

time it gave you prosperity and progress with ever increasing diversity of industries, with increasing values for our products and with ever increasing wages for the employed. You have also tried the Democratic party. You placed it in control of Congress and gave it the Presidency. It wove its doctrines into legislation. Immediately every industry was paralyzed, while every branch of trade and commerce became stagnant and still. Then the Republican party again came into power, and with it came hope and confidence and new life and prosperity. Do you want to abandon these? If so, vote the Democratic ticket.

DEMOCRATIC PROFESSIONS.

But what is now offered by the Democratic party that it has not offered before? What new excuses has this party of broken promises and false prophecies, this party of lunacy and bankruptcy, to offer in order to tempt you once again to trust it with the destinies of your state and Nation? Does it profess any new light? Not at all, positively nothing. It is the same old party, unwashed and unrepentant. It does not come, as it should,

Owning its weakness, its evil behavior,
And leaving, with meekness, its sin to its Savior.

But it comes, in its same old wicked garments, comes trippingly, mincingly, waiting along as if it had always had the confidence of decent and respectable society, as if it never in all its history ruined prosperity, destroyed an industry or betrayed a confiding public.

Does it say that it has abandoned its evil associates or renounced any of its former doctrines, which resulted in so much misery and suffering to our people? Not one, not a single one. It still stands for free silver and free trade. True, it does not in this state put these forward as cardinal doctrines, but it makes no pretense of having discarded either.

They say, however—and this is the opening sentence in their state platform—that “the wealth of the country is fast passing into the hands of the favored few.”

Well, I confess that I thought that point well taken, when I visited their state convention the other day and saw them raise over \$2000 in 10 minutes for the use of their campaign committee. I thought in that instance that Sam White was of the “favored few.” But just think of it! When, during a Democratic administration, could \$2000 have been raised in a political convention, particularly a Democratic convention, where they have to pay for so many things, or rather for one thing, so many times? Then they denounce what they are pleased to designate as the “trust-breeding, high-tariff laws of the Republican party.” It was doubtless due to the soup-house-erecting, pauper-breeding, industry-destroying, commerce-killing, Democratic free-trade tariff of 1893. But mark you the remedy they propose. It is so different from the remedy they proposed in 1893 and 1896. They then boldly demanded free silver and free trade; now they meekly suggest that “the preservation of the inherent rights of mankind demand a return of the country to the principles of true Democracy.” They don’t tell us what the principles of “true Democracy” are, and probably their reason for not telling is given in the concluding sentence of their platform, where it is stated that “the Democracy of Oregon is not forgetful of past experiences, but looks forward and upward with a view of keeping step with the march of progress.”

Now that is evidence of wisdom which our previous experience with Democrats has not led us to suspect them of possessing. In view of the fact that they are not forgetful of past experiences, it was well that they should not explain what they meant by a “return to the principles of true Democracy.” Fortunately, however, the people also are not forgetful of their past experiences with the “principles of true Democracy,” and they don’t require a Kipling to ring out through this land—