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THE TRIPLE PARTY PLATFORM.

The following are the resolutions adopted by the joint convention at Oklahoma City:

We indorse and ratify the Chicago platform adopted by the Democratic party in 1892, and afterwards indorsed by the Populists and Free Silver Republicans through the ratification of the candidacy of Hon. W. J. Bryan.

We are in favor of the election of the president of the United States and United States senators by a direct vote of the people.

We favor such legislation as will enable the people of this territory to elect their own officials.

We favor economy in the management of public affairs.

We favor statehood and free homes.

We tender the constitutional authorities our sympathy and support in the prosecution of the just war waged by this country against the misrule and tyranny of Spain in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine islands, and tender our sympathies to those who have been called upon to make sacrifices in the interest of this country through the exactions of this war.

We condemn the present Republican administration of Oklahoma as being mercenary and corrupt, and urge a united effort to prevent the operation of the iniquitous tax raise lately legalized by the decision of the administrative supreme court.

We pledge our unanimous support to the choice of this convention for delegate to congress, to the end that intelligence, efficiency and honesty may be united in this territory, to the confusion and defeat of McMillanism and the allies of corruption and misrule.

We favor the opening to settlement of all Indian reservations within or contiguous to Oklahoma territory as early as possible.

We favor such legislation as will result in lessening railroad rates of transportation, and the abolition of the entire free pass system.

...hanging about the bargain counter waiting for the price of peace to be marked down.

If Flynn does succeed in nominating Bill Grimes, Gov. Barnes will be obliged to use his conning tower for a cyclone cellar.

An exchange thinks that notwithstanding Sylvester Seovel's exult there is a vast amount of unslipped Shafter.

The Arapahoe Bee, an unsuited Republican, says the next delegate to congress will be a Republican, and then tears down its stack with the qualifying remark that he ought to be.

SINCE the Republicans leased free homes when the bill was about to pass congress, they don't care to have their carcass paraded in this territory in the congressional canvass—it will show too many Republican dagger wounds.

The silver forces of Logan county can find out an excuse why Judge Keaton should not receive every vote of the party in the county. He ought to give the so'd vote, and there are thousands for believing that he will get his sprinkling of Republican votes also.

The Guthrie post-master's first official act was to turn down the civil service law. If he shall knock it endways clear through from Alpha to Omega he will be entitled to a Christmas turkey with the feathers on.

Two Democrats of Noble county have nominated Charles P. Drace, formerly a worthy citizen of Guthrie, for the office of county commissioner. Charles Drace is a man of splendid character and incorruptible integrity, and is a safe man to trust.

According to the rules of the gold bug party it is about time for some obscure cousin of Governor Barnes to come in from Albuquerque, New Mexico, or Kingfisher, Ariz., seeking an appointment from cousin Barnes. The family do seem to have been supplied.—Kend Wave.

Maxims, Lillie, Spurlock, Ray, Parquharson, Berkeley and Renfrow, who once on a time in the recent past looked with dewy eyes in the direction of the Guthrie postoffice, should read the 47th chapter of the book of Timothy-Titus. They will there find it recorded: "And they shall gnaw a file and see unto the mountains of Hebalan, where the whangoodle," etc.

ONCE in a while—only ones in a while, though—the Dingley tariff catches the fellows it was intended to protect, and then they squeal and rant "No kick like a Texas mule with a whole lot of bumble-bees under its tail. Recently one of those New York Dingley immanes brought over a lot of foreign bric-a-brac, and when the customs leech touched him for a few hundred he damned the government worse than any Spaniard at Santiago ever did.

...pretty for an imaginative picture—but poll the party and interview Barnes and Flynn and see if each have declared for any man who can win.

The frantic efforts of the Guthrie State Capital to become the official oracle of Oklahoma Populism is very painful. Its worry lest the Populists shall evaporate, combined with its suspicion of foul play on the part of Democrats, is very interesting to the audience. The Capital is affording a first-class attraction to lovers of comedy, and is entitled to a few bouquets before the curtain goes down.—Oklahoma City Champion.

It was a Republican legislature that passed the law putting into the hands of the Governor and his appointees, the auditor—the power to pay a fictitious and fraudulent value on the people's homes in order to feed the greed of the warrant speculator. When this iniquitous law was enacted there was but one Democrat in the council, and three in the lower branch, both houses being overwhelmingly Republican, and if there be adium, or if there be praise, the Republican legislature is entitled to all of it.

It should never be forgotten that the members of the board of equalization are the governor, the auditor and the secretary. The governor appoints the auditor, and that gives him a majority of the board, and under the recent decision of the supreme court of the territory the governor with his own appointee, the auditor, can raise the assessment valuation of property to suit the greed of the warrant speculator who generally keeps in touch with his excellency.

WHY THE LEADER IS DEMOCRATIC.

The LEADER is Democratic because Democracy is right.

It is Democratic because Democracy is the foundation stone upon which the government is builded.

It is Democratic because the perpetuity of our free institutions rests in the lap of Democracy.

It is Democratic because the cardinal principles of Democracy are the principles by which the freedom of conscience, freedom of speech and the freedom of the individual are secured.

It is Democratic because Democracy is progressive and keeps pace with the requirements of the people.

It is Democratic because Democracy has ever been opposed to the Republican idea of a centralized government.

It is Democratic because Democracy is founded in the affections of the great masses of the people whom it serves.

It is Democratic because Democracy is opposed to the Republican idea of class protection and class legislation in the interest of the corporations and against the masses.

It is Democratic because Democracy has ever held and holds today that labor is honorable and is the cornerstone and the capstone which reflect the strength and glory of American manhood.

CUBA AND PORTO RICO.

The settlement of the status that Cuba and Porto Rico shall occupy in their relation to the United States, if peace has been declared with Spain, is a question of serious importation one which will call for the strength of all of the ablest and best statesmen of America. It is plain to the most casual observer of passing events that it is now the settled policy and purpose of the government that Spain shall not only retire from Cuba in accordance with the resolution of Congress in declaring war, but from Porto Rico as well. It is equally plain that no terms of peace will be entertained by the United States that do not concede this. What then shall be the status of these islands in their relation to the United States? Shall they be annexed to this country as Hawaii has been annexed? As independent states with home rule? As a failure before it is used. If they are to be accorded territorial forms of government similar to that exercised by the government over our home territories, that too will be a failure before it is tried. The conditions existing in Hawaii would be totally unsuited for these islands. In Hawaii the people are docile and tractable and the government is already in the hands of Americans, while in Cuba and Porto Rico the people are turbulent, revolutionary and intractable and can only be controlled, disciplined and held in check by a strong and powerful government.

No man with the slightest knowledge of the character of the Hispano-American people, and especially the conditions prevailing in Cuba and Porto Rico, will advocate the placing of the American elective franchise in their hands for the start.

What form of government they shall be given the people of these islands, is a problem likely to tax the ingenuity of the United States and call for the exercise of the sublimest wisdom of statescraft.

The government in dealing with this question will be confronted with a problem unknown to American politics and directly in conflict with the principles and traditions of our institutions of more than a hundred years standing. To accord to them independent governments of their own choosing means anarchy, disorder and instability, and to deny them such independent action is to stultify ourselves and publish to the world that we don't practice what we preach.

These are some of the problems our country will have to confront and solve in the settlement of the status of Cuba and Porto Rico.

AIN ATTEMPT OF REPUBLICANS TO SOFT DISCORD.

That the Republicans are desperate is evidenced by the application of the morose radical organ. In order to avoid dissent among the unthinking, it attempts to veil the Populists and recast that money and absolutely false story pertaining to Keaton's judicial appointment. Leaving Keaton, it once more assails the LEADER with the cry of "persuasion," when it has not a scintilla of evidence for such a charge. The LEADER is not pandering to any individual, clique, or party or faction. It is straight out Democratic paper with no axe to grind, but having at heart the interest and welfare of the Democratic party. The LEADER is supporting everything Democratic and every self-respecting Democrat can get justice from this paper.

It has always accorded such justice despite the Capital's perils. I believe. During the Keaton administration this paper supported Renfrow.

It is a Democrat and conducted business according to the rules of Democracy. There were some Democrats and a few Democratic papers who disliked the late governor and took occasion to vent their spleen on the LEADER, because this paper supported and upheld a Democratic administration.

So far as the judiciary was concerned this paper did not approve of a number of its actions and was not slow in saying so. But because the LEADER is a (grand Democrat) paper, was in harmony with Democratic judges, it was accused by men who had failed to get office, and the Capital was the instrument utilized to bolster up their woe.

The Capital is a trouble-maker. Its tone of Tuesday shows that. With never a kind word to say for its own party or party leaders, to say nothing of the administration, which loathes the sweet, it is generally belching its oily slime into other parties with the view to creating discord.

But the LEADER cares not a pea for the Capital's attitude. For six years the LEADER has crossed bats with the corrupt sheet and shown by its greed, selfishness and rottenness. All its talk about this paper opposing the gentlemen it named is mere moonshine. We entertain for them a high regard. They are earnest able Democrats and if they entertained at any time a feeling of dislike toward this paper, as the Capital alleges, it was not the paper so much as the individuals for a time connected with the LEADER.

A party paper cannot countenance riles and charges, and ignore the outer element of the party it represents, and be successful. It must have the party line to earn the confidence of its following.

Republicans deplore the bright outlook for Democracy. In the Territory and county and are exerting all their energies to break the bonds which cemented all factions in the nomination for congress of Judge Keaton.

This line is ripe for Democrats to put in some telling blows and no Republican knocker can sever them from the course they have mapped out. Under the present management, the LEADER intends to contribute its strength to the uplifting of all Democratic forces in one harmonious whole and it will not be retarded in its work by the manifold lamentations of disgruntled Republicans.

AN IMPORTANT ELECTION DECISION.

The decision of the supreme court of the United States affirming the validity of the registration law down in the constitution of the state of Mississippi, is of far more importance than any decision of that court in many years.

The particular clause of the constitution of that state at issue was that of registering, that no person other than qualified as a voter should vote at any election for city, state or federal officials, or serve on a jury who was unable to read and write and who could not be requested to do so by the proper officials, give a reasonable interpretation of the general or state constitution.

It was contended that this clause of the state constitution was in conflict with the 14th and 15th amendments to the constitution, and therefore it was invalidated against the colored race.

The most of the decision is contained in this excerpt from the opinion which was rendered by Justice McKenna:

"The operation of the constitution and laws is restricted by their language as it stands to the race. They reach weak and vicious white men as well as weak and vicious black men, and what is true in their relation to the latter, if anything, can be proved by both races by the exercise of the right which constitutionally says to be and remains forever true."

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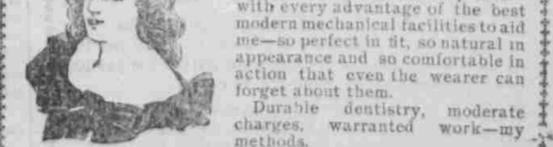
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