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## DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

A delegate convention of the Democrats of the state of Iowa will be held at Des Moines, Iowa, on

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1902, to place in nomination candidates for the following offices, to-wit:

- Secretary of State.
- Auditor of State.
- Treasurer of State.
- Attorney General.
- Judge of Supreme Court.
- Chief of Supreme Court.
- Reporter of Supreme Court.
- Road Commissioner.

and to transact such other business as may properly come before said convention. The ratio of representation will be one delegate for each 200 votes or fraction of 100 or over cast for the Democratic candidate for governor at the last general election. The Eighth district counties will be entitled to the following delegates:

- Adams.....7
  - Appanoose.....10
  - Clarksburg.....6
  - Decatur.....9
  - Franklin.....11
  - Lucas.....8
- All voters who endorse the principles of the Democratic party are invited to participate in the selection of delegates to this convention.
- By order of the Democratic State Central Committee,  
S. F. McCONNELL, Chairman.  
N. C. ROBERTS, Secretary.

## Democratic County Convention.

A delegate convention of the Democrats of Decatur county, Iowa, will be held at Van Warden's opera hall in Leon, Iowa, on

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1902, at 11 o'clock a. m. to select delegates to attend the state, congressional and judicial conventions and to nominate candidates for the following named county offices to-wit:

- One County Auditor
  - One Clerk of the District Court
  - One County Recorder
  - One County Attorney
  - One Member of Board of Supervisors
- And to transact any business that may properly come before them. The ratio of representation will be one delegate for each 200 votes or fraction of 100 or over cast for the Democratic candidate for governor at the last general election. Under the caucus township plan will be entitled to delegate seats as follows to-wit:

- Bloomington.....4
  - Center.....7
  - Decatur.....8
  - Payette.....9
  - Garden Grove.....4
  - Grand River.....4
  - High Point.....6
  - Leong Creek.....7
  - New Buda.....4
  - Woodland.....8
- The township caucus will be held at the place where the last general election was held in the respective townships and voting place on Saturday, August 9, 1902, at 2 o'clock p. m. and select the delegates to which they are entitled. A full attendance is earnestly requested. All voters who believe in the principles of the Declaration of Independence and who are opposed to the despotic course of modern republicanism are earnestly invited to attend our caucus and assist in restoring the principles of equal rights to all and special privileges to none.  
M. A. JOHNSON, Chairman.  
O. E. MULL, Secretary.

## Congressional Convention.

The democratic congressional convention of the Eighth district of Iowa, will be held at Creston, Iowa, Aug. 22, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the convention.

The ratio of representation will be the same as for the state convention.  
J. F. MCGINTY, Chairman.  
A. W. MAXWELL, Secretary.

Speaking of the anti-trust amendment proposed by the republicans in the fifty-sixth congress, the Washington Post, which can never be accused of leaning toward the democratic party, said at that time, "The anti-trust amendment does not seem to have a chance of being passed. It is too shallow to deceive anybody with sense enough to define an invitation to buy a gold brick or to go out as bag holder on a spicing expedition." And yet the republicans "point with pride" to their record on the trust question.

The democratic county convention will be held at the opera house in Leon on next Saturday, August 9th, at which time the candidates for the various county offices will be nominated and the delegates to the state, congressional and judicial conventions selected.

The republican platform is made out of the same old material. It is like the brittle stuff used in cheap crockery made to sell and be broken.

## REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

THE TICKET.

- The following ticket was named:  
Secretary of State—W. B. Martin of Adair county.
- Auditor of State—E. F. Carroll of Davis county.
- Treasurer of State—Gilbert S. Gilbertson of Winnebago county.
- Attorney General—C. W. Mulvan of Blackhawk county.
- Judge of Supreme Court—Scott M. Ladd of O'Brien county.
- Judge of Supreme Court (short term)—Charles A. Bishop of Polk county.
- Clerk of Supreme Court—John C. Crockett of Hardin county.
- Supreme Court Reporter—W. W. Cornwall of Clay county.
- Railroad Commissioner—E. A. Dawson of Bremer.

The republican state convention held at Des Moines last week was rather a tame affair, the first five nominations being made by acclamation. There was a determined fight made before the committee on resolutions for the elimination of the trust plank in last year's platform, which was led by Judge H. M. Towner, who contended against the plank declaring for "any modification of tariff schedules that may be required to prevent their affording shelter to monopoly." The debate was a repetition of that which has been carried on in this state for some months. Judge Towner and others insisted that the objectionable plank in last year's platform was virtually a plea of guilty to the democratic charge that tariff is the parent of trusts.

In reply W. H. Berry of the Seventh district, George E. Roberts and others insisted that the language expressed the exact view of a large majority of the republican party in the state, that it had stood the test of one campaign and that its elimination at this time would make it an issue in this year's campaign public party on the defensive and lead the people to believe that the party is changing front on the trust question.

The platform as finally adopted was as follows:

## THE PLATFORM.

Resolved, by the republicans of Iowa in convention assembled, That we congratulate the people upon the prosperity that pervades every part of the country, stimulating every industry to the highest degree of activity, creating an unprecedented demand for labor and rapidly advancing the United States to a more commanding position in the commerce of the world. The condition of the country to-day and its progress during the last five years is a complete answer to the theories and predictions of those who opposed republican policies at that time and affords a conclusive argument in favor of a continuance of the policies and the administration under which such manifest benefits have been enjoyed.

We deplore the untimely death of our great and beloved leader, William McKinley, and express our horror at the crime of his assassination. We mourn the loss to the country, gaming in the fullness of his powers and usefulness, and pledge our fealty anew to the public policies with which his administration was identified.

We declare our confidence in the leadership of President Roosevelt and our loyalty to his administration, and we express our gratification that two honored representatives of Iowa republicanism have seats at his council board. We endorse his recommendation as to reciprocity with Cuba, and believe that this policy is necessary to preserve and complete the beneficent work we have done in that island, and that it will be mutually advantageous to the people of Cuba and the United States.

Approving his purposes and assured that he has the confidence of the people we look forward to his election to the presidency in 1904 as a foreshadowed event demanded by the popular will, and one that will maintain and promote the national prosperity and conserve every national interest.

We express our approval of the work done by the fifty-seventh congress in its first session, and our pride in the important part of that work borne by the Iowa delegation. The legislation for the reduction of taxation, for the establishment of civil government in the Philippines, for the construction of an

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isthmian canal, for the protection of our dairy products, with other measures of practical usefulness, distinguished the session.

We rejoice that the firm but enlightened policy pursued in the Philippines has secured peace in the islands, and that the work of education, civilization, up-building and development is begun. We urge that contention over our policy in the Philippines should now cease, and the beneficent plans of the civil government be given the united and cordial support of all the people.

That we stand by the historic policy of the republican party in giving protection to home industries and point for its ample vindication to the extraordinary rapidity with which our national resources have been developed and our industrial and financial independence secured. We favor such changes in the tariff from time to time as become advisable through the progress of our industries and their changing relations to the commerce of the world. We endorse the policy of reciprocity as the natural complement of protection, and urge its development as necessary to the realization of our highest commercial possibilities.

That we assert the sovereignty of the people over all corporations and aggregations of capital and the right residing in the people to enforce such regulations, restrictions or prohibitions, upon corporate management as will protect the individual and society from abuse of the power which great combinations of capital wield. We cordially endorse the position of President Roosevelt in appealing to the courts to secure regulations that will control great combinations of capital that prevent competition and control the industries of the people without legal sanction or public approval. We favor such amendment of the interstate commerce act as will more fully carry out its prohibition of discriminations in rates making, and any modifications of the tariff schedules that may be required to prevent their affording shelter to monopoly.

That we are earnestly opposed to all legislation designed to accomplish the disfranchisement of citizens upon the lines of race, color or station in life, and condemn the measures adopted by the democratic party in certain states of the union to accomplish that end.

The administration of Governor A. B. Cummins merits our unqualified approval. His high courage, sound discretion and scrupulous fidelity have brought additional distinction to executive authority, and his devotion to the progressive policies of the republican party inspires further confidence in the wisdom and helpfulness of his political leadership.

Congressman R. G. Coombs of the Fifth district was evidently not well pleased with the platform. After the resolutions were read to the convention he walked to the rear of the hall and said: "That platform will put Iowa congressmen to explaining their votes."

In an interview at the Savery Hotel after the convention adjourned he said: "The platform is wrong. It does not represent Iowa or the republican sentiment."

R. H. Spence, of Mt. Ayr, was re-elected a member of the state committee from the Eighth district, and was also re-elected as chairman of the committee. He has already opened headquarters at Des Moines.

Why should not the government construct a national highway clear across the continent and thus realize the dream of good-roads zealots. A country which can calmly vote millions by the million for an isthmian canal for the use of ships can do as much for traffic within its own boundaries. Just as a railroad line across the continent looked visionary forty years ago, so a great national road at this time seems almost unattainable. But now there are a half dozen railroads crossing the continent. The advent of the automobile will give impetus to this movement, and the bicycle will do its share toward helping it along. These thousand miles of improved highway will make a road of great length, and what a hot time we'll all have humping over those arid wastes in our speedy autos! It is a dizzy conception and, alas, far from materialization.

The Atlanta Constitution puts the question in a nutshell as follows: "The political puzzle that millions of voters in this country would like to understand is why congress can legislate to raise the price of commodities and then cannot find any way to legislate them down again when they have reached robbery figures?"

Queer people, these republicans! They claim the credit of all the prosperity visited by good crops upon this land; but it was God who got us into this war in the Philippines.

## IOWA RAILROAD ASSESSMENT INCREASED.

The executive council has raised the railroad assessment to \$51,112,814, an increase of \$4,041,556 over the assessment of 1901. This is the largest assessment ever made upon the railroads of Iowa and the largest increase ever made over a preceding year's assessment except in 1887. In that year, through the exertions of Governor Larabee, the assessment was increased more than \$5,000,000 over what it had been in 1886.

The Chicago & Northwestern and the Milwaukee systems will have to bear half of the increase. The increase on the Northwestern line amounts to \$1,100,549. That on the Milwaukee is \$900,862. The C. B. & Q. is also called on to bear a largely enhanced assessment, its increase being \$665,457.

The increase falls almost entirely upon the larger systems or trunk lines. All but \$68,763 of the total raise is borne by nine large systems. The following table shows how the increase is distributed:

B. C. R. & N.....\$ 253,560

C. B. & Q.....665,457

C. G. W.....250,158

C. M. & St. P.....900,862

C. & N. W.....1,100,549

C. R. I. & P.....300,759

Omaha & St. Louis.....225,700

Dubuque & S. C.....250,016

Minneapolis & St. Louis.....25,732

Other lines.....68,763

Total.....\$ 4,041,556

Assessment, 1901.....47,071,258

Assessment, 1902.....51,112,814

No changes were made in the assessments of the Iowa Central and the Wabash systems. Of the total assessment, but \$192,000 is made on new track. While actually there has been a large increase in the assessment, as compared with the gross earnings, there has been but a small relative raise. The total assessment a year ago was \$47,071,258. The gross earnings the preceding year were \$52,354,817. The percentage of assessment to gross earnings was 89.9. The gross earnings reported this year for 1901 were \$56,079,943. The percentage of this year's assessment to the gross earnings of the roads is a little over 91 per cent. In other words, on the basis of gross earnings, the assessment of this year is one per cent greater than it was a year ago.

The assessment of the main line of the C. B. & Q. was raised from \$11,250 to \$12,250 per mile, an increase of \$1,000 per mile.

The Chariton branch was raised from \$5,500 to \$4,000, the K. & W. Main line from \$4,000 to \$4,750 and the K. & W. on the Des Moines line from Des Moines to Cainsville from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

All go to Gore's barn for feed.

The Hartford Times makes a sensible proposition in this: What the American voter wants from the political orator who undertakes to instruct him is not a lot of airy conversation about plutocrats and aristocrats, but definite ideas about practical and righteous measures for the maintenance of the equality of opportunity for all citizens and the equal distribution of the burdens and advantages of government on all.

Another wave of unpopularity has struck Secretary of War Root because of his order changing army uniforms from blue to olive green. Officer's wives are generally indignant, all having a sentimental regard for the blue worn long. One brigadier general's wife will send a round robin to congress protesting against the retirement of the old color, so famous in history, song and story.

"There seems to be but one way to deal with the trusts directly and that involves adjustment of the tariff on the products of the trusts," says Secretary Root. Good, very good democratic doctrine from a high republican history. Does any one think that party is going to use this one way?

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**ORIGINAL NOTICE.**  
In the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Decatur County, August term, 1902. William M. Jennings, vs. Annie B. Jennings, To Said Defendant.  
You are hereby notified that on or before the 14th day of August, A. D. 1902, there will be on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Decatur County, the petition of William M. Jennings claiming of you a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, alleging as grounds therefor desertion and adultery with W. M. Cox and divers other persons and asking for care and custody of Aaron Jennings, 13 years old; William Jennings, 11 years old; Minnie Jennings, 9 years old, being your three minor children. For further particulars see petition.

And that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next August term, 1902, of said Court, to commence and be held at Leon, Decatur County, Iowa, on the 25th day of August, 1902, default will be entered against you and a judgment and decree rendered thereon as prayed for in said petition with costs.  
WILLIAM M. JENNINGS, plaintiff.  
By G. TAYLOR WHITTON, attorney.  
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