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How do we do for our people. They have no schools, no colleges, no universities, no professional schools for either, on the whole, upon a broader foundation than for property, and in every state the public free school for all classes and both sexes has been established, and to-day offers from three to six months' yearly instruction to every child. Although some \$50,000,000 have been donated to the work, chiefly for the colored people by the North and the nation, yet with this period the South, west, out of its poverty, and amid such trials as cannot be understood by the stranger, has given more than \$100,000,000 as a plant for the children; and this year will give \$15,000,000 to the common schools. Scores of little Southern cities tax their people from one to two miles on the dollar more than Boston for public schools. Indeed, Mississippi, one of the poorest states, to-day gives to each pupil as much as Massachusetts in the days of Horace Mann.

Platform of New York State Republican Convention.

1. That the provisions of the existing civil-service laws of the state and nation should be strengthened and extended to all grades of the public service to which they may be applicable, so that the selection of administrative officers in the civil service shall, so far as possible, be governed solely by capacity and fitness. We insist on the enforcement of these laws by public officials, not only in the letter, but also in the spirit. Honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who are shown by competent examination to possess the necessary requirements should be given preference in certification and in appointment.

2. That the laws affecting the government of cities should be simplified so as to enable the people to take responsibility with ease and certainty.

3. That we demand of congress the passage of an act putting an end to the management of the stock of money formed by silver, the maintenance of a gold standard of the party with the gold of the different kinds of money in use is essential to the prosperity of our country, and the restoration of silver to the former position as government money, through an equality with gold before the law is a majority of commercial nations, must remain still accomplished the chief aim of our monetary policy.

4. That we emphasize the demand of the last national Republican convention in that the imposition of duties on foreign imports shall be made for revenue only, but in raising the required revenue for the government such duties should be so levied as to afford security to our desecrating industries and protection to the rights and wages of the laborer, to the end that notice and intelligent labor as well as capital may have its just reward and the laboring man his full share in the national prosperity. Until the full effects of the revision of 1883 can be fairly estimated agitation for radical change in the tariff law is a gratuitous assault on the wages of labor in all its branches of production and of all the interests of traffic. We are opposed to the introduction of any system of free trade, the inevitable effect of which will be to destroy our mills and factories and to carry down American wages to the standard of the old world.

5. That while we cordially endorse the dying sentiments of the great soldier and citizen, U. S. Grant, in favor of harmony and good feeling between the North and South, we insist that an end shall be put to the criminal evasion of the guarantee of equal civil and political rights promised by the constitution to every free man. The right of suffrage must be maintained free and untrammelled, and if that right is unlawfully denied to any part of the people of any state its representation in congress and the electoral college should be reduced.

6. That the legislature having presented to the will of the people expressed at the polls, abolished the system of contract labor in the prisons of the state, we urge the enactment of laws tending to distribute as widely and equitably as possible the burden of competition with free labor.

7. That in the letting of contracts for state work no contract should be awarded to any person or corporation discriminating against any class or organization of laborers.

8. That we recommend legislation guaranteeing the benefits of the public schools to all children of the state, and such control of factory employment as will surround the women and children employed therein with the necessary safeguards for their physical, mental

and moral well-being.

9. That the revenue laws should be passed for the improvement of the sanitary condition of the homes of the working classes in cities.

10. That we demand strict enforcement by the national government of the law prohibiting the importation of contract labor.

11. That we recommend legislation to foster the agricultural and dairy interests of the state, and such as will prevent the adulteration of articles of food.

12. That we favor the continuance of the railroad commission upon a non-partisan basis.

13. That the interest of cheap transportation for the people and reduced taxation for the people of the state, we declare in favor of asking the national government to assist in the improvement of the locks and the deepening of the channel of the Erie canal under the state's control.

14. That the improvement in the system of taxation commenced by the recent Republican legislature, under which large sums have been collected from sources which previously escaped taxation should be perfected and extended so that the burden may fall on all classes of property.

15. That we condemn the hypocrisy of the Democratic party in pledging itself before election to civil-service reform and after election denouncing through its press and its leaders the civil service act as unconstitutional, while the national administration removes tried and faithful public servants and replaces them with persons whose only recommendation is active, and in some instances disreputable, political work.

16. We denounce the hypocritical pretensions under which faithful Republican officers are removed, on the plea of offensive partisanship, while such men as Higgins, Thomas, Chase, Pillsbury, Aquilla Jones and others, some of whose names appear on the present record of the country, and whose recommendation is political partnership, are appointed in their places. While removing elsewhere, on the ground of offensive partisanship, Republicans who edit newspapers, the National administration continues in high judicial office in the city of New York a prominent Democratic appointee who publicly announces himself as having assumed since his appointment the control of an avowed partisan journal. We believe it is the duty of the Republican majority of the senate to oppose the confirmation of any persons appointed in violation of the letter and spirit of the civil-service act. We denounce the national administration for its dilatory willingness to abandon the opinions it has professed on currency and the compromise with those leaders of the party who are avowed in favor of the continued debasement of currency for its hostility to the commerce of the country evinced by its refusal to carry out the system adopted by Congress for the encouragement of American shipping, for its arbitrary action in repudiating a contract regularly entered into by duly authorized agents of the government and in persevering in the attempt to deprive American mechanics of their means of livelihood until aroused public opinion compelled it to abandon the attempt, and for its hostility further evinced by the arbitrary enforcement of custom laws by illegal provisions and tricks intended to deprive merchants of any fair opportunity for asserting their rights.

We denounce the Democratic state executive for his action in reference to the census resulting in an extra session of the legislature at a large and useless expense, while he vetoed the necessary appropriation for the state board of health in the face of a decided epidemic. We denounce his conduct in vetoing the Brooklyn reform bills in order to conciliate himself to the local Democratic leaders and in approving bills legalizing claims dating from the days of Rose Tweed and barred by the statute of limitations and judicial decisions, and thereby imposing additional burdens on an overburdened city people.

Failing to successfully straddle the prohibition question in Ohio the Republicans have commenced a tirade of abuse of those members of their party whose devotion to the cause of temperance is stronger than party fealty. This will lose them thousands of votes, for the prohibition element, fanciful as it becomes at times, admires an open and manly opponent more than a Jaous faced frier, in whose sincerity they have no confidence

