

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

PREAMBLE—The Democrats of Ohio, proud of their citizenship in this great State, for the purpose of maintaining the prosperity of the commonwealth and to promote the welfare and happiness of the whole people, submit the following declaration of principles, upon which they ask the suffrages of the people.

The equality of all citizens before the law, equal taxation, impartial legislation, and a free and pure ballot as the corner stone of free institutions.

Opposition to monopolies and subsidies of all kind.

The strictest economy in National, State and local administrations, that labor may be likely burdened.

The maintenance and advancement of the Common School system.

Resolved, That the abuses of the present contract system in our State Prison by which the products of criminal labor are brought into competition with the products of honest labor, to the great injury of the latter, is unwise and vicious, and should be corrected.

Resolved, That the course of the last Republican Legislature deserves the condemnation of the people for its incompetence, hypocrisy, its unnecessary and heavy increase in the burdens of taxation, and for the passage of numerous pernicious and unconstitutional acts, and for its reorganization of the State solely for the purpose and as a medium for the distribution of spoils.

Resolved, That as the humanities are non-partisan, and as the treatment of criminals should be non-political, the management of the charitable and punitive institutions of the State should be free from partisan changes or appointments.

Resolved, That we are in favor of a civil service reform, whereby offices shall be held to the public trusts to be administered for the public good, not spoils to be enjoyed as the reward of partisan zeal or service.

Resolved, That the Democrats of Ohio, in this year as in all years, are in favor of the largest individual liberty consistent with the public order, and are opposed to legislation merely sumptuary.

Resolved, That the recent discovery of enormous peculations in high Federal places, and the Republican attempt to purchase votes by open corruption, should convince the country that the Republican organization is not worthy of public confidence.

Resolved, That the power delegated to the General Government "to regulate commerce among the States," as well as the power reserved to the States to regulate commerce within their own borders, should both be exercised to prevent unjust discriminations, and unreasonable charges by our railroads.

A tariff for revenue, levied and adjusted in its details with a view to equity in the public burdens and the encouragement of productive industries without creating monopolies, and we favor the appointment of a Commissioner to suggest methods of revision which shall accomplish this result.

The committee also recommended the adoption of the following, though not including it in the platform:

Resolved, That we deeply deplore the recent attempt upon the life of the President of the United States by an assassin and denounce assassination in a Republic as the highest and most revolting of crimes, and we extend to the President and his family our deepest sympathies, and our earnest hopes that a speedy recovery may be vouchsafed him.

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