

## THE KANSAS CITY PLATFORM

Following is a synopsis of the address delivered at the Jeffersonian banquet at Des Moines, Ia., April 2, 1903, by Hon. C. A. Walsh, secretary of the democratic national committee. Mr. Walsh spoke on "The Kansas City Platform":

"The subject presents itself to my mind from two standpoints; first, the Kansas City platform in itself; and next, the bearing its reaffirmation or repudiation may have upon the future of the great national democratic party.

"In considering it in the first aspect we must go back to the platform of 1896 and consider that platform as an integral part of the last platform.

"Whatever may be said for or against the platform of '96, it certainly must be conceded that it represented the thought and the aspirations of the masses of the common democrats of the country as no other platform ever adopted in this country has done.

"There, pure and undefiled, is found democratic expression of democratic principles, made by democrats, without corporation dictation, without corporation control. One may read those platforms and see what the aspirations and desires of the common democrats are, as he cannot do in the case of any other platforms adopted during this generation. We all know the conditions surrounding the making of platforms in Iowa prior to 1896. We know that our platforms were written for us by the attorneys and paid lobbyists of the corporations of the state. We know that we were simply used to register the decree of that element. We know that this was not the case in the platforms adopted in 1896, nor in the national platform of 1900.

"It was the free spirit of the uncontrolled democracy speaking from the fullness of the heart. Some may question the wisdom of the utterance; none can dispute that fact.

"It seems to me that the question of reaffirming or repudiating the last national platform can be answered in but one way. It is wise to reaffirm it. It is honest to reaffirm it. Nine-tenths of all democrats believe in it as a whole, and the other one-tenth profess to believe in all of it save a very small portion of a single plank. Were we not honest when we adopted it at Kansas City? Did not a vast majority of the democrats of the country declare it as the platform of the party? Who shall change the utterance of the national democracy at any place other than a national convention?

"So far as the money question is concerned, the main contention of the

democratic party in 1896 was for the correctness of the quantitative theory of money. We were right then. We are right now. That theory always was and always will be true, and why repudiate it at this time because, in spite of the republican party, an increase in the currency of this country has taken place since, and had the very effect we, in '96, claimed it would have, when we offered the only apparently practicable method of increasing the money supply at that time.

"To the man who does not now favor the immediate resumption of the free coinage of silver no harm can be done by reaffirming. If he is a loyal democrat he looks at the other things in the platform with which he does agree. He looks at the whole thing as a declaration of party loyalty rather than a discussion of intricate questions to be carefully weighed at this time. If he is honest his heart's desire, as is ours, is to see the party united and victorious. This is the ground, safe and secure, on which all factions can meet in perfect harmony.

"Let us not imagine it will not be repudiated if we are silent as to national issues, or as to the national platform. Those who desire to regain control of the democratic party have so cultivated the sentiment of the country, have so raised the issue, that silence is as damning as open repudiation. There is no middle ground on which to camp.

"What do we gain by repudiation? Votes? No; our experience, as well as our reason, shows us that instead of making votes it loses votes. Nine out of ten democrats of Iowa favored the Chicago and Kansas City platforms. Can the platform of the nine-tenths be ignored for the purpose of placating the one-tenth and we still gain votes? It is not reasonable, and to ask this question is to answer it. We do not need the experience of the recent election to demonstrate the fact. The loss of 2,000 democratic votes in one district, and that the district where the sentiment against the last platform is supposed to be the strongest, is a complete answer and a complete demonstration.

"But what is this platform which causes some of our democratic friends to shy?

"Today we profess to be against the trusts; the platform has the fullest expression of our desires on the question.

"Today we say we are not in favor of a colonial system being grafted on the tree of liberty in this country; that platform declares there can be no just system of government except as based on the consent of the governed, and declares that the constitution follows the flag.

"But some of you say that you are not in favor of a 'scuttle and run' policy; read the Kansas City platform and find that it does not favor the scuttle and run policy. Find there a wise and statesmanlike solution of our difficulties in the Philippines, without scuttling anything, without running from anything, and in perfect harmony with our democratic principles of government.

"We say today that we are in favor of the election of senators by a direct vote of the people; look at that platform and find that it voices your wishes.

"We still say we are against a protective tariff; examine the last platform and find that it is democratic.

Today we say we are against private monopoly and find that our opposition is fully set forth therein.

"We say we are opposed to government by injunction and to the blacklist.

We advocate the Monroe doctrine still; and we find our platform in har-

mony with our desires.

"We say we are opposed to militarism and find this opposition nobly voiced in the Kansas City platform.

"That platform says that corporations shall be protected in all their rights, but forbids their interfering with the public affairs of the people or attempting to control the sovereignty which created them; what one of us opposes this plank?

"The loudest of the reorganizers denounce the tariff as the mother of the trusts; examine the last platform and find that you are anticipated by the writers of that document—the democrats of the United States.

"We are indignant at the refusal of the republican party to keep it pledges as regards statehood for the territories, and we find that our platform commands that they be admitted.

"Thus it is, without undertaking to bring before you every plank of that platform I may dismiss it by saying that there is scarcely a democratic thought or aspiration pertinent to that time but is embodied in and has its expression there."

### Paragraphic Punches.

**Macon Telegraph:** The first Panama canal junket has been planned. The others will depend on the hilarity of the first.

**Washington Post:** The election of Carter Harrison for a fourth term places a large and luscious joke on the Chicago newspapers.

**Philadelphia Record:** There will now be an intermission. The president has reached Yellowstone Park. He will not spout in competition with the geysers.

**Sioux City Journal:** A Council Bluffs Dogberry before whom a Sunday theatrical case was brought has decided that acting isn't work. Yet many of the actors work the public.

**Newport News Times-Herald:** The Atlanta bank clerk who is charged with stealing \$94,000 was known as a "young man of fashion," but his admirers will hardly follow in his spring suit of stripes.

**Atlanta Constitution:** The new general manager of the Western Union Telegraph company began as a messenger boy 25 years ago. Which goes to show that messenger boys do sometimes get there.

**Joplin Globe:** In his Milwaukee speech Mr. Roosevelt said that the trusts are "the result of an inevitable process of economic evolution." Old "Bob" Breckinridge of Kentucky dropped into a church one evening while services were in progress. In the course of his remarks the clergyman in the pulpit said that "slavery is a divine institution." The congressman was considerably disturbed to hear "Bob" Breckinridge blurt out from the rear: "And so is h—ll."

### The Cat Out of the Bag.

**Preston (Minn.) Republican:** The Brooklyn Eagle has let the goldbug Cleveland democrat cat out of the bag. It says they propose to adopt a platform "acceptable to eastern leaders and to the commercial and financial interests of the country," which means that, if they get control of the next national convention of the democrat party, its platform will be just like the imperialist republican platform. For this they are reorganizers. They are to go just as far in dropping democracy from their party creed as has the trust leaders of the republican party in abandoning republicanism. It is intended to be the completing stab at free government in America. There must be a revival of patriotism and a concentration of the masses against plutocracy.

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What is said to be the largest vessel ever built in this country, the steamship Minnesota, was launched at the yards of the shipbuilding company at New London, Conn., on April 16. The vessel was built for the Great Northern Steamship company and will be used as a part of that concern's Pacific and Oriental carrying service.

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