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against the integrity of a friendly republic.

8. We favor an income tax law and an amendment to the constitution if necessary to accomplish it.

9. We favor the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

MONTANA.

The democratic state convention for Montana met at Great Falls May 17. Delegates to the national convention were elected as follows: Senators W. A. Clark, Paris Gibson, Governor J. K. Toole, Harry Galloway of Butte, Governor Conrad of Great Falls, and Martin McGinnis of Helena. The convention indorsed the Kansas City platform and favored the policy reclaiming the arid western lands and denounced the withdrawals of desert land entries in sections where it is evident the government cannot promote irrigation systems.

WASHINGTON.

The following platform and resolutions were adopted by the state of Washington. The reorganizers will scarcely find any comfort in these resolutions. The platform resolutions are as follows:

"The democratic party of the state of Washington, in convention assembled, declares its devotion to the principles of free representative government laid down in the Declaration of Independence and in other writings and state papers of Thomas Jefferson, insists that those principles be applied in the conduct of the government, both at home and abroad wherever the flag of the nation floats and condemns the republican party for its constant disregard of these principles. We believe that those principles were correctly applied in the platform declarations of the national democratic party in 1896 and 1900 and, so far as those declarations are applicable to present problems, we reaffirm them heartily and insist on their reaffirmation by the democratic national convention, soon to assemble in St. Louis. We likewise insist on the nomination of candidates in sympathy with those declarations, and whose lives and records constitute an assurance that they will loyally and earnestly give them effective application in the conduct of the government.

"The nation is administered with extravagance, and its departments are honey-combed with corruption; it is being embroiled in the contentions and controversies of the old world; its domestic affairs are controlled by the oligarchy of wealth which insists on laying contributions on all other classes, while exempting itself from the just burdens of government; and it has been made to follow in the footsteps of the tyrannical governments of Europe in the attempt to establish an un-republican colonial system abroad.

"This condition of affairs calls imperatively for a return to the traditional principles of Washington and Jefferson, and these embrace, as especially applicable to the present situation, simplicity and economy in government, wise and safe conservation of the interests of the American people at home, no grants of special privilege to any class, and a rigorous application of the principle of freedom as enunciated in the Declaration of Independence in all the dealings of the government at home and abroad.

"The unnecessary and burdensome tariff wall around the country in the interests of the manufacturing classes should be broken down; the trusts, which have grown up as a result of the tariff wall, must be destroyed; the system of compelling the consumer to bear all the burdens of government by the payment of tariff taxes must be departed from, wealth must be compelled by just laws to contribute to the government in the shape of an income tax and an inheritance tax to the

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CALIFORNIA.

The democratic convention for the state of California met at Santa Cruz, May 16. The anti-Hearst men captured the organization and it seemed for a time that Hearst resolutions would be defeated. The convention took a recess until the following day. The Associated press report of the proceedings says:

By a majority of nineteen votes the democratic state convention tonight instructed the delegation to the national convention at St. Louis to vote for Congressman W. R. Hearst for president. The vote stood: For instruction, 365; against, 346.

The day was consumed in attempting to effect permanent organization, drafting resolutions, oratory and clearing the decks for a vote. During the forenoon and a portion of the afternoon, the headquarters of the committee on platform and resolutions was the scene of the contest. The forenoon was spent in reaching a decision of the declaration of principles. There was some unexpected delay on the tariff plank. The plank presented by the sub-committee to the main committee was thought by some to savor too much of republicanism and substitutes were proposed. The matter was finally settled by referring the plank to the sub-committee, who agreed upon a plank satisfactory to the convention. The platform as adopted is summarized herewith:

"The primal purpose of the tariff must be the raising of sufficient revenue to carry on the government economically administered.

"The difference between parties is one of the degree of protection to be afforded. The abolition of the tariff on products of foreign countries is not contemplated by the democratic party. Nor is it possible, so long as a tax on imports continues, to be the principal source of income of the government.

"Continuance of the present rate of tariff tax, neither necessary for the providing of revenue nor the equalization of the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad, is unjustifiable and its sole effort is to encourage the formation in the United States of trusts and monopolies.

"The fact that many of the principal products of the United States manufactured by trusts and monopolies and which are protected against competition by excessive and unnecessary tax, are shipped to foreign markets and there sold at lower prices than prevail in the markets of the United States, justifies the democratic party in demanding that the Dingley bill be promptly revised and that all unnecessary and excessive rates therein be reduced or abolished in the interests of the American consumer.

"The democratic party pledges itself to a careful and fair revision of the existing tariffs. We favor the reduction of all unfair and excessive duties levied on articles similar to those produced by trusts and industrial combinations and which permit and encourage the creation of monopolies."

Continuing the platform says: "We demand a strict and impartial enforcement of all existing anti-trust laws and the enactment of such additional acts by federal and state governments as will prevent the formation of monopolistic combinations and trusts which control prices. We believe that the federal government must assert such control over excessive combina-

tions of capital that the evils of the trust system be eliminated without loss of advantages which accrue from a more perfect organization of industry and trade."

On the labor question the platform says: "We recognize the organization of labor to be a distinct contribution to our growing civilization, the logical and inevitable counterpart of organization in all other departments of business, and we believe in progressive legislation looking to shorter hours of labor and to the enforcement of better relations between employers and employed, through some rational means of arbitration acceptable to the popular sentiment of the land."

On the isthmian canal the platform says: "While recognizing that commercial interests in the United States and of the world would be subserved and greatly promoted by the construction, control and operation of an interoceanic ship canal across the Central American isthmus, and, while the democratic party of California and the Union ever favored and advocated such a canal and does yet do so, we, representatives of the democratic party of our state, do not approve the methods that have been employed by the administration in securing a right of way for such a canal, via the Panama route. We condemn such methods as destructive of the integrity of a confederated republic."

WISCONSIN.

The democratic convention for the state of Wisconsin met at Milwaukee, May 17. The Associated press report of the convention follows:

The democratic state convention here today instructed its delegates to the national convention in St. Louis to place the name of Edward C. Wall of Wisconsin in nomination for the presidency.

The strength of the Hearst forces in the convention was shown on a motion to strike out that portion of the resolution referring to Mr. Wall, which was lost by a vote of 304 to 226.

The platform adopted was as follows:

1. The last platform is the code of national democracy and should be recognized as such until a new platform is adopted, but we recommend the following as suggestions to the St. Louis convention, expressing the position of Wisconsin democrats upon those issues which are now regarded as of paramount importance.

We favor the stringent enforcement of the laws against unlawful monopolistic combinations of capital to the end that the so-called trust organizations may be exterminated.

2. We favor a tariff for revenue only.

3. We favor the repeal of all tariff taxes on all trust-made articles.

4. We favor free and uninterrupted commerce between all of the people of the United States.

5. We favor deposits of surplus public monies in safe bank depositories upon adequate security and at current rates of interest.

We favor the enactment of laws prohibiting all railway corporations from engaging in or carrying on any business except that of the common carrier.

6. We favor the enactment of laws of the Panama canal and regret that our government should have permitted this great project to be stained with evidence of dishonorable intrigue

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just proportion of the burdens of government, and finally, there must be a cessation of militarism, imperialism and colonialism as presented by the Philippine policy of the republican party.

Upon these principles we appeal with confidence for the co-operation of all patriotic American citizens.

We express our continued confidence in the capacity, character, courage and fidelity to true democracy manifested by our standard-bearer in the contests of 1896 and 1900, William J. Bryan.

"We therefore direct our delegates to the national convention at St. Louis to act as a unit upon all questions under the following instructions:

"First—To work and vote only for such national platform declarations as are consistent with the declarations of this state convention in letter and in spirit.

"Second—To oppose any policy or declaration which involves or implies any surrender or compromise of the principles above set forth.

"Third—To cast their influence and vote only for the nomination of such candidates for president and vice president whose active loyalty to democratic principles, as set forth in the platforms of 1896 and 1900, is a safe guarantee of their fidelity to those principles applied in the problems of 1904.

"We heartily indorse as our candidate for vice president, George Turner a jurist of high rank, a peerless citizen in sympathy with the declarations of this platform and a statesman whose efforts in behalf of the people make him entitled to be considered as worthy of the highest honors within the gift of the party."

BUTLER COUNTY, NEB.

Democrats of Butler county met at David City, May 14. A dispatch to the

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