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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 or pre-emption rights of settlers shall not be forfeited by cancellation of filings by the land department when settlement or filing is 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 an amending our treaties with China as to prevent their further immigration here.

Eighth—We recognize that the nation owns a debt to the surviving veterans of the rebellion which cannot be adequately repaid, and hold it to be the duty of the general government to provide for the necessities of them and their's 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 trespassers 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 pretended efforts to protect such lands under 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, therefore discouraging their settlement by people needing and desiring to take them. The administration also filled the country with a horde of officers styling themselves "special agents of the interior department," who have been made to act as spies and informers upon such of the honest citizens as have ventured to settle upon the public lands for the purpose of carving for themselves homes in the wilderness and charges false and infamous, and publicly branding them as robbers and thieves, has caused them to be dragged into both the civil and criminal courts to be tried upon false and fictitious charges, thereby compelling them to incur the expense of two defenses against the same act; has caused these same special agents to raise questions and dispute the right of honest citizens to require title to the public lands upon which they have honestly and in good faith settled and for which they have paid their money and acting upon the suggestion of these agents the officials having such matters in charge have under the direction of the administration, like a court organized to convict, deprived the settler of his land, robbed him of the benefit of his labor and refused to return

his money; and these wrongs have been perpetuated against the settler with no apparent object but to furnish a pretext for so-called Democratic reform.

Eleventh—That the policy of the Democratic administration, which would place wool and lumber on the free list, and woolen goods on the highly protected list, cotton prints on the free list, and other similar articles; hoop iron on the protected list; and which policy would continue the collection of \$50,000,000 on sugar each year, while at the same time the majority applaud the claim to carry out the president's idea that a tariff tax is a robbery of the people, constitutes a piece of unparalleled 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 duties 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 admitting free of duty such articles of general use as cannot be largely produced or manufactured by our own people.

Thirteenth—That we deprecate the attempts of the Democratic administration to degrade the honest toil of America to a level with pauper labor of the old world.

Fourteenth—We denounce and deplore 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 rivers should be free and open to the sea, and we demand of the general government's needed appropriations therefor. At the same time we recommend the next legislature to take proper and adequate steps to assist at once in opening the great river to general commerce.

Lastly—We denounce the civil service reform professions of president Cleveland as a sham and a fraud, as promises made to secure votes before election, and the violation of which has been as constant as the Democratic office seekers could demand.

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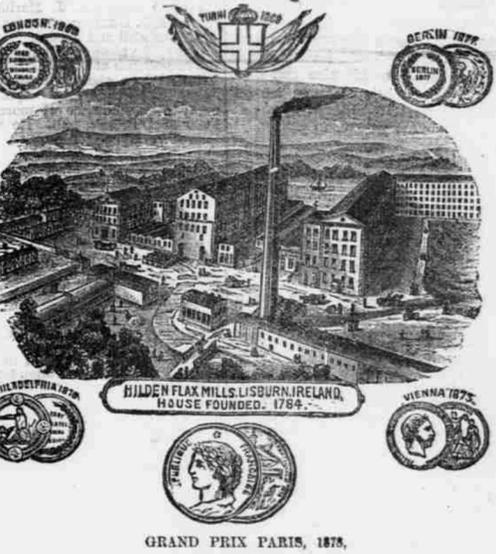
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