

PARTY PLATFORM AS ADOPTED BY MARYLAND DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION, SEPT. 20, 1921.

We, the representatives of the Democratic party of Maryland, in convention assembled, reaffirm our loyalty to those great fundamental principles of free government upon which our State and nation are founded, and our adherence to the enduring faith of the Democratic party, with the equality of opportunity for the high and low, the rich and poor which that faith assures.

ALL PLEDGES REDEEMED.

We remind the people of the State of the redemption by the Democratic party, under Governor Ritchie's administration, of every pledge made by us in the platform of 1919. Our specific promises for economy and efficiency have each been fulfilled; the salaries of the Baltimore Police force have been increased; the State roads system has been continued and maintained and the plan for lateral roads put into effect; the salaries of the public school teachers have been increased, facilities for teacher training have been extended and the public school system generally has been fostered and developed; the agricultural interests and activities of the State have been supported and advanced; public work and construction have progressed as rapidly as practicable; the institutions for the sick, the needy and the afflicted have had our special care; a hospital for the criminal insane and a country site for the Maryland Industrial School for Girls are being constructed and a hospital for the colored tubercular is about to be built; and the work of every State department has been performed in an efficient and businesslike manner.

The State treasury and the public funds are in a thoroughly satisfactory condition.

All this has been accomplished under the decreased State tax rate which the last Democratic Legislature provided.

A STRICTLY BUSINESS AND ECONOMICAL ADMINISTRATION.

We commend Governor Ritchie, his administration and the Democratic Legislature of 1920 for the industry, ability and undivided attention and fidelity to public service which have resulted in the above accomplishments and we commend the businesslike efficiency with which the present Democratic administration invariably discharges its duties.

We are deeply mindful of the increasing burdens which rest upon the taxpayers, and we recognize that no relief will be afforded in national taxation or in Baltimore city taxation. Therefore, while determined that the State's business must not suffer, but must go ahead, we are equally determined that the people of Maryland shall not have any additional burdens in State taxation placed upon them. On the contrary, they shall receive such a lightening thereof as honest, intelligent public service and strict economy may be able to give.

Through all means that are possible, we want to reduce the cost of living to the people of our State, prohibit and punish profiteering in the necessities of life, and bring the producer and the consumer closer together in the interest of both.

We, therefore, pledge our party generally to these ends, and to the continuance of a strictly business administration and of scrupulous care and economy in handling the public moneys.

ADMINISTRATION CONSOLIDATION.

We remind the people of Maryland that constructive progress and steady advance in political ideals have been the outstanding features of the Democratic administrations which have governed Maryland during the past two decades.

Beginning with pioneer work in the care of the tubercular the feeble-minded and the insane, and with the establishment of a system of free school books, there followed a long line of progressive measures, all passed by Democratic Legislatures, including:

State roads system, Workmen's Compensation Law, Public Service Commission, State Tax Commission, Full Crew Law, Labor Laws, Ten-Hour Law for Women, health and sanitary legislation, New Educational Law, Conservation Commission, State Board of Agriculture, Maryland Agricultural College reorganized, State Law Department, State Board of Prison Control, Budget System, continuing appropriations abolished, uniform system of accounting, Annapolis-Claborn Ferry, Baltimore and Rock Hall Ferry, War Legislation of 1917, Police Commission for Baltimore City, Central Purchasing Bureau, State Merit System, University of Maryland and Lateral Road Law.

These two decades have constituted a period of specific accomplishment. As each new condition arose, the Democratic State Administration has stepped forward with the means to meet it. As each new need developed, the Democratic State Administration has supplied the need. Inevitably these new accomplishments were not co-ordinated. From the nature of things they could not be. Achievement was the instant and the important thing. Not until the lapse of some years was co-ordination possible, and the time ripe to undertake the work of fitting each activity into its appropriate place in the general order.

The constructive legislation of the past 20 years has, therefore, resulted in a State Government conducting its important functions through about 80 separate departments, commissions and officials. These are too many. They should be co-ordinated, both to prevent duplication of work and of effort, and in the interest of economy, efficiency and of an adequate, business like supervision over all State departments. The time for this has now arrived.

There is nothing peculiar to Maryland about this situation. Exactly the same thing occurred and is bound to occur in every State. But Maryland, under Democratic administrations, has been among the first of the States to recognize it and to apply the remedy. Substantial beginnings have already been made by our party with the administrative consolidations, which have resulted in the Conservation Commission, the State Board of Labor Statistics, the State Board of Prison Control, the State Board of Agriculture, the unification of that board with the Maryland Agricultural College and the State Law Department.

Now the time is at hand to complete the work of co-ordination thus so well begun and to recast the structure of the State government, so that we may have a practical, working, well-balanced whole, capable of operating better than the present system and at less cost.

To this end we pledge our party to legislation to promote co-ordination, efficiency and economy in the State government, based upon the plan which has been recommended by the reorganization commission, appointed by Governor Ritchie, of which Hon. N. Charles Burke is chairman.

The plan this commission has recommended has these outstanding features:

1. It is distinctly a Maryland plan, drawn by no outside experts, but by Maryland men and women, who are familiar with the needs of our people and with the history, development and practical operations of the State government. The changes this plan makes are such as will give greater efficiency and greater economy, and they square with those State institutions, usages and practices which experience has justified and which ought to endure.

2. This plan will give a more efficient State government. It reduces the 80 existing departments to 16 major departments and three minor ones by combining those whose work is related and by abolishing unnecessary offices.

3. It will give a more economical State government. The saving in officials' salaries and compensation alone will amount to nearly \$150,000 a year. The savings from increased efficiency and system are sure to be many times this.

INCREASED REPRESENTATION.

The Democratic party takes just pride in Maryland's great city of Baltimore. Its relative importance, its size and population entitle it to a substantial increase in its representation in the General Assembly.

We declare for increased representation for the city of Baltimore by the addition of two (2) Senators and (12) Delegates, which is an increase of fifty (50) per cent, and pledge our party to the submission to the people of a constitutional amendment therefor.

We urge our party to support this amendment at the polls.

REDUCED NUMBER OF ELECTIONS.

We recognize that elections in this State are too many and too costly. We favor abolishing all State and county elections every second year to the end that every other year may be free of elections. We pledge our party to the passage of such Constitutional amendments and legislation as will accomplish this. The plan drafted by the subcommittee of the reorganization commission, of which Hon. Carville D. Bonson is chairman, shows that this will mean a direct saving to the taxpayers of approximately \$250,000 a year.

ROADS.

We take just pride in the splendid road system of the State, inaugurated and carried on by Democratic administrations.

The lateral road plan, enacted by the last legislature, has proved a marked success. Every county of the State paid its share of the lateral road fund and availed itself of its allotment for 1920, and almost every county has done so for 1921.

We pledge our party to the construction of needed extensions of and additions to the State roads system from State funds and Federal aid, and to the continued building of lateral roads from State and county funds.

We were deeply concerned over the terms of the Federal Aid bill fostered by the Republican National Administration, because it would have taken from the States the right to initiate their own road projects and it contained other provisions which would have deprived Maryland of Federal aid in the future. Federal aid was inaugurated by the Democratic National Administration several years ago, and any cessation or impairment of its benefits would be most unfortunate. We are gratified that it was largely due to the efforts of the present Democratic State Administration that the objectionable features of the Republican bill were eliminated, and the bill at last put in shape satisfactory to the interests of this State. We deplore, however, the failure of the Republican Congress thus far to pass the bill because this failure has deprived the State of all Federal aid for some months, and has delayed the construction of roads which, had the Federal money been available, would now have been either completed or else well under way.

We favor the extension of the State roads system through incorporated towns and the reconstruction by the State, where needed and as rapidly as practicable, of those town streets which furnish direct connection with State highways, to a width corresponding to that of such State highways, and their maintenance to such width by the State.

AGRICULTURE.

The prosperity of the agricultural industry is fundamental to the general prosperity of the State. During the reconstruction period this industry has passed through a most difficult experience. The prices for staple agricultural products have fallen much below the cost of production. Every effort has been made by the Democratic Administration to assist the State agencies, the University of Maryland and the farmers generally to tide over this trying period. Beneficial legislation in the interest of agriculture and as liberal appropriations as the State

finances would permit were given by the last Administration, and developing this industry, special assistance has been rendered, in response to the urgent need of the farmers, in arranging an emergency redemption fund for the control of tuberculosis among cattle.

We believe in all movements among farmers which will benefit the industry and be in the interest of the consumer. While great progress has been made during the past few years in the development of our agricultural resources, yet much remains to be done in the field of education, investigation and extension work among our people. Through the proper development of the agricultural agencies of the State, the productive capacity of Maryland farms and of the industries dependent upon them can be much increased.

We favor the continued development of the University of Maryland and the State Department of Agriculture, as far as the State's financial condition will permit, as a sound business investment for the benefit of all the people.

We believe in fostering every agency and promoting every effort of the farmers in Maryland toward the advancement of our agricultural resources and the further improvement of our agricultural conditions.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS. We favor the further development of the public school system of the State and competent, well-trained teachers, in full accord with American ideals, in all public school positions, to the end that a sound education may be within the reach of all the children of the State.

We pledge our party to an extension of the facilities for teacher training, both in the normal schools and in the service.

LABOR AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

We deplore the alarming business depression and unemployment which has followed the advent of the Republican National Administration, and which deprives millions of our citizens of their right to strive not only for success but for living.

We pledge our party to do everything possible to relieve this situation by the vigorous pushing of needed public works, such as roads, bridges and general construction, and in every other way in which the State, either alone or in co-operation with the Federal Government, can properly initiate or aid.

We call attention to the work of the commission, appointed pursuant to the act of a Democratic Legislature, to investigate mining conditions in this State, and we pledge our party to suitable legislation for the betterment of these conditions.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

We declare our confidence in the political judgment and capacity of the registered voters of the Democratic party and do again declare that the power and privilege of nominating party candidates by direct vote should remain with the people. We urge our party to pass only such amendments to the Primary Election law as shall be consistent with its theory and principle, and to oppose any amendments thereto restricting the voters' opportunity to make all party nominations by direct vote.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

We believe that the extension of the suffrage to women carries with it a joint responsibility upon women and men for the administration of public affairs. We think that women should be appointed on State boards and commissions, particularly in those fields of work where woman's training, interest or experience especially qualifies her. We pledge our party to legislation removing all political disabilities of women and making it possible for them to hold any elective or appointive office, and to serve on juries.

CONSERVATION.

Twenty years ago Maryland ranked first among the oyster producing States of the country. We desire to restore the State, as nearly as possible, to her former position, and to this end we favor the extensive planting of oyster shells and seed oysters on barren rocks.

We renew our past pledges for the continued protection of the oystermen in the free use of the natural oyster beds and bars.

We favor the establishment and maintenance by the State of commercial and fresh-water fish hatcheries for the purpose of stocking the streams and rivers of the State with an abundant supply of fish.

We favor all needed legislation for the protection of the crab. Maryland already prohibits winter dredging and the catching of the sponge or egg-bearing crab. Virginia does not, and our crab supply has been greatly depleted in consequence. Recently, however, as the result of efforts of the conservation commission, Virginia has agreed to enact legislation similar to ours. We favor co-operative and uniform laws between the two States on the subject.

PRISON REFORM.

The present administration has gone as far as it can in carrying out the legislative direction to establish a system of prison labor which will supersede the contract-labor system. The existing contracts are now all terminating on short notice and plans for the new system have been drawn. We favor legislation for the establishment of appropriate industries at the prison for the making of articles for the State. We believe that this, in connection with work on the roads and elsewhere out of doors, will enable the prison authorities to give the prisoners work selected primarily in accordance with their own economic needs, will assure them a livelihood when released, and enable them to take their places then as law-abiding, producing members of society.

CONCLUSION.

We heartily endorse the Democratic candidate for State Comptroller, William S. Gordy, Jr., of Salisbury. He is the unanimous choice of the party for this important position, for which, in experience, ability and high character, he is pre-eminently fitted.

We appeal to the voters of the State to elect a Democratic General Assembly, in order that the pledges for constructive legislation made in this platform may be faithfully carried out.

Upon this platform we submit our cause to the people.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th, 1921, at 11 o'clock A. M., all the personal property belonging to Jonas B. Burner and wife, to wit:

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JOSEPH E. HUNTER, Trustee.

Ivan L. Hoff, Attorney. W. T. Wilson, Auct.

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ZION CITY HIGHLIGHTS. "As in the past, Zion City is plainly illustrated, even in Zion City, will, where strict discipline in regard to religious matters was maintained. It seems that, "the ways of the world," in some way, crept into this ideal place, bringing with it indecent dress lewdness, and other evils following from the same source. Instead of ridiculing other cities and towns would do well to see that public health and morals be maintained, as formerly practiced in Zion City.

STARVING RUSSIA.

It seems that many people doubt that Russia is in such a sad plight as the newspapers put it, but there are some reasons for all the pleading and begging. A sixteen-year-old girl, with her mother, grandmother and little brother, just arrived in New York City, after traveling over a great part of Siberia and Russia, dancing in each town, village and city to earn passage and food. Food was very scarce all along their route, and they were compelled to eat horse-meat and other non-appetizing food, as the marks of hunger were apparent every where.

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