

**Synopsis of Democratic Platform.**

"Shall the people rule?"

**INJUNCTIONS.**—Attempt of representatives to raise issue on attack of integrity of courts resented. Congress should guard against abuse of judicial process. Anti-injunction measure passed by Senate in 1896 should become a law. Injunctions should not issue in cases where they would not issue if no industrial dispute were involved.

**LABOR.**—Right of wage-earners to organize should not be abridged and such organizations should not be regarded as in restraint of trade. Eight hour day employers' liability and department of labor, including mines, should be enacted.

**TARIFF.**—Tariff should be immediately reduced. Articles competing with trust-controlled products should be free; material made on necessities of life, especially such as compete with American manufacturers sold more cheaply abroad than at home; gradual reductions made on other schedules to restore tariff to revenue basis. Tariff on wood pulp, print paper, lumber, timber and logs should be immediately repealed.

**ABUSE OF PATRONAGE.**—Condemns President Roosevelt for using Federal machinery to force nomination of Taft, thereby depriving the people of the right of selection. Acts not justified by good intention.

**PUBLICITY PLANK.**—Demands Federal legislation terminating partnership between the corporations and the Republican party; favors law making it felony for any officer of any corporation to contribute or to consent to the contribution of money or anything of value to further the election of a President, Vice-President or any member of Congress.

**CENTRALIZED GOVERNMENT.**—Opposes centralization implied in suggestion that the powers of the general government should be extended to curb exploiting interests.

**ECONOMY.**—Denounces heedless waste of peoples' money by Roosevelt administration; pledges party to stop appalling waste of revenue; money squandered wrong from people by indirect taxation.

**BANKING.**—Panic of 1907 shows unwillingness or inability of Republican party to protect country against financial disturbances, causes sins of Wall street to be visited on whole people; condemns Aldrich bill as impairing security of depositors; favors law governing National bank deposits; favors postal savings bank only in case guarantee law cannot be passed and provided money deposited in postal banks be kept at home and not indirectly turned over to Wall street.

**RATE REGULATION.**—Asserts right of courts to exercise complete control over interstate commerce and the right of each state to exercise control over commerce within its borders; demands enlarged powers for interstate commission giving it the initiative with reference to rates and charges; no interstate rate to be lawful until approved by commission.

**POWERS OF SPEAKER.**—Pledges party to make House of Representatives again the popular branch of the Government, and not the creature of one member.

**ARMY OF OFFICE-HOLDERS.**—Charges Roosevelt administration with building up a bureaucracy by creating 99,319 new offices in six years; as dangerous as purchase of votes at polls.

**WATERWAYS.**—The National Government having control of all navigable waters, should improve its waterways to the fullest capacity; adoption of liberal and comprehensive plan favored;

indorses scheme to open Mississippi from Great Lakes to the Gulf.

**AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP.**—Insist on full protection for all American citizens, native or naturalized, while traveling or sojourning abroad.

**ELECTION OF SENATORS.**—Favors election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

**LATIN AMERICA.**—Recognizes importance and advisability of developing closer relations with Latin-American republics.

**TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES.**—Pledges party to enact law to regulate telegraph and telephone rates through Interstate Commerce Commission.

**PHILIPPINES.**—Condemns "experiment in imperialism as an inexcusable blunder," favors immediate declaration of Nation's purpose to recognize independence of the Philippines as soon as a stable government can be established.

**INCOME TAX.**—Favors an income tax as part of revenue system and recommends constitutional amendment giving Congress power to pass law.

**CIVIL SERVICE.**—Favors honest and rigid enforcement of civil service laws, without regard to party.

**GRAZING LANDS.**—Favors leaving establishment of rules and regulations for grazing lands in forest reserves to people of states in which such reserves lie.

**ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO.**—Urges immediate admission of Arizona and New Mexico as separate states.

**NAVY.**—Declares for an adequate navy for coast defense and to protect citizens and their property in foreign lands.

**ASIATIC IMMIGRATION.**—Opposes admission of Asiatic immigrants who can not be amalgamated into population of United States.

**OKLAHOMA.**—New state warmly welcomed to Union.

**ALASKA AND PORTO RICO.**—Demands for the territories all rights and privileges of a territorial form of government; all officials appointed to be residents of territory.

**HAWAII.**—Recommends extension of land laws of United States to Hawaii.

**MERCHANT MARINE.**—Declares for upbuilding of merchant marine without new burdens on people; subsidies opposed.

**TRUSTS.**—Declares for vigorous reform of criminal laws for punishment of law-breaking trust magnates and officials, first by forbidding duplication of directors; second, by a Federal license system, and third, by fixing a uniform scale of prices.

**MINOR PLANKS.**—Advocates National bureau of public health; favors speedy completion of Panama canal; favors establishment of district agricultural experimental stations and secondary agricultural and mechanical colleges in the several states; favors Federal aid for state and local postroads; favors minor changes in patent laws; favors generous pension policy.

**NATURAL RESOURCES.**—Demands conservation of all natural resources by state, municipal and Federal authorities acting separately and in co-operation to prevent waste and monopoly; demands correction of abuses in forest reserve management.

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