

O'NEIL PLATFORM IS OUTLINED AT RALLY

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Platform. It is as follows: "I have never sought or held public office for the sake of the office or for my own advantage. My object has been to advance certain principles for which I stand to render service to the people. Every office I had held has been at a sacrifice to myself and family. Compelled to work at the age of ten, doing a man's work at the age of fifteen as a driver of a delivery wagon, leaving home and starting in business for myself as a merchant in a strange city at the age of nineteen, and securing my education at intervals during winter months and at night, has given me the experience that enables me to appreciate the difficulties and problems of life confronting the average citizen.

In my platform utterances which follow, I have not evaded, equivocated or attempted by the fulsome use of words to belabor a thought. I take a definite stand on every thing I propose, and every plank in this platform is consistent with my public life extending over a period of twenty-five years. I am ready at any hour to convert to any proposition which I advocate.

For many years I have been engaged in business as a merchant, banker and publisher. This, with my experience as Recorder and Commissioner of Allegheny County for ten years, as Insurance Commissioner and Highway Commissioner of Pennsylvania, has given me understanding of the great social, moral and economic problems confronting the people, as well as those which will arise after the war.

The men of Pennsylvania are just as patriotic, home loving and God fearing as those of any state in the Union, but for twenty-five years they have been controlled with an iron hand by a vicious, corrupt political machine which has made alliances with the liquor traffic, special interests, the underworld and all forms of vice. To improve living conditions, make happier homes and have a clean Commonwealth, we must destroy this machine.

I will do everything in my power to administer the affairs of the state in an honest and business-like manner, in the interest of all the people, to improve conditions in the workshops and on the farms and to see that the boys and girls of the future have a better chance than we have had in the past.

I favor the promotion of the industrial and general business activities of the state which, properly conducted, are so vital to the welfare of the people. We are now on the eve of a new era. The redemption of Pennsylvania draweth nigh. The ratification of the Sheppard Amendment to the National Constitution is assured, and Pennsylvania to take an honored position in the nation must be one of the thirty-six states to ratify. The contest of '21 is not an issue between two men or between

two factions. A great principle is at stake, a principle greater than any man. I wish to impress upon the people of this state the importance of not being misled by false political leaders or fooled by false doctrines. It is a question of right against wrong, the saloon versus the home and our industries, and I urge upon all voters the importance of voting only for men who stand four-square upon this issue.

The War and After the War It is criminal to capitalize patriotism for personal advantage. It is unnecessary to declare that at all times the state of Pennsylvania will do its full patriotic duty and I shall consider it a high privilege to support in every way the National Administration and organize this state to render its maximum support to the speedy winning of the war. I favor giving the Commission on Public Safety and Defense the full amount asked for at the last session, \$5,000,000.00 and more if by so doing the cause of the Republic is advanced.

I am convinced that the real test of our state's strength will be felt keenly in the war after this war—the war of reorganization and readjustment when all economic and humane considerations will need new setting and just treatment. Monopoly and greed must not then again take the state and impoverish our mighty army of toilers in factory and in field, in mine and mill. I shall steadily stand for human rights and for gallant, heroic men.

Injured Soldiers and Sailors When our crippled soldiers and sailors are brought home it will be my pleasure to provide for them every possible comfort and help. I shall favor careful medical treatment, continuation of schools suited to their malmed condition, and employment in such industry as will ensure their welfare. Whatever a grateful state can do it must do for those gallant, heroic men.

State Prohibition as a War Measure The National Government has found it necessary to protect our soldiers from the curse of strong drink. If it be necessary to protect the soldiers from liquor to win the war, how much more necessary it is to protect our great industrial army here in Pennsylvania and our boys and girls from the rum traffic. This is state prohibition as a war measure, to which I pledge myself.

I am for National Prohibition and will use my best efforts to have the Sheppard amendment ratified. I will not support any candidate for the Legislature who does not make a positive and unequivocal declaration in favor of the ratification of the amendment.

Woman Suffrage I am in favor of woman suffrage. State Constitutional Convention I favor the calling of a State Constitutional convention. The present Constitution is out of date and does not measure up to the great advance made along social and economic lines during the last forty years. Budget System The cost of government in this state has been growing by leaps and bounds. We have too many offices

and there are too many commissions. I favor a budget system which will provide that the various heads of departments submit in detail to the Legislature the amount of money necessary to operate their departments. I am in favor of a budget system for all state and charitable institutions, to be presented when appropriations are asked. I also favor closer supervision of all institutions and agencies supported wholly or in part by state funds.

Schools The bulwark of our state is the public school. I favor larger appropriations and prompt payment of the same. The teachers of the state are under-paid. I favor larger salaries. I am also in full sympathy with the teachers' retirement act. I oppose teaching any language save the English in any schools below high school grade in this Commonwealth and I advocate the speedy americanization of our entire population. Let all people foreign or native born, become citizens and get out. National Allegiance should go with bread winnins.

Conservation, Food, Housing The war has brought home to us, as never before, the question of food and the value of the men who produce it. Pennsylvania's farm population is twice in size among all the states, but our farm people have never received the consideration to which their numbers and public importance justify. If elected Governor, I will do my best to see that the farmer gets justice in Pennsylvania and is properly represented in Harrisburg.

I pledge myself to work for the protection and extension of our state forests, the increase of their use as recreation for the people and the protection and increase of game and fish for the benefit of all throughout the state. I pledge myself to use every power of the government in order that pure and plentiful food, decent housing, good schooling, a fair chance for leisure and health, and good pay for good work may be brought within the reasonable reach of every Pennsylvanian.

Corrupt Practices Act I will urge the adoption of a thorough-going, comprehensive corrupt practices act, which will stop the corrupt use of money at elections and will place the corruptionists where they belong, behind the bars. I favor an act which will more certainly define the purpose for which money may be contributed and spent in any general or primary election, limit the total expenditures, and, in addition to penalties for violation, require due accounting and public audit, and "Make the willful violation governing elections felonies punishable by imprisonment."

Home Rule I favor a larger measure of home rule for cities, boroughs and townships, particularly as to the control of public utilities and local improvements. Idle People I shall advocate the enactment of a law that will compel all idle persons, rich and poor alike, to work at least during the period of the war, in some productive capacity in this state. The day of loafing, whether in

saloon or gilded club, on street or in pleasure resorts, must cease and every person compelled to do his full duty to society and to the Commonwealth. Public Service The Public Service Commission of Pennsylvania has demonstrated its usefulness. I will recommend an amendment giving the Commission the right to suspend an increase of rates made by the National Service Company until after a hearing and a decision by the Commission.

Short Ballot I favor the short ballot. This method if properly safeguarded is the easiest and most certain means of registering popular will. Taxation I favor a more just and equitable system of taxation whereby the cost of government may be more equitably distributed. As it is now the small property owner pays too large a percentage of the taxes. This should be remedied. On account of the war, which has prevented building the Pittsburgh and Scranton plan should be given a further trial. I believe that this plan will stop the holding of land for speculation and bring about better housing conditions for people in our cities.

While it may be impracticable to locally tax the real estate of public service corporations, there should be paid by the state to the several counties the proportion of state taxes collected as is represented by the values of real estate in those counties. Child Labor Law I favor an amendment to the Constitution providing that all subjects of taxation may be classified for the purpose of laying graded and progressive taxes, and that the burden of taxation upon those who draw more benefits from the benefits conferred by government. They exist in many states and should be adopted here.

Water-Ways The congestion on the railways during the past year has demonstrated that we must improve our inland water-ways. I favor a comprehensive system of improvements which will give us a system of canals and inland water-ways by which we can move heavy and slow moving freight. I favor the extension of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Canal, and will try to bring about joint action by Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia for its early construction. I am in favor of a plan whereby we can conserve our rivers and provide landing places, docks and harbors in the Ohio and Monongahela Rivers at Pittsburgh and on the Delaware River at Philadelphia which will meet with the demands of this great industrial state. I favor the development of all water power within the state, so that the benefits they confer may accrue to all the people of the state, instead of to a privileged few.

Blue Sky Law I will advocate a Blue Sky law to protect the people of this state from the stock swindling thieves who rob the people each year of millions of dollars by selling them worthless stocks and bonds. I had such a bill introduced at the last session of the Legislature but it was "picked" in committee by an "unseen hand" guided by the political machine. Insurance The people of Pennsylvania pay over \$100,000,000 each year for insurance of various kinds and it is important that all policies should be absolutely safe. During my term as Insurance Commissioner I drove all crooked insurance companies from the state, making it practically impossible for another insurance scandal such as the Pittsburgh Life, but I will recommend several amendments to the insurance laws which will still throw additional safeguards around all life insurance policies.

Stenographers and Clerks Always the first to be reduced in salary and the last to be raised. They have suffered in these abnormal times because of the increase in their additional living cost. I have regretfully observed this for years and will endeavor to remedy both public and private enterprises in a correction of this inequality. Good Roads The problem of good roads is a vitally important economic issue. To keep the people on the farms give them good roads to get to the markets, and the same to the people who are employed in the cities and live in the country. The present road laws were passed by the politicians and for the politicians and they have always refused to appropriate sufficient money for maintenance and construction. The revenues of this great state are sufficient to construct a comprehensive system of road if the business of the state is conducted along economic lines. I am in favor of an act which will give the boroughs and townships more aid in the construction of local roads. I have already inaugurated a plan whereby the state pays 50 per cent of the cost of any state highway passing through a borough. This plan is being successfully. This plan is being successfully. This plan is being successfully.

Under my administration of the Highway Department I have brought about a better feeling and a spirit of co-operation between the state and the counties, whereby a majority of the counties have agreed to bear their cost of road development. I am opposed to the earth roads of the state being turned back on the counties. Registration of Lobbyists I am in favor of a law which will require lobbyists to register and state just what legislation they are interested in. Committee Meetings Crooked legislative work is done in committees. I am in favor of all committee meetings of the House and Senate being held in public and a record made of all votes. State Civil Service I am in favor of State Civil Service. I am opposed to all political assessments and will recommend and favor a system whereby employees in the various departments are promoted on merit. Labor Legislation I am unalterably opposed to any law doing away for the period of the war, or any other period, with the safeguards which the Legislature has thrown round the employment of labor, especially the labor of women and children. The health of those who work with their hands is of vital importance to the state, but never more so than to-day when our country is engaged in the greatest war in history. A governor, acts suspending the Child Labor Act; the Woman's Labor Act, or any existing act guarding the health and safety of working men, violating any of their protective provisions,

will have to be passed over my veto. I shall urge to a great extent a consistent physical examination program for boys children from the time that the child enters school until he becomes of age. The operation of the National Draft Act which shows the strain for boys children from the ground of physical disability, is an impressive argument in favor of further efforts to safe-guard the future citizen during the period of physical development. Workmen's Compensation In view of the increased cost of living the minimum and maximum compensation should be commensurately increased. A simple and just method of computing wages should be adopted to meet the needs of all the workmen of the state. I favor these and other amendments necessary to meet the conditions of today. Workmen's Insurance Common Justice requires that the working men and women of Pennsylvania should be relieved from the fear of poverty and death in time of sickness and unemployment. The bread winner of the family should be able to live free from the fear that sickness or death will cause his wife and children to be dependent on charity. The workman is entitled to obtain insurance against sickness, old age and lack of employment, and the state, the employer and the workman should unite to make such insurance possible.

Child Labor Law The present Child Labor Law, stoutly resisted by corporate greed, has now become a most helpful agency of honest industry and blessing to children who are forced to toil. Its provisions have had the hearty approval of educators and of the National Association of Manufacturers. Just as money was poured out for its defeat, money from the same sordid sources will be poured out for its repeal. I shall stand squarely against any attempt to lessen the protection to our children and our women who toil. I shall favor all the safeguards and humane provisions that the state and humane legislation may approve. The conservation of human life should have my hearty help. I shall never consent to the curbing of children's rights in capitalist's gold. I shall always stand for the health and education of our women in the protection of our children and for the education of our women in every way that decency and the rights of

human souls demand. No pre-election contributions shall ever, with my consent, buy legislation or prevent the enactment of just laws. Mine Caves Mining operations have become intolerable. If a reasonable adjustment of the private and public interests involved cannot be secured by agreement between representatives of the municipalities, corporations and persons affected, the police power of the state or of the communities interested should be used to put an end to the existing dangers. I favor a statute making it a misdemeanor for a mine to be so operated as to cause the surface of the ground within the limits of any city or borough to fall or cave in. J. DENNY O'NEIL

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