OHIO PLATFORM

The platform adopted by the Ohio Democratic state convention for 1901 is as follows:

The democrats of Ohio reaffirm their belief in the equality of taxation and other public burdens; their advocacy of the equal rights of all people, with special privileges to none; their hostility to the monopolization of industry, with its tendency on the one hand to crush out individual enterprise and on the other to promote a socialistic spirit among the people as the only refuge from oppression, and their faith in that theory and practice of constitutional government which brought the nation into existence and have preserved it to the present generation.

For the promotion of those objects the democratic party of Ohio makes the following declaration of principles and policles:

The government of municipalities of the state should be radically reformed and wise general laws be enacted to correct abuses and prevent their recurrence.

Inefficient, expensive, unbusinesslike, partisan and corrupt, the system which has prevailed has encouraged the interference of the state with the government of the cities and the denial of home rule; has fostered special legislation and the imposition of burdensome debts and taxes without the sanction of the people, and has brought about the corrupt employment of party leaders to secure valuable franchises without adequate compensation therefor, and to protect the owners of such franchises from just public demands.

For the existence and continuance of those conditions the republican party is responsible. Though controlling the last general assembly and the state administration, it defeated the "revised municipal code" prepared by a non-partisan committee and calculated to produce real and lasting

The democratic party therefore calls upon the people to unite with it in placing the conduct of municipal affairs upon a business basis, that they may be administered by the people in the interest of all the people on the principle of home rule. No franchise, extension or renewal thereof ever to be granted by any city or village without first submitting the same to a vote of the people.

The acceptance of free passes or other favors from railroads by public officers or employes shall be made adequate ground for vacating the offices held-by them.

All public service corporations shall be required by law to make sworn public reports ,and the power and duty of visitation and public report shall be conferred upon the proper state and local auditing officers to the end that the true value of the privileges held by these corporations shall be reade plain to the people.

Steam and electric railroads and other corporations possessing public franchises shall be assessed in the same proportion to their salable value as are farms and city real estate.

The proceedings of the republican majority of the state board of equalization are a scandal. Property values instead of being equalized were increased or diminished at the dictation of political bosses pursuant to corrupt combinations and con-

The republican majority of the general assembly deserve the condemnation of the people for its reckless extravagance and its creation of useless offices, while it enacted no legislation for the benefit of the people. The present republican

WHAT BRYAN THINKS OF IT

Mr. Bryan Comments in the Commoner as Fol-

lows Upon the Platform and Democratic

Gold Bugs of Ohio

political event of last week. The platform

adopted, and reproduced on page five of this

issue, made a strong presentation of some of

the issues but failed to reaffirm the Kansas

and the handiwork of Mayor Tom L. Johnson

was evident in the terse and emphatic declara-

tion of democratic principles so far as they ap-

ply to local questions. The necessity for mu-

nicipal reform is an urgent one and there is

sound democracy in the plank demanding that

the people be given an opportunity to vote on

questions involving the granting or extending

electric railroads and other corporations posses-

sing public franchises shall be assessed in the

same proportion to their salable value as are

farms and city real estate" is both logical and

just, but it is likely to offend the very people

who were to be conciliated by an evasion of

will not make votes among the so-called con-

stronger if it had reiterated the Kanszs

City platform on the subject. The free list

and the prevention of railroad discrimina-

tions are good so far as they go but they

do not go far enough. Whenever a trust can

export its goods to other countries it can live

here without any tariff. Something mere than

free trade is necessary to such a case. Abso-

lute fairness in railroad rates is desirable, but

even this will not make private monepolies im-

possible. The Kansas City platform suggested

a complete remedy-the only one yet proposed-

and it is to be regretted that the Ohio conven-

tion was so prejudiced against the last national

platform of the party that it ignored a remedy

cises the republican policy without pointing

out a remedy. Here again the failure to reaf-

firm the Kansas City platform has weakened

The convention endorsed the proposi-

The plank condemning imperialism criti-

endorsed by more than six million voters.

the Ohio democracy.

servatives. The platform urges tariff reform.

The plank against passes is all right but

The anti-trust plank would have been

The plank which declares that "steam and

It began with municipal and state issues

City platform.

of a franchise.

the silver question.

The Ohio democratic convention was the

administration in the conduct of public affairs and in the management of public institutions has been the most costly in the history of the state. Its benevolent and penal institutions should be con-

The reserved rights of the states and people to be upheld. Centralization, which would destroy them, to be condemned. A strict construction of the constitution. The greatest individual liberty

Tariff reform, never more urgently demanded than now, when the production of the country so far exceeds its power of consumption, that foreign markets are a prime condition of its continued prosperity and when the existence and abuses of trusts have been brought about by the policy of protection of favored industries. The abolition of the so-called protective system and the substitution in its place of the traditional democratic policy of a tariff for revenue so levied as not to burden one industry for the benefit of

The enactment and vigorous enforcement of measures which shall prevent all monopolies and combinations in restraint of trade and commercethe matter of first importance being to prevent the use of the government as an instrumentality for the creation and increase of the wealth of the tew, while preserving intact the right of private property and the fullest measure of individual liberty of contract and assuring to every man the just reward of superior industry and skill. We demand the suppression of all trusts and a return to industrial freedom. As a means to that end all trust products should be placed on the free list and the government should exercise a more rigid supervision of transportation lines and

The powers granted the federal government were not meant to be used to conquer or hold in subjectio: the people of other countries. Their use for such purposes not only belies our declaration of the rights of man, but also unbalances our system by increasing the centralization of power at Washington to the ultimate overthrow of home

The democratic party has never favored and now opposes any extension of the national boundaries not meant to carry speedily to all inhabitants full equal rights with ourselves. If these are unfitted by location, race or character to be formed into self-governing territories and then incorporated into the union of states in accordance with the historic policy of the republic they should be permitted to work out their own destiny.

Only territorial expansion demanded by the national welfare and the national safety to be at any time favored-the objection which should have prevented certain of our recent accessions being that they imperil the national safety without promoting the national welfare; that they devolve upon us enormous responsibilities we have no call to assume; that they are certain to be unremunerative drain upon our resources; that they tend to embroil us with European powers: that they weaken our claim to supremacy on the American continent, at the same time that they lessen our ability to make the claim good; and that they furnish a dangerous opportunity and temptation for the disregard of "the self-evident

derive their just powers from the consent of the governed."

The obvious sympathy of the national administration with the British government in its efforts to destroy the South African republics and the policy which has made the ports of the United es supreme court in the Porto Rican States a basis of supply for the British army, cases: without which the war could not be successfully carried on, are condemned by the democracy of

The maintenance of the Monroe doctrine as heretofore interpreted and asserted by the national within the revenue clause of the con-

A navy commensurate with the international importance of the United Sttes and its primacy in the western hemisphere and adequate to the protection of the lives and property of American citizens the world over.

The faithful observance and wider application of civil service principles, especially as regards our diplomatic and consular representatives.

A constitutional amendment requiring the election of United States senators by the direct vote of the people. Hereafter until this is passed whenever a senator is to be elected it shall be the duty of the state committee to give notice in its call that the nomination of a senator will be made at the state convention.

No question of the right of labor to combine for the assertion of its rights and the protection of the creature of the constitution, and its interests. The burdens of the unjust and dis- has no powers except those delegated criminating laws for which the republican party is by the constitution, is no longer the responsible fall chiefly on those who till the soil or rule, and that hereafter, the supreme labor at other forms of production. All these con- court will hold, when this colonial polstitute a large majority of our citizens; they have icy is involved that congress has an never sent lobbyists to the halls of federal or state existence, and can exercise authority leg' latures nor founded monopolies nor demanded outside of the constitution, contrary to special privileges. They have patiently endured the tenth amendment of the constitu- Forgetfulness, Bashfulness, Stricture Gonorthe operation of these laws which keep from them tion, which reads: and give to others their just share of the national

class interests and is justly chargeable with hostility in both belief and practice to the above prin- court may be depended upon to susciples is common knowledge. It cannot be trusted tain the theory that congress may by to deal with evils of its own creation. The arro- action taken outside of the constitugant assumption by that party of all credit for tion engraft upon our republican instieverything and the threats of those who speak for tutions a colonial system such as exit and its favored interests, already too powerful ists under monarchial governments. to create artificial conditions of stringency and It means that hereafter this country distress, unless the policies they advocate are sup- may acquire territories anywhere upon ported at the polls, deserve the condemnation of a the earth, by treaty or by conquest, people who are just and propose to remain free.

Inspired by the examples of the long line of its vinces, while the people inhabiting statesmen, who have applied these principles from them are to enjoy only such rights as the days of Thomas Jefferson to the present time, congress may see fit to accord them. the democratic party pledges itself anew to their support, and earnestly appeals to all patriotic men without regard to party names or past differences. Independence—that spirit which deto unite with it on terms of perfect equality in the clared that "all men are created equal," struggle to rescue our government from the grasp that "governments derive their just of selfishness and corruption and restore it to its powers from the consent of the govformer fairness, purity and simplicity.

One great danger which now threatens our free institutions is the widespread corruption which menaces the destruction of public virtue. Vast sums of money are corruptly employed in popular elections; official defalcations are so frequent as scarcely to excite attention, and political bosses rule and rob the people, all of which is a direct result of republican policies and legislation.

We demand that all official misconduct and corruption be vigorously punished, that public virtue be upheld and the want of it denounced.

they succeed in Ohio or elsewhere it simply means another gigantic struggle such as was witnessed in 1896. The democratic party cannot be made a plutocratic party even if there was room in this country for two such parties. There was a time, under the Cleveland regime, when the party leaders used general and ambiguous phrases to deceive the voters, but rows and despair of countless millions that scheme can not be worked again. We can not expect the voters to have confidence in right of kings is the correct principle the party unless the party has confidence in the voters and if the party has confidence in the voters it will state its position on all the important questions before the country and in- but of numberless generations yet un-

Mr. Kilbourne, the nominee for governor, is an excellent man, a life-long democrat and an active supporter of the national ticket in both 1896 and 1900. He is better than his who favor laws that will protect propplatform. He deserves and should re- eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, ceive the vote of every democrat in Ohio.

If any of the Ohio democrats feel aggrieved monstrous decision bodes no good for because the reorganizing element of the party the hope the American people have triumphed at the convention let them not visit the Declaration of Independence. their disappointment upon the state ticket but This dangerous doctrine which be rather see to the nomination of senators and cision is well rebuked by Justice Har- LINCOLN, NEB. representatives who will select a trust-worthy lan in his dissenting opinion as folsenator. Let them see to it also that the state "The platform is made at the primaries next time They involve consequences of the most rather than at the convention. If the voters say that if the principles now anat the primaries had instructed their delegates nounced should ever receive the sancto insist upon the reaffirmation of the Kansas City platform the result would have been dif- ous change in our system of govern-

THE PETER COOPER CLUB

mittee Makes a Report Upon the Recent Supreme Court Decision

The Peter Cooper club respectfully submits the following address for the consideration of candid men relative to the recent decision of the United Stat-

The court held by a vote of 5 to 4 that the island of Porto Rico is a territory belonging to the United States, but not a part of the United States stitution, which provides that "all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States." and that the Foraker act, which provides that certain duties shall be collected on merchandise brought from Porto Rico to the United States, is

constitutional and can be enforced. This decision is far-reaching in its effect and apparently but few realize its true import.

It means that the colonial policy of the present administration will hereafter be held to be constitutional by at least a majority of one (all it needs) in the highest tribunal in the land

It means that the theory which has heretofore prevailed, that congress is

"The powers not delegated to the

It means that hereafter the supreme

and hold them as mere colonies or pro-The spirit that fostered this nation

was the spirit of the Declaration of erned," that "taxation without representation is tyranny," and that the right of the people to representation in the legislative body is "a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only." It was the heart-throb of three millions of mankind. It was the soul of inspiration to Washington and his bleeding and frozen forces at Valley Forge. It fired the genius of Jackson at New Orleans. It was the beacon light in the dismal and gloomy path of Lincoln in the dark days of the rebellion. It was the spirit that beckoned on the heores of America only three short years ago, as from hill and valley throughout this land, patriots of America enlisted in the cause of

Are these principles false? Has America lived a lie for 125 years? Is liberty but a phantom? Is freedom a dream? Does the "flag mean one thing here and another thing in our colonial possessions?" After all the tears, sorwho have died that liberty might live -after all, is it true that the divine

of government? These are the questions that the American people must decide, and upon their correct answer will rest the liberty and welfare, not only of ourselves,

And in making this decision let Amimmortal Lincoln:

'They who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves, and un-GEORGE A. MAGNEY, J. J. POINTS. L. J. QUINBY,

It means that the principle contended ment, that there shall be no taxation

without representation, and no govern-

erned, shall no longer prevail. It means that Porto Rico, whose officers are appointed by the United States, may be treated as if it were not a part of the United States, and hence zona may be treated as though they Dr. Shoemaker. He makes a specialty were no part of the United States, yet reference to the restrictions imposed

It means that the constitution does not follow the flag, and that we, who the law, for ourselves, now deny them

We therefore conclude that this remarkable decision is a long step toward empire; that this government is now largely in the hands of a class erty, rather than men; and that, while the present apathy and unconcern of the average citizen in the face of this heretofore had in the constitution and

comes a precedent by virtue of this de-

momentous character. I take leave to tion of a maojrity of this court, the result will be a radical and mischievment. We will in that event pass from the era of constitutional liberty guarded and protected by a written constisolutism, in respect of many rights

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By Frederick Shapherd, his Attorney.

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tion to elect senators by the people. The labor plank is excellent but those who wrote the platform failed either intentionally or unintentionally, to mention government by injunction, the black list and arbitration. A reaffirmation of the Kansss City platform would ducted upon a non-partisan and business basis.

consistent with public order and welfare.

another.

abolish, in fact, all discrimination in rates. Our merchant marine to be restored to its former greatness and made the ally of the people against monopoly by the repeal of antiquated and restricted navigation laws. But no subsidies for favored shipowners.

truth of universal application that governments

have covered these points also but having failed to reaffirm, the convention should have been careful to touch on all the important ques-

The convention not only failed, but refused to endorse or reaffirm the Kansas City platform, and, from the manner in which the gold element has rejoiced over this feature of the convention, one would suppose that the main object of the convention was not to write a new platform, but to repudiate the one upon which the last national campaign was fought.

Gen. Finley was right in insisting upon a vote on his resolution endorsing the Kansas City platform, but he made a mistake in including in his resolution a complimentary reference to Mr. Bryan. Mr. Bryan is not a candidate for any office, and a mention of him might have been construed by some as an endorsement of him for office. The vote should have been upon the naked proposition to endorse the platform of last year, and then no one could have excused his abandonment of democratic principles by pleading his dislike for Mr. Bryan. The cause ought not to be made to bear the sins of an individual. Mr. Bryan will endure without complaint any punishment which the democracy of Ohio may see fit to administer to him,

jury of a good platform. The gold papers assume that the convention refused to adopt the Kansas City platform because it contained a silver plank. If so, it would have been more courageous to have declared openly for the gold standard. If the gold standard is good, it ought to have been endorsed-if bad, it ought to have been denounced. To ignore the subject entirely was

but he does not want his name used to the in-

The money question is not yet out of politics. Every session of congress will have to deal with it. Republicans declare that it is dead but they keep working at it. At the last session of congress they tried to make the silver dollar redeemable in gold and when that is accomplished they will try to limit the legal tender qualities of the dollar. The gold standard will not be complete until gold is the only legal tender money and bank notes the only paper money. Then our supply of primary money will be controlled by foreign financiers, and our supply of credit money by domestic

financiers. This plan has been developed gradually and every step has been taken secretly and stealthily. The republican leaders have been in this movement for years; as soon as the democratic party found that some of its leaders had joined the conspiracy those leaders were deposed. It looks now as if the reactionary influences were once more trying to secure control. If

The present campaign involves a senator, as erican people heed the warning of the well as a state ticket, and as the convention dealt with other national questions, it should have dealt candidly and honestly with the der a just God cannot long retain it.' money question. Mr. McLean is supposed to be a candidate for the United States Senate, and is also supposed to have dictated that portion of the platform which has to do with national for by the founders of our governissues. The senator elected by the next Ohio legislature will have to vote on the ment without the consent of the govmoney question. The democratic party of the nation is opposed to making the silver dollar a promise to pay gold, and is also opposed to substituting national bank it follows that New Mexico and Arinotes for government paper, but the democratic party in Ohio was silent upon these important subject to such legislation, as consubjects. Why? Did the leaders ignore the gress may choose to enact, without money question in order to please those who by the constitution. bolted? Or does Mr. McLean want to be left free to affiliate with the republicans on finan- demanded liberty and equality before

Is it because the republican editors are un- tution, into an era of legislative abselfish and anxious to see the democrats win that are dear to all peoples who love the Kansas City platform by the Ohio conven-

cial questions in case of his election?

that they are exultant over the repudiation of freedom.