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## A SOLEMN PLATFORM PLEDGE

To the Democratic Members of the Nebraska Legislature:

The democratic platform of 1908, and the democratic platform of 1910, each contained a plank pledging of the party, if given the lawmaking power in this state, to establish in southwestern Nebraska a State Agricultural School. The platform pledge of 1908 was not carried out.

It remains to be seen whether the democratic majority in the present legislature will carry out a similar pledge made in the platform adopted at Grand Island.

There are many reasons why this pledge should be fulfilled. Two only need to be given. First, the democratic party should carry out its platform promises and pledges. Second, the people of southwestern Nebraska, where climatic and soil conditions are different from

other sections of the state, are entitled to a school that will teach the young men and women how best to till that soil, how to select the best seeds, etc.

The greatest educational asset of this state is the Agricultural School at Lincoln, where young men and women are not only taught the classics, but are also taught what to do to make a living and how live. Too much attention can not be given to education of this kind. Let us have schools that will fit the young men and women to fight the battle of life on equal terms; teach them how to be producers instead of drones and leeches upon society.

Democrats of the Nebraska Legislature, your duty to your party, to yourselves as men and to your state, demand that you carry out the solemn pledge of your party and establish an agricultural school in southwestern Nebraska.

*A party is known, not by the pledges it makes, but by the pledges it carries out to the letter.*