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DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

[Continued from page 6, 3rd Col.] insisting that material reductions be speedily made upon the necessaries of life. Articles entering into competition with trust controlled products and articles of American manufacture which are sold abroad more cheaply than at home should be put upon the

We recognize that our system of tariff taxation is intimately connected with the business of the country, and we favor the ultimate attainment of the principles we advocate by legislation that will not injure or destroy legitimate industry.

We denounce the action of President Taft in vetoing the bills to reduce the tariff in the cotton, woolen, metals and chemical schedules and the farmers' free list bill, all of which were designed to give immediate relief to the masses from the exactions of the and reduced the purchasing power of

High Cost of Living.

problem in every American home. The a reduction in the number of useless Republican party in its platform at offices, the salaries of which drain the tempts to escape from responsibility substance of the people for present conditions by denying that they are due to a protective tariff. We take issue with them on this subject and charge that excessive prices result in a large measure from the high tariff laws enacted and maintained by the Republican party and from trusts and commercial conspiracies fostered and encouraged by such laws, and we assert that no such substantial relief can the interstate commerce commission. be secured for the people until import duties on the necessaries of life are materially reduced and these criminal the original cost, the cost of the proconspiracies broken up

Anti-trust Law.

A private monopoly is indefensible end intolerable. We therefore favor the vigorous enforcement of the criminal as well as the civil law against trusts and trust officials and demand be largely freed from panics and conthe enactment of such additional legislation as may be necessary to make it impossible for a private monopoly to exist in the United States.

We favor the declaration by law of the conditions upon which corporations shall be permitted to engage in interstate trade, including among others the prevention of holding companies of interlocking directorates, of stock watering, of discrimination in price and the control by any one corporation of so large a proportion of party to provide by law for their deany industry as to make it a menace to competitive conditions.

We condemn the action of the Republican administration in compromis- tion as to locality, upon approved seing with the Standard Oil company curities and subject to call by the govand the tobacco trust and its failure to invoke the criminal provisions of the anti-trust law against the officers of those corporations after the court had declared that from the undisputed facts in the record they had violated the criminal provisions of the law.

Income Tax and Popular Election of

We congratulate the country upon the triumph of two important reforms tion below and the diversion, storage demanded in the last national platform and control of the flood waters above -namely, the amendment of the feder. and their utilization for beneficial pural constitution authorizing an income tax and the amendment providing for the popular election of senators-and we call upon the people of all the states to rally to the support of the pending propositions and secure their

Presidential Primaries.

The movement toward more popular government should be promoted through legislation in each state which will permit the expression of the preference of the electors for national candidates at presidential primaries.

Campaign Contributions.

We pledge the Democratic party to the enactment of a law prohibiting any corporation from contributing to a campaign fund and any individual from contributing any amount above a reasonable maximum.

Term of President

and to that end urge the adoption of mineral lands, our navigable streams an amendment to the constitution mak. and all the other material resource ing the president of the United States with which our country has been se ineligible to re-election, and we pledge lavishly endowed constitute the founthe candidate of this convention to this principle.

Democratic Congress.

At this time, when the Republican party, after a generation of unlimited power in its control of the federal government, is rent into factions, it is opportune to point to the record of accomplishment of the Democratic house of representatives in the Sixtysecond congress. We indorse its action, and we challenge comparison of its record with that of any congress which has been controlled by our op-ponents. We call the attention of the patriotic citizens of our country to its record of efficiency, economy and constructive legislation.

It has among other achievements revised the rules of the house of representatives so as to give to the representatives of the American people freedom of speech and of action in advocating, proposing and perfecting

remedial legislation. It has passed bills for the relief of the people and the development of our country. It has endeavored to revise the tariff taxes downward in the interest of the consuming masses and thus to reduce the high cost of living.

It has proposed an amendment to the federal constitution providing for the election of United States senators by the direct vote of the people.

It has secured the admission of Ari-

zona and New Mexico as two sovereign states.

paign expenses both before and after election and fixed a limit upon the election expenses of United States senators and representatives.

It has passed a bill to prevent the abuse of the writ of injunction. It has passed a law establishing an eight hour day for workmen on all national pub-

It has passed a resolution which forced the president to take immediate steps to abrogate the Russian treaty. And it has passed the great supply bills which lessen waste and extravagance and which reduce the annual ex-

lions of dollars We approve the measure reported by the Democratic leaders in the house of representatives for the creation of a council of national defense which will determine a definite naval program with a view to increased efficiency and

Republican Extravagance, We denounce the profligate waste of the money wrung from the people by oppressive taxation through the lavish appropriations of recent Republican congresses, which have kept taxes high the people's toil We demand a return to that simplicity and economy which The high cost of living is a serious befit a Democratic government and

Railroads, Express Companies, Tele-

graph and Telephone Lines. We favor the efficient supervision and rate regulation of railroads, express companies, telegraph and telephone lines engaged in interstate commerce. To this end we recommend the valuation of railroads, express companies, telegraph and telephone lines by such valuation to take into consideration the physical value of the property. duction and any element of value that will render the valuation fair and just

Banking Legislation.

We oppose the so called Aldrich bill or the establishment of a central bank, and we believe our country will sequent unemployment and business depression by such a systematic revision of our banking laws as will render temporary relief in localities in which such relief is needed, with protection from control or dominion by what is

known as the money trust. We condemn the present methods of depositing government funds in a few favored banks, largely situated in or controlled by Wall street, in return for political favors, and we pledge our posit by competitive bidding in the banking institutions of the country. national and state, without discrimina-

We renew the declaration in our last of our natural resources and the development of our waterways. The present devastation of the lower Mississippi valley accentuates the movement for the regulation of river flow by additional bank and levee protecposes in the reclamation of arid and swamp lands and the development of water power instead of permitting the floods to continue, as heretofore, agents of destruction

Post Roads.

We favor national aid to state and local authorities in the construction and maintenance of post roads.

Rights of Labor. We repeat our declarations of the

platform of 1908. We pledge the Democratic party, so far as the federal jurisdiction extends, to an employees' compensation law providing adequate indemnity for in-

jury to body or loss of life.

We believe in the conservation and the development for the use of all the people of the natural resources of the country. Our forests, our sources of We favor a single presidential term water supply, our arable and our

dation of our national wealth. Such additional legislation as may be necessary to prevent their being wasted or absorbed by special or privileged interests should be enacted, and the policy of their conservation should be rigidly adhered to.

We believe in encouraging the development of a modern system of agricul ture and a systematic effort to improve the conditions of trade in farm products so as to benefit both the consum ers and producers. And as an efficient means to this end we favor the enact ment by congress of legislation that will suppress the pernicious practice of gambling in agricultural products by organized exchanges or others.

We believe in fostering by constitutional regulation of commerce the growth of a merchant marine which shall develop and strengthen the commercial tres which bind us to our sister republics of the south, but without additional burdens upon the people and without imposing bounties or sub-

sidies from the public treasury. We favor the exemption from tolls of American ships engaged in coastwise trade passing through the Pana-

ma canal. We also favor legislation forbidding the use of the Panama canal by ships owned or controlled by railroad carriers engaged in transportation competitive with the capal.

Pure Food and Public Health.

We reaffirm our previous declarations advocating the union and strengthening of the various governmental agencies relating to pure foods. quarantine, vital statistics and human health. Thus-united and administered without partiality to or discrimination against any school of medicine or system of healing, they would constitute a single health service, not subordinated to any commercial orlinancial Interests, but devits fiere to produce

the conservation of racrop. ficiency. Moreover, "ille" more largely should co .uropean .ountries than in penses of the government by many mil. agencies out it should receive more cities, with ution here. Seed for the prerogatives did be sown at the same individuals to abbage.-National Stock hygienic ai mer

FOR COW BUYERS.

ice should o Avoid if One Wid abil? forced, to t Ity shall be Jp a Dairy Hercappointment and pro it ... "linile than service rendered to a political party, and we favor a reorganization of the civil service, with adequate compensation commensurate with the class of work performed, for all officers and employees; we also favor the extension to all classes of civil service employees the benefits of the provisions of the

employers' liability law. "" We also recognize the right of direct petition to congress by employees for the redress of grievances.

The Philippines. We reaffirm the position thrice an nounced by the Democracy in national convention assembled against a policy of imperialism and colonial exploita tion in the Philippines or elsewhere We condemn the experiment in im perialism as an inexcusable blunder which has involved us in enormous expense, brought us weakness instead of strength and laid our nation open to the charge of abandonment of the fundamental doctrine of self government. We favor an immediate declaration of the nation's purpose to recognize the independence of the Philippine islands as soon as a stable government can be established, such independence to be guaranteed by us until the neutralization of the islands can be secured by treaty with other powers. In recog nizing the independence of the Philippines our government should retain such land as may be necessary for coaling stations and naval bases.

The Russian Treaty. We commend the patriotism of the Democratic members of the senate and house of representatives which compelled the termination of the Russian treaty of 1832, and we pledge ourselves anew to preserve the sacred rights of American citizenship at home and abroad. No treaty should receive the sanction of our government which does not recognize the equality of all of our citizens irrespective of race or creed and which does not expressly guaran

Parcels Post and Rural Delivery. We favor the establishment of a parcel post or postal express and also the extension of the rural delivery sys-

tem as rapidly as practicable. Pensions

We renew the declaration of our last platform relating to a generous pension policy.

Rule of the People.

We call attention to the fact that the Democratic party's demand for a return to the rule of the people expressed in the national platform four years ago has now become the accepted doctrine of a large majority of the electors. We again remind the country that only by a larger exercise of the reserved power of the people can they protect themselves from the misuse of delegated power and the usurpation of governmental instrumentalities by special interests For this reason the national convention insisted on the overthrow of Cannonism and the inauguration of a system by which United States senators could be elected by direct vote. The Democratic party offers itself to the country as an agency through which the complete overthrow and extirpation of corruption, fraud and machine rule in American politics can be effected.

Expensive Dowries in India. The custom of extorting dowries has grown into the very fabric of the social life, and is a standing disgrace to the Bengali community, which has no justification to plead or apology to offer. The practice has now assumed alarming proportions of parents of boys extorting costly dowries as a condition of marrying their sons. The marriage of a daughter among Bengalis has become an expensive affair, and the amount in cash demanded by the father or guardian of the boy, and paid by the father or guardian of the bride varies with the education attainments of the bridegroom. The Indian Daily News published a few days ago a piteous appeal from respectable Hindu parents of dowerless daughters.-Indian Nation.

New Disease in Washington. An epidemic of "cashitis," a new malady attended by vertigo, sharp headaches and stiff necks, and caused by eye strain in the glare of sunshine and electric lights on piles of new gold and silver coins, has broken out among treasury clerks in Washington, and has resulted in the establishment of an emergency hospital room in the treasury building.

Weather Test.

A red sunset foretells dry weather because it indicates that the air toward the west, from which rains are

"Would you like to see the kitchen?" the wife inquired. "It is very small and very dirty." "Indeed, we should," I replied, for rarely had I been in a truly Japanese kitchen. The little wife was half right-it was very small, being four by eight feet, but it was not very dirty. In fact it was spotlessly clean. There was no range and no oven. In their place were two plaster contrivances of one hole each into which were poked short pieces of wood or charcoal and on top of which were placed the pots and pans. In a small cupboard containing a few shelves and a couple of drawers were the cups, bowls, chopsticks and trays used for serving the meals and the few pots, pans, spoons and knives for cooking and preparing the food. There were no chairs or table, as the Japanese sit on their heels when doing kitchen work. The maid, squatting befor one fire-pot, was watching the rice boiling for the evening meal. When the fire flagged she brightened it by plowing through a bamboo tube or fanning it, and all the while she fed it with faggots about as large as a lead pencil.-Exchange.

Milk Sold in Blocks. The markets of Irkutsk, in Siberia, are an interesting sight, for the prodacts offered for sale are in most cases frozen fish. Fish are piled up in stacks like so much cordwood, and meat likewise. All kinds of fowls are similarly frozen and piled up. Some animals brought into the market whole are propped up on their legs and have the appearance of being actnally alive, and as one goes through the markets one seems to be surrounded by living pigs, sheep, oxen and fowls standing up. But, stranger yet, even the liquids are frozen solid and sold in blocks. Milk is frozen into a block in this way, and with a string or a stick frozen into and projecting from it. This, it is said, is, for the convenience of the purchaser, who is thus enabled to carry his milk by the string or stick handle.

Good Piano Playing.

In a very interesting article on plano playing in the Woman's Home Companion the author reports as follows the views of Leschetizky, the greatest teacher of piano in the world: "When I was studying with the great master. he pointed out to me the importance of musical expression in the following. way: He called my attention to the fact that one person, for instance, may tell you a tale in such a way that you find little in it that is interesting, whereas another person may tell you the same story in such a manner that you follow every word with the keenest attention. The secret of interest lies not only in the story, but very especially in the voice, the tone, the expression-in the manner of telling. All this is interpretation. A careless tee the fundamental right of expatria. or dull piano student may play even me exquisite melody that it does not attract you at all, whereas an artist's playing of it may bring the tears to your eyes."

Gum and Bacteria. There have been reported to the Royal Society of New South Wales the results of an investigation of the curious role played by bacteria in the formation of various vegetable gums. The action of the bacteria appears to be more complex than might have been supposed. There are, for instance, two kinds of gum arabic; one soluble in water, the other insoluble, and the investigations of the New South Wales experts show that they are produced by two distinct kinds of bacteria. By the cultivation of suitable species of bacteria it is possible to augment the production of gum by certain trees. Under ordinary circumstances some species of gum-making bacteria live and multiply, without the production of an appreciable amount of gum, but the product is markedly increased by furnishing tannin to the micro-organisms.-Harper's Weekly.

Medical.

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