

The Democrat.

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1870.

OREGON DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

ADOPTED AT ALBANY, MARCH 23, 1870.

The Democracy of the State of Oregon, through their delegates in convention assembled, in accordance with long established usage, proclaim the following as their platform of action:

1st. That they are unanimously attached to the principles of our Republic, as expounded by its founders, and that the paramount object of their organization should be to uphold and maintain those principles inviolate.

2nd. That they hold those political parties, who, occupying positions of trust, claiming to be representatives of the people, have usurped the authority conferred to them, maliciously trampled under foot our sacred bill of rights, made civil law subordinate to military rule, perverted the functions of government and endeavored to concentrate the powers in the hands of an oligarchy, wholly disregarding the will and wishes of their constituents, and insidiously endeavoring to disparage, depose and stigmatize the once proud title of American citizenship, as enemies to the best interests of the Commonwealth.

3rd. That the so-called reconstruction measures, attempted to be carried out by the present party in power, is a nefarious scheme, revolutionary in design, treasonable in execution, one which if acquiesced in as a legitimate exercise of authority, will establish a most dangerous precedent and imperil the safety and perpetuity of our form of government, and that the present Democratic party, in Congress of the United States, from this State, in supporting those measures, have misrepresented the wishes and outraged the sentiments of the people of Oregon.

4th. That the systematic efforts made by that party, to extend to the African, Indian and the Chinese, all the civil and political rights and privileges enjoyed by the white race, evince a design on the part of its leaders to destroy the high estimate placed on that invaluable heritage and render despotism less objectionable and more easy of accomplishment.

5th. That the ratification of the recently proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, extending the right of suffrage to the benighted negro and Indian, and which opens the door for the enjoyment to the lawless Chinese, is irregular, arbitrary and unlawful, and they most earnestly protest against the passage by the United States Congress of the pending act designed to enforce the obnoxious and illegal provision.

6th. That they urge and entreat a repeal of the recent treaty concluded between the United States and China, which guarantees to the latter nation such extensive privileges and immunities without corresponding benefits to American citizens, and to its border of semi-barbarians such favorable inducements to swarm in upon us, occupy our mineral and agricultural districts, create a ruinous competition with our laboring masses, establish various pursuits, disgusting rites, ceremonies and practices in our midst, and repel the honest immigration of our own race, decrease the white population, retard thrift, impede the advancement of education and civilization, and drain from our resources and send away our ablest men, wealth, and demoralize and apostatize our community, and they resolve, that a party who will sustain a policy so unwelcome, ruinous and repulsive, and which upholds such an infamous bargain, as unworthy the support of white men.

7th. That in the management of the municipal affairs, they urge a judicious application of the principles of sound political economy, a laudable encouragement to agriculture, mining, manufacturing and commercial industries, a just and equitable protection to the laborer and the capitalist, and the faithful discharge of the duties of government, that the government should be administered for the people, and not against them, in protecting their rights and interests, and not in fostering monopolies to prey upon them and depolitize their substance. That a system of taxation which has for its object the establishment of privileged orders under the government, either by preferring one class to another, or by imposing burdens upon the tax-payers while conferring favors, exemptions, and other benefits upon the holders of government securities, deserves no other name than legalized public plunder.

8th. That the continual payment of the semi-annual interest on the bonded debt of the United States, without abatement, together with other enormous expenses for which the people are taxed, make a burden too intolerable to be borne without an effort to find some speedy means of relief. That the amount of the bonded debt is increased more than two fold, by the annual, and unjustifiable terms of its contraction, that their is neither justice or wisdom in the repeated payment of the principle by the continual payment of the interest. That it is no part of good policy or good government to embarrass the energies of labor, and all business enterprise by excessive and oppressive taxation for the exclusive benefit of a combination of unscrupulous capitalists, that to relieve the country and to restore prosperity, we favor an equitable adjustment of the bonded debt of the United States.

9th. That the desire of the present Congress, as manifested by its proceedings, to secure to the wealthy bond-holder payment in coin on account of indebtedness growing out of loans to the United States treasury notes, when worth less than one-half their coin value, after the holders thereof have received exorbitant interests thereon, and at the same time leaving the penniless due unfortunate soldiers, their wives, children or other kindred, to be paid in a depreciated currency, exhibits a spirit of injustice unparalleled in the history of class legislation, and fully demonstrates the existence of a design on the part of the monetary aristocracy of the country to influence the establishment of a policy favoring the aggrandizement of the rich at the expense of the poor, a policy which has for its object the aggregation of wealth, opulence and power on the one hand, and misery, poverty and slavery on the other; a policy fitted only to a monarchical form of government.

10th. That the Democracy of this State now, as heretofore, are strenuous advocates of a tariff for purposes of revenue only. That the principle of "protection for the sake of protection," is at war with the diversified interests of the people of the State, and experience has shown its tendency to aggrandize a class in the community at the expense and to the injury of the producing and laboring millions, taxing the industry, especially in violation of the authority of the Constitution, and of the great principle that should govern this people in their intercourse with the family of nations.

11th. That we favor the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, rescinding the XIV and XV amendments.

12th. That we are in favor of a liberal policy being pursued by the Legislature of this State in the bestowal of land grants to her for the purpose of public improvement.

13th. That the Governor and resigning members of the Legislature in engaging in a conspiracy to overthrow the State government, collect large amounts of coin as revenue to be drawn from the business and hard earnings of the people to be idle in the treasury, or to be the subjects of gambling speculations in warrants, bonds and other securities, were guilty of a high crime against the government of Oregon, rendering them unworthy the respect and confidence of the people or of being further entrusted with the administration of the government. And while we do not countenance the action of the Governor and resigning members, we unhesitatingly approve and endorse the conduct of the Democratic members in earnestly and faithfully striving to restore and maintain the organization of the Legislature, and provide for the due administration of the law.

14th. That the result of the Jersey City election was a sweeping Democratic victory—Charles H. O'Neil is the new Mayor, by a majority of 3,812.

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