

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 1893.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

A Masterly Declaration of Principles that Will Insure Victory.

The Republicans of the United States, assembled by their representatives in national convention, appealing for the popular and historical justification of their claims to the matchless achievements of thirty years of Republican rule, earnestly and confidently address themselves to the awakened intelligence, experience and conscience of their countrymen in the following declaration of facts and principles:

For the first time since the Civil War the American people have witnessed the calamitous consequences of a full and unrestricted Democratic control of the government. It has been a record of unparalleled incapacity, dishonesty and disaster. In administrative management it has ruthlessly sacrificed the indispensable revenue, entailed an unending deficit, eked out ordinary current expenses with borrowed money, piled up the public debt at \$262,000,000 in time of peace, forced an adverse balance of trade, kept a perpetual incursion over the redemption fund, pawned American credit to alien syndicates and reversed all the measures and results of successful Republican rule. In the broad range of national policy it has protracted famine, blighted industry and trade with prolonged depression, closed factories, reduced work and wages, halved enterprise and crippled American production, while stimulating foreign production for the international market. Every consideration of public safety and individual interest demands that the government shall be rescued from the hands of those who have shown themselves incapable of administering it, and that the administration shall be restored to the party which for thirty years administered it with unequalled success and prosperity, and in this connection we heartily endorse the wisdom and patriotic motives of the administration of President Harrison.

Protection is Reaffirmed.
We renew and emphasize our allegiance to the policy of protection as the bulwark of American industrial independence and the foundation of American development and prosperity. This true American policy taxes foreign products and encourages home industry; it puts the burden of revenue on foreign goods; it secures the American market for the American producer; it upholds the American standard of wages for the American workman; it protects the factory by the side of the farm, and makes the American farmer less dependent on foreign demand and price; it diffuses general thrift and founds the strength of the nation on the strength of each. In its reasonable application it is just, fair and impartial, equally opposed to foreign control and domestic monopoly, to sectional discrimination and individual favoritism. We denounce the present Democratic tariff as sectional, injurious to the public credit and destructive to business enterprise. We demand such an equitable tariff on foreign imports which come into competition with American products as will not only protect the American labor for the necessary expenses of the government, but will protect American labor from degradation to the wage level of other lands. We are not pledged to any particular schedule. In its application of rates is a practical question, to be governed by the conditions of the time and of production; the ruling and uncompromising principle is the protection and development of American labor and industry. The country demands a right settlement and then it waits rest.

Protection and Reciprocity.
We believe the repeal of the reciprocity arrangements negotiated by the last Republican administration was a national calamity, and we demand their renewal and extension on such terms as will equate our trade with other nations, remove the restrictions which now obstruct the sale of American products in the ports of other countries and secure enlarged markets for the products of our farms, forests and factories.

Protection and reciprocity are twin measures of Republican policy and go hand in hand. Democratic rule has recklessly struck down both, and both must be re-established. Protection for what we produce; reciprocity for the necessities of life which we consume; reciprocal agreements of mutual interests which gain open markets for us in return for our open market to others. Protection builds up domestic industry and trade, and secures our own revenue for ourselves; reciprocity builds up foreign trade and finds an outlet for our surplus.

Sugar Attitude Stated.
We condemn the present administration for not keeping faith with the sugar producers of this country. The Republican party favors such protection as will lead to the production on American soil of all the sugar which the American people use, and for which they pay other countries more than \$100,000,000 annually.

American Products Favored.
To all our products—to those of the mine and the field, as well as to those of the shop and the mill, to the product of sheep husbandry, as well as to the finished wools of the mill—we promise the most ample protection.

Merchant Marine Restoration.
We favor restoring the early American policy of discriminating duties for the building of our merchant marine and the protection of our shipping by the foreign carrying trade, so that American ships—the product of American labor, employed in American shippers, sailing under American flags and manned, officered and owned by Americans—may regain the carrying of our foreign commerce.

For Sound Money.
The Republican party is unswervingly for sound money. It caused the enactment of the law providing for the resumption of specie payment in 1879, since then every dollar has been as good as gold.

We are unalterably opposed to every measure calculated to debase our currency or impair the credit of our country. We are, therefore, opposed to the free coinage of silver, except by international agreement with the leading commercial nations of the world, which we pledge ourselves to promote, and until such agreement can be obtained the existing gold standard must be preserved.

All our silver and paper currency must be maintained at parity with gold, and we favor all measures designed to maintain the obligations of the United States, and all our money, whether coin or paper, at the present standard, the standard of the most enlightened nations of the earth.

Restoration of Penalties.
The veterans of the Union army deserve and should receive the fair treatment and generous recognition. Whenever gratification they should be given the preference in the matter of employment, and

they are entitled to the enactment of such laws as are best calculated to secure the payment of the claims made to them in the dark days of the country's peril. We denounce the practice in the Pension Bureau, so recklessly and unjustly carried on by the present administration, of reducing pensions and arbitrarily dropping names from the rolls as deserving the severest condemnation of the American people.

Vigorous Foreign Policy.
Our foreign policy should be at all times firm, vigorous and dignified and all our interests in the Western Hemisphere carefully watched and guarded. The Hawaiian Islands should be controlled by the United States, and no foreign power should be permitted to interfere with them; the Nicaraguan Canal should be built, owned and operated by the United States, and by the purchase of the Danish Islands we should secure a proper and much-needed naval station in the West Indies.

To Stop Armenian Massacres.
The massacres in Armenia have aroused the deep sympathy and just indignation of the American people, and we believe that the United States should exert all the influence it can properly exert to bring these atrocities to an end. In Turkey American residents have been exposed to the gravest dangers and American property destroyed. There everywhere American citizens and American property must be absolutely protected at all hazard and at any cost.

Monroe Doctrine Reasserted.
We reassert the Monroe doctrine in its full extent and we reaffirm the right of the United States to give the doctrine effect by responding to the appeals of any European state for friendly intervention in case of European encroachment. We have not interfered and shall not interfere with the existing possessions of any European power in this hemisphere, but those possessions must not, on any pretext, be extended. We hope to look forward to the eventual withdrawal of the European powers from this hemisphere and to the ultimate union of all English-speaking people in a continent by the free consent of its inhabitants.

Independence for Cuba.
From the hour of achieving their own independence the people of the United States have regarded with sympathy the struggles of other American peoples to free themselves from European domination. We watch with deep and abiding interest the heroic battle of the Cuban patriots against cruelty and oppression, and our best hopes go out for the fall of the yoke of their determined contest for liberty.

The government of Spain, having lost control of Cuba, and being unable to protect the property and lives of resident American citizens or to comply with its treaty obligations, we believe that the government of the United States should actively use its influence and good offices to restore peace and give independence to the island.

Enlargement of Navy.
The peace and security of the republic and the maintenance of its rightful influence among the nations of the earth demand a naval power commensurate with its position and responsibility. We therefore favor the continued enlargement of the navy and a complete system of harbor and seacoast defenses.

Limitation of Immigration.
For the protection of the quality of our American citizenship and of the wages of our workmen against the fatal competition of the unskilled labor which the immigration laws have been thoroughly enforced and so extended as to exclude from entrance to the United States those who can neither read nor write.

Civil Service Enforcement.
The civil service law was placed on the statute book by the Republican party, which has always sustained it, and we renew our repeated declarations that it shall be thoroughly and honestly enforced and extended wherever practicable.

Fair Ballots for Citizens.
We demand that every citizen of the United States shall be allowed to cast one free and unrestricted ballot, and that such ballot shall be counted and returned as cast.

Lynchings are Condemned.
We proclaim our unqualified condemnation of the uncivilized and barbarous practice well known as lynching, the killing of human beings suspected or charged with crime, without process of law.

National Arbitration Board.
We favor the creation of a National Board of Arbitration to settle and adjust differences which may arise between employers and employed engaged in interstate commerce.

Free Homesteads Favored.
We believe in an immediate return to the free homestead policy of the Republican party and urge the passage by Congress of the satisfactory free homestead measure which has already passed the House and is now pending in the Senate.

To Admit Territories.
We favor the admission of the remaining territories at the earliest practicable date, having due regard to the interests of the people of the Territories and of the United States. All the Federal officers appointed for the Territories should be elected from bona-fide residents thereof, and the right of self-government should be accorded as far as practicable.

Representation for Alaska.
We believe the citizens of Alaska should have representation in the Congress of the United States, to the end that useful legislation may be intelligently enacted.

Stand for Temperance.
We sympathize with all wise and legitimate efforts to lessen the evils of intemperance and promote morality.

Welcome to Women.
The Republican party is mindful of the rights and interests of women. Protection of American industries includes equal opportunities, equal pay for equal work, and protection to the home. We favor the admission of women to wider spheres of usefulness, and welcome their co-operation in rescuing the country from Democratic and Populist mismanagement and misrule.

Appeal to Voters.
Such are the principles and policies of the Republican party. By these principles we will abide and these policies we will put into execution. We ask for them the considerate judgment of the American people. Confident alike in the history of our great party and in the justice of our cause, we present our platform and our candidates in the full assurance that the election will bring victory to the Republican party and prosperity to the people of the United States.

Mexican Iron Ore: Free Silver.
Michigan Iron Ore: The Detroit Tribune has a staff correspondent in Mexico. He describes the population of that country as being half beggars, and the balance doing poorly. He says everything is impoverished, and that the titles being sold are worthless. He says the country is pure, cold and simple. And the correspondent is right, and truly describes the condition. The reason that we refer to this is that certain free silver champions delight in calling attention to the wonderful strikes being made by Mexico under the 16 to 1 plan.

OUR NATIONAL HONOR.

Mr. McKinley, in His Speech to the Notification Committee, Says It is Involved in the Currency Question.

"Senator Thurston and Gentlemen of the Notification Committee of the Republican National Convention: To be selected as the Presidential candidate by a great party convention, representing so vast a number of the people of the United States, is a most distinguished honor, and which it would not convey my high appreciation, although deeply sensible of the great responsibilities of the trust and my inability to bear them without the generous and constant support of my fellow citizens, is the best interest of the American people.

"Great as is the honor conferred, equally arduous and important is the duty imposed, and in accepting the one I assume the other, relying upon the patriotic devotion of the people, and the sustaining care and aid of him without whose support all we do is empty and vain. Should the people entrust me with the choice of the great convention for which you speak, my only aim will be to promote the public good, which in America is always the good of the greatest number, and the welfare of the people.

"The questions to be settled in the national election this year are as serious and as important as any of the great events which have marked the history of our country in the last quarter of the century. They command our sober judgment and a settlement free from partisan prejudice and passion, beneficial to ourselves and befitting the honor and grandeur of the Republic. They touch every interest of our common country.

Much is Involved.
"Our industrial supremacy, our productive capacity, our business and commercial prosperity, our labor and its rewards, our national credit and currency, our proud financial honor, and our splendid record of citizenship—the birthright of every American—are all involved in the pending campaign, and thus every home in the land is directly and intimately connected with their proper settlement. Great are the issues involved in the coming election, and the people of the United States are called upon to determine the course of our domestic trade must be won back and our idle workmen employed in gainful occupations at American wages. Our home market must be restored to its normal rank of first in the world, and our foreign trade, so precipitately cut off by adverse national legislation, reopened on fair and equitable terms for our surplus agricultural and manufacturing products.

"Protection and reciprocity, twin measures of a true American policy, should again command the earnest encouragement of the government at Washington. Public confidence must be resumed, and the skills of the great workmen of our country find ample employment at home, sustained, encouraged and defended against the unequal competition and serious disadvantage with which they are now contending.

Must Raise Sufficient Revenue.
"The government of the United States must raise enough money to meet both its current expenses and increasing needs. Its revenues should be so raised as to protect the material interests of our people, to provide for the needs of our government, and to maintain the high standard of civilization which has distinguished our country for more than a century of its existence. The income of the government should be increased by its necessary and proper expenditures. A failure to pursue this policy has compelled the government to borrow money in a time of peace, to sustain its credit, and pay the interest thereon.

"It must be apparent to all, regardless of past party ties or affiliations, that it is our paramount duty to provide adequate revenue for the needs of the government economically and prudently administered. The Republican party has heretofore done this, and this I confidently believe will do in the future, when the party in power shall have the power in the executive and legislative branches of our government. The national credit, which has thus far fortunately remained unimpaired, must not be impaired, and will only be restored if sufficient revenues are provided for the support of the government and increasing the public debt.

Policy is at Fault.
"The complaint of the people is not against the administration for borrowing money and issuing bonds to preserve the credit of the country, but against the ruinous policy which has made this necessary, and which has brought about the present state of affairs. It is fundamental trouble, the remedy for which is Republican opportunity and duty.

"During all the years of Republican control following resumption there was a steady reduction of the public debt, while the gold reserve steadily increased and the gold would come to us and not from us in the settlement of all such balances in the future. The party that supplied by legislation the vast revenues for more than thirty years, and promptly restored the credit of the country at its close, and that from its abundant revenues paid off a large share of the debt incurred in this war, and that resumed specie payments and placed our paper currency upon a sound and enduring basis, can be safely trusted to preserve both our credit and currency with honor, stability, and inviolability.

Our Financial Honor is Sacred.
"The American people hold the financial honor of our government as sacred as our flag, and can be relied upon to guard it with the same sleepless vigilance. They hold preservation above party fealty, and have demonstrated that party ties avail nothing in the spotless credit of our country is threatened. The money of the United States and every kind of form of it, whether paper, silver or gold, must be as good as the best in the world, and must not only be current at its full face value at home, but it must be counted at par in any and every commercial center of the globe.

"The sagacious and far-seeing policy of the great men who founded our government, the teachings and acts of the wisest financiers at every stage in our history, the steadfast faith and splendid achievements of the great party of which we belong, and the genius and integrity of our people have always demanded this, and will ever maintain it. The honor of the farmer, the wage-earner and the pensioner must continue forever equal in purchasing and debt-paying

power to the dollar paid to any government creditor.

"In contrast, this year will not be waged upon lines of theory and speculation, but in the light of severe practical experience and new and dearly acquired knowledge. The great body of our citizens know what they want, and that they intend to have it. They know for what the Republican party stands, and what its return to power means to them. They realize that the Republican party believes that our work should be done at home, and not abroad, and everywhere proclaim their devotion to the principles of a protective tariff, which, while supplying adequate revenues for the government, will restore American production and serve the best interests of American labor and development.

Appeal to the Plain People.
"Our appeal, therefore, is not to a false philosophy or vain theorists, but to the masses of the American people, the plain, practical people, whom I have loved and trusted, and whom the Republican party has always faithfully striven to serve. The platform adopted by the Republican national convention has received my most fervent approval, and has my unqualified approval. It is a matter of gratification to me, as I am sure it must be to you and Republicans everywhere, and to all our people that they should see in my declaration of principles so direct, clear and emphatic. They are so plain and positive to leave any chance for doubt or question as to their purpose and meaning. But you will not expect me to discuss in detail the length or in any detail, at this time. It will, however, be my duty and pleasure at some future day to make to you and through you to the great party your own personal relation to the principles of the nomination tendered to me. 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