

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

We, your committee on Platform and Resolutions beg leave to report as follows: The Republicans in the State of Oregon, in convention assembled, reaffirming their allegiance to, and confidence in, the great Republican party, of the maintenance of whose grand achievements and long and successful administration of the government of the United States they have so much cause to be proud, and the glory of which they are entitled to show, now make and present the following statement of their principles and policy: First—We favor honest and efficient administration of the departments of government both State and National.

Second—The right of the citizen to vote, by law, and to have his vote honestly counted, ought to be respected and all efforts to control or limit that right deserves the condemnation of all good citizens. Third—That while disclaiming the right to interfere with the administration of the internal affairs of foreign nations, we sincerely approve the efforts of Irish and English statesmen to secure by peaceful methods the American principle of "Home Rule" for Ireland.

Fourth—That we are in favor of such legislation as should prohibit and punish the manufacture of adulterated foods. Fifth—That we are in favor of the enactment of a law by Congress, whereby the homestead and pre-emption rights of settlers shall not be forfeited by cancellation of filings by the land department when settlement or filings are made in good faith. Sixth—That we favor the encouragement and development of our State by the construction of railroads and other systems of transportation and that we hold all corporations to be strictly responsible to their liabilities under the law, and recognize the right of the Legislature to enact all reasonable limitations on corporate power.

Seventh—That we regard the further immigration into the United States of Chinese laborers as directly opposed to the interests of American labor; and we therefore heartily approve the action of the Republican Senate in providing by proper legislation for so amending our treaties with China as to prevent their further immigration here. Eighth—We recognize that the nation owes a debt to the surviving veterans of the rebellion which can not be adequately repaid, and hold to be the duty of the general government to provide for the necessities of them and theirs by prompt payment of liberal pensions.

Ninth—That the action of President Cleveland in ordering the return of the rebel flags was an unwarranted assumption of the right to use for political purposes the trophies of a valor he did not possess and the fruits of a victory he did not help to secure. Tenth—While we approve every honest effort to preserve our public lands by the punishment of willful trespasses upon them, and are in favor of such measures as will encourage our citizens to settle upon and improve them, we condemn the action of the present administration in its persistent efforts to protect such lands of a color of which, instead of pursuing the policy of the Republican administration by causing the arrest and punishment of those only whose actions appeared to have been dishonest and criminal, it has refused to cause said lands to be surveyed, thereby encouraging their settlement by people needing and desiring to take them.

Eleventh—That the policy of the Democratic administration, which would place wool and lumber on the free list and woaden goods on the highly protected list, cotton prints on the free list, and other similar articles; and which policy would continue the collection of \$50,000,000 on sugar each year, while at the same time the majority applied the claim to carry out the President's idea that a tariff tax is robbery of the people, constitutes a piece of unwarlike political dishonesty having for its sole object the success of the Democratic party at the next election, even at the expense of the practical destruction of many of our most important agricultural and manufacturing industries. Twelfth—We favor the policy of providing, chiefly for the revenues of the general government and for the purposes essential to the general government, a system of cities levied upon imports so adjusted as to discriminate in favor of domestic industries and productions and in favor of American labor, and we declare in favor of reducing the annual surplus revenues of the government by a certain glee of duty such articles of general use, as cannot be largely produced or manufactured by our own people.

Thirteenth—That we denounce the attempts of the Democratic administration to degrade the honest toil of America to a level with the paltry labor of the Old World. Fourteenth—We denounce and dis-

approve the refusal of President Cleveland to approve the river and harbor bill, and we denounce the action of the Secretary of War in what seems to be a studied attempt to delay the improvement of the Columbia river; and fully recognizing the importance of our great waterways as regulators of freight charges, not only on the waterways themselves but on the railroads as well, we insist that our great rivers should be free and open to the sea, and we demand of the general government need of appropriations therefor. At the same time we recommend the next Legislature to take proper and adequate steps to insist at once in opening the great river to general commerce. Lastly—We denounce the civil service reform propositions of President Cleveland as a sham and fraud, as promises made to secure votes before election, and the violations of which has been as constant as the number of the Democratic office-seekers could demand.

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