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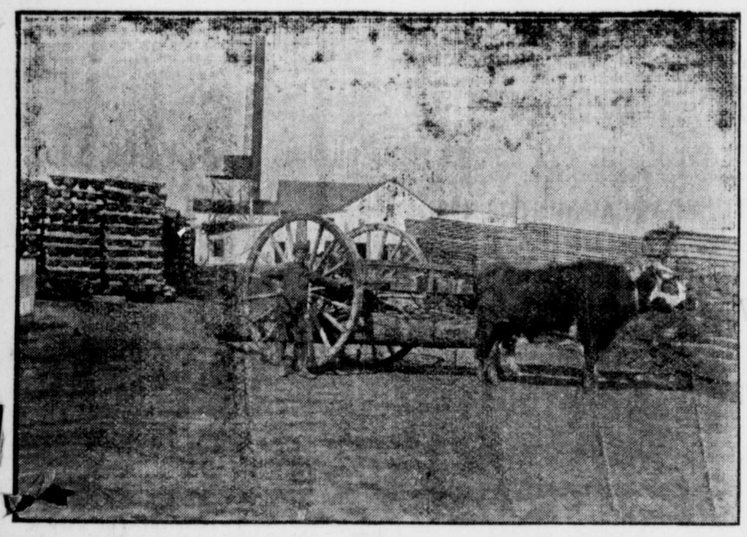

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THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

Lines on Which the Fight Will be Made This Fall.

The committee on resolutions had considerable discussion over the plank touching upon the oyster law, started by Senator Applegarth, but finally decided to report the resolution without amendment.

The report was made by Colonel Schley immediately after Chairman Newnam ceased speaking. It was applauded and unanimously adopted. It is as follows:

"Called together for the purpose of nominating our State ticket and declaring the principles and policy which should be observed in the administration of our State affairs, we, the representatives of the Democracy of Maryland, do not feel it to be necessary at this time to do more in regard to national issues than to reaffirm our steadfast allegiance to the cardinal doctrines of the Democratic party as expounded by its illustrious founder, Thomas Jefferson, and our undiminished belief that adherence to these doctrines will best preserve in its original integrity and strength the constitutional government established by the fathers of the Republic.

"We confidently ask the support of the people at the election in November next for the State and local candidates of our party, because we believe that their success is necessary to secure to the State a continuance of the good government which our citizens now enjoy under Democratic control.

"After four years' experience of Republican rule the people cast it off, and since the beginning of the year 1900 all branches of our State government have been administered by Democratic officials. These officers have performed their duty with absolute fidelity to the interests of the people. They have guarded with care the State's investments and have so prudently and economically managed the public institutions owned by the State as to make them equal to the very best in the Union.

"Governor John Walter Smith has strictly and impartially enforced the laws. The turbulence and disorder which Republican success encouraged and engendered in a class of our inhabitants have been largely repressed, so that safety to person and property is now assured.

"The record of the Democratic party demonstrates that while it has always favored and promoted the development of the material interests of the State and the people by proper encouragement of corporate enterprise, it has at the same time kept itself free from obligations of corporate wealth and power, steadily acting upon the sound Democratic doctrine of equal advantages to all, special privileges to none; and we feel that it may safely be trusted without explicit pledge to adhere to this wise, just and conservative policy.

THE OYSTER QUESTION.

"Confessedly difficult as is legislation affecting the development and protection of the oyster and other kindred products of the Chesapeake bay and its tributaries, we are especially gratified to be able to declare that the act passed at the session of 1900 relating to these important interests has thus far met the expectations of its framers.

"While it has not provided revenues sufficient to put back into the treasury the deficiency of $35,000 left us by the Republicans, it has nevertheless made our State fishery force more than self-supporting, and will undoubtedly give us a handsome surplus at the end of the fiscal year.

"Moreover, under its provisions, encouraging progress has been made in the development and preservation of our oyster beds, which constitute so vast a source of State wealth, and full protection is given to the large number of worthy and sturdy men who are engaged in the prosecution of this great and valuable industry.

"Objections to some of its details which experience has developed, as well as some defects, which have been noticed can be remedied, and we favor such appropriate amendments as will remove all reasonable ground of complaint, and make the law thoroughly effective and satisfactory.

TO EXAMINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

"The Democratic party of Maryland, always the advocate and supporter of a broad and liberal public school system, reaffirms its belief that the problem of popular education is among the most important with which the State must deal.

"The progress, comfort and happiness of the Commonwealth are advanced by the education of the masses. A free people must be developed and educated by free schools.

"We have good reason to be proud of our admirable school system, but as the State advances and education becomes more general the methods of administering our public schools must be improved to keep pace with the public demand, and to remove well-founded complaint and dissatisfaction.

"Above all things they should be conducted without reference to politics, and should be absolutely free from partisan interference or dictation.

"Teachers should be appointed and retained for their fitness only, and should be safe from removal except for cause, after reasonable opportunity to be heard in their own defense.

"We accordingly recommend the passage by the next Legislature of an act providing for the appointment by the Governor of a commission of prominent citizens, selected irrespective of their political views, from among those who are personally interested in the improvement and efficiency of our public schools, whose duty it shall be to examine into their condition and management, and to report what amendments of our existing law are necessary to reform whatever shall be found defective in their administration, and in the method of appointment and tenure of the commissioners.

THE EXTRA SESSION.

"We heartily commend the wisdom and courage of Gov. John Walter Smith in calling the recent extra session of the Legislature and we feel that our thanks are due to our Democratic Senators and Delegates for the admirable and conservative legislation enacted at that session in the face of many and serious difficulties.

THE STATE CENSUS.

"The painful and disgraceful disclosures made in the recent trials in the Circuit Court of the United States in Baltimore city of the parties charged with falsifying the Federal census in some of the counties of the State amply demonstrate the wisdom and necessity of our late State census.

"Whatever doubts may once have existed upon this subject have been thoroughly dispelled, and the result attained, vis., an absolutely fair and proper representation of the counties in the House of Delegates is well worth the money which it cost.

"In taking the important step of calling the extra session the Governor was simply exercising the expressed power conferred and performing the special duty imposed upon him by the Constitution. Had he omitted the performance of his duty the results of the flagrant frauds in the federal census which judicial investigation has so fully exposed would have been fastened upon us for 10 years without possibility of redress.

"Indeed, the alternative presented to the Governor of accepting as true a false and fradulent enumeration of our population, deliberately made to serve dishonest political purposes, or of putting the State to the expense of an extra session of the Legislature to frustrate so disreputable a conspiracy, was one as to which there was no room for serious hesitation, and we confidently appeal to the people to indorse his action in this important matter and to approve by their votes the prompt response of the Legislature to his call.

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION LAW.

"The experience of 10 years having demonstrated that changes in our Australian ballot system was necessary to put an end to the intimidation, bribery and fraud for which as enacted in Maryland, it has been found to afford such ample facilities, and, the demands for these reforms being great and urgent, the Governor felt it to be his imperative duty to give the people an opportunity for relief, and, although the calling of an extra session necessarily involved a considerable expenditure of money, yet the cost was not to be weighed against the benefits of a free, honest and enlightened suffrage.

"We stand by the emphatic utterances of the State Central Committee on this subject at its meeting in Annapolis on the 16th day of March last and approve of the amendments to our Election Law made at the extra session, believing that they are free from valid Constitutional objections, in all respects impartial, fair and just; that they will do much to purify and elevate the suffrage and make the votes cast what for many years they have not been—the real expression of the will of each and every voter.

"We believe that our elections should be controlled by the votes of our own people exclusively and that persons who permanently reside outside the limits of the State should not be permitted to register and vote. We therefore declare our hearty approval of the amendment passed at the special session covering this important subject.

"Indeed, the startling revelation made by our recent State census that our registration books contain many thousands of names of voters who could not be found, is of itself a complete vindication of the necessity of this amendment and an effectual answer to those who are now asking for its repeal.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

"We favor the passage of a general law relating to primary elections and applicable to the whole State, so drawn as to reform abuses wherever complained of and to secure to all political parties the selection of candidates chosen by methods beyond objection or reproach.

"We pledge our party to the continuance of an economical administration of our State finances and to such legislation as will keep down to the lowest proper limit the burdens of taxation.

WHITE MEN TO CONTROL.

"The Democratic party represents more than 40,000 majority of the white people of Maryland. They in common with their brethren of other States into which large masses of colored voters have been injected into the body politic recognize that the peace, good order, personal safety and proper development of our material interests depend upon the control of the Commonwealth by its intelligent white residents. Without the aid of the 60,000 colored voters the Republican party in Maryland would be a hopeless minority.

"We therefore without hesitation proclaim that the success of the Democratic party will mean that while we shall deal with perfect fairness in securing all the benefits of good government and full and free opportunities for education to all classes, such action must be taken as to prevent the control of the State government from passing into the hands of those who have neither the ability nor the interest to manage public affairs wisely and well.

"To secure the most desirable result we earnestly call on all Democrats to lay aside all their differences and to unite in an enthusiastic and patriotic effort to maintain our Democratic supremacy in Maryland."

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