

AN AMERICAN PARTY.

Patriotic Citizens of Chicago Form The Independent American Citizens' Party.

Declaration of Principles, Platform and Resolutions Adopted at a Mass Convention Held in Central Music Hall.

We believe the time has come when all who love our nation and its institutions and are true to its flag, in order to be faithful to their obligations as citizens, must take concerted action as a free and independent voting phalanx in the arena of politics...

We believe that a crisis is upon us which threatens the overthrow of popular government; that a military ecclesiasticism such as marked the medieval ages, supported by the imperialism of dishonestly acquired wealth, has gained control of our political machinery...

Our flag, too, is dishonored at home and abroad and our institutions are attacked, our legislative bodies are corrupted, our courts of justice are intimidated and used to clear the guilty and condemn the righteous...

ONLY TRUE AMERICANS WANTED. We believe the time has come when in order to meet the danger that threatens our institutions America should be ruled by those who by birth or honest adoption have become citizens...

We recognize the fact that there is an awakening abroad among honest citizens born of the spirit of patriotism which demands attention. Protection for American institutions, for the nation's flag and honor...

We believe the time has come when the American citizen who is true to the vital principles which underlie our system of government must break away from the political bossism and corrupting intrigue which control the two old parties...

We believe that partisan politics is undermining our institutions to such an extent that the virtue and morality by which only popular government can subsist are no longer known quantities among party leaders...

HOODWINKED BY BAD PROMISES. We believe that honest citizens, men who desire to perpetuate a government of the people, by the people and for the people, have been grossly deceived and hoodwinked from time to time by cunningly designed platforms and fair promises...

We believe that the time has come when, in justice to ourselves as true and independent American citizens and out of regard to the fathers of our institutions and with respect to the graves of the heroes who laid down their lives to protect them and preserve

us a nation and an unsullied flag, we should arise in our might as one man, casting off the chains of partisanship, and rebuke and punish the political wire-pullers, the treacherous ring bosses and professional boodlers who run the partisan machines of both the democratic and republican parties for their criminal dishonesty...

EITHER PROTEST OR BECOME CRIMINAL. We believe that to longer suffer without organized protest political sycophants to reward themselves for their treason to our institutions by the dishonest spoils of office would be to endanger our self-respect and destroy our American manhood...

We believe the present to be the right time and Cook county the right place in which to raise a standard representing faith in American institutions, purity in municipal, state and national government and protection to the magna charta of American independence...

We believe no standard will be more acceptable to the great mass of true American citizens who have in response to the call of patriotism thrown off partisan shackles and hoodwinks than that which bears a name which expresses the independence of the American voter, and that is the Independent American citizen's party.

Platform. CIVIL SERVICE. Civil service reform should be extended to all grades of public service—town, city, county, state and nation. Fitness and not partisan or sectarian service should be the essential tests...

MONEY. Money should consist of gold, silver and greenbacks. All paper money should be issued by the government directly to the people in the form of national greenbacks and certificates of deposits issued from a system of postal savings banks...

IMMIGRATION. Our immigration law should be so changed and immigration restricted that it will protect our citizen laborers from the evil influence and unequal competition of pauper and criminal labor, which, through the instrumentality of European propagandist societies and the subtle assistance of their ecclesiastical agents here, are rapidly supplementing our free and enlightened American citizens in every line of industry...

TRUSTS AND MONOPOLIES. The concentration of wealth in the hands of the few means the impoverishment of the many, and as a consequence their enslavement; therefore, the vigorous prosecution and abolition of all trusts now existing in violation of state and United States statutes is demanded...

TARIFF. A tariff for protection, honestly administered, is necessary for the encouragement of our infant industries. That the calamitous

financial results occasioned by the frequent partisan agitation and changes in the tariff may be avoided, there should be appointed a non-partisan commission on tariff composed of representatives from the different branches of business and labor...

PUBLIC FUNDS. Public funds, secured from the taxes and burdens bearing the heaviest upon the common people, are being diverted from their legitimate purposes and used for the corruption of political parties voters and political machine organizations...

LABOR EXISTED PRIOR TO CAPITAL, and is therefore independent of capital. The conflict between labor and capital will be closed only when labor emancipates itself from the rule of professional agitation and machine politicians...

UNITED STATES SENATORS. In order to conserve the rights of the people and insure a continuation of a government based upon the "Vox populi, vox Dei" sovereignty of the people and keep them in direct touch with the legislative department of government, United States senators should be elected by the direct vote of the people...

PUBLIC EDUCATION. As the quality of a republican form of government is either good or bad according to the intelligence of its people we demand that all nations, state and municipal non-sectarian public schools and institutions of learning shall be protected from all sectarian interference...

PUBLIC CHARITIES. We demand that all institutions of charity which receive public moneys must be non-sectarian and under the complete control of the nation or state, and that no sectarian institution of charity shall receive support by grants of public money or land or their equivalents...

CITIZENSHIP. No foreigner coming to this country should become a citizen until he has had a continuous residence of not less than five years in the country, and has foresworn his former allegiance to prince or potentate who claim temporal sovereignty...

COUNTY AND CITY. The independent American citizen's party pledges itself that if its nominees are elected the gambling dens and cesspools of vice which have been permitted to run riot under the reign of both parties when in power, in defiance of law and public morality, will be suppressed so far as it lies in the power of the county officials so to do...

Whereas, It is a fact that at several of the state conventions of the democratic party there have been resolutions adopted denouncing all secret political orders, and especially the American Protective Association, and thereby in fact declaring that they were opposed to all patriotic orders; and

Whereas, The populist party in convention assembled has also at different times and places, by resolutions or otherwise, declared itself opposed to such organizations as above mentioned; and

Whereas, Several leaders of the republican party, by public utterances expressed themselves as opposed to such organizations; and

Whereas, No political party, up to date, has in any way shown a disposition to defend such patriotic associations by word or act; be it therefore, Resolved, That we, the Independent American citizens party in convention assembled, hereby indorse any and all patriotic associations, political or otherwise, which have any or all of the following sentiments embodied in their declaration of principles, to-wit: Protection to our constitution and laws.

Protection of the stars and stripes. Protection to the free public school system of our nation; radical revision of the naturalization laws; restriction of emigration; absolute separation of church and state; no public funds for sectarian purposes and be it further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be mailed by our secretary to each of the patriotic newspapers throughout the entire United States.

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