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## BRYAN AND THE PLATFORM

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"With hearts unchilled by the selfish sentiments of cold commercialism, you have responded patriotically to each sentiment contained in Democracy's first platform, as it was read to you at the opening of this convention; and in view of the radical departure which the party in power had made from the principles set forth in that historic document, it is meant that we—true believers in the Republic of old—should, when choosing a field and forming our lines for the bloodless battle of ballots now impending, say in the language of one of the loved patriots of long ago: 'Lead this declaration at the head of the army, and every sword shall be drawn from its scabbard, and a solemn vow taken to maintain it or to perish on the bed of honor.'

## A PLAN FOR REDEMPTION.

"Much of the history of this Republic shall be either made or marred by the action of this convention. You, as representatives of the only party in which is co-existent with the nation itself, the only party which ever had within its own ranks sufficient constructive statesmanship to create a nation in which each citizen becomes a sovereign have, true to the traditions you bear, in your platform set out in simple language, with a decided American accent, a plan for the people's redemption from each sacrifice and each schism taught by the Republican party. The plan contains nothing but the approved precepts of the Elders and Doctors of your faith. If, on a platform, you place a candidate whose devoted and unblemished life stands as a pledge to the plain people that he, in good faith, will carry out the solemn covenants made the rein, then the hour of our ultimate triumph is at hand.

## NO GREATER HONOR.

"There is no greater honor reserved for a citizen of these United States than to become the standard-bearer of the Democratic party. For at once enrolls his name on the scroll of the 'Immortals who are not born to die,' and encircles him with a halo of the glory of all the illustrious achievements which that unconquerable and unquarrelable organization has emblazoned on every page of our nation's history. It entrusts to his keeping the fame of that long line of statesmen and patriots who have labored for a blessing at Democracy's shrine:

"O, bright are the names of those heroes and ages as they follow  
That shine like stars through the dimness of ages,  
Whose deeds are inscribed on the pages of story,  
Forever to live in the sunlight of glory."

"This high distinction must not be unworthily bestowed. It must follow as a reward for noble actions bravely done, for unrequited, tireless toil, for sacrifices made and strength displayed, for trusts discharged and pledges kept. We must seek a leader whose public and private life must bear an exemplification of his party's highest ideals; who stands unqualifiedly pledged to every issue we declare; who will carry the standard we place in his hands, even as the Black Douglass carried the sacred casket that enclosed the heart of Bruce.

"He must not declare for free trade with Puerto Rico, and then at the persuasive suggestion of the sugar and tobacco trust, sign a bill for a tariff on the products of that island.

"He must not denounce a policy as one of 'criminal aggression,' and then at the demand of the power behind the throne, pursue the policy he has so denounced.

"He must not, while professing opposition to combines and conspiracies against trade, send his emissaries to the trust Baron castles to beg, like Lazarus, at Dixie's gates, for subscriptions to his campaign. He must not lend the moral support of his administration to a monarchy in its efforts to destroy a republic. But he must ever sympathize with a people struggling for the right of self-government.

"Instead of the Republican policy of mono-metalism, he must offer the free and unlimited coinage of the money metals of the constitution, the gold that polished the winged sandals of Hermes, and the silver that glitters in the bow of Diana.

## GOVERNMENT PAPER MONEY.

"Instead of a panic-breeding, credit currency, controlled by the bank trust, he must offer government paper controlled by the people.

"He must be able to distinguish between Democratic expansion and Republican imperialism. The first is a natural growth by the addition of contiguous American territory, into every foot of which is carried the constitution, the flag and the decalogue, and over the shoulders of every inhabitant of the added territory is thrown a purple robe of sovereign citizenship. It is a growth that has added thirty stars to the field of blue in the 'Banner of the Free' to symbolize the stars that have been carved from territory annexed to the domain of this nation by the wisdom and statesmanship of the Democratic party. The second is an expansion that is bounded on the north by the constitution of the United States, on the east by the Monroe doctrine, on the South by the Declaration of Independence, and on the west by the Ten Commandments.

"For four years he has waged an unending warfare against the people's enemy; for four years he has held up the party's standard, and his voice has cheered the hosts of Democracy in every State and Territory. When the trusts began to increase under the protection of a Republican administration he was the first to point out the danger and prescribe a remedy.

## BRYAN A SOLDIER.

"When the alarms of a war for humanity roused the heroic spirit of our land he offered his sword to his country's cause on the day that war was declared.

"When later he saw the administration departing from the ancient landmarks of our institutions, in its enchanted dream of empire and militarism, he was the first to raise a warning voice, and resigning his commission on the day the treaty of peace was signed, he threw himself into the contest for the rescue of the republic.

"Realizing that imperialism, like the fabled Arcturus, was born of earth, and that contended with upon the selfish worldly plane of greed and gold, it was of giant strength, and if thrown down would rise again refreshed from contact with its mother element. He, like the mighty Hercules, raised it above the sordid sphere from which its strength was drawn, and on a plain of lofty patriotism he strangled it.

"With the issues now clearly drawn no doubt remains as to the name of

our candidate. On that question we are reunited Democracy.

"Already worthy allies differing from us rather in name than faith, have shouted for our gallant leader again, and every State and territory has instructed its delegates to this convention to vote for him here. So it only remains for Nebraska to pronounce the name that has been thundered forth from the foot of Bunker Hill and echoed back from Sagittas sunset slope, and that reverberates among the pine-clad, snow-capped hills of the North and rises up from the slumbering flower-scented savannahs of the South, and that name is the name of William Jennings Bryan, her best loved son."

In the midst of that peculiar convention hum that seems to come from nowhere, Arkansas yielded to Texas, and Mr. Perkins began his speech seconding Mr. Bryan. He lauded the platform and said some pertinent things, but the audience's appetite had been whetted for the nomination, and his voice was hardly distinguishable above the strong hum of conversation and the rustling of moving bodies.

His finish was applauded and then the voice of the clerk calling the roll was drowned out by vociferous cries for "Hill," "Hill," "Hill." Ex-Senator White, of California, got the platform, however, and his stentorian tones soon demanded attention, and by his decided delivery the convention somewhat in order. Judge Thompson took the platform, while the audience again cried for "Hill." He began in a tumult, but soon received attention and secured the nomination in behalf of his State.

## HILL ALSO SECONDS BRYAN'S NOMINATION.

Judge Thompson did not take the ten minutes allotted him and when he finished Connecticut yielded for David R. Hill. Even as the State yielded the convention took up the cry which had been on its tongue for two days. Flags waved and the delegates rose and cheered with the audience.

The men in New York wearing the Tammany badge were the only delegates who kept their seats. Ex-Senator Hill forced his way to the platform and waved his hand for silence. When the cheers and cries of "Hill," "Hill," "Hill," had concluded, and the vast audience was seated, he began to speak slowly, but clearly, and the attention given him was remarkable. The vast audience was almost perfectly silent. His laudation of Bryan was received with applause and cheers. But when he said "Bryan will receive the support of an united party" the crowd went wild, and the band had to play America to still the tumult.

"His integrity has never been questioned," asserted Mr. Hill, and the audience yelled "that's so." His explanation of his position on the platform, and his acquiescence with the will of the majority, called for heartier applause than had been evident before, and the offices of the band were again necessary to get attention for him.

"The nomination will meet the approval of the East," he said, and enthused his auditors. In closing, he said "New York expects to join with you in her thirty-six electoral votes," and then as he stepped down from the platform the convention became a bedlam again.

## HILL FOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

"Hill for Vice-President" was one of the cries raised, and delegates all over the hall were on their seats except the five rows of Tammany men. Ex-Senator Edward Murphy, as Hill passed to his seat, grasped his hand and shook it heartily. Then Mr. Shea, of Brooklyn, did the same, and others in the row, but Mr. Croker sat immobile and Hill passed him without salutation. The applause for Senator Hill continued for some minutes.

When order was restored the secretary of the convention proceeded with the call of States. Tennessee, of Alabama, briefly seconded the nomination of Mr. Bryan.

W. B. Moore, of North Carolina, followed Mr. Lomax with a brief eulogy of Mr. Bryan.

## SENATOR DANIEL SPEAKS.

In the midst of the confusion at the conclusion of Mr. Moore's address a Georgian arose and in behalf of the South requested "that the peerless leader and orator of Virginia, John W. Daniel, be called upon to address the convention."

Senator Daniel was escorted to the platform and as he appeared at the front of the chairman's desk attired in a conventional black broadcloth coat and trousers and his usual white tie, facing the great audience, he looked the statesman and the orator that he is. He was accorded an enthusiastic reception.

His speech was a brilliant and eloquent eulogy of Mr. Bryan. When he said: "I second the nomination of one who would rather be right than be President," a perfect storm of cheers swept over the audience; and when he added: "He is right by his noble and discerning nature, and he soon will be President," the thousands present rose from their seats, and amid the waving of hundreds of flags, cheered for almost a minute.

Senator Daniel spoke as follows: Mr. President and Gentlemen of the National Democratic Convention: I have but a few words to say and shall detain you but a few moments from the most pleasing duty, the crowning event of the wonderful convention. On behalf of the unanimous delegation from Virginia and by command of the sovereign people of that State, I second the nomination of one who would rather be right than be President. (Great Applause.) One who is now right by the instinctive virtue of his own ennobling, discerning nature and who will soon be President by the manly virtues of the American people. (Wild applause and cheering.)

Let me remind you, my countrymen, that the present condition of our country is a condition and illustration of the fundamental financial doctrine which we taught four years ago, which then was the voice of a divided Democracy, but which is the voice of their union. (Renewed and furious applause and cheering.) The doctrine that the prices of all property were regulated by the volume of money, and we have witnessed by the naked eye the prices of produce increasing in this country as new coinage flowed into our own mint and as new paper was printed. So that in the fundamental theory upon which we stand we witness the increase of industry in this land as its vindication.

The Republican party of this country met not long since in the shadow

of old Independence Hall, but no voice fell from the lips of the Republican party while they sat within its portal that would remind the country of where they were, or that they had any memory of the great struggle that made us free. (Great applause and cheering.) It was but natural, for they could not have resented a single sentence from the Convention of the United States with respect to the present conduct—no they could not have read the Declaration of Independence without everybody supposing that a satirist had gotten within them to disturb or break up the meeting. (Laughter and applause.) This day, my countrymen, marks a new epoch, not only in the history of the Democratic party, but a new epoch in the history of America. It turns over a new page in the history of the world and proclaims the Democracy as the greatest of all world powers for the proclamation and steady defense of the bedrock principles of American liberty and independence. (Applause.) I second the nomination of a man who is a faithful, noble, clear expositor of the American Constitution—a man who is honest in all that he has done and in all that he will do. We nominate a man who has no sense of fear for the derision of others who may point at him the finger of scorn, but who knows that he is three armed with his quarrel just, and that his strength is as the strength of ten, because his heart is pure. (Applause.)

The congratulations received by Senator Daniel at the close of his speech amounted to a distinct ovation.

Seconding speeches were also made by John H. Atwood, of Kansas; H. L. Fuqua, of Louisiana; Blair Lee, of Maryland; Thomas E. Barkworth, of Michigan; J. Baker, of Ohio; Robert E. Patterson, of Pennsylvania; Governor McMillin, of Tennessee; T. W. Maloney, of Vermont; L. G. Bohmrich, of Wisconsin; John H. Wise, of Hawaii, and Mrs. Cohen, of Utah.

Mrs. Cohen's speech concluded the nominating speeches and the secretary began to call the roll of States on the ballot for the Presidential nomination.

As the roll-call proceeded the shouts of approval of the unanimity of the vote seemed to increase. All of the large States were cheered heartily as one after another they cast votes for Bryan.

Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts were cheered cordially, but when Missouri and a minute later Nebraska were called the convention fairly palpitated with enthusiasm. So it was too, when the State of New York was called, the convention rising to its feet and cheering.

The list of states and territories was completed with the calling of the territory of Hawaii.

The announcement by Chairman Richardson that Mr. Bryan had been nominated for President of the United States unanimously was received with great applause, but it did not compare with the previous demonstrations during the day. The huge flag suspended from the roof, which played its part earlier in the session, was again lowered, the band played and the people cheered. Standing on their seats some of the delegates waved flags or standards, but the enthusiasm did not run at a high tide. As the people already were leaving the hall Chairman Richardson announced at 5:33 p. m. that

the convention was adjourned until 10:30 to-morrow morning.

PLATFORM AROUSES WILD APPLAUSE.

As he proceeded each plank was greeted with applause. The Senator accompanied his reading with emphatic gestures, striding up and down the platform, turning this way and that after his manner in the Senate. There was a howl of approval as he clinched his fist and fiercely arraigned the course of the Administration in Cuba. But it remained for his reading of the declaration that "imperialism is the paramount issue of this campaign" to evoke a storm of enthusiasm. The delegates sprang to their feet, standing on their chairs, waving hats, handkerchiefs, umbrellas, flags, while the galleries took up the chorus and carried it along for many minutes. Senator Hill could be seen marshaling the hosts to cheer. He held a fan high above his head and added his voice to the vociferous shouting. A second time Senator Tillman read the declaration and now even greater demonstration than before carried the convention off its feet. Suddenly hundreds, then thousands of miniature American flags were passed among the delegates and the whole floor of the vast structure became a sea of flags. An instant later the flags swept over the galleries like a mass of flame. Hundreds of them were tossed upon the seats and distributed.

## AN INSPIRING SCENE.

The scene was magnificently inspiring, and the great audience was working up to fever heat. On each flag was the device, "The Constitution and the flag are inseparable, now and forever. The flag of the Republic forever, of an empire never." While the demonstration was at its height the band sent another thrill through the audience by playing "Dixie" and a medley of patriot airs. State standards were again torn from their sockets, banners were raised and a triumphal procession of the delegates marched about the hall. Now the strains of the band turned to "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," at which the entire audience, as with a single voice, joined in a mighty and swelling chorus. Amid the billowing of flags could be seen a tall standard bearing the inscription: "Forcible annexation would be criminal aggression—William McKinley."

## A GRAND FLAG CLIMAX.

It was at this juncture that the climax was sprung upon the great assembly. A huge flag had been hung across the roof between two trusses, and slowly it unrolled its white and crimson folds as it fell gracefully and swung over the platform, slightly to the rear and south of the speaker's desk. The banner was an enormous affair, being fully fifty feet long and about one-half as wide. Upon the white stripes were printed the following sentences in large letters of blue: "CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENTS DERIVE THEIR JUST POWERS FROM THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED."

"THE CONSTITUTION AND THE FLAG—ONE AND INSEPARABLE NOW AND FOREVER."

"THE FLAG OF A REPUBLIC FOREVER, OF AN EMPIRE NEVER." "THE PUBLIC CAN HAVE NO COLONIES."

To the vast majority of those in the

hall the flag was an unexpected incident, and its appearance was the signal for a frantic roar, which caused everything that had gone before it to sink into insignificance. For a full two minutes the cords of the flag caught and would not permit it to fall to its full length. It was caught up just enough to prevent the convention from reading the inscriptions upon the banner, and until they were released and the banner swung free the enthusiasm increased every second. When finally every word was visible there was a climax of cheers that was deafening.

## DEMONSTRATION FOR 22 MINUTES.

Senator Tillman stood surveying the storm and awaiting an opportunity to proceed. The chairman pounded his gavel and appealed for order. But the march of the delegates, bearing their standards and banners, ran on uninterruptedly for 22 minutes. As Senator Tillman was about to resume he remarked that the "ground" of his discourse had been broken, and that down South they were in the habit of saying: "Hell has broken loose in Georgia."

"And," added the Senator vociferously, "if Mark Hanna had been here a few minutes ago he would have thought hell had broken loose in Missouri."

## THE TRUST PLANK READ.

There were cries of "good," "good," when the trust plank was read. When the Senator reached the reaffirmation of the Chicago platform, with the declaration for free silver coinage at a ratio of 16 to 1, pandemonium again broke loose. But the demonstration was faint in comparison to what had just occurred when imperialism was denounced as the "paramount issue." Many of the delegates stood on their chairs and waved flags and cheered, but a very considerable number—more than half held their seats. Senator Hill was among those who maintained quiet, while Mr. Croker waved a flag until it broke, and George Fred Williams led the Massachusetts contingent in salutes of cheers. One of the New York delegates raised a standard bearing the inscription: "Don't think there are no 16 to 1ers in New York."

The demonstration lasted four and one-half minutes.

There was an intense scorn in the Senator's voice as he read the platform arraignment of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, evoking mingled laughter and applause. The Doer plank brought another cheer, and the Senator received a round of applause as he closed.

When the applause had subsided Chairman Jones, of the platform committee, said he had been instructed to move that the platform be adopted by the convention by acclamation.

## PLATFORM ADOPTED BY ACCLAMATION.

The motion was put and amid a roar of cheers the platform was adopted without a word of dissent. The announcement of Chairman Richardson of the adoption of the platform was followed by a stunning shout which made the building ring from one end to the other.

## THE PLATFORM.

Following is the official text of the platform as agreed upon by the Committee on Resolutions and presented to the convention:

"We, the representatives of the Democratic party of the United States, assembled in national convention on the

anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, do reaffirm our faith in that immortal proclamation of the inalienable rights of man, and our allegiance to the Constitution, framed in harmony therewith by the fathers of the Republic. We hold that the Declaration of Independence is the spirit of our Government, of which the Constitution is the form and letter. We declare again that all governments instituted among men derive their just powers from the consent of the governed; that any government not based upon the consent of the governed is a tyranny; and that to impose upon any people a government of force is to substitute the methods of imperialism for those of a Republic.

## CONSTITUTION FOLLOWS THE FLAG.

We hold that the Constitution follows the flag and denounce the doctrine that an Executive or Congress deriving their existence and their powers from the Constitution can exercise lawful authority beyond it, or in violation of it. We assert that no nation can long endure half republic and half empire, and we warn the American people that imperialism abroad will lead quickly and inevitably to despotism at home. Believing in these fundamental principles, we denounce the Porto Rico law enacted by a Republican Congress against the protest and opposition of the Democratic minority as a bold and open violation of the nation's organic law and a flagrant breach of the national good faith. It imposes upon the people of Porto Rico a government without their consent and taxation without representation. AMERICAN PEOPLE DISHONORED. It dishonors the American people by repudiating a solemn pledge made in their behalf by the commanding general of our army, which the Porto Ricans welcomed to a peaceful and unresisted occupation of the land. It doomed to poverty and distress a people whose helplessness appeals with peculiar force to our justice and magnanimity. In this, the first act of its imperialistic program, the Republican party seeks to commit the United States to a colonial policy, inconsistent with Republican institutions and condemned by the Supreme Court in numerous decisions.

## FULFILL OUR PLEDGE TO CUBA.

We demand the prompt and honest fulfillment of our pledge to the Cuban people and to the world that the United States has no disposition nor intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over the island of Cuba except for its pacification. The war ended nearly two years ago; profound peace reigns over all the island, still the Administration keeps the government of the island from its people, while Republican carpet-bag officials plunder its revenues and exploit the colonial theory to the disgrace of the American people.

## PHILIPPINE POLICY DENOUNCED.

We condemn and denounce the Philippine policy of the present Administration. It has involved the Republic in unnecessary war, sacrificing the lives of many of our noblest sons and placed the United States, previously known and applauded throughout the world as the champion of freedom, in the false and un-American position of

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## Come, Hurry Up! or you'll be Too Late!

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Each and every garment is marked with the sale price in plain figures so extremely low that no one can resist buying in advance of their present wants. No words can convey to you the magnitude of these offerings. It is merely an opportunity that comes to you through an accident, the like of which may never happen again.

These are the conditions and terms of the sale: Every garment marked in plain figures and strictly one price to all. No misrepresentation. No goods exchanged. No goods sent on approval. Ten extra salesmen have been employed so that your wants will be properly cared for. A few prices that will give you an idea of the magnitude of the sale, which is now in full blast,

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