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THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

Senator W. A. Harris Tells What He Thinks It Should Contain.

If the Republicans do not revise the tariff, the Democrats should, and tariff revision should be one of the chief planks of the platform for 1904.

The Republicans, many of them, said to me in the last campaign, "If we do not revise the tariff, you will have a chance to do so and will undoubtedly."

From present indications it does not seem probable that the Republicans will do anything before the next campaign.

Tariff revision should be directed especially against the trusts. The apex of the angle of attack should be the trusts. The Republican platform of 1896 said that the tariff is to "increase our facilities, diversify our industries and promote competition."

In the case of these great trusts the tariff certainly has done exactly the opposite. It has reduced facilities, stunted our industries and utterly destroyed competition.

Undoubtedly there should be a carefully considered anti-trust plank in the platform. A change in the constitution is not necessary in order to control and supervise and curb the trusts. The Republicans themselves now say this, although they talked of the necessity of an amendment to the constitution two years ago.

The attorney general in his speech in Pittsburg acknowledged that no amendment is necessary, and Senator Hoar in his trust speech the other day said the same thing.

As for the publicity that the president advocates, the Democrats gave the Republicans a chance to secure that at the last session in the amendment to the census bill, but the Republicans did not take it up. I am not sure that the trusts could not be curbed under existing law. The platform should demand that they be curbed either under existing law or by amendment of the laws.

As to government ownership, I believe that the Democratic party should advocate the principle. I believe that there should be municipal ownership of all public utilities. And there should unquestionably be government ownership of the telegraphs.

In the case of the railways there should be government ownership of at least part of the existing systems or of new systems. The government should own lines that would offer competition with the great merged systems that have grown up within the last few years.

This would be an absolute bar to the complete consolidation of the transportation facilities of the country at least. A government system could not combine with a privately owned system.

Such a plan would be vastly beneficial for all concerned. The private systems would still force the government lines to furnish good service, and the government lines would prevent private lines from charging exorbitant rates.—Senator William A. Harris in New York American.

FREE TRADE ALMANAC

The 1903 Edition Contains Good Matter on the Tariff Question.

The 1903 almanac of the American Free Trade League contains much excellent material on the tariff question. It should be in the hands of all good Democrats. The secretary of the league, General Hazard Stevens, thus accurately and truthfully characterizes our so-called system of "protection":

"No longer needed as a defense against the foreigner, protection has now become the thumb-screw of extortion upon the American people. It is the dam holding back foreign competition and behind which the great trusts levy high prices upon their countrymen upon the same class of goods which they are exporting in great quantities and selling at a profit of 20 to 50 per cent less than at home; hence their stubborn resistance to any reduction of duties which protect them in their monopolies and extortions.

"This whole doctrine of protection is a blunder that rises to the level of a crime. Incited by selfish and corrupt interests until it has become a party fetish, protection has at last reached its end, and its perfect work, by demonstrating that it is a system of monopoly and extortion. It fosters greed, begets fear of the foreigner and paralyzes self-reliance. It is the champion of special privileges, the offspring of injustice and inequality, the corrupter of legislation and politics. Every true interest of America cries aloud for its overthrow."

A Rich Christmas For the Penn. The Pennsylvania railroad combine, which is all powerful at Washington, has succeeded in forcing through the house of representatives the subsidy to ward to build a new line, and raising the rate of the old line in the capital city. The subsidy bill was held up in the last session of congress by the Republicans, as they did not think it good policy to go on record for a subsidy to a railroad just before an election. The claim of the Republican leaders that the people voted to let the trusts draw their subsidies through the protective tariff has been interpreted to mean that voters favor more subsidies in other directions. The ship subsidy bill has already passed the senate and is now awaiting the action of the house of representatives.

C F COOPER. Postoffice address Oasis, Nebr. Brand registered 2965. Cattle branded on left side same as cut horses branded on left hip. Also some cattle branded.

ALONZO HEATH. Postoffice address Cody, Nebraska. On left side. Horses left shoulder. Range north of Curcomb Lake.

U G Criger. Merriman, Nebr. Brand recorded No. 1067. Brand eas cut on left side. Range—10 miles south of Merriman on the Niobrara.

John Gresh. Merriman, Nebr. On both sides; some on right side and hip. Horses same without bar, left thigh. Range, Lake Creek and Little White River.

D. Bray. Rosebud S D. Cattle branded on left thigh or hip same as cut horse brand same on the left shoulder.

A T DAVIS. Postoffice address Hyannis, Neb. On right side horses on left shoulder. Also cattle on right side. Range 16 miles north of Hyannis.

J. J. Peck. Cody, Nebr. On both sides. Horses CC on left thigh. Range—Head Pass Creek, S. D.

Seth Gary. Merriman, Nebr. On both side and hip. Herd mark, dewlap. Horses same on left shoulder. Range—Lake Creek and Little White River.

D. A. Hancock. Blackburn, Mo. or Simeon, Nebraska. Cattle branded on left side as on cut; also on left side with a small mark on right side. Horse brand, rake and on left shoulder or hip. Home ranch—on Dewey Lake. Range on Niobrara River, east of Fort Niobrara; all in Cherry County, Nebraska.

A. Denson. Address—Arabia Nebraska. Range—North of Niobrara river.

Sawyer Bros. Postoffice address Oasis, Nebr. G. K. Sawyer has charge of these cattle. Horses DS on left shoulder. Some stock on left side. Range on Snake River.

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MILLS BROS. Merriman, Nebr. Cattle and horses branded on left side or shoulder. Brand registered 1021. Range—12 miles southwest of Merriman on the Niobrara river.

H A BUCK. Postoffice address Hyannis, Neb. Branded on left side. Range eighteen miles north of Hyannis.

Roan Brothers. Woodlake Neb. John Roan's private mark, slit left ear.

D N GOURLEY. Postoffice address Rushville, Neb. On left hip; also 5400 on left side; Horses on left shoulder.

Sandy Williams. Merriman, Nebr. Mostly on left side. Same on right side. Horses same on left shoulder. Range—Lake Creek, S. D.

J A SAULTS. Cattle on left hip. Horses on left shoulder. Some stock yet bearing my former brand as shown below.

Allen & Sons. Ft. Niobrara. Brand registered No 870. Horses branded on left hip. Range, Niobrara river 12 miles east of Valentine.

G.H. Seager. Postoffice address Cody, Nebraska. Cattle branded as on cut on left side, hip and shoulder; horses same. Range, Snake Creek.

J. B. Lord. Simeon Neb. Stock branded same as cut back of right shoulder and on right hip. Range on the Niobrara.

F. W. Jersig. Valentine, Nebr. brands as follows: 69 left side, loin or hip. AN left or right side. Also the following brands: [diagrams]

J R Wallingford. Kennedy, Nebr. Cattle branded same as cut; also on left hip. Range between the Gordon and Snake south of the Niobrara river.

P S ROUSCHE. Postoffice address Brownlee, Neb. On left side or any part of animal. Earmark—right ear cut; 99; horses branded same on left hip. Also has stock branded H or JK or W or O V L or O or FZ. Also the following, the first one being on side and hip: [diagrams]

Wm F. Schmidt. Rosebud S D. Same as cut or with bar under S; right ear slit and dulapied. Horses branded same on left hip.

Garner Brothers. Cody, Nebr. Anywhere on cattle. Horses on left shoulder. Range—North Elk.

F. T. Brackett. Riego, Nebr. Brand registered No 1190. Brand right side on hip. Horses same on right shoulder. Range, Niobrara 8 miles south of Riego.

F. M. Walcott. Valentine, Nebr. Cattle branded — on left hip.

C. W. Bennett. Simeon Neb. Stock branded with 7 on left hip also same as cut. Range between Gordon and Snake creeks and on the Miel Park river.

Frank T. Lee. Brownlee, Neb. Cattle on left side; horses same on left shoulder. Range—Four miles northeast of Brownlee.

Charles Richards. Simeon, Neb. Cattle on left side. Range on Cut Meat creek.

Robert Emery. Rosebud, S. D. Cattle branded on both sides. Horses on left thigh. Range on Cut Meat creek.

D. M. Sears. Kennedy, Nebr. Cattle branded as on cut, left side. Some on left hip. Horses same on left shoulder. Range—Square Lake.

WILLIAM WILSON. Postoffice address Kilgore, Nebr. Two half circles of left hip and left side of neck. Horses same on left shoulder. Some cattle branded reaper hook on left hip.

H V DOWNING. Postoffice address Gregory, Neb. On left side; also COLE on side. Range—Stevenson Lake.

W. E. Haley. Valentine, Nebr. Brand registered No 200. Range in Sharps Ranch and Gerrard precincts 6 miles south of Kilgore.

C. H. Little. Merriman, Nebr. On either side. Horses same on hip. Also [diagram]. Range—Lake Creek S D.

WILLIAM BEAMER. Gordon, Nebr. Cattle branded same as cut on left side. Horses branded on left shoulder. Range—6 miles south of Irwin.

JULIUS PETERSON. Postoffice address Gregory, Neb. Branded as on cut. Range two miles north of Gregory.

James Goodfellow. Cody, Nebr. Cattle branded on left side. Horses JG on left jaw. Range—Between the Niobrara and Medicine Lake.

N. S. Rowley. Kennedy, Nebraska. Same as cut on left side and hip, and on left shoulder of horses. Also on left side of hip. [diagram] on left hip of horses. [diagram] on left jaw and left shoulder of horses. [diagram] on left hip of horses.

R M Faddis & Co. Postoffice address—Valentine or Kennedy. Cattle branded same as cut. Some branded on left thigh. [diagram] on left side or hip.

J P GARDNER. Postoffice address Cody, Nebraska. On left side of cattle; horses O right arm. Range, north and south of Niobrara River, 12 miles south west of Cody.

Frank Rothleitner. Postoffice address Kilgore, Nebr. Cattle branded on side as on cut same on hip. Some on left side. [diagram].

George Heyne. Cody, Neb. Brand registered No 1027. Horses branded on left shoulder. Range north and south of Cutcomb Lake in Cherry Co.

Pat Peiper. Simeon, Nebr. Cattle branded on left side and thigh. Earmark, square on right ear. Horses have same brand on left thigh. Range on Gordon and Snake Creeks. A reward of \$250 will be paid to any person for information leading to the arrest and final conviction of any person or persons stealing cattle with above brand.

G. W. McFarland. Valentine, Nebr. Range—four miles east of Fort Niobrara, north and south of Berry bridge the

C. E. Wright. Valentine, Nebr. Brand registered No. 374. Brand anywhere on right side.

C. P. Jordan. Rosebud, SD. Horses and cattle same as cut; also CJ BE JJ on right hip. Range on Oak and Butte creeks. A liberal reward for information leading to detection of rustlers of stock bearing any of these brands.

Morey & Hewett. Gordon, Nebr. Brand registered 222. On left hip of cattle. Horses same left shoulder; also 240 left side. Range—South of Snake 35 miles se of Gordon.

Robert Quisenbery. Postoffice address Simeon, Nebr. [diagram] left hip on cattle. Horses same on right shoulder. Range on Snake River.

Jos. Bristol. Valentine, Nebr. Range on Niobrara river four miles east of Ft. Niobrara. Horses and cattle branded AB connected on left hip or side as shown in cut.

Albert Whipple & Sons. Rosebud, S. D. Cattle branded SOS on left side. OSO on right side. Some cattle also have a + on neck with A on left shoulder and some branded with two bars across hind quarters. Horses branded SOS on left hip. Some cattle branded AW bar connected on both sides and left hip of horses.

WILLIAM FERDON. Postoffice address Brownlee, Neb. Like cut on either left side or hip; also left side. Horses same as cut on left hip. \$250.00 REWARD for conviction of anyone unlawfully handling cattle in these brands.

Henry Flinaux Simeon, Nebr. Brand Registered No 816. Quarter Circle Club. Cattle branded on left hip. Some without quarter circle. Horses branded on left shoulder.

PIKE BROS. Postoffice address Crookston, Neb. Cattle branded PE on either hip or right side. Horses PE on left shoulder. Range—On Minnechadza 5 miles east of Crookston.

J. F. Swain. Sparks, Nebr. Cattle branded on left side as shown in cut. Range—South of Sparks on Niobrara river.

FRANK MOGLE. Postoffice address Cody, Nebraska. On either side cattle herdmark—left ear clipped and right ear split; horses + and same on left shoulder. Range on Nio ara and Medicine Canyon.

D. Stinard. Valentine, Nebr. State Brand registered 1551. Cattle and horses branded same as cut on left hip. Range—2 miles east of Ft. Niobrara.

Nebraska Land and Feeding Co. Bartlett Richards, Pres. Will G Comstock, V. P. (Chas C Jamison Sec & Treas. Cattle branded on any part of animal; also the following brands: [diagrams] Horses branded the same. Range between Gordon on the P. E. & M. V. R. R. in Northwestern Nebraska. Address, BARTLETT RICHARDS, Ellsworth, Nebraska.

Metzger Bros., Gregory, Neb. Cherry Co. Branded on left side and thigh. Earmark, square on right ear. Horses have same brand on left thigh. Range on Gordon and Snake Creeks. A reward of \$250 will be paid to any person for information leading to the arrest and final conviction of any person or persons stealing cattle with above brand.

G. W. BEAMER. Gordon, Nebr. Cattle branded on left side as cut, 6-inch box and 24-inch circle brand registered 878. Horses brand on left shoulder. Range—6 miles south of Irwin on Niobrara river.

J L ROSEBERRY. Postoffice address Pullman, Neb. Branded on left hip; horses same. Herdmark—double dew-lap. Range south east of Brush Hill.

A J PLUMER. Postoffice address Hyannis, Neb. Right side and hip. Also have stock branded [diagrams]. Range—Southwestern Cherry county.

J. A. YARYAN. Pullman, Nebr. Cattle branded JY on right side. Horses branded JY on right shoulder. Reasonable reward for any information leading to the recovery of cattle strayed from my range.

SWEENEY BROS. Postoffice address Pullman, Neb. Cattle branded as on cut; horses branded same as cattle except reversed S. See block Range—Stevenson and Stevenson Lakos and South.

\$300 reward will be paid to any person for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons stealing cattle with the above brand.