

THE DEMOCRAT.

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National Democratic Ticket. FOR PRESIDENT, SAMUEL J. TILDEN, OF NEW YORK. FOR VICE PRESIDENT, THOMAS A. HENDRICKS, OF INDIANA.

HIP—IP, HURRAH!

Never in the history of the Democratic party did such a weight of responsibility rest upon its leaders and representatives as did upon those who assembled in convention at the city of St. Louis on the 27th ult. As we said last week, the whole country was looking to their deliberations for the nomination of a statesman worthy to rule this great republic and for a relief from the official imbecility and corruption which menaces its existence.

To the nomination at Cincinnati of a candidate without a purpose, upon a platform without a meaning, St. Louis responds with the nomination of a candidate whose name is a symbol of unflinching reform, upon a platform which means a peaceful revolution in the whole spirit and conduct of the government of this country.

We agree with the Pittsburg Post in saying that now the issue is plainly made up between Grantism and rotten Radicalism on the one side, and thorough purification and reform in public affairs on the other. It cannot be a purely partisan contest for Samuel J. Tilden has won his highest honors as a reformer by striking down the New York Rings, which we freely but regretfully confess were chiefly composed of his own party friends.

It is all in vain to say that through the election of Hayes, reform can be achieved within the Republican party. He is the candidate of Grantism. He is the nominee of Cameron—the second choice of the vindictive Morton without the aid of whose friends he could not have been chosen a candidate.

The platform could not be otherwise than it is, if made by prudent and sensible men. The free trade doctrinaires, the hard money bigots, and the inflation dreamers, with their respective impracticable dogmas and their domineering demands have all been put aside, and a judicious platform, suggested by hard experience and the sad sufferings of the times, has been adopted.

And now the Democratic party is fairly launched, and with rare discretion into one of the most important contests

in which it ever engaged. That its glorious history and its unstained record, with its banner borne by the great champion of reform will crown its efforts with a complete victory we cannot permit ourselves to doubt.

Had Blaine with his positive aggressive attributes, been the nominee of Cincinnati, the probable current of the campaign could now be calculated. But Hayes is only a floating ark on the Republican stream, and will either glide over the course to an easy victory or be utterly wrecked and broken into fragments long before the end of the journey shall be reached. He has given no inspiration to his party no quickening pulsation to the mass, no enthusiasm even to party leaders and he will be the feeblest of all candidates to resist an adverse tide should one surge against him during the struggle.

THOMAS A. HENDRICKS.

It is with unfeigned pleasure that we announce the unanimous nomination of this distinguished Indian as our candidate for Vice President. In his own State he has been for many years the favorite son, a great favorite through the West, and universally popular. The convention performed its work nobly, and we have as a result the very best ticket it was possible to present.

The Democracy has put forward its two strongest and ablest representative men, and if it fail with them it will not fail discreditably. It is a comfort once in a while, to see the leading positions occupied by men with brains, and there is something heroic in the entire sacrifice of "expediency" which the St. Louis convention appears to have made.

The Platform.

We, the delegates of the Democratic party of the United States in national convention assembled do hereby declare the administration of the Federal government to be in urgent need of immediate reform, do hereby enjoin upon the nominees of this convention and of the Democratic party in each State a zealous effort and co-operation to this end and to hereby appeal to our fellow-citizens of every former political connection to undertake with us this first and most pressing patriotic duty.

of these our rights, it behooves a free people to practice also that eternal vigilance which is the price of liberty.

Reform is necessary to rebuild and establish in the hearts of the whole people the Union, eleven years ago happily rescued from the danger of a secession of States, but now to be saved from a corrupt centralism which, after inflicting upon ten states the rapine of carpet-bag tyrannies has honeycombed the offices of the federal government itself with incapacity waste and fraud, infected States and municipalities with the contagion of misrule and locked fast the prosperity of an industrious people in the paralysis of hard times.

We denounce the failure for all these eleven years to make good the promise of the legal-tender notes which are a changing standard of value in the hands of the people and the non-payment of which is a disregard of the pledged faith of the nation. We denounce the improvidence which in eleven years of peace has taken from the people in Federal taxes thirteen times the whole amount of the legal-tender notes and squandered four times this sum in useless expense without accumulating any reserve for their redemption.

We demand a judicious system of preparation by public economies, by official retrenchments and by wise finance, which shall enable the nation soon to assure the whole world of its perfect ability and its perfect readiness to meet any of its promises at the call of the creditor entitled to payment. We believe such a system well devised, and above all entrusted to competent hands for execution creating at no time an artificial scarcity of currency and at no time alarming the public mind into a withdrawal of that vaster machinery of credit by which ninety-five per cent. of all business transactions are performed.

Reform is necessary in the sum and mode of federal taxation to the end that capital may be set free from distrust and labor lightly burdened. We denounce the present tariff levied upon nearly four thousand articles as a masterpiece of injustice inequality and false pretence. It yields a dwindling not a yearly rising revenue. It has impoverished many industries to subsidize a few. It prohibits imports that might purchase the products of American labor.

Reform is necessary in the scale of public expense, Federal, State and municipal. Our Federal taxation has swollen from sixty millions gold in 1860, to four hundred and fifty millions currency in 1870; our aggregate taxation from one hundred and fifty-four millions gold, in 1860 to seven hundred and thirty millions currency in 1870, or in one decade from less than five dollars per head to more than eighteen dollars per head.

Reform is necessary to correct the omissions of Republican Congress and the errors of our treaties and our diplomacy which has stripped our fellow citizens of foreign birth, and kindred race crossing the Atlantic, of the shield of American citizenship and exposed our brethren of the Pacific coast to the incursions of a race not sprung from the same great parent stock and in fact now by law denied citizenship through naturalization as being neither accustom to the traditions of a progressive civilization nor exercised in liberty under equal laws.

Reform is necessary to put a stop to the profligate waste of public lands and their diversion from actual settlers by the party in power, which has squandered two hundred millions of acres upon railroads alone, and out of more than three that aggregate has disposed of less than a sixth directly to tillers of the soil.

contracts and demand such modifications of the treaty with the Chinese Empire, or such legislation by Congress within a constitutional limitation as to prevent the further importation or immigration of the Mongolian race.

Reform is necessary and can never be effected but by making it the controlling issue of elections and lifting it above the two false issues with which the office-holding class and the party in power seek to smother it—the false issue with which they would enkindle sectarian strife in respect to public schools of which the establishment and support belonging exclusively to the several States, and which the Democratic party has cherished from their foundation and resolved to maintain without partiality or preference for any sect or creed, and without contributing from the treasury to any; the false issue by which they seek to light anew the dying embers of sectional hate between kindred peoples, once unnaturally estranged, but now reunited in one indivisible republic and a common destiny.

Reform is necessary in the civil service. Experience proves that efficient economical conduct of the governmental business is not possible if its civil service be subjected to change at every election; to be a prize fought for at the ballot-box; to be a bribe reward of party zeal, instead of posts of honor assigned for proved competency and held for fidelity in the public employ; that the dispensing of patronage should neither be a tax upon the time of all our public men nor the instrument of their ambition.

Reform is necessary even more in the higher grades of public service. The President Vice President, Judges, Senators, Representatives, Cabinet officers and all others in authority are the public servants. The office are not a private perquisite they are a public trust. Wh in the annals of this Republic show the disgrace and censure of a Vice President, a late speaker of the House of Representatives marketing his rulings as a presiding officer; three senators profiting secretly by their votes as law makers; five chairmen of leading committees of the House of Representatives exposed in jobbery; a late Secretary of the Treasury forcing balances in the public accounts; a late Attorney General misappropriating public funds; a Secretary of the Navy enriched or enriching friends by percentages levied off the profits of contractors with his department an Ambassador to England censured for a dishonorable speculation; the President's Private Secretary barely escaping conviction upon trial for guilty complicity in frauds upon the revenue; a Secretary of War impeached for high crimes and confessed misdemeanors the demonstration is complete that the first step in reform must be the people's choice of honest men from another party lest the disease of one political organization infect the body politic, and lest by making no change of men or party we can get no change.

All these abuses wrongs and crimes the product of sixteen years' ascendancy of the Republican party, create a necessity for reform confessed by the Republicans themselves but their reformers are voted down in convention and displaced from the Cabinet. The party's mass of honest voters are powerless to resist the eighty thousand office-holders, its leaders and guides. Reform can only be had by a peaceful civic revolution. We demand a change of system a change of administration a change of party so that we may have a change of members and of men.

The reading was frequently interrupted by applause. The denunciation of the resumption act and demand for its repeal was received with especial favor. At the conclusion Mr. Dorstheimer said the committee has adopted and indorsed though not as a part of the platform the resolution which he read indorsing the action of the House of Representatives in cutting down the appropriations and exhorting them to firmness. Also a resolution as to the just claims of soldiers, sailors and their widows and orphans.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE Of Real Estate.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—In the estate of Hiram Reynolds, late of Liberty, Pa., dec'd. Letters of Administration in the said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons having claims against said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them without delay to the undersigned at his office in Brookdale, Pa., on or before the 15th day of July, 1876.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL Statement of the receipts and expenditures of Jackson School District, Susq. Co., Pa., for the year ending June 30, 1876.

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditures. Receipts: Gross amount of tax duplicate for school purposes \$1,128.21; Deduct exonerations \$7.46; Total \$1,090.75. Expenditures: Paid Teachers' salaries \$1,050.00; Fuel and contingencies \$92.23; Salary of Secretary \$60.31; Balance in Treasury \$1,128.21.

THE NIGHT ROUTE For Butter!

THE CENTRAL EXPRESS COMPANY. Are delivering butter via Montrose R.R. and L.V.R.R. from Montrose to New York. Two Hours Ahead of Any Other Route.

Office, CO. B'S OLD STAND. A cool cellar to store butter in well shipped. Carted only three-fourths of a mile to the railroad. Empty pails returned free—kept in use of office until called for, the same care given them as any other matter—and as low a rate as any route.

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STATEMENT OF HARFORD Township Finance.

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditures. Receipts: Amount of tax levied 1875 \$483.98; Cash on hand March 31, 1875 \$217.19; Rec'd on duplicate of 1875 \$15.00; Total \$716.17. Expenditures: Amount paid on orders \$473.59; Wm T. Carpenter's bond paid \$147.60; Treasurer's commission \$15.58; Cash in hands of Treasurer April 30, 1876 \$90.57; Total \$727.24.

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