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REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

I.

The Republicans of Nevada, in convention assembled, reaffirm their unflinching loyalty to the principles of the party as enunciated in all their National Platforms from Lincoln to Blaine. We believe liberty is the inalienable right of every man, whatever his race or color, and to the equality of every man before the law, with the unrestricted right of every citizen to cast his vote for whomever he chooses, with the assurance that it will be counted as cast. The preservation of the Union, and free government are now recorded in history as the work of the Republican party. Union, Liberty, equality, and a protective tariff, have largely contributed in making 60,000,000 of people the best fed, the best clothed, the happiest, the most intelligent and powerful that ever existed on earth. The elevation of labor by the abolition of slavery and the utter repudiation of caste and aristocracy by the Republican party has opened to free men and free labor every acre of land within the jurisdiction of the United States, and enabled the toiling millions of the North and of the South to associate in one common brotherhood for the protection of their rights and the advancement of their intellectual and material prosperity.

II.

We arraign the Democratic administration of President Cleveland for having failed to keep the pledges on which it came into power. It promised economy and retrenchment, and has been most extravagant in expenditures and appropriations, which, for the current year, largely exceed the abundant revenues of the Government. It promised to reduce the surplus in the Treasury, has permitted such surplus to lie idle and accumulate to the injury of the business of the country, and has refused to approve of the action of a large majority of both Houses of Congress directing that such surplus be applied in payment of the interest-bearing debt of the country. It promised to care for and give attention to the disabled soldiers and sailors of the late war, and has treated with contemptuous veto every pension bill against which it could find any shadow of technical objection. It promised to protect the person and property of citizens both at home and abroad, and to maintain the dignity of the nation, yet in its relations with Great Britain it has shown itself unwilling to give protection to either person or property, and has permitted our flag to be insulted, without proper protest, almost in sight of our shores, while by hasty and unseemly action it has unnecessarily jeopardized our friendly relations with the Mexican Republic, and made our nation ridiculous in the eyes of the world. Its evasion of civil service reform, to which its leading representatives are pledged, have been bold, insolent and lawless. It has shown itself no friend to Nevada, because, among its first acts of administration, it closed the U. S. Mint in Carson City, in utter violation of the law, to the great detriment of every miner and silver producer in this State. In particular, and of the public in general, it has seriously impaired our mail facilities without shade

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ow of just excuse. It has outraged the express will of Congress, and denied to this people their rights by its unexplained and continued refusal to execute the law for the erection of a Government Building in the Capitol of the State. It has used the entire power of the administration to destroy silver as money, and by a refusal to execute the law and pay out silver for Government dues has kept the metal out of circulation, and by various devices it has reduced the price of silver since the inauguration of President Cleveland more than 15 per cent. It has closed many of our silver mines, and thrown thousands of honest laborers out of employment.

III.

We favor a tariff upon the imported products of low-priced foreign labor so as to protect the interests of American wage-workers, and for the development of American industries. We demand in behalf of our mining interests the maintenance of the present tariff on lead, borax, soda and other mineral productions, and on behalf of our wool-growing interests a restoration of the Wool Tariff of 1867, and we denounce the recent attempt of the Democratic majority in the National House of Representatives to pass the Morrison Bill reducing the tariff on the product of our mines and placing wool on the free list.

IV.

We believe in American soil for American citizens, and are opposed to non-resident aliens becoming land owners. The public domain should be reserved as homesteads for actual settlers, and the accumulation of large tracts or bodies of land in the hands of corporations or individuals should be discouraged, and in the case of land grants to railroad corporations where the corporations have failed to comply with the conditions of the grants the land should be forfeited to the General Government, and held for the benefit of actual settlers.

V.

We favor the intelligent organization of labor for such worthy purposes as mutual education and for the protection of their interests in all things relating to their welfare and to the industrial welfare of the country, and we favor the enactment of State and National laws providing for the settlement of controversies between employers and employees by methods of voluntary arbitration, or by the establishing of Courts of Conciliation, which will avoid the waste, loss and ill-feeling resulting from strikes and lock-outs, and the usual expense of litigation.

VI.

We denounce the action of the Democratic House of Representatives at its last session in striking from the bill to compensate the citizens of this State for losses sustained in the Indian War of 1860 all claims for supplies furnished for the suppression of Indian hostilities, and also for services rendered during that memorable struggle in which the lives of a large number of our most respected citizens were sacrificed.

VII.

We denounce the pretense of the Democratic party of having sympathy for the cause of local self-government in Ireland, while the Democratic House of Representatives, in Committee of the whole, repeatedly refused to indorse that principle. In the months of April and June last that body of Democratic votes on three several occasions rejected a resolution indorsing a free parliament for Ireland, which is in the following words: "Resolved, That the House of Representatives earnestly sympathize with Right Hon. William A. Gladstone and his associates in their efforts to secure a free parliament for the people of Ireland, and congratulate the people of that hitherto unhappy country, upon the prospect of an early and successful termination of their long and

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patriotic struggle for the right of local self-government." Thereby discouraging the growth of a liberal spirit throughout Great Britain.

VIII.

We commend the efforts of Senator Jones and Congressman Woodburn in obtaining an appropriation of \$30,000 for public land surveys in this State, and we condemn the action of the Commissioner of the General Land Office in withholding moneys appropriated for that purpose, and particularly condemn the action of Senator Fair in absenting himself from Washington during all the time when appropriations for this State were under consideration by the Senate.

IX.

We endorse the action of Senator Jones and Congressman Woodburn in their efforts to suppress polygamy in Utah, and to check the growth of disloyalty to the Government in that Territory, and we fully endorse the principles of the bill introduced for that purpose by Congressman Woodburn. We endorse the action of the Republican Senate in passing in the early days of the last session of Congress a bill well calculated to suppress the growing evil of polygamy, and check the grow of the hostile power of the Mormon Church, which is threatening the peace and tarnishing the good name of the United States. We condemn the action of the Democratic House of Representatives in refusing during all the long session of Congress which has just closed to consider any measure tending to relieve our country from the blighting curse of polygamy and polygamous rule in Utah and the surrounding Territories.

X.

We are opposed to the future importation of Chinese to this country, or of any other foreign laborers, under the contract system, and we favor any plan for the relief of free labor from competition with convict labor, which does not impose upon free labor the expense of supporting convict labor in idleness or useless labor. And we favor the adoption of laws providing for the protection of workers in our mines and other hazardous callings, and such other measures as will approve the material and social welfare of our industrial population. We are earnestly opposed to the doctrine of the so-called anarchists, and we believe in the most perfect protection to each and every individual in the enjoyment of the fruits of all his personal efforts to earn an honest livelihood.

XI.

The paramount interest of civilization requires that the money used as a circulating medium in any country shall at all times bear a constant ratio to the increasing population of that country. Contraction of the currency involves all financial evils to which a nation can be subjected, among of which are robbery of the debtor, stagnation of business, reduction of wages, and the enslavement of the masses for the benefit of bondholders and grasping creditors. We denounce the bondholders' conspiracy to demonetize silver and contract the money of the world to a single gold standard as a crime against civilization. It would double the obligation of bonds and all other contracts for the payment of money, which now aggregate in the civilized world the enormous sum of more than one hundred thousand million dollars, and thereby make the rich richer and the poor poorer, and impoverish the masses for a favorite few. We are therefore in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver on the basis now provided by law.

XII.

We condemn the Democratic House of Representatives for refusing to make the necessary appropriations for the construction of a suitable navy for the defense of our commerce and the protection of our citizens at home and abroad, and we particularly condemn it for refusing

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to make any appropriation for fortifications to protect our extensive sea coast while there was a vast surplus in the Treasury, and thousands of laborers out of employment.

XIII.

We again declare our constant sympathy with the just and consistent Republican policy and practice of granting out of the Nation's abundance generous pensions to the disabled veterans of our wars, whether for the country's defense or for the preservation of the Union. We protest against the removal from official places of worthy and disabled Union soldiers to make way for partisan civilians and ex-Confederates.

XIV.

In common with all loyal people of the land we mourn the loss to our country of the heroic dead, and especially that great Republican, as well as great soldier and statesman, Ulysses S. Grant. His life will forever be an inspiration to high and honorable manhood, patriotic devotion to our country and loyalty to the principles of Republicanism which he so fittingly represented and did so much to advance. We shall ever treasure his memory and cherish his deeds.

XV.

It is the duty of this State to maintain free schools, not only in towns and thickly populated sections, but in the rural and sparsely settled districts, and as the education of pupils in the sparsely settled sections of the State is necessarily more expensive per capita than where a large number of pupils can attend the same school, such a division of the school money should be made as will furnish the means of education to all children in the State.

XVI.

Expenditures beyond the means of private individuals are required for surveys, engineering, and the construction of reservoirs, canals, and other hydraulic works, for the purpose of irrigation in this State. We therefore favor liberal appropriations by Congress for surveys, both hydrographical and topographical, to ascertain how the waters of this State, which now run to waste in flood time, may be stored and utilized for the purpose of agriculture, to the end that when all the facts are known suitable aid may be obtained from Congress to enable the Government of the United States to dispose of its lands, and to enable the people to settle upon and occupy the same.

XVII.

Resolved, That two year's experience has demonstrated that the present jury law which compels citizens, at their own expense, without regard to their pecuniary ability or the losses they may suffer, summarily to suspend their usual occupations, break their business engagements, travel long distances and remain from their homes for an uncertain period, and attend upon District Courts as jurymen, is a measure of unwise economy, often productive of great hardship and an unjust imposition of public burdens upon private individuals. We therefore demand of the next Legislature such legislation as shall secure to all citizens fair compensation for all the time which they spend and full reimbursement for all expenses which they incur in performing the duties of jurymen in the District Courts.

XVIII.

Resolved, that we point with pride and pleasure to the able and brilliant record made by our Senator in Congress, the Hon. John P. Jones, in his watchful and vigilant care of our interests upon all occasions, as are fully shown by his unanswerable speeches in Congress against the reduction of duties upon foreign manufactures and foreign productions, which exposes in a masterly style and in a clear and forcible manner the free trade doctrines of modern Democracy. His able and exhaustive speeches upon the remonetization of silver, particularly in

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the last speech in Congress upon that subject, in which he has displayed more strongly his ability to render the abstruse subjects intelligent to the common mind, thereby replacing and upholding the old time-honored American Dollar of our fathers in its rightful position as a part of our circulating medium and purchasing power; and its logical and overwhelming arguments in favor of the passing of the Chinese Restriction and Exclusion Bill and amendments thereto during the last Congress.

Resolved, That our able Representative in Congress, Hon. William Woodburn, deserves the united thanks of the people of this State for his constant zeal and watchful care over the true interests of the people of this State, and that we recognize in him an able statesman, a faithful Representative, and an honest man; and we say: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; renewed honors await thee."

Resolved, That we are unalterably in favor of "home rule" in Nevada, and entertain that the men who pay her taxes and whose homes and interests are identified with this State should control its politics.

Resolved, That we demand that the next Legislature shall pass laws in accordance with the plan known as the Nebraska Plan for the election of United States Senators.



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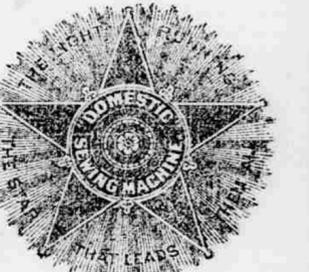
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