

DEMOCRATIC PLATGORM

Adopted by the State Convention at Portland.

The democratic party of the state of Oregon, in convention assembled, do make, declare, and adopt, the following resolutions:

"First—Whereas, the present depressed condition of the country and the shrinkage of values are largely due to the financial system which has controlled the nation for more than 20 years last past, we, the democracy of the state of Oregon, hereby declare ourselves as unalterably opposed to the single gold standard, and demand the immediate return to the constitutional standard of gold and silver by the restoration by the general government independently of any foreign power, of the unrestricted coinage of both gold and silver into standard money at the ratio of 16 to 1, and upon terms of exact equality, as they existed prior to 1873, the silver coin to be a full legal tender equally with gold, for all debts and dues, public and private, and we denounce all discrimination by the government against either gold or silver currency of the country. We demand that the secretary of the treasury shall coin into standard silver dollars, as soon as practicable, all the silver bullion now in treasury of the United States, which represents the silver seigniorage or coinage profit to the government; also all silver bullion that may hereafter be offered for coinage.

"Second—We demand the repeal of all specific contract laws, state and national.

"Third—We favor the construction of the Nicaraguan canal and its control by the general government.

"Fourth—We are in favor of a tariff for revenue only, so adjusted that it shall affect alike our commerce, our agriculture, our labor and our manufacture.

"Fifth—We demand of the general government rigid enforcement of the Monroe doctrine.

"Sixth—We demand a reduction of all salaries, federal and state, commensurate with the depressed condition of the country; that the compensation of all state officers shall be kept strictly within the letter of the constitution; that all laws now existing providing extra fees or compensation for any duty or services imposed by law upon such officers shall be repealed.

"Seventh—We demand the repeal of the laws creating the railroad commission, and all other useless commissions.

"Eighth—We instruct our delegates elected to represent us in the national convention to support only a candidate in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

"Ninth—We demand the reenactment of the mortgage tax law, and the amendment of our assessment laws so that all recorded indebtedness of the taxpayers shall be deducted from his assessment.

"Tenth—We denounce the extravagant acts of the last legislature as co-extensive with fraud, jobbery, and squandering of the people's money, and we censure and hold

the republican majority responsible for the present condition of our public debt and high rate of taxation.

"Eleventh—We favor a judicious expenditure of the public money for the purpose of opening up and improving our waterways and harbors.

"Twelfth—Religious differences should find no place in American politics, and the democratic party is unalterably opposed to the spirit of intolerant bigotry fostered for political purposes by those who seek to breed discord and animosities among the citizens of the republic; secret political parties are a curse to party, state and nation. We heartily welcome the assistance of all good citizens who will cooperate in the suppression of any political movement organized for religious proscription.

"Thirteenth—Resolved, that we, the democratic party of the state of Oregon in convention assembled, hereby earnestly ask the congress of the United States to take up the bills now pending before their respective bodies, viz: the house of representatives and the senate of

the United States, providing for a survival pension of the Indian war veterans of the United States, and pass said bills.

"Fourteenth—We favor the preservation of the salmon industry of the state by abolishing all fishtraps, fishwheels and small mesh gear, and denounce the republican party of the state for refusing to keep its pledge to afford such urgent relief."

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