DEMOCRATS PLAN PLATFORM

County Committee Adopts Document Dealing With Important National Issues.

TARIFF AND RAILROAD REFORM IS FAVORED

Administrations of Governor Chamberlain, Mayor Lane and Sheriff Word Indorsed—Committee Decides to Meet Every Other Week.

A platform was adopted by the Democratic county central committee at a meeting of the committee and the candidates at county headquarters last night. National issues are the principal feature of the platform, which advocates a reduction of the tariff; the repeal of the prohibitive 10 per cent tax in favor of national banks, as banks of issue; radical reforms in the present system of land holding, and public regulation and control of all railroads and public service corporations.

The policy of maintaining a military government in the Philippine islands is condemned as a violation of one of the fundamental principles of equality before the law. The collection of private debts of American citizens by use of the forces of this government against other nations is condemned. The Democratic doctrine is repeated that each locality must be left to the government of its own affairs. The establishment of bureau after bureau at Washington for the regulation of local rights and local affairs is declared a dangerous centralization of power.

The arbitrary power vested in the secretaries of the treasury and of labor and commerce is declared to be a power too dangerous to permit in any republic where there is a tendency to the growth of a distinct governing class. A reduction of the expenditures for military and naval forces is favored. The tendency to depend more and more on the power of a police force and a militia is deplored and the sweat box system is characterized as a return to the barbarism of the dark ages. The platform denounces the system of making the speaker of the house of representatives an absolute dictator.

Other Planks in Platform.

Other provisions of the platform are, in brief, as follows:

"We favor the election of United States senators by the direct vote of the people and we declare that the true intention of the present law, allowing the people of Oregon to vote in nomination of a United States senator, is to accomplish this purpose, and that whoever receives the majority vote of the people of the state ought, in effect, to be considered as elected by the people to that office and that the state legislature ought to execute this mandate of the people without any other consideration whatever.

"We shall continue to support the principles embodied in the initiative and referendum and the direct nomination by the people at the primaries as being measures harmonious to the true Democratic doctrine that the government is for the people and must, as far as possible, be directly by the people.

"We are in favor of the recall for all city, county and state offices.

"So long as the present system continues we are in favor of either a corporation franchise tax or some division of profits by the public utility franchise holders with the people.

"We desire to protest against the folly of attempting to remedy the evils of natural monopolies such as public utility corporations by the creation of more of the same natural monopolies under the false and misleading title of 'competition.'

"We advocate a revision of our laws for the regulation and protection of natural monopolies, such as water, timber and minerals, so that the right to control the same shall be made to depend upon use.

"In conclusion, the Democrats of the state of Oregon believe they can point with pride to the economical and intelligent execution of the laws by Governor Chamberlain, Mayor Lane, Sheriff Word and other Democrats who have been selected by the people to hold office."

The county central committee will meet next Wednesday evening and every other Wednesday during the campaign.

A joint meeting of the Multnomah Democratic club and the Young Men's Democratic club will be held at the county headquarters Friday evening. Prominent speakers will be present and music will be provided.

REPUBLICANS WILL NOW GET TOGETHER

A conference of all the Republican clubs of Portland was held at the Columbia building last night for the purpose of arranging for consolidation. The conference was called by C. E. Lockwood and the following club representatives were present: Republican club of Multnomah, F. E. Beach, D. J. Quimby, W. B. Chase, Ralph W. Hoyt; Multnomah Republican league, Dr. O. P. S. Plummer, M. S. Griffin, John Gill, S. H. Gruber, N. H. Bird; Young Men's Republican club, Charles E. Lockwood, J. L. Day.

One of the avowed objects of the proposed organization was to protect the Republican clubs from the suspicion of grafting. Vague charges have been made for some time that one of the clubs had "held up" candidates. M. G. Griffin said it was time to speak plainly and that he believed that the Republican party was opposed to assessing candidates. It was the unanimous opinion of all present that all the clubs should unite and the representatives were instructed to report this decision to their several clubs.

COLONEL WOOD WILL ADDRESS DEMOCRATS

Colonel C. E. S. Wood has accepted the invitation to make the principal speech at the joint public meeting of the Multnomah and Young Men's Democratic clubs at the headquarters of the county committee, at 127 Seventh street, Friday night. Besides Colonel Wood other prominent speakers will be present. The public is invited to attend.

San Francisco Musicians.

Ellers Piano House will continue to furnish musical instruments free to professional musicians who suffered reverses in the San Francisco disaster. Apply to Mr. McCormick, Park and Washington streets.