

"Shall the People Rule?" is the Overwhelming Issue of the Campaign.

NO ANTI-POLYGAMY PLANK.

Use of Public Patronage to Secure Nomination of Cabinet Officer Condemned-Oppose Centralization.

Denver, Golo., July 9 .- After more than 54 hours of almost continuous service, the committee on resolutions of the Democratic national committee tonight at 11:30 o'clock, concluded its work on the platform, and after a period of revision and rearrangement of sections, the members of the committee, headed by the chairman, Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma, with the docuunent under his arm, started for the convention hall. After the last plank had been agreed upon, Senator Daniel of Virginia and ex-Gov. Smith of New Jersey, announced their intention to support the nomince of the convention on these strorm agreed upon.

The committee adopted for presentation to the convention the following resolutions regarding Abraham Lin-coin's birth celebration: "Whereas, The one hundredth an-niversary of the birth of Abraham Lin-

occi . on Feb. 12, 1909; therefore

"Resc. res By the Democratic na-tional convention that we recommend its appropriate celebration throughout our land." The committee voted down a reso-

The committee voted down a reso-lution providing that hereafter a ma-jority vote zhall be sufficient to effect the nomingtion of any candidate for president or vice president in national Democratio conventions. The committee defeated ex-Senator Dubois' and-polygamy proposition by a tie vote, 20 to 20.

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TEXT OF PLATFORM.

The full text of the platform is as

follows: We, the representatives of the Democracy of the United States, in na-tional convention assembled, reaffirm our belief in, and pledge our loyalty to, the principles of the party. We rejoice at the increasing signs of an awakening throughout the country. The various investigations have traced graft and political corruption to the representatives of predatory wealth, and laid bare the unscrupulous meth-ods by which they have debaucted elec-tions and preyed upon a defenseless tions and preyed upon a defenseless public through the subservient officials which they have raised to place in

power. The conscience of the nation is now aroused to free the government from the grip of those who have made it a business asset of the favor-seeking corporations; it must become again a people's government, and be adminis-tered in all its departments according to the Jeffersonian maxim of "equal rights to all and special assiduements. rights to all and special privileges

"Shall the people rule?" is the over-whelming issue which manifests itself in all the questions now under discus-

INCREASE OF OFFICEHOLDERS.

Coincident with the enormous in-crease in the expenditures is a like ad-dition to a number of officeholders. During the past year 23,784 were add-ed, costing \$16,166,000, and in the past six years of the Republican adminis-tration the total number of new offices created, aside fram many commissions. created, aside from many commissions, has been 20,319, entailing an additional expenditure of nearly \$70,000,000, as against only 10,279 new offices created

The right of the people to freely se-lect their officials is inalienable and cannot be delegated. FOR CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY. We demand federal legislation for-We demand federal legislation for-ever terminating the partnership which has existed between corpora-tions of the country and the Republi-can party under the expressed or im-plied agreement that in return for the contribution of great sums of money wherewith to purchase elections. They should not be allowed to con-thue substantially unmolested in their efforts to encode upon the rights of

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efforts to enroach upon the rights of the people. Any reasonable doubt as to the ex-istence of this relation has been for-ever dispelled by the sworn testimory of witnesses examined in the insurance investigation in New York and the open admission—unchallenged by the Beruthlican national committee—of a Republican national committee—of a single individual, that he himself at the personal request of the Republican candidate for the presidency raised over a quarter of a million of dellars to be used in a single state during the closing hours of the last campaign. In order that this practise shall be stopped for all time we demand the passage of a statute punishing with imprisonment any officer of a corporation who shall either contribute on behalf of, er consent to the contribution Republican national committee-of half of, or consent to the contribution by a corporation of any money of thing of value to be used in further-ing the election of a president or vice president of the United States or of president of the United States or of any member of the Congress thereof. We denounce the action of the Re-publican party having complete con-trol of the federal government, for its failure to pass the bill, introduced in the last Congress, to compel the pub-lication of the names of contributors and the amounts contributed incorra lication of the names of contributors and the amounts contributed toward campaign funds and point to the evi-dence of their insincerity, when they sought by an absolutely irrelevant and impossible amendment to defeat the passage of the bill as a further evi-dence of their intention to conduct their campaign in the coming contest with vast sums of money wrested from favor-secking corporations. We call at-tention to the fact that the recent Re-publican national convention at Chi-cago refused, when the issue was pre-sented to it, to declare against such

ented to it, to declare against such practises. 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 an amount above a rea-sonable maximum and providing for the publication before election of all such contributions.

OFFOSED TO CENTRALIZATION.

Believing, with Jefferson, in "the support of the state governments in all their rights as the most competent administration for our domestic con-cerns and the surest bulwark against corns and the surest bulwark against anti-republican tendencies;" and in the preservation of the general govern-ment in its whole constitutional vigor as the sheet anchor of our peace at home and the safety abroad, we are opposed to the centralization implied in these suggestions, now frequently made, that the powers of the general government should be extended by ju-dicial construction. There is no twi-light zone between the nation and the state in which exploiting interests can take refuge from both; and it is as state in which exploiting interests can take refuge from both; and it is as necessary that the federal government shall exercise the powers delegated to it as it is that the state governments shall use the authority reserved to them, but we insist that federal rem-edies for regulation of interstate com-merce, and for the prevention of mermerce, and for the prevention of pri-vate monopoly shall be added to, not substituted for, state remedies.

TARIFF.

TARIFF. We welcome the belated promise of tariff reform now offered by the Re-publican party in tardy recognition of the righteousness of the Democratic position on this question; but the peo-ple cannot safely entrust the execu-tion of this important work to a party which is so deeply obligated to the highly protected interests as is the Re-publican party. We call attention to the significant fact that the promised remains election—an election to suc-ceed in which the Republican party must have that same support from the beneficiaries of the high protective tar-iff as it has always here to correct the the Republican Congress to correct the during years of uninterrupted power, no action whatever has been taken by the Republican Congress to correct the subtaction whatever has been taken by the Republican congress to correct the the Republican congress to correct the starting we can be the further fact that during years of uninterrupted power, no action whatever has been taken by the Republican congress to correct the starticles entering into competition of the furtices entering into competition with protection to function to the furtices entering into competition with protection to function to function to the furtices entering into competition with protection to function to function to function the furtices entering into competition with protection to function to function the furtices entering into competition with

Articles entering into competition with trust-controlled products should be placed upon the free list; and material reductions should be made in the tariff upon the necessaries of life, especially upon articles competing with such American manufacturers as are sold abroad more cheaply than at home; and graduate reductions should be and graduate reductions should be made in such other schedules as may be necessary to restore the tariff to a revenue basis. Existing duties have given the man-

publican party had for a decade been in complete control of the federal gov-ernment furnishes additional proof that it is either unwilling or incompe-tent to protect the interests of the general public. It has so linked the country to Wall street that the sins of the speculators are visited upon the whole people. While refusing to res-cue the wealth producers from spol-iation at the hands of the stock gam-blers and speculators in farm pro-BUREAU OF HEALTH. We advocate the organization of all existing national public health agen-cies into a national bureau of public health with such powers over sanitary conditions connected with factories, mines, tenements, child labor and other

cue the weath producers from spor-lation at the hands of the stock gam-blers and speculators in farm pro-ducts, it has deposited treasury funds without interest, and without compe-tition, in favorite banks. It has used an emergency for which it is largely responsible to force through Congress a bill changing the basis of bank cur-rency and haviting market manipula-tion, and has failed to give to the 15,-000,000 depositors of the country pro-tection in their savings. We believe that in so far as the needs of commerce require an emerg-ency currency, such currency should be issued, controlled by the federal government and loaned on adequate security to national and stor banks. We piedge ourselves to legislation un-der which national banks shall be re-quired to establish a guarantee fund

der which national banks shall be re-quired to establish a guarantee fund for the prompt payment of the de-positories of any insolvent national bank under an equitable system which shall be available to all banking in-stitutions wishing to use it. We favor a postal savings bank if the guaranteed bank cannot be secur-ed and that it be constituted so as to keep the deposited money in the com-munities where it is established. But we condemn the policy of the Republi-can party in providing postal savings banks under a plan of conduct by which they will segregate the deposits of rural communities and re-deposit the same while under government charge in the banks of Wall street, thus depleting the circulating medium great carber. thus depleting the circulating medium of the producing regions and unjust-ly favoring the speculative markets. TRUSTS.

TRUSTS. A private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable. We, therefore, favor the vigorous reform of the criminal law against guilty trust magnates and officials and demand the enactment of such additional legislation as may be necessary to make it imposhible for a private monopoly to exist in the United States. Among the additional remedies we specify three known, first, a law preventing a duplication of di-rectors among competing corpora-tions; second, a license system which will, without abridging the right of each state to create corporations, or its right to regulate as it will foreign cor-porations doing business within its limits, make it necessary for a man-ufacturing or trading corporation en-gaged in Interstate commerce to take out a federal license before it shall be permitted to control as much as 25 per cent of the product in which it deals, the license to protect the public from watered stock and to prohibit the control by such corporations on more than 50 per cent of the total amount of any product consumed in the United States, and third, a law compelling such licensed corporations to sell to all purchasers in all parts of making due allowance for cost of the control to.

transportation.

FOR INCOME TAX.

We favor an income tax as part of submission of a constitutional amend-ment specifically authorizing Congress o levy and collect tax upon individual and corporate incomes, to the end that wealth may bear its proportional share of the burdens of federal government.

INJUNCTIONS. INJUNCTIONS. The courts of justice are the bui-wark of our liberties, and we yield to none in our purpose to maintain their dignity. Our party has given to the bench a long line of distinguished judges, who have added to the respect and confidence in which this department must be jeal-ously maintained. We resent the attempt of the Republican party to raise a false issue respecting the judiciary. It is an unjust reflec-tion upon the great body of our citi-zens to assume that they lack respect for the courts. It is the function of the courts to interpret the laws which the people

It is the function of the courts to interpret the laws which the people create, and if the laws appear to work economic, social or political injustice, it is our duty to change them. The only basis upon which the integrity of our courts can stand is that of un-swerving justice and protection of life, personal liberty, and property. If judicial processes may be abused, we should guard them against abuse. Experience has proven the neces-sity of a modification of the present law relating to injunctions, and we re-iterate the pledge of our national plat-

both as a matter of justice to the sur-viving veterans and their dependents and because it tends to relieve the country of the necessity of maintain-ing a large standing army.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

ELECTION OF SENATORS.

WELCOME OKLAHOMA.

ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO.

FREE GRAZING.

WATERWAYS.

thorized by law.

POST ROADS.

terstate commerce commission

NATURAL RESOURCES.

health agencies.

FRENCH HAND LAUNDRY.





against only 10,270 new offices created under the Cleveland and McKinley ad-ministrations, which involved an ex-penditure of only \$6,000,000. We deministrations, which involved an ex-penditure of only \$6,000,000. We de-nounce this growing increase in the number of officeholders as not only unnecessary and wasteful, but also as clearly indicating a deliberate purpose on the part of the administration to hear the Republican warks in power keep the Republican party in power at public expense by thus increasing the number of its retainers and de-pendarts. Such procedure we declare to be no less dangerous and corrupt than the open purchase of votes at the noils polls

DEMAND FOR ECONOMY.

The Republican Congress in the session just ended has made appro-priations amounting to \$1,008,000,000, exceeding the total expenditures of the past fiscal year by \$90,000,000, and leaving a deficit of more than \$60,000,000 for the fiscal year. We denounce the heedless waste of the people's money which has resulted in this appalling increase as a shameful violation of all prudent conditions of Sovernment and as no less than a crime against the millions of working women and men from whose earnings the great proportion of these descent The Republican Congress in the crime against the millions of working women and men from whose earnings the great proportion of these colossal sums must be extorted through exces-sive tariff exactions and othese indirect methods. It is not surprising that in the face of this shocking record the Republican platform contains no ref-erence to economical administration or promise thereof in the future. We de-mand that a stop be put to this fright-ful extravagence and insist upon the strictest economy in every depart-ment compatible with frugal and ef-ficient administration.

POWER OF THE SPEAKER.

The house of representatives was designed by the fathers of the Con-stitution to be the popular branch of our government, responsive to the public will public will.

public will. The house of representatives as con-trolled in recent years by the Repub-lican party has ceased to be a delib-crative and legislative hody, responsive to the will of a majority of its mem-hers, but has come under the absolute domination of the speaker, who has entire control of its deliberations and howers of legislation.

bowers of legislation. We have observed with amazement the popular branch of our federal gov-ernment helpless to obtain either the consideration or enactment of measures desired by a majority of its mem-

Legislative government becomes a

Legislative government becomes a failure when one member in the per-son of the speaker is more powerful than the entire body. We demand that the house of rep-resentatives shall again become a de-liberative hody, controlled by a ma-pority of the people's representatives, and may by the speaker, and we pledge ourselves to adopt such rules and reg-ulations to govern the house of rep-resentatives as will enable a majority of its members to direct its delibera-tions and control legislation.

A FORCED SUCCESSION.

A POICERD SUCCESSION, We condemn, as a violation of the smirit of our institutions, the action of the present chief executive in using the patronage of his high office to se-cure the nomination of one of his cabinet officers. A forced succession in the presidency is scarcely less re-pugnant to public sentiment than is life tenure in that office. No good in-tention on the part of the executive, and no virtue in the one selected, can justify the establishment of a dynasty.

ufactures of paper a shelter behind which they have organized combina-tions to raise the price of pulp and of paper, thus imposing a tax upon the spread of knowledge. We demand the immediate repeal of

We demand the immediate repeal of the tairff on wood pulp, print paper, lumber, timber and logs and that these articles be placed upon the free list.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

We assert the right of Congress to

We assert the right of Congress to exercise complete control over inter-state commerce and the right of each state to exercise control over com-merce within its borders. We demand such enlargement of the powers of the interstate commerce com-mission as may be necessary to compel railroads to perform their duties as common carriers and prevent discrim-ination and extortion.

We favor the efficient supervision and rate regulation of railroads engaged in interstate commerce. To this end we recommend the valuation, of railroads by the interstate commerce commisinconstate commerce. To this end we recommend the valuation of railroads by the interstate commerce commis-sion, such valuation to take into con-sideration the physical value of the property, original cost of production and all elements of value that will ren-der the valuation made fair and just. We favor such legislation as will pro-hibit the railroads from engageing in business which brings them into compe-tition with their shippers, also legisla-tion which will assure such reduction in transportation rates as conditions will permit, care being taken to avoid neduction that would compel a reduc-tion of wages, prevent adequate serv-ice or do injustice to legitimate invest-ments. We heartily approve the laws prohibiting the pass and the rebate, and we favor any fruther necessary legis-lation to restrain, correct and prevent such abuses.

such abuses. We favor such legislation as will in-crease the power of the interstate com-merce commission, giving to it the ini-tiative with reference to rates and transportation charges put into effect by the railroad companies, and per-mitting the interstate commerce com-mission, on its own initiative to de-clare a rate illegal and as being more than should be charged for such serv-ice. That the present law relating the fact that the interstate commerce commission, is without power to fix uch abuses the fact that the interstate commerce commission, is without power to fix or luvestigate a rate until complaint has been made to it by the shipper. We further declare that all agree-ments of traffic or other associations or railway agents affecting interstate rates, service or classification, shall be uniawful unless filed with and ap-proved by the interstate commerce commission.

We favor the enactment of a law giving to the luteratate commerce commis-sion the buteratate commerce commis-sion the power to inspect proposed rali-road tariff rates or schedules before they shall take effect, and, if they be found to be unreasonable, to initiate an adjustment thereof.

PANIC OF 1907.

The panic of 1907 coming without any legitimate excuse when the Re-

law relating to injunctions, and we re-iterate the pledge of our national plat-forms of 1896 and 1904 in favor of the measure which passed the United States senate in 1896, but which a Republican Congress has even since refused to en-act, relating to contempts in federal courts and providing for trial by jury in cases of indirect contempt.

In cases of indirect contempt. Questions of judicial practise have arisen, especially in connection with in-dustrial disputes. We deem that par-tifes to all judicial proceedings should be treated with rigid impartiality, and that injunctions should not be issued in any cases in which injunctions would not issue if no industrial dispute were involved. nvolved.

The expanding organization of indus try makes it essential that there should be no abridgement of the right of wage earners and producers to organize for the protection of wages and the im-provement of labor conditions to the end that such labor organizations and their members should not be regarded

as illegal combinations in restraint of trade. LABOR INTERESTS.

We favor the eight-hour day on all

We later the eight-nour day on all government works. We pledge the Democratic party to the enactment of a law by Congress as far as the federal jurisdiction extends for a general employers' liability act, covering injury or loss of life of em-ployes

We pledge the Democratic party to We pleage the Denocrate party to the enactment of a law creating a de-partment of labor, represented separ-ately in the president's cabinet, which department shall include the subject of mines and mining.

THE NAVY.

The constitutional provision that a navy shall be provided and maintained means an adequate navy, and we be-lieve that the interests of this coun-try would be best served by having a pavy sufficient to defend the coasts of this country and protect American citi-zens wherever their rights may be in iconardy. jeopardy.

PROTECTION OF AMERICANS.

PROTECTION OF AMERICANS. We pledge ourselves to insist upon the fust and lawful protection of our citi-genes at home and abroad, and to use at proper methods to secure for them, whicher mailve born or naturalized, and without distinction of race or creed, by methods the spin status and the en-ponent of all rights and privileges open to them under our treaty; and if, index saisting treaties, the right of race and solourn is denied to Ameri-an citizens, or recognition is withheld from American passports by any outries on the ground of race of creed, we favor prompt negotiations with the governments of such cour-sites to secure the removal of these of such secure the removal of the soluted states by authenticated passport issued by the government of the United States of fact that he is an American citizen shall be proof of and shall entitle him to the treatment of the government.

CIVIL SERVICE. The laws pertaining to the civil service should be honestly and rigidly enforced, to the end that merit and sbilly shall be the standard of appoint-ment and promotion safes these ment and promotion rather than ser-

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lands, the clarification of streams, the development of water power, and the preservation of electric power generat-ed by this natural force from the con-

preservation of electric power scheme ed by this natural force from the con-trol of monopoly, and to this end we arge the exercise of all powers, nation-al, state and municipal, both separate-ly and in co-operation. We insist upon a policy of adminis-tration of our forest reserves which shall relieve it of the abuses which have arisen thereunder, and which shall as far as practicable, conform to the police regulations of the several states where they are located, which shall enable homesteaders as of right to oc-cupy and acquire title to all portions thereot which are especially adapted to agriculture, and which shall furnish a system of timber sales available as well to the private citizen as to the larger manufacturer and consumer. larger manufacturer and consumer.

HAWAII.

We favor the application of the prin-ciples of the land laws of the United States to our newly acquired tercitory. Hawaii, to the end that the public Hawaii. lands of that territory may be held and utilized for the benefit of bona fide homesteaders.

PHILIPPINES POLICY.

We condemn the experiment in im-perialism as an unexcusable blunder, which has involved us in an enormous which has involved us in an enormous expense, brought us weakness instead of strength, and laid our nation open to the charge of abandoning a funda-mental doctrine of self-government. We favor an immediate declaration of the nation's purpose to recognize the in-dependence of the Philippine Islands are not as a stable government can be dependence of the Philippine Islands as soon as a stable government can be established, such independence to be guaranteed by us as we guarantee the independence of Cuba, until the neu-tralization of the islands can be secured by treaty with other powers. In recog-nizing the inpedence of the Philippines our government should retain such land as may be necessaray for coal-ing stations and naval bases.

ALASKA AND PORTO RICO.

We demand for the people of Alaska We demand for the propie of Alasad and Porto Rico the full enjoyment of the rights and privileges of a terri-torial form of government, and the officials appointed to administer the government of all our territories and the District of Columbia should be thoroughly qualified by previous bona folds residence fide residence.

PANAMA CANAL.

We believe that the Panama canal will prove of great value to our coun-try and favor its speedy completion.

PAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP. PAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP. The Democratic party recognizes the importance and advantage of develop-ing closer ties of pan-American friendship and commerce between the United States and her sister nations of Latin-America and favors the tak-ing of such steps, consistent with Dem-ocratic policies. For better acquaint-ance, greater mutual confidence and larger exchange of trade, as will bring lasting benefit not only to the United States, but to this group of American republics, having constitutions, forms of government, ambitions and inter-csts akth to our own. ests akin to our own,

ASIATIC IMMIGRATION

The sent and promotion rather than ser-fices rendered to a political party. PENSIONS. We favor a generous pension policy, We favor a generous pension policy,