

## Iowa Democratic Convention.

The democratic state convention for Iowa met at Des Moines June 24.

The first contest came over the platform.

The resolutions committee composed of eleven members stood four in favor of the Kansas City platform and seven against.

Majority and minority reports were made. The minority report favored reaffirmation of the democratic national platform. The minority report was rejected by a vote of 354 yeas to 462 nays.

It was also proposed to include in the platform a plank favoring government ownership of railroads. This proposition was defeated by a vote of 199 yeas to 628 nays.

The minority report relating to the reaffirmation of the Kansas City platform was as follows:

"We, the minority members of your committee on resolutions, beg leave to submit the following minority report and move its adoption by this convention:

"We move to insert in the preamble of the majority report after the word party, the words 'as expressed in the last national platform,' making the paragraph read:

"We, the chosen representatives of the democratic party in Iowa in delegate convention assembled, hereby declare anew our faith in the fundamental principles of the democratic party as expressed in the last national platform and renew our allegiance thereto."

The platform, as finally adopted, was as follows:

We, the chosen representatives of

the democratic party in Iowa, in delegate convention assembled, hereby declare anew our faith in the fundamental principles of the democratic party and renew our allegiance thereto.

We find much in the domestic affairs of the nation that ought to be changed. The tariff policy, originally adopted for the avowed purpose of raising revenue to meet the enormous burdens of the civil war, has been turned to use of individual and class interests until it has become the creator of countless unearned fortunes and the shelter of huge combinations of capital, organized in the form of trusts, which are strangling competition in many of our industries, destroying individual effort, crushing ambition largely in every line of industry and already acquiring power which enables them to dictate in their own interest the prices of labor and raw material and the cost of transportation of finished products.

We declare our unqualified opposition to the principle of government by injunction.

We renew our demand for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

We demand economy in the administration of state affairs, repeal of the mulct law and the enactment of a local option law.

We demand the contracting for supplies for the state with the lowest responsible bidders.

In the interest of the much needed improvement in public roads, we favor state aid in the building of permanent highways.

We are unalterably opposed to the policy of imperialism by this government instituted, fostered, and maintained by the republican party. And we demand that our government shall declare it to be its purpose, and without delay adopt such measures as shall give to the people of the Philippine islands and Porto Rico their inalienable right to self-government.

We condemn the republican party for its financial policies which would foist upon the country an unstable currency based upon uncertain private securities.

We protest against the plan presented in the Aldrich bill recently before the United States senate by which the money of the nation shall be loaned to capitalists upon the bonds and securities of private corporations as an effort to give value and stability to watered bonds and securities of corporations and trusts, many of which are maintaining monopolies in defiance of law and public sentiment.

We insist that the integrity of the money of the nation be guarded with jealous care and demand that it shall be sufficient in volume to meet the needs of the business interests of the country, and that it shall be safeguarded by careful legislation so as to prevent the gamblers of Wall street from cornering the money market, thus inflicting untold injury upon the smaller business men, the farmers and the laborers of the land.

We point with pride to the one hundredth anniversary of the achievements of that great diplomat and democratic statesman, Thomas Jefferson, under whose administration the Louisiana territory, of which Iowa was a part, was secured from a foreign power in a peaceful and civilized way, without the loss of life, yet with the consent of the governed.

In the great exposition to be held in St. Louis in 1904, to properly commemorate this event, the people of Iowa should take a prominent part and make a creditable exhibit of the products of the soil and the work of the crafts.

We deplore the corrupt condition of the government service in the post-office department and demand a thorough investigation of that and other departments by a congressional committee, publicity as to such conditions and punishment of all wrong-doers.

As the most alarming features of our present conditions are the evils which come from trusts, and as these evils are made possible by legislation favoring one class and against another by transportation privileges and by monopoly of original sources of supply of natural products, therefore, to the end that the evils connected with the growth of trusts may be eliminated, we call for the removal of the tariff from all trust-made goods and demand that all tariff schedules be adjusted with a view to a tariff for revenue only.

We ask for such changes in our law, statutory or constitutional, as will limit the charges by railroads to such an amount as will yield only a reasonable return on the capital actually invested and will render it impossible for transportation favors to be granted to anyone and such as will make certain that all railway companies will be treated alike, such statutes to provide penalties that will be effectual to secure a compliance with them.

When the sources of supply of any product are in the ownership of those who combine to extort from the people an unreasonable amount for such products, then we believe it is the duty of the government to take such steps as may be necessary to secure an equitable distribution thereof with fair compensation to the owners of the same, and so that the design of nature in making provisions for the

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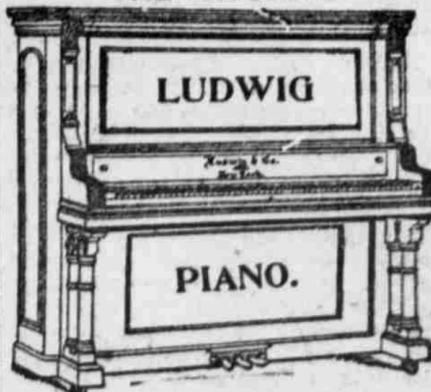
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