

THE PLATFORM.

The Chicago platform, as adopted, is sound and able but too long. The attempt to go back eight years for tariff doctrine, with the McKinley tariff square before us as the issue, was an incomprehensible blunder.

The silver plank will commend itself to conservative men. It denounces the Sherman act as "fraught with possibilities of danger in the future which should make all of its supporters as well as its author anxious for its speedy repeal."

It further insists that all dollars shall be of equal "intrinsic and exchangeable value," and sets its foot upon the effort to make the United States a silver monometallic power by the assertion that, if necessary, the relations of the two metals shall be "adjusted through international agreement or by such safeguards of legislation as shall insure the maintenance" of their parity.

One of the best statements of the evils of free and unlimited silver coinage that has appeared in any political platform is contained in the concluding sentence of this plank, which is as follows:

We insist upon this policy as especially necessary for the protection of the farmers and laboring classes, the first and most defenseless victims of unstable money and a fluctuating currency.

The needs of the agricultural regions for larger banking facilities are recognized by the plank in favor of the repeal of the 10 per cent tax on State bank issues.

The challenge of the Republican Convention on the Force bill is met by an earnest and patriotic declaration against this revolutionary and undemocratic scheme, which will emphasize the issue greatly to Democratic advantage in the campaign, especially at the South.

The civil-service reform plank is in marked contrast with the four lines of perfunctory reference in the Republican platform. The Tilden declaration of 1876 that "public office is a public trust" is reiterated, together with the reaffirmation of the splendid reform doctrine of that platform, and a scathing arraignment of the scandalous misuse of Federal power which secured the nomination of Harrison.

The common-school plank will prove important at the West, and the miscellaneous sections contain many subjects which will bear reference to hereafter.

Five weeks from next Saturday the delegates to the county convention will be chosen and the following Tuesday the convention meets. From the fact that the offices for which candidates will then be chosen are especially important it is incumbent on every loyal Democrat to exercise his suffrage prerogative and lend his own efforts to bring about the nomination of the best men for the several offices.

The time has come in this country when voters are no longer dependent upon demagogues and curstone politicians to dictate to them how and for whom they shall vote. In consequence of this regime business capacity and intellectual worth have been placed at a premium and we today find in our public servants men well fitted for the trusts and responsibilities invested in them.

In time not long past it seemed that for several of the county offices it was the aim and subject of diligent search to place in nomination the most conspicuously ignorant and incapable men to be found in the community. Brains and fitness were entirely ignored and subordinated to a false conception of honesty.

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The Opera House was occupied by an audience numbering not less than eight hundred persons. A large number of visitors were noticed in the vast assemblage. Although the service did not begin until ten o'clock, the audience began assembling at 9 o'clock.

The morning service was read by President Holland and excellent music was rendered by the choir of the Lutheran church.

Dr. Wolfe announced his text from Psalms lxi, 2: "Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I." It was a Gospel sermon, in simple language, forcible in delivery and able in argument of the three propositions:

(1) The universal consciousness of a Divine being; (2) the universal aspiration after God, and (3) the unattainableness of communion with God by human effort alone. The speaker elaborated these propositions in a discourse of fifty minutes and rose to the heights of true eloquence in his masterly arguments.

He showed in conclusion that only by believing in prayer could the rock be reached, and that in man's extremity prayer was the most natural impulse of the human heart. We could not go up to the rock, but it would come down to us and lift us up.

The sermon was thoroughly appreciated by the large audience and the closest attention was given the gifted speaker.

Dr. Wolfe is a writer of great ability. His latest work, "The Lutheran in America," which has had a wide sale, has been published in three different languages.

—Charlestown, (S. C.) News and Courier.

THE PEOPLE ON THE NOMINATION.

Mr. Cleveland's nomination has been received with genuine enthusiasm from one end of the country to the other, says the World.

There has been a general acclamation of rejoicing on the return to public life of the man who, more than any one else of our time, has inspired the imagination and stimulated the patriotism of those whose ideals are high, and who has done this by faithful and courageous adherence to Democratic principles.

This warm reception of a nomination that had been anticipated for several weeks is a decided contrast to the coldness with which the news of Mr. Harrison's success was received.

In the one case the active, earnest and younger men of the party are gratified; in the other they are disappointed. The enthusiasm of the Democratic masses was behind Cleveland as the enthusiasm of the Republicans was behind Blaine.

The reason for the contrast is evident. It is cause for general congratulation that the Republicans themselves, especially their leaders, receive Mr. Cleveland's nomination respectfully, with a full appreciation of his high character and with a deep recognition of his strength.

It was different in 1884 and still more different in 1888.

The Silver Plank Better.

There can be no question among honest men that the Democratic plank on silver is infinitely better than the Republican. The latter is admitted by the Tribune to be capable of meaning free coinage of silver.

Senator Teller says it does mean that, and accepts it as satisfactory for that reason. No one can say the same of the Democratic position, which is that "the dollar unit of coinage of both metals must be of equal intrinsic and exchangeable value."

Those Republican organs in the East which have been dismayed at the "straddle" of their own party on the silver question, and have been comforting themselves with the thought that the Democrats would be guilty of a worse one, will see that word intrinsic and at once conclude that free coinage is not an issue.

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