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# THE FARMER.

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HOW HE IS ROBBED.

Stupendous Decline in Farm Products.

A PERNICIOUS FINANCIAL POLICY.

By JOHN H. BEADLE.

The accompanying illustrations are from New York newspapers of recent date. They are published to show the popular idea of the personality of the American farmer in the gold stronghold of the country.

The Robbery.

The war has prolonged in time of peace despite the promises to the contrary. Empires of land and hundreds of millions of money were given to great corporations. Credit-Mobiler, the Indian ring, the whisky ring, the star route ring and scores of others followed in rapid succession, but though the farmers were murdered they did not revolt. They overlooked the fact that parties are composed of men and therefore subject to change. They were slow to believe that the grand old party could contain schemers.

On top of all the rest comes a financial system which has added 80 per cent to the value of money and depreciated the price of the farmer's products in like proportion, and at the least signs of a revolt on his part he is denounced as a traitor. It is assumed as a matter of course that Wall Street should strive for a rise in stocks, that manufacturers should lobby for a higher tariff, that the Pacific Railway companies should evade payment of their debt. All other men can vote and lobby to raise the price of what they own and be good Christians, but at the bare hint that the farmer is to vote for restoring silver to get a little better price for his crops, the country rings with frantic cries of rage and denunciation. The farmer has submitted too long. He has lost the respect of those who have robbed him, and it is much to be feared that in great part he has lost his own self respect. His poverty has become a reproach.

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## A MODEL PLATFORM.

Adopted by the Democrats in National Convention.

The following is the full and complete platform as adopted by the National Democratic convention:

We, the Democrats of the United States in national convention assembled, do reaffirm our allegiance to those great essential principles of justice and liberty upon which our institutions are founded, and which the Democratic party has advocated from Jefferson's time to our own—freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of conscience, the preservation of personal rights, the equality of all citizens before the law, and the faithful observance of constitutional limitations.

During all these years the Democratic party has resisted the tendency of selfish interests to the centralization of governmental power, and steadfastly maintained the integrity of the dual scheme of government established by the founders of this republic of republics. Under its guidance and teachings the great principle of local self-government has found its best expression in the maintenance of the rights of the states and in its assertion of the principle of confining the general government to the exercise of powers granted by the constitution of the United States.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM. The constitution of the United States guarantees to every citizen the rights of civil and religious liberty. The Democratic party has always been the exponent of political liberty and religious freedom and it renews its obligations and reaffirms its devotion to these fundamental principles of the constitution.

FINANCE. Recognizing that the money question is paramount to all others at this time, we invite attention to the fact that the constitution names silver and gold together as the money metals of the United States, and that the first coinage law passed by congress under the constitution made the silver dollar the money unit, and admitted gold to free coinage at a ratio based upon the silver dollar unit.

We declare that the act of 1873 demoralizing silver without the knowledge or approval of the American people has resulted in the appreciation of gold, and a corresponding fall in the price of commodities produced by the people; a heavy increase in the burden of taxation and of all debts, public and private; the enrichment of the money lending class at home and abroad, the prostration of industry, and the impoverishment of the people.

We are unalterably opposed to monometallism, which has locked fast the prosperity of an industrial people in paralysis of hard times. Gold monometallism is a British policy, and its adoption has brought other nations into financial servitude to London. It is not only un-American, but anti-American, and it can be fastened on the United States only by the stifling of that spirit and love of liberty which proclaimed our political independence in 1776 and won in the war of the revolution.

FREE COINAGE. We demand the free and unlimited use of both silver and gold as the present legal tender of the United States, and we demand that the standard silver dollar shall be a full legal tender, equally with gold, for all debts, public and private, and we favor such legislation as will prevent for the future the demonetization of any kind of legal tender money by private contract.

BONDS. We are opposed to the policy and practice of surrendering to the holders of the obligations of the United States, the option reserved by law to the government of redeeming such obligations in either silver coin or gold coin.

We are opposed to the issuing of interest-bearing bonds of the United States in time of peace, and condemn the trafficking with banking syndicates which, in exchange for bonds and an enormous profit to themselves, supply the federal treasury with gold to maintain the policy of gold monometallism.

ISSUE OF MONEY. Congress alone has the power to coin and issue money, and President Jackson declared that this power could not be delegated to corporations or individuals. We therefore denounce the issuance of notes intended to circulate as money by national banks as in derogation of the constitution, and we demand that all paper which is made a legal tender for public and private debts or which is receivable for duties to the United States shall be issued by the government of the United States and shall be redeemable in coin.

TARIFF. We hold that tariff duties should be levied for purpose of revenue, such duties to be so adjusted as to operate equally throughout the country and not discriminate between class or section, and that taxation should be limited by the needs of the government honestly and economically administered.

We denounce as disturbing to business the Republican threat to restore the McKinley law, which has twice been condemned by the people in national elections, and which, enacted under the false plea of protection to home industry, proved a prolific breeder of trusts and monopolies, enriched the few by the expense of the many, restricted trade, and deprived the producers of the great American staples of access to their national markets.

INCOME TAX. Until the money question is settled we are opposed to any agitation for further changes in our tariff laws, except such as are necessary to meet the deficit in revenue caused by the adverse decision of the supreme court on the income tax. But for this decision by the supreme court there would be no deficit in the revenue under the law passed by a Democratic congress in strict pursuance of the uniform decisions of that court for 100 years, that decisions of that court that decision sustained constitutional objections to its enactment which had previously been overturned by the ablest judges who have ever sat on the bench. We declare that it is the duty of congress to use all the constitutional power which

remains after that decision, or which may come from its reversal by the court as it may hereafter be constituted, so that the burdens of taxation may be equally and impartially laid, to the end that wealth may bear its due proportion of the expense of the government.

LABOR. We hold that the most efficient way of protecting American labor is to prevent the importation of foreign pauper labor to compete with it in the home market, and that the value of the home market to our American farmers and artisans is greatly reduced by a vicious monetary system which depresses the prices of their products below the cost of production, and thus deprives them of the means of purchasing the products of our home manufacturing and, as labor creates the wealth of the country, we demand the passage of such laws as may be necessary to protect it in all its rights.

We are in favor of the arbitration of differences between employers engaged in interstate commerce and their employees, and recommend such legislation as is necessary to carry out this principle.

The absorption of wealth by the few, the consolidation of our leading railroad systems, and the formation of trust and pools require a sticter control by the federal government of those arteries of commerce. We demand the enlargement of the powers of the interstate commerce commission and such such restrictions and guarantees in the control of railroads as will protect the people from robbery and oppression.

TAXATION. We denounce the profligate waste of the money wrung from the people by oppressive taxation and the lavish appropriations of recent Republican congresses, which have kept taxes high while the labor that pays them is unemployed, and the products of the people's toil are depressed in price till they no longer repay the cost of production.

We demand a return to that simplicity and economy which benefits a Democratic government and a reduction in the number of useless offices, the salaries of which drain the substance of the people.

FEDERAL INTERFERENCE. We denounce arbitrary interferences by federal authorities in local affairs as a violation of the constitution of the United States and a crime against free institutions, and we especially object to government by injunction as a new and highly dangerous form of oppression, by which federal judges in contempt of the laws of the states and rights of citizens, become at once legislators, judges, and executioners, and we approve the bill passed at the last session of the United States senate, and now pending in the house of representatives, relative to contempt trials by jury in certain cases of contempt.

ANTI-FUNDING. No discrimination should be indulged by the government of the United States in favor of any of its debtors. We approve of the United States Pacific railroad funding bill, and denounce the efforts of the present Republican congress to enact a similar measure.

PENSION CLAIMS OF DESEVERING UNION SOLDIERS we heartily endorse the rule of the present commissioner of pensions that no names shall be arbitrarily dropped from the pension roll; and the fact of enlistment, and service should be deemed conclusive evidence against disease and disability before enlistment.

TERRITORIES. We favor the admission of the territories of New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma into the United States, and we favor the early admission of all the territories having the necessary population and resources to entitle them to statehood, and while they remain territories, we hold that the officials appointed to administer the government of any territory together with the District of Columbia and Alaska, should be bona fide residents of the territory or district in which the duties are to be performed. The Democratic party believes in home rule and that all public lands of the United States should be appropriated to the establishment of free homes for American citizens. We recommend that the territory of Alaska be granted a delegate in congress, and that the United States be extended to said territory.

MONROE DOCTRINE. The Monroe doctrine is originally declared, and as interpreted by succeeding presidents, is a permanent part of the foreign policy of the United States, and must at all times be maintained.

CUBA. We extend our sympathy to the people of Cuba in their heroic struggle for liberty and independence.

THIRD TERM. We are opposed to life tenure in the public service. We favor appointments based upon merit, fixed term of office, and such a system will afford equal opportunities to all citizens of ascertained fitness. We declare it to be the unwritten law of this republic, established by custom and usage of one hundred years and sanctioned by the examples of those who founded and have maintained our government, that no man should be eligible for a third term in the presidential office.

WATERWAYS. The federal government should care for and improve the Mississippi river and other great waterways of the republic, so as to secure for the interior states easy and cheap transportation to tidewater. When any waterway of the republic is of sufficient importance to demand aid of the government such aid should be extended upon a definite plan of continuous work until permanent improvement is secured.

Considering the justice of our cause and the necessity of its success at this time, we submit the foregoing declaration of principles and purposes of the Democratic party. We invite the support of all citizens who approve them and who desire to have them made effective through legislation for the relief of the people and the restoration of the country's prosperity.

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