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INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

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THE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

Henry Ward Beecher it was said that the activity and soundness of a man's actions will be determined by the activity and soundness of his thoughts. Judged by that criterion, the delegates to the convention on Saturday last had been thinking both actively and soundly. They knew what they wanted and they did it quickly and well. The platform and resolutions ring true. They embody what appeals to the conscience of the people as right and just. They are not afraid to approve what is right nor yet to condemn in the strongest terms what is wrong.

The county ticket has been immeasurably strengthened by the endorsement of Saturday's convention. The ticket can now be voted straight without danger of giving aid and comfort to those who have stolen the livery of democracy in which to serve the ends of a convicted briber.

In pursuance of its policy of approval of honesty, integrity and good citizenship, the convention also approved of Judge Smith's candidacy. Judge Smith's record on the bench is unimpeachable. The delegates who composed Saturday's convention knew that, therefore they want his reelection.

And as for the legislative ticket, who is there that will say it is not the best, by long odds, ever nominated in this county? Take an honest republican around the corner, out of earshot of a hidebound political fellow in the republican band wagon, and he will tell you that three better men than Messrs Burnes, Macdonald and McCarthy can not be found in Flathead county, and that the Independent democratic legislative ticket is at least 66 2/3 per cent better than the republican legislative ticket and fully 200 per cent better than the regular democratic legislative ticket in this county.

The Independent democratic ticket is one that every honest citizen can vote with pride and satisfaction. The men on that ticket stand for the cleansing process of which the politics of this state stands so badly in need. None of them stand for the ends of any faction or individual. Least of all do they stand for the purposes of W. A. Clark. They will not be parties to the barter and sale of honorable offices.

It is the best kind of a ticket, from top to bottom, and unless the Bee is woefully mistaken concerning the temper of the voters of Flathead county, the Independent democratic ticket is the one that will win at the polls on the sixth day of next November.

In 1896 the democratic presidential ticket in Montana got 42,537 votes. Of that number Silver Bow, Deer Lodge, Meagher and Ravalli counties cast 17,755. Those were the counties whose honestly elected delegations to the state democratic convention the Clarkites treated so contemptuously. He who runs may read.

As a convention chairman "Col." J. W. R. Moore must have been under the tutelage of Mr. Walter Cooper, first lieutenant of the Clark barrel. Moore refused to submit motions and conducted himself in other obnoxious ways in the democratic county convention, and

Cooper forced J. K. Toole on the democratic state convention at Helena, when that gathering of Clarkites had declared their opposition to him by a decisive majority. If Moore studies hard, who knows but that the mantle of Cooper may yet fall upon him.

Not long since the Bee said that it had ordered a Mergenthaler typesetting machine, and the Herald-Journal greeted the announcement with the following specimen of the genial "Col's" dry wit: The Bee has ordered a typesetting machine, to be shipped by express. Not to be outdone, the Herald-Journal has ordered two—both bigger ones—to be sent by telegraph.

Either the genial "Col." has not succeeded in getting his fingers into the Clark barrel as deeply as he expected to when he penned the above, or else the Herald-Journal's telegraph is even slower than the Bee's freight, as the following communication shows:

Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 26, 1900.
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W. A. Clark denies the infamous New York Herald interview. The Herald says the interview was not only correct but that Clark's language was toned down, for in its virgin state it was unfit for the columns of the Herald. As the Herald is a reputable newspaper of high standing, and as Clark was convicted of perjury and bribery by the senate committee, his word will not be taken as an offset to that of the New York Herald by a long chalk.

It is up to W. A. Clark to explain why he worked and worked to secure the passage of the bill creating the Amalgamated Copper company, which he now brands as a menace to the welfare of the state. Without Clark's support House Bills 132 and 124 would have failed. If there is any evil in the Amalgamated Copper company, which has not been shown up to date, Clark is responsible for it. For proof see Governor Smith's address in this issue.

Clark's local Long Tom has been shooting at the Independent democrats ever since the convention. Long Toms have been known to explode before now.

PLATFORM

Of the Independent Democratic Party of Flathead County.

We, the independent democrats of Flathead county in convention assembled, hereby affirm our allegiance to the principles of democracy as enunciated in the democratic platform adopted at Kansas City July 4, 1900.

We pledge ourselves to use all honorable means to secure the election of William J. Bryan and Adlai E. Stevenson as president and vice president of the United States, and to abolish all forms of corruption from the politics of this state.

We demand the free coinage of both gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 by this government independent of any other nation.

As we hold dear the principles of our party, chief of which is the right of local self-government, we condemn the so-called state democratic convention at Helena for its action in refusing to seat the legally elected representatives of more than six thousand democratic voters in Silver Bow county.

We pledge the nominees of this convention to the legislative assembly to support all justly constructed measures in accord with the principles herein set forth.

As improved methods and labor-saving machinery have greatly increased the productiveness of labor, in order that labor shall receive its just proportion of its fruits and that none shall be deprived of an opportunity to work, we favor the shortest practical day for those who toil; we favor eight hours as a legal day's work for those engaged in occupations dangerous to life or health.

We are opposed to allowing the maintenance of company stores where employees are compelled to trade.

We demand the passage of a law to abolish and prevent the present system practiced in this state by railroad corporations of employing Asiatic or other labor through a padrone or boss, who receives a percentage of the wages of such employees.

We favor laws to restrict and control trusts and to abolish monopolies of all kinds.

We demand the enactment of a law creating a state railroad commission to regulate rates and prevent discrimination by transportation companies. The cost of maintaining such commission to be defrayed by a tax upon such companies.

Whereas, in the states both east and west of Montana, upon the line of the railroads passing through this state, the maximum railroad passenger fare is three cents per mile, therefore we demand a law fixing the maximum railroad fare in this state at three cents per mile, and fixing the maximum sleeping car charges at a reasonable sum.

To the end that the disgraceful scenes enacted in the last legislative assembly may be prevented, we demand a consti-

tutional amendment providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

We favor constitutional amendments providing for an income tax and a conservative initiative and referendum law. We demand the amendment of the state land laws so as to permit settlers to purchase state lands at any time at the appraised value of such lands, preference being given to those who have such lands under lease.

We view with satisfaction the construction of an honest state capitol building at an honest price, about which there is no suspicion of any corrupt deal, the same being due to the efforts of the Hon. Fred Whiteside in the fifth legislative assembly.

We declare that a grave crisis has been reached in the affairs of the democracy of this state. The machinery of the old party has come into the hands of those who seek to debauch its members and prostitute its principles, to promote the selfish ambitions of one man. The issue before the people of Montana now is, "Shall bribery and corruption be endorsed?" And they who have stolen the livery of democracy are ready to sacrifice the party to accomplish this end. With the power of money, through a subsidized press, they seek to blind the people to the real issue and hide their own crimes by raising the cry of "stop thief" against the so-called copper trust. They have made but "vulgar merchandise" of the highest honors of our state, which we would fain hold as a sacred heritage to inspire the noblest ambitions of our sons.

To those who still affect to doubt the truth of the exposures made in the sixth legislative assembly we point to the fact that, notwithstanding the most elaborate defense that wealth could command, conducted by the ablest lawyers in the United States, the truth of the charges have been sustained by a unanimous verdict both of the supreme court of this state and of the highest legislative tribunal in the United States.

Realizing that there can be no united democracy in this state until the affairs of the old party have been placed in the hands of leaders who have had no part in any factional quarrel, we demand that those against whom these crimes have been proven shall relinquish their assumed leadership of the party and place its affairs in the hands of such men.

In view of the fact that the republican members of the sixth legislative assembly, with few exceptions, were guilty of accepting bribes, as well as of base party treachery, and that two republican conventions of this county have, by silence, endorsed such action, we therefore declare that that party is unworthy of the confidence of the people and its legislative nominees must be viewed with distrust. If, unlike their predecessors, they resist the temptations of bribery, they must vote for that representative of the trusts and corporations, Thos. H. Carter, whom we regard as the Mark Hanna of Montana.

We therefore call upon all good citizens, of whatever party affiliation, to join with us in our earnest effort to rid our beloved state from the blighting influence of bribery, corruption and corporate rule, by electing to the next legislative assembly men of known integrity, who are pledged to support the principles herein set forth.

The legislative nominees of this convention are pledged to oppose alike the candidacy of any man for the United States senate who has, in effect, been convicted of corrupt methods, and any candidate put forth in the interest of the Amalgamated Copper company or any other corporation; and we further pledge them to devote their efforts to securing needed legislation for the people of Flathead county, rather than in booming any senatorial candidate.

We condemn in unmeasured terms the three republicans and one democrat from this county who sold their votes in the last legislative assembly, and we view with disgust the display of affluence made by H. H. Garr and John H. Geiger with their ill-gotten gains. We call upon John H. Geiger to resign the position of state senator to which he was not elected, but which he secured through a corrupt deal in fraud of the people of this county.

We pledge the members of this convention to support the ticket here nominated, but we pledge them to vote as a unit against any candidate who gives aid or countenance to any legislative candidates other than those nominated by this convention.

We are opposed to all forms of expansion except that which adds virgin and contiguous soil for the settlement of our own people. We are opposed to either holding as subjects or admitting as American citizens ten millions of half civilized people upon the other side of the globe. We are opposed to the sacrifice of American blood and treasure for the purpose of establishing an imperial form of government in the Philippines.

We are opposed to the policy which requires the maintenance of an immense standing army to hold in subjection a horde of Asiatic people, whose labor must come in competition with that of the American workmen, and whose simple wants can never create a market for American products.

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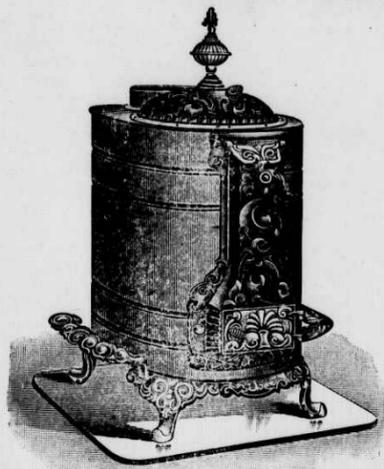
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