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DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

Following is the platform adopted by the Democratic State Convention at Erie on Wednesday June 25. The Democratic party of Pennsylvania repeats and reaffirms all of the statements, promises and declarations of purpose contained in the platform of its State Convention of 1901.

We repeat that every department of our State government is honey-combed with profligacy, dishonesty and a reckless disregard of constitutional and moral obligations; that the powers of government are prostituted to the purposes of public thieves; that constitutional restraints and commands, the sanctity of law, the obligations of official acts and the demands of common honesty are thrust aside by the substitution of a higher law—the demands of an insatiate greed of public plunderers for money, money, more money; that shamelessly and openly the votes of legislators are bought, and so persistently and constantly that market values for legislators have been established by settled custom; that apparent indifference of our people to these outrages emboldened the corruptionists to such an extent that the last session of our Legislature out-heroded Herod in its infamies; that all men pronounce it the most corrupt legislative body that ever convened in any State of the Union; that its very organization was founded on the purchase of venal legislators with money and place, and that it closed its session with the crowning inlamey of that most stupendous franchise steal, shocking the moral sense of the entire country; that the selection of a United States Senator was accomplished in a carnival of corruption and bribery; that in the reckless determination to punish enemies and reward subservient tools, established municipal governments were ruthlessly overturned and the chosen servants of the people expelled from their offices to make place for the creatures of a corrupt machine, while the faith of the people in the sanctity of the judiciary was broken by its halting efforts to find plausible excuse for the crime; that, foiled in its efforts to rob the State of millions of dollars of valuable coal deposits, the Legislature proceeded to that other and greater robbery of the railway franchises of the State, worth millions to the plunderers, and stripping every city, town and township in the Commonwealth of the proper control of its streets for trolley improvement; that even the public charities of the State, its hospitals and asylums, and the comfort of the unfortunate inmates—were made the sport of political greed, and the appropriations measured and determined by their use and services to the machine; that no possible field of corruption was left uncultivated by the crew of public plunderers, who have seized upon your State—plunderers who, in the name of a great political party, have prostituted all the purposes and powers of government to their own enrichment.

TO BANISH THE LOBBYIST.

For these crimes we again indict the Republican organization of Pennsylvania, as it is now control-

ed. To the absolute extirpation of all these evils we hereby pledge our party and its nominees.

We promise an administration absolutely clean, incorruptible and pledged to a dedication of the powers of public position to the public weal.

We aim at the banishment from the precincts of the Legislature of the lobbyist, the vote broker, the bribe giver and taker, the franchise robber and the hordes of party dependents looking to the public treasury for pay for corrupt party service.

We assure the business interests of the state absolute exemption from "pinch" legislation; from threatened enactment of oppressive laws designed only to invite bribery as the condition of peace and protection from annoyance.

Corruption lobbyists, no longer needed for protection against the schemes of plunderers, will cease to exist, and thus will disappear the temptation (so often yielded to) to use their power improperly to influence legislation affecting public interests. An honest administration will assure the business interests of the state absolute exemption from the forced levies of political parties and leaders.

BALLOT REFORM PLEDGED.

To the people of the state we promise equal and just laws, pure and economical administration and an invitation to public positions of pure, honorable, upright and able men, to take the places of the scurvy politicians who now disgrace them.

We denounce those who control the Republican organization for their refusal to fulfill their party pledge to give ballot reform to our people. In its formal platform of 1900 it solemnly promised this reform. So clear was the pledge that the senior Senator from Pennsylvania himself declared in writing that if the Republican organization failed to discharge this obligation it would sink finally into merited infamy.

Yet at the dictation of those who, through ballot frauds, control one of the great cities of the state, all ballot reform legislation was throttled and the merited infamy fully earned.

Corruption and frauds, either at primaries, conventions or general elections, are absolutely destructive of the spirit of republican institutions and incompatible with good government. In order to secure to the people the power to govern themselves and secure the perpetuation of republican government, the Democratic party is hereby pledged to the adoption of a uniform primary election law, a personal registration in all the cities of the Commonwealth and a free, equal and secret ballot; assuring to all citizens equal rights and affording the greatest facilities for independent voting, and to make the appointment of overseers and the opening of the ballot boxes obligatory when demanded by citizens.

LABOR UNIONS COMMENDED.

We recommend that all Democratic candidates for the Legislature pledge themselves in case of election to use all honorable means to secure the adoption of these measures.

We deplore the existence of the labor trouble now affecting important industries and a large portion of the people of our state, and express the earnest hope that through concession, moderation and fair dealing an early adjustment may be reached. While we concede to capital its right to the utmost protection guaranteed it by the Constitution and the laws, we declare it as the conviction of this convention that labor also has the right to that protection which comes through organization and union. We believe that labor unions organized for the betterment of the condition of wage earners, acting within the limits of the law, and not subversive of public order, are not only

lawful, but commendable, and should be met, recognized and dealt with accordingly. The right of labor to organize within these limits is as sacred as any right of person or property. For the evils under which Pennsylvania suffers the Republican organization suggests no remedy. Its platform is absolutely barren of reference to them. It neither affirms nor denies their existence and promises no change.

NO HOPE FROM PENNYPACKER.

At the dictation of a boss, supported by a machine-made delegation representing nothing but the will of another boss, it has nominated a candidate for governor who offers no promise of reform. This candidate has solemnly and deliberately declared that the senior Senator from Pennsylvania "fails in no duty;" that the criticism that has followed him is "but further evidence of his greatness;" that "he fully represents the state of which he is the foremost representative," and "that Pennsylvania has no ills that are worthy of mention." Verily, this candidate, selected by the senior Senator because of his laudations of the men and measures that we denounce as politically infamous, holds forth no promise of relief to our dishonored state.

To the pledges and the candidates of this present convention, and to them alone, can the people turn for deliverance.

SEEK NO PARTISAN ADVANTAGE.

We invite the aid of all honest men in this contest. This Democratic convention waives all expression of opinion on questions of national policy that might divert attention from the pressing problems that confront the people of our own state or that might distract and divide the army of the reform. In the contest about opening we are concerned only as Pennsylvanians and for the good of Pennsylvania.

While we act today as a political organization in presenting this platform and our candidates, we seek no partisan advantage or victory.

We freely and gladly dedicate our organization and the great body of voters it represents to the work of cleansing our state from the stain of dishonor that has come upon her.

To the full union with us in this effort we invite honest men of all parties and all organizations sincerely intent upon the reformation of public affairs, assuring them a complete fulfillment of every pledge made by this convention.

BALLOT REFORM.

The Beaver boss has thrown out to the voters his same old ballot reform sop. "Unequivocally and emphatically" he had his convention declare for "a pure and honest ballot" and agree to enact laws or amend existing laws "to accomplish this most desirable purpose."

Now, this is downright lying. Senator Quay has no intention of carrying out or to permit being carried out, if he can help it, a single part of this solemn pledge he had his convention make in the name of his party. Mr. Quay knows the triumphs of his organization have been brought about by unfair elections and false counts. He knows that by no other means than through fraud and falsification can he so easily and safely perpetuate his own failing power. He has shielded or saved, when he could, every ballot polluter in the state who has been brought to trial.

The late legislature was absolutely in the hands of Senator Quay. He moved it at his pleasure and to his profit. At anytime during the session he could have had passed the most drastic reformatory ballot law he desired. But he had then no wish to change the laws which suit so well his shameful purposes. He has no such wish, no such intention now should his hand hold the whip

Impaired Digestion

May not be all that is meant by dyspepsia now, but it will be if neglected. The unassimilation after eating, fits of nervous headache, sourness of the stomach, and disagreeable belching may not be very bad now, but they will be if the stomach is suffered to grow weaker.

Dyspepsia is such a miserable disease that the tendency to it should be given early attention. This is completely overcome by

Hood's Sarsaparilla
which strengthens the whole digestive system

over the legislature to be chosen in November.

The ballot reform plank in the Quay platform is not even cunning. There is no shrewdness in palpable falsehood. There is nothing of smartness in discussing a sacred subject with the levity and laxness of the common liar.

The pledges made in the platform as to ballot reform are worthless. No thoughtful man can be made believe them to be otherwise.—Ex.

West Berwick Borough's New Officers.

The following officers were elected at the special election held in the Borough of West Berwick last week.

- Chief Burgess—Eli Sherwood.
- Members of Town Council—John M. Fairchild, Clark Heller, William Linden, Walter Hughes, John Creasy, John Dodson, J. C. Spoonenburg.
- High Constable—Charles Holloway.
- Gonstable—C. W. Freas.
- Auditors—C. A. Raseley, W. C. Stevenson, John I. Jones.
- Assessor—Alfred Birt.
- Judge of Election—A. B. Lyna.
- Inspector of Election—Harry Raseley, William Manning.
- Overseer of the Poor—Wilson Bond, Chester Marr.
- School Directors—Jacob Smith, George Laub, Samuel Hess, Rufus Funk, O. F. Ferris, George G. Crisman.
- Tax Collector—D. A. Michael.

Trolley Ride and Picnic.

The Mission Sunday School will be given a trolley ride and picnic on Saturday, July 5th. Picnic in Keiter's grove at Rupert. School will leave on special cars, starting from corner of Seventh and East streets at 9:05. Cars will stop also at East and Main, Centre, West street and Scott-town. A cordial invitation is extended to all friends of the school to attend.

FRED C. EASTMAN, Supt.

The School directors of East Scott township held a meeting for the election of teachers for the coming term, but adjourned without completing their work. It appears that a cut in the salary of the principal of the Espy schools has rendered the position an undesirable one and there are no applicants for it. Miss Belle Ruckle was re-elected, but the other teacher was not chosen owing to the vote being a tie. Several ballots were taken and on each Miss Evelyn Creveling received three votes and Miss Mary Milnes, three. Another meeting is to be held next week, when the matter will, it is hoped, be decided. The school affairs have not been running along very smoothly in Espy for some time past, and the tangled condition of things has precipitated many wordy wars.

Pitcher Waddell, of the Philadelphia Athletics performed a remarkable feat on Tuesday, probably the greatest in the history of base ball. In a game with Baltimore, but twenty-seven men faced him during the whole nine innings. Thirteen were retired on strikes and not a single base on balls were given. Two hits were made by Baltimore but both were caught napping in attempting to steal. There were no Baltimore players left on bases. This record on the part of a pitcher may never again be equaled.

The centennial spoons have arrived and are now on sale. They are in four different designs, sterling silver with gold finished bowls. On them is inscribed "Bloomsburg, Pa. Centennial 1802-1902." They make a beautiful souvenir and the sale should, and no doubt will be large. They are being displayed and may be purchased at the stores of J. E. Roys, Geo. W. Hess, H. J. Clark & Son, W. S. Rishton, F. P. Pursel, J. Lee Martin, Robt. E. Hartman and H. G. Supplee Co. The prices are, coffee size 75c. and tea size \$1.50.

For the biennial meeting of the Ancient Order of Hibernians the Lackawanna Railroad will sell excursion tickets to Denver Colorado Springs or Pueblo at one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold July 10th to 12, inclusive, and will be good for return leaving destination not later than August 31st.

The Buckhorn Band came over and serenaded several of our citizens Thursday evening.

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Hammocks.

Yes we carry a nice assortment of Hammocks, 75c. to 2.98 each.

Mattresses and Springs

You spend about one-third of your time in bed. Why don't you make yourself comfortable, it won't cost you much if you come to this store to buy your mattresses and springs. Mattresses 2.25 to 12.00. Springs 2.00 to 5.98.

Boys' Knee Pants.

We carry all sizes made of Linen and Cottonade and sell them less than you can make them for, 25c. each.

Ladies' Duck Skirts.

1.49 Blue and Black with White Dots, 1.49.

Shoes.

This store sells more shoes each month. Do you know the reason? First we sell reliable shoes and second we sell them at a less profit than you buy them at most stores. Come to this store when you need the next pair of shoes and let us prove this statement.

Window Shades.

Felts 10c. each, Fringed Window Shades 25c. each, shades. Oil Colors 56c. each, 29c., 35c., 50c., 56c. to 1.00.

Refrigerators.

We sell the White Mountain Refrigerator, there is no better, don't take much ice to keep things cool in them. Price 8.00, 12.98 and 17.50 each.

Window Screens.

You can fit any window if you come to this store to get screens and one that is no trouble to put in and take out. Price 23 and 30 cents a piece.

SUMMER DRESS GOODS.

We open this week a big assortment of new Lawns and Dimities. We bought this lot at a low price and they will be sold at a low price.

F. P. Pursel.

A Judge of Human Nature.

Deputy Sheriff Black, of Bloomsburg, drove through town last Saturday afternoon and stopped at Ashland over night. While there he was called upon by James Wilson, one of the leaders of Conyngham township and a few other politicians of minor importance. Mr. Black is a jovial fellow and a shrewd politician, and seems to be a good judge of human nature.—Centralia American.

Silk tassels and pencils for programs for sale at this office.

TAILOR-MADE SUITS.

N. S. Tingley has accepted the agency for Reinach, Ullman & Co. of Chicago, merchant tailors, and is ready to supply made-to-measure clothing at prices lower than can be obtained elsewhere. He has a large line of samples to select from. His place of business is the third floor of the COLUMBIAN building.

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