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FOR 1916.

The Democratic party at Baltimore in 1912 adopted a platform and nominated a candidate for President and elected him. Since the issues for the campaign of 1916 are about to be made up, it is pertinent to review the Democratic record of achievement or non-achievement on the basis of platform pledges forgotten or repudiated. Here are some of the things the platform contained, with a statement of results:

(1) Specific indorsement of free tolls for American vessels through the Panama canal. Repudiated by Congressional act imposing tolls.

(2) Formal assertion of the rights of the states, with a vigorous denunciation of "our opponents" for their "usurpation" in their "efforts to deprive the states of any of the rights reserved to them," so as "to enable large and magnify by indirection the powers of the Federal government." Repudiated by the Ferris bill, an Administration measure.

(3) A modern conservation approved with the reservation that the public domain should be "administered and disposed of" with due regard to the general welfare, and the "policy of withdrawing enormous tracts of public land on which tree growth never existed and cannot be promoted" should be discontinued. Repudiated by continuance of the restrictive methods of Pinchotism through the customary departmental rules and regulations.

(4) Single Presidential term indorsed, with "the candidate of this convention committed to this principle." Ignored by candidate and party.

(5) Extravagance in public expenditures denounced and a "return to that simplicity and economy which befit a Democratic Government" promised. Congressional appropriations by the Democrats the greatest in history.

(6) Civil service law "honestly and rigidly enforced" approved. But in practice ignored every where possible by officials and openly repudiated by spoils legislation designed to avoid the civil service.

(7) Full protection to American citizens and to their property in any foreign country guaranteed. Repudiated affirmatively by the Wilson and Bryan Mexican policy.

The Democratic party might retrieve its lost reputation for candor and honesty if it should go before the people in 1916 on the following brief but truthful platform:

Resolved, That the National Democratic party in convention assembled, opposes, traverses and denounces the various principles, and repudiates and ignores the several pledges to which it was committed by the platform of 1912.

What else can the Democracy do in 1916?—Portland Oregonian.

"I believe in free sugar. It will save to every householder in this country two cents upon every pound of sugar." Thus spake the Colossus of Kentucky, Senator Ollie James, as he stoved in the table with his gavel and assumed the office of permanent chairman of the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore, June 27, 1912. Householders at that time were paying five and a half cents a pound for sugar, but up to date no one has reported its purchase at the retail price of three and a half cents. That was some more Democratic junk. Just why Mr. James should have emphasized his antipathy to the sugar duties in a speech of acceptance of the national chairmanship, it was reserved for later developments to discover.

When the Democratic Congress took up the Underwood tariff abomination, Mr. James worked for free sugar with a singleness of purpose and a wealth of ignorance of the subject matter almost terrifying. But he convinced the President that sugar should go on the free list, Mr. Wilson snapped his fingers and Congress jumped to do his bidding, wholly obnoxious as duty free sugar was to many of the Democratic party. This is the party, by the way, which announced in the 1912 platform: "We believe in the preservation and maintenance in their full strength and integrity of the three coordinate branches of the Federal Government."

It now transpires that Ollie had the interests of the distillers of Kentucky red-eye at heart far more sincerely than the domestic felicity of the humble householders throughout the land. The liquor interests were being harried and baited on every hand and "the South was going dry." Some of the Kentucky Bourbons, liquorishly speaking, got their heads together and evolved a great thought, namely: "If we can succeed in getting Congress to make sugar free of duty, that will mean a loss of revenue to the Government of between sixty and seventy millions of dollars annually from sugar customs. This loss of revenue will make the Federal Government more than ever dependent on other sources of revenue, particularly internal revenue of which the distilled spirits pay nearly one-half. Thus the attitude of the Federal Government will be more favorable to us, and this will be reflected by a more tolerant spirit on the part of the dear public. And the champion of our cause shall be Ollie James, U. S. Senator."

This was the "deus et machina" in the sugar schedule, and now the question is, will President Wilson permit Congress to amend the tariff law and retain the present duty on sugar which represents a cut of 25 per cent of the Republican rate? And, also, how will Senator James square himself with the President for the imposition practiced upon him?

The continued discussion of Justice Hughes as a possible Republican candidate for the Presidency next year does little credit to either the party or to Justice Hughes. The justice was thought to have definitely removed himself from the field of active politics five years ago when he accepted an appointment to the bench; and there is evidence, in writing, over his own signature that he continues to so think. In a letter, addressed to a friend in Jersey, Justice Hughes has made it clear that he regards his acceptance of a judgeship as a life-contract for a specialized field of labor from which it would be improper for him to retire, from which he does not intend to retire, and in which his services might be seriously diminished in value if there is continued discussion of him as a candidate for political office.

No one will doubt Justice Hughes' fitness for the Presidency. No one will question the enthusiasm which his candidacy would arouse. But this is not the point. He has undertaken to devote his life to the interpretation of laws, not to their execution; and, as balanced against one or two terms in the White House, he sees in this by far the larger opportunity for service to his fellow citizens. He made this choice deliberately, five years ago. He still adheres to it. And whoever seeks in any way to put pressure upon him from a political standpoint does, as we have said, no service to Justice Hughes. On the contrary, such a course tends to call the justice's sincerity in question; and, though intended in a spirit of admiration, is, in reality, a mark of disrespect.

Furthermore, it does not benefit the Republican party. We have never been in the habit of ravishing the Supreme bench for

The shortage of American foreign-going tonnage is having a depressing effect on our flour exports to China, according to a recent report of an American consul in China to the Department of Commerce. He says: "Present indications are that initial buying of the new crop in the United States for this (the Chinese) market will be far below the usual volume." This recalls a recent report of Commercial Attache Julian H. Arnold, from Shanghai, China, in which he stated: "The reports of the withdrawal of the Pacific Mail steamers and the sale of two of the Robert Dollar Pacific steamers have had a very depressing effect on trade with the United States." This can be chalked up to the credit of the last Democratic Congress which passed the seamen's law, the provisions of which are driving the last vestige of our foreign-going vessels from the high seas.

Postmaster General Burleson announces that the parcel post is paying a profit. While that is merely his opinion, given in the absence of any definite facts upon which a safe conclusion could be based, it furnishes a proper occasion to remark that the postmaster general placed an additional burden upon the railroads without giving them additional pay when he required them to transport, as parcel post matter, money which had previously been carried by the railroads as express matter. In various other ways he increased the amount of parcel post matter transported without increasing the pay of the railroads. Perhaps litigation or an investigation will sometime show the extent of this additional service required without corresponding compensation, but until that is shown it will not be possible for anyone to say whether the parcel post pays a profit above all rightful charges against it. It is a good bet that it doesn't under the Burleson rates and weights.

Messrs. J. Henry Goeke and E. R. Rathrick, erstwhile Democratic Congressmen from Ohio, blew into Washington recently and foretold the carrying of the Buckeye state for President Wilson in 1916 as a "foregone conclusion." Some foretellers, these boys! Their power of prophecy is almost uncanny. Each of them foretold his own re-election on the Democratic ticket to the next Congress, by a "rousing majority," but if you will scan the list of Congressmen who are going to spend the next year patching up the job-lot of legislation enacted by the Democracy since 1913, you will find Hon. J. E. Russell, Republican, will restore dignity to the seat lately occupied by Mr. Goeke, while Hon. J. G. Cooper also Republican, will return Mr. Rathrick's Congressional district to its pristine vigor. The more such political repudiatees predict Wilsonian victory the more confidence is inspired in the breasts of the Republicans.

our presidential candidates—and there is no paucity of candidates to impel us to begin such action now. The Republican nomination for next year is not going begging. Nor are we, like the Democrats, forced to take one only as our standard bearer. More than a dozen men, now favorite sons of their own communities, will enter the convention. One of them will emerge as the favorite son of a united and triumphant party. He will be worthy of the honor. And when we have nominated him and elected him—as we shall—we shall have the satisfaction of knowing that we have not impoverished the courts in order to enrich the White House.

Notwithstanding the manipulation of the daily treasury statement by which the net balance in the U. S. general fund was made to show an increase from \$40,898,894 on Sept. 30 to \$128,063,545 on the following day, the trend of government business is such that the net balance is gradually dropping. On Oct. 11 it had gone down to \$119,819,746, even under the new method of bookkeeping—a decrease of \$8,243,799 in ten days, or an average of \$824,000 per day. It will be interesting to see what the next device of the Treasury Department will be to cover up its deplorable financial condition.

An electric light company at Vera Cruz has suffered damages in the course of events in Mexico; and, it being owned by British capital, the British Embassy at Washington has handed a bill to our government. Shall we pay—or fight? And this is only a beginning. There are more English enterprises in Mexico with bills for damages; and German and French and Dutch enterprises, likewise.

To be adequately prepared for defense, the President now says, is not a mere technical matter. Yet last spring and all through the summer he thought the country was adequately defended when a lone college professor fired a volley of words from a typewriter.

Apparently the policy of "watchful waiting" is not applicable to affairs of the heart.

YOUMANS PUTS CLAIM IN COURT

HEAD OF DEFUNCT MINOT BANK BRINGS SUIT AGAINST PROMINENT MEN.

Grant Youmans, whose operation of the savings deposit bank at Minot brought that institution under the ban of the state banking board two years ago, resulting in the closing of the institution because the state officials found its affairs had not been conducted according to law, late today served papers in a suit for \$250,000 against a group of local financiers and state officials.

Conspiracy to ruin his bank is charged by Mr. Youmans, this being the same charges that were investigated by the legislature last winter with the result that the state bank examiner who conducted the operations in behalf of the state, was cleared.

Mr. Youmans names the members of the state banking board serving at the time the affair was sifted out, these being Andy Miller, former attorney general; Thomas Hall, secretary of state, and Governor L. B. Hanna; the bank examiner, Mr. Severson, and S. J. Rasmussen, James Johnson, Geo. A. McGee, D. C. Greenleaf and Robert N. Barron all of Minot, as defendants.

Youmans wants \$100,000 damages for the ruin of his business; he wants \$100,000 damages for defamation of character, \$50,000 damages because of the alleged conspiracy and \$5,000 which he says was paid over to another Minot bank by him in connection with the settlement of his affairs. —Grand Forks Herald.

Evening services in Norwegian language at 7:45 P. M.

BANKER IS FOUND GUILTY

SOUTH DAKOTAN CONVICTED OF "JUGGLING" ACCOUNTS

At Selby, S. D., last week in the state circuit court for Walworth county, in session at that place, the jury in the case of N. L. Nelson, formerly president of the Farmers' State Bank of Moberge, which was forced to suspend payment December 30, 1911, was found guilty of "kiting" certificates of deposits and otherwise manipulating the books of the bank so as to deceive the state bank examiner.

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LIST OF JURORS FOR NOV. TERM

Following is the list of jurors, which Judge C. W. Puttz has called to report for the November term of court, Monday, Nov. 8th, at 2:30 P. M. Applications for citizenship will be heard in the evening of the same day. Coroner Gilbertson served at the drawing for Sheriff Olsen:

Jury for 1915 November Term of District Court.

Wm. Ludwig, Coulee township.
Ben Burt, Hope township.
Geo. Rasmussen, Morris township.

Robert McKay, Grand Harbor township.

J. O. Johnson, Highland township.
Ole J. Hoystad, DeGroat township.
Mads Nelson, Pleasant township.

Ole Leet, Freshwater township.
H. L. Rasmussen, Minnewaukan township.

Mike Dohoney, Lake township.
T. J. Shelver, S. Minnewaukan township.

Nelson Smith, Royal township.
Thomas Hanson, S. Minnewaukan township.

C. K. Gjesdal, Fancher township.
Oscar Johnson, Twp. 156, R. 66.

M. O. Eidsness, Lillehoff township.
J. L. Trueblood, Brocket, Village.
John Goodsell, Fancher township.
E. P. Tinbo, Norway township.

John Laurie, Stevens township.
Bert Halladay, Devils Lake.
M. K. Lee, Minnewaukan township.
Charles Law, Fancher township.
Thomas Connor, Webster township.
Charles Johnson, Lake township.
Herman Kaeding, Coulee township.
K. O. Nestegard, Norway township.
C. J. Cruse, Bartlett township.
Thomas H. Strong, Royal township.
N. O. Sather, Devils Lake township.
Otto Wing, Edmore Village.

Henry Bono, Triumph township.
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