judge, Edward J. Dempsey, of Hamilton county.

For attorney general, Frank S. Monnett, of Franklin county.

For treasurer of state, V. J. Dahl, of Fayette county.

For auditor of state, Charles A. Kloebe, of Auglaize county.

For school commissioner, J. H. Secrest, of Putnam county.

For member of board of public works, T. H. B. Jones, of Lawrence county.

For United States senator, John H. Clark, of Cuyahoga county.

Assembled in convention at Columbus, preparatory to the state election of 1903, we, the democrats of Ohio, reaffirming the declarations on national issues of our platform of 1902, adopted at Sandusky, hereby renew our allegiance to the democratic party of the nation, and again avow our devotion to the principles of its last national platform. We accordingly condemn colonialism and imperialism, denounce trusts and trust-fostering tariffs, repudiate government by injunction, and oppose financial monopoly, together with every other legalized monopoly and special privilege. Adhering to these principles of the Kansas City platform, we repeat our condemnation of all efforts to renounce or ignore them.

We nevertheless urge the people of Ohio, regardless of party, to consider the transcendent importance of state over national issues at the coming election. National policies are not at stake. Although one seat in the United States senate depends upon the political complexion of our next legislature, no other national consideration does; and the republican party is so largely in the majority in the United States senate as to deprive that consideration of all practical importance. The vital question, therefore, which now confronts the voters of our state, republicans as well as democrats, is a local question. They are to determine whether the personal ambitions of one man for re-election to the federal senate, shall be gratified at the expense of placing the vast local interests of all the people of Ohio at the mercy of a state government nominated by and in alliance with the privileged corporations.

Let the people of Ohio consider what is really involved in this election. Great corporations, possessing valuable and oppressive franchises and reaching out for more, have effected a union with the leaders of the republican party in Ohio. So intimate has this union grown, that it can no longer be determined where the legitimate politics of the republican party leaves off and the corrupt politics of the privileged corporations begins. In consequence of that coalition of corporation magnates with republican managers, in some instances identical in person, the people of all political parties have been systematically plundered and oppressed.

Thus manipulated, the republican party has been treacherously led by its more recent managers, farther and farther into the service of special interests inimical to the public welfare. It has been made to protect and foster

monopolies. Its officials have burdened the farmers and small home owners of the state with excessive taxes in order to relieve public service corporations of their just obligations. It has enacted unconstitutional special laws. It has thrown the city and village governments of the state into confusion, thereby entailing large and useless expenditures of public money, impairing municipal credit and imposing upon the state treasury the cost of a special session of the general assembly. To remedy the evils thus caused, the present managers of the republican party have forced the enactment of a cumbersome and centralizing municipal code for the government of our cities and villages, framing its provisions in defiance of the wishes of the cities concerned, in disregard of the expressed opinions of the state bar association and the state and municipal chambers of commerce, and with indifference to the plain lessons of experience in Ohio and elsewhere.

By embodying in this code unwise and unjust provisions for the regulation of street railroads these republican managers have rendered competition more difficult and street car monopolies more secure. By reserving to the governor the power to appoint municipal officers in certain cases, they have dangerously concentrated the police power and have complicated their meager concessions of home rule with tempting opportunities for interference by the state government in the local affairs of cities and villages. A precedent has thus been set that would altogether nullify the principle of home rule.

The corrupt union which the republican managers of Ohio, treacherous alike to the rank and file of their own party and to the rest of the people, have made with privileged corporations, is further shown by the recent history of Ohio taxation. After repeated acknowledgements by the republican party, in its platform and other public declarations, of the injustice of existing tax laws, the republican legislature has rejected even the simplest remedies. The law by which telegraph, telephone and express companies are taxed, provides a simple method of arriving at the real value for taxation of steam railroad, street railroad, and similar classes of franchise property. Yet the republican legislature refused to apply that method to the property of those powerful corporations. It has retained the objectionable laws under which, with the aid of friendly state equalizing boards and local auditors, steam railroads and street car companies have for years been able to shift from themselves to the small home owners and farmers of the state, two-thirds of the burden of taxation which in justice these corporations ought to bear.

By way of pretended remedy for this flagrant abuse, the legislature has, at the dictation of republican managers and their corporate allies, imposed an annual tax upon the capital stock of all corporations, including unprivileged business companies. While bringing a diminishing revenue into the state treasury and proving a burdensome restriction upon legitimate business, this tax falls most heavily upon corporations least able to bear it, and will practically exempt those that are enriched by valuable special privileges. Besides making such trifling and deceptive alterations in our tax laws in the name of remedial legislation, the republican managers have been guilty of manifest duplicity. In deference to overwhelming public demands for tax reform, they permitted the adoption by the legislature of a resolution submitting to the people an amendment to the state constitution authorizing a fair classification of property for pur-

poses of taxation. But supposing that now the popular feeling on the subject may have temporarily subsided, yet not daring to risk a popular vote on this amendment, they have prevented the republican convention from approving it. The amendment is thereby deprived of the benefit of a place in the republican column on the official ballot.

In consequence of the alliance of privileged corporations and republican managers in Ohio, the recent history of the republican party of this state in connection with taxation is a glaring and unvarying record of double dealing with the people, of favoritism toward railroad, street car, and other public service corporations, of arbitrary interference with such local officials as have tried to remedy these fiscal abuses, and of free pass bribery—open, bold and habitual—together with indications of kinds of bribery more profitable and potent, though less audacious. With such a record, it is natural that the republican leaders and their corporate allies and beneficiaries should endeavor to evade a campaign on state issues. Their bad record in state and municipal government is explanation enough of their challenge to a controversy upon national issues, at a time when and in a state where no national principle or policy is at stake, either directly or indirectly.

That the alliance of republican leaders in Ohio with the privileged corporations has the aid of some Ohio democrats, we freely concede. But these democrats are not in control of the democratic party of the state; and that party as now organized is rebuking and disowning them as fast as it finds them out. An object lesson on this point was furnished at the special session of the legislature. Eight democratic legislators supported the corporation alliance by voting for the Cincinnati "curative act." For this treachery to their party and violation of their pledges to the people, every one of them has been relegated to private life by the democratic party. While conceding that some Ohio democrats are corruptly allied with the privileged corporations, we ask the people of the state to observe an important fact in that connection. In the democratic party as now organized, democrats who serve such alliances are punished; whereas, in the republican party as now controlled, republicans who make such alliances are rewarded.

We believe that the awakened voters of the republican party in Ohio will no longer tolerate the betrayal of the public interests and their own confidence, by their party managers and the privileged corporations to whose service those party managers are primarily devoted. Republicans by thousands have refused to do so in the city of Cleveland, where the democratic party is now successfully leading the fight of the people against the privileged corporations and their confederates in both parties. But this is a state fight and must be waged in every part of the state. The legislature must be recovered from the corporations and restored to its proper place as an agent of popular government. The fight for that object must be unfaltering and unremitting. It must be not for one campaign only, but for all campaigns until the corporations are driven out of politics. The present campaign is especially opportune for this purpose. The absence from it of every reasonable ground for solicitude respecting national issues, enables the people to express themselves without hesitation or reservation in favor of home rule and just taxation and against the continued reign of privileged corporations in the state of Ohio.

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