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# PLATFORM OF TEXAS DEMOCRACY

ADOPTED BY THE PARTY IN CONVENTION AT GALVESTON.

"With New Hope in the Principles of Democracy and an Abiding Faith in the People.

Galveston, Aug. 10.—The majority report on platform is as follows:

1. We believe that a representative Democracy is the most perfect form of government ever devised by the wisdom of men and we are unalterably opposed to every effort to destroy or impair the excellent system established by our wise and patriotic fathers. We hold it to be the first and highest duty of every representative to faithfully execute the will of his constituency fairly ascertained.

2. We hold the constitution to be a solemn compact between the government and the people adopted for the protection of individuals and minorities, and we insist upon a strict construction of its letter as well as a faithful observance of its spirit.

3. We believe in the Federal government in its full constitutional vigor in preserving the rights of the states of the Union, in the time honored doctrine of local self-government, and in simple, economical and honest administration of the government of all its departments.

4. We reaffirm the tariff declarations of the Democratic state and national platforms of 1896, and we expressly condemn the proposition to remove all duties from the manufacturers' raw material so long as such duties remain on the manufacturers' finished product.

5. Whereas, section 8 of article 4 of the constitution of the state of Texas limits the power of the executive to convene the legislature in special session to "extraordinary occasions," we declare the calling of extra sessions of that body on other than "extraordinary occasions" unjust to the taxpayers of the state and unauthorized either by the letter or the spirit of that instrument.

6. In obedience to the instructions given in the Democratic primary of July 23, 1910, we call upon the thirty-second legislature of Texas to submit to the people for their rejection or approval a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in this state, but we declare that a vote upon such amendment shall not be a test of Democracy.

7. Believing that an educated citizenship is the best assurance of good government and good conduct and recalling the wise and generous provision made by the fathers of the Republic of Texas for the establishment of a complete system of public education from the primary school to the university, we remind the legislature that our school system has not kept pace with the educational progress of the times, but has suffered in organization and in maintenance. We demand therefore, the perfection of the common school of the state and the adequate provision for the upbuilding of the university, the Agricultural and Mechanical College, the normal schools and the other educational institutions controlled by the state. Provisions should be made for efficient county organizations and rural High schools, encouragement of manual training for district or county agricultural training schools and the separation of the Agricultural and Mechanical college from the state University. Provision for a liberal and independent income for the state institutions of higher learning should be made.

8. We favor divorcing the management of the penitentiary and our elementary from political control to the end that they will not suffer the disturbance of changes in administrations and we recommend independent boards of control, with tenure of office so arranged as to prevent a complete change of management any time. We insist upon a faithful application of a wise and merciful policy of moral reform and mental and manual training in all penal institutions.

9. We believe that the general welfare demands that the people shall not be annoyed by constant political agitations, and they should be relieved therefrom in order that they may undisturbed pursue their usual avocations to the end that they may be contented and prosperous, and we promise an intelligent and strict enforcement of the law as it is by lawful means, and the enactment of such additional laws only as are necessary to protect the public and the rights and liberties of the people, and we recommend that the Thirty-first legislature now in special session, dispose of the fire-rating board law, adjourn and go home.

10. Realizing that the development and prosperity of Texas require that there shall be harmony between the producers, the merchants, farmers, manufacturers, laborers and capitalists, and that no such harmony can exist except under just and equitable laws, we pledge ourselves to the enactment and enforcement of such laws.

11. We favor the adoption of the constitutional amendment, making provision for the establishment of a home for the widows of Confederate soldiers.

12. We congratulate ourselves that the Democratic party has controlled the government of the state for nearly forty years and during that time no scandal has ever marked its administration, and we expressly commend the present state administration for writing into the statutes of the state the platform pledges of the party.

13. With renewed hope in the principles of Democracy and a firm and abiding faith in the capacity of the people for self-government, we appeal again with confidence to the intelligence and patriotism of the voters of Texas.

## OUR FRIEND, THE HEN.

"Tell me not in broken measures  
Modern farming does not pay,  
For a farm produces chickens,  
And the hens—do they not lay?"

Eggs are high and going higher,  
And the price is soaring fast,  
Every time we go to market  
It is higher than the last.

Not a coop but it produces  
Every day an egg or two,  
So the farmer gains his millions  
Even though his hens be few.

Every egg is very precious,  
And the hens are held in awe,  
When the hen begins to cackle  
Then she goes "Haw-haw."

In the broad and busy farmyard  
Struts a rooster now and then,  
But the shrewd, bewhiskered farmer  
Only notices the hen.

Trust not rooster, however showy  
Be the feathers in his tail,  
Pay attention to the biddies,  
And your wealth will never fail.

Lives of farmers all remind us  
We may roll in wealth some day  
If we hustle to the market  
With the eggs our pullets lay."  
—Selected.

## IN EVERY DAY LIFE.

"I want thirty-seven inches of broad-cloth," said the customer. The storekeeper eyed him queerly.

"Thirty-seven inches," he repeated, "why thirty-seven inches?"

"Because," said the customer, "my wife wants a yard of it, and I understand all yardsticks are now thirty-five inches long." The merchant scowled.

"Then," said the customer gayly, "I want three half pints of vinegar. To save you the trouble of asking what I am trying to get in a pint. My wife's awfully careful about these things."

"See here," growled the merchant, "whoever heard of such a thing?" He scratched his head anxiously. "What are you driving at?" he asked.

"I'm not driving at anything," said the customer, "all I want is what I asked for. I won't get it by your measures according to what they say. Go ahead and get out the stuff." The merchant dazed went about the task.

"Tell you what," suggested the customer, gathering up his purchases; "we'll get together some time and settle it up."

Then the merchant sat upon a keg, and taking up a yardstick, began to measure it on his thumb.—Dallas News.

## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

To the members and officers of Plainview Lodge Number 12 I. O. O. F. We your committee to whom was referred the drafting of suitable resolutions of respect and condolence upon the death of our beloved brother C. T. Pendley, beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas it has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to take all that was mortal of our beloved brother, C. T. Pendley, and whereas there is a vacant place by the fire-side.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Plainview Lodge, Number 12, I. O. O. F. that we do deeply sympathize with the parents, and the children in this sad hour of sore trial and assure them of our help and comfort and brotherly love, and that we would point them to Him who has said bring all your cares to Him and He will help us bear them.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the lodge, and a copy be furnished the bereaved parents and children under the seal of the lodge, and a copy printed in the Hale county Herald.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. J. CHAMBERS  
A. B. ROSSER,  
I. E. GATES.

# TO THE TRADE

HAVING PURCHASED the entire interest in the grocery business of Wright & Dunaway we wish to say that we are

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## ADOPT PLATFORM AND NAME FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DEAD.

London, Aug. 14.—Florence Nightingale, the famous nurse of the Crimean war and the only woman who ever received the Order of Merit, died yesterday afternoon at her London home. Although she had been an invalid for a long time, rarely leaving her room, where she passed the time in a half recumbent position and was under the constant care of a physician, her death was somewhat unexpected. A week ago, she was quite sick, but then improved, and Friday was cheerful. During the night alarming symptoms developed and she gradually sank until 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, when an attack of heart failure brought the end.

Her funeral will be as quiet as possible, in accordance with her wishes. During recent years, owing to her feebleness and advanced age, Miss Nightingale had received but few visitors. May 12 last she celebrated her 90th birthday, and was the recipient of a congratulatory message from King George.

In a mass meeting of the socialist party held Tuesday morning August 9th at Corpus christi, with state chairman H. L. Dreyer, presiding, a full state ticket was nominated and a platform of principles announced.

The ticket is as follows: for Governor, Redding Andrews, of Tyler; for Lieutenant Governor, P. G. Zimmerman of nson; for Comptroller, E. R. Maitzer, of Hallettsville, etc. The nominee for Governor, Redding Andrews of Tyler, is a native Texan; was born in Fayette county, some six-two years ago, was a cowboy, a confederate veteran, and for many years a prominent Baptist minister. He was president of Baylor University before its removal to Waco, and is a gentleman of culture and refinement. For the past two years he has been one of the State organizers and is considered one of the ablest and most forcible speaker in the socialist movement.

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