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The Republican platform is very, very long, and its merit is in inverse proportion to its length. It is distinct and defiantly reactionary on every important point involved in the present contest. * * * As to the question of taxation, the party clings to everything that is bad in its previous policy, and avows its obstinate determination to aggravate and extend the evil features of that policy.

The Republicans are in favor of tariff reform—some other year. They want to reduce taxes—whenever they can, they alone, can secure the credit for it. They want to strengthen the coast defenses of the country—when they return to power. They are the boldest champions of Civil Service reform—when they are out of power.

Ruffianly talk on the floor of the Convention and a free fight on the Committee on Credentials are leading incidents in the National Council of the Grand Old Party that boasts of embracing "all the virtue and morality of the country."

The candidate for Vice-President upon the St. Louis ticket was known as Right-Angled Triangle Thurman in his school days, on account of his mathematical attainments. He will come in handy next autumn in figuring up majorities.

The Notification Committee appointed to give President Cleveland a formal notice of his nomination as President of the United States, accompanied by the members of the National Committee, called at the Executive Mansion at 2 o'clock this Tuesday and were ushered into the East room.

On the arrival of the President and company, Hon. Mr. Jacob, chairman of the Notification Committee, advanced and read the following: "To Hon. Grover Cleveland of New York."

"Sir—The delegates to the National Democratic Convention, representing every State and Territory of our Union, having assembled in the city of St. Louis on June 5th inst., for the purpose of nominating candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, it has become the honorable and pleasing duty to announce to you that you were, without a ballot, by acclamation, chosen the standard bearer of the Democratic party, for the Chief Executiveship of this country at the election to be held in November next.

"Great as is such a distinction under any circumstances it is the more flattering and profound when it is remembered that you were, without a ballot, the duties of which, always onerous, have been rendered of an extraordinary nature, because of a change of political parties and methods after twenty-four years of uninterrupted domination. This exaltation is, if possible, added to by the fact that the declaration of principles—based upon your last annual message to the Congress of the United States—relative to a tariff reduction and a diminution of the expenses of the Government—throws down the direct and defiant challenge for an exacting scrutiny of the administration of the Executive power which four years ago was committed to its trust. President of the Grover Cleveland, President of the United States and for the most searching inquiry concerning its fidelity and devotion to the pledges which then invited the suffrages of the people. An engrossed copy of that platform, adopted without a dissenting voice, is herewith handed to you.

political party to which I owe allegiance both honors and commands me. It places in my hands the proud standard and bids me bear it high in front in a battle which it wages—bravely, because conscious of right, confidently, because its trust is in the people and soberly, because it comprehends the obligation which success imposes. [Applause.] The message which you bring awakens within me the liveliest sense of personal gratitude and satisfaction; and the honor which you tender me is in itself so great that these might well be no room for any other sentiment. And yet I cannot but remember that party supremacy is not alone involved in the conflict which presses upon us, but that we struggle to secure and preserve the cherished institutions, the welfare and happiness of a nation of freemen. Familiarity with the great office which I hold has but added to my apprehension of its sacred character and the consecration demanded of him who holds its repository of the people's will and power. Within its walls should be the protection and welfare of the humblest citizen, and with quick ear it should catch from the remotest corner of the land the plea of the people for justice and for right. For the sake of the people, he who holds this office of theirs should resist every encroachment upon its legitimate functions, and for the sake of the integrity and usefulness of the office it should be kept near to the people and be administered in full sympathy with their wants, and needs.

"This occasion reminds me most vividly of the scene when, four years ago, I received a message from my party similar to that which you now deliver. With all that has passed since that day, I can hereby say that the feeling of awe with which I heard the assurances then tendered many fold when I knew that our Chief Executive office, if not carefully guarded, might drift little by little from the people, to whom it belonged, and become a perversion of all it ought to be; but I did not know how much its moorings had already been loosened."

"I knew four years ago how well devised were the principles of true Democracy for the successful operation of a government by the people for the people, but I did not know how absolutely necessary their application was for the restoration to the people of their safety and prosperity. I knew then that abuses an extravagance had crept into the management of public affairs, but I did not know their numerous forms nor the tenacity of their grasp."

"I knew, too, that the American people were patriotic and just, but I did not know how bravely they loved their country and how generous they were. [Applause.] I shall dwell upon the acts and policy of the Administration now drawing to a close. Its record is open to every citizen of the land, and yet I will not be denied the privilege of asserting at this time that in the exercise of the functions of the high trust confided to me I have yielded obedience only to the Constitution and the solemn obligation of my oath of office. [Tremendous applause.] I have done those things which in the light of the understanding God has given me, seemed most conducive to the good of my country and for the promotion of good government. I would not if I could, for myself nor for you, avoid a single consequence of fair interpretation of my course. [Applause.]

"It but remains for me to say to you and through you to the Democracy of the nation, that I accept the nomination with which you have honored me and that I will in due time signify such acceptance in the usual formal manner."

The members of the committee were then introduced to the President, and after a few moments spent in pleasant conversation, they were invited to lunch in the private dining room, where Mrs. Cleveland presided with becoming grace.

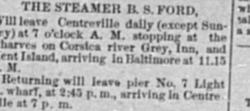
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