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People's Party Platform.

FOUNDATION PRINCIPLES.

First. That the union of the labor forces of the United States, the most numerous shall be permanent and perpetual; may its spirit enter into all hearts for the salvation of the republic and the uplifting of mankind.

Second. Wealth belongs to him who creates it and every dollar taken from industry without an equivalent is robbery. "If any will not work, neither shall he eat." The interests of civic and rural labor are the same; their interests are identical.

Third. The time has come when the railroad corporations will either own the people or the people must own the railroads, and should the government enter upon the work of owning and managing any or all railroads, we should favor an amendment to the Constitution, which will soon be placed in the government service shall be placed under a civil service regulation of the most rigid character, so as to prevent an increase of the power of the national administration by the use of such additional government employees.

FINANCE.

First. We demand a national currency, safe, sound and freely issued by the general government only, a full legal tender for all debts public and private, and that without the use of banking corporations, a just, equitable and efficient means of distribution direct to the people at a tax of not more than 2 per cent, and to be provided as set forth in the sub-treasury plan of the Farmers' Alliance or a better system; also by payments in discharge of its obligations for public service.

We demand free and unlimited coinage of silver at the standard legal ratio of 16 to 1.

We demand that the amount of circulating medium be speedily increased to not less than \$60 per capita.

We demand a graduated income tax. We believe that the money of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand that all state and national revenues shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government, economically and honestly administered.

We demand that postal savings bank be established by the government for the safe deposit of the earnings of the people and to facilitate exchange.

TRANSPORTATION.

Second. Transportation being a means of exchange and a public necessity, the government should own and operate the railroads in the interests of the people.

The telegraph and telephone, like the postoffice system, being a necessity for the transmission of news, should be owned and operated by the government in the interest of the people.

LANDS.

Third. The land, including all the natural sources of wealth, is the heritage of the people, and should not be monopolized for speculative purposes, and all ownership of land should be prohibited. All lands now held by railroads and other corporations in excess of their actual needs of railroads and owned by aliens should be reclaimed by the government and held for actual settlers only.

SUPPLEMENTARY RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Other questions have been presented for our consideration, we hereby submit the following, not as a part of the platform of the People's Party, but as resolutions expressing our convictions.

Resolved. That we demand a free ballot and a fair count in all elections and pledge ourselves to secure it to every legal voter without federal intervention through the adoption of an unperfected or unperfected ballot system.

Resolved. That the revenue derived from a graduated income tax should be applied to the reduction of the burden of taxation, now levied upon the domestic industries of this country.

Resolved. That we pledge our support to fair and liberal pensions to ex-Union soldiers and sailors.

Resolved. That we condemn the fallacy of protecting American labor under the present system of protection, and ports and harbors and criminal classes of the world and crowds out our wage earners; and we denounce the present ineffective laws against contract labor and demand the further restriction of undesirable immigration.

Resolved. That we demand the maintenance of a large standing army of mercenaries, known as the Pinkerton system, as an enemy to our liberties, and we demand its abolition and we condemn the recent invasion of the territory of Wyoming by the hired assassins of plutocracy, assisted by federal officers.

Resolved. That we commend to the thoughtful consideration of the people and the reform press the new postal system known as the initiative and referendum.

Resolved. That we favor a Constitutional provision limiting the office of President and Vice President to one term and providing for the election of senators of the United States by direct vote of the people.

Resolved. That we oppose any subsidy or national aid to any private corporation for any purpose.

The Chicago Times (weekly) and the People's Pilot for \$1.50.

August Belmont.

For thirty years this man has been the power that controlled the financial legislation of the United States, and for thirty years his name has been synonymous with deepest infamy. The known head of the Rothschilds' house in America, and the leader of the New York bankers, his hand has manipulated, sometimes openly, but usually secretly, every great act of congress upon the money question. For thirty years the defenders of the greenback, the opponents of national banks, the enemies of bonds and the friends of silver have pointed to this man as the most powerful and therefore the most dangerous enemy to prosperity in all the land. The charges of corrupting legislation in the interest of banking has never been denied, and are universally known to be true of him.

Yet this man, representing the usurous vampires of the world, is boldly received into the private counsels of the president, and his advice is accepted as law. August Belmont the usurper, whose own interests of necessity thrive on the misfortunes of the nation, pleading the cause of a class, accursed of all men in all ages, this thief shaping the

lines of American finances, yes thief, and for authority read the words of that distinguished divine of the 15th century, bishop Jewel: "Philosophers, Greeks, Latins; lawyers, divines, Catholics, heretics, all tongues and nations have ever thought an usurper as dangerous as a thief. The very sense of nature proves it to be so. If the stones could speak, they would say as much."

Democrats, have you forgotten the arch traitor who sold out your presidential candidate in 1868? If you have forgotten read this from the pages of history. It is the same August Belmont, the same agent of the money power, and he is operating in the same United States and has been every day since then: "During the pending of this bill (the credit strengthening act) a presidential nomination took place. The democratic party nominated Horatio Seymour on a platform that opposed the payment of currency obligations in coin. The republican party nominated U. S. Grant on the urgent solicitation and petition of forty capitalists of New York city, who represented in the aggregate about \$500,000,000 (five hundred million). The Rothschilds were in possession in the meantime of several hundred millions five-twenty bonds, purchased at about 60 cents on the dollar, or less, and were particularly interested. Their agent, August Belmont, who secured the position of chairman of the democratic national committee, was instructed by Baron James Rothschild as early as March 11, 1868, that unless the democratic party went in for paying five-twenty bonds in gold, it must be defeated. The first step was to have the national convention in New York city. It accordingly convened there on the 4th of July, 1868. Belmont and his satellites were unable to control the convention, at least in the matter of platform, and it declared that all obligations against the government not expressly payable in coin should be paid in lawful money of the United States. Belmont owned at that time a large interest in the New York World, the leading democratic paper of the country, which, on the 15th of October came out in a double lead editorial denouncing Seymour as unavailable and unfit, and advised his withdrawal. This so demoralized the democracy that Grant had an easy walk over." August Belmont's lobby and bribes compelled Abraham Lincoln to accept the greenback with "exception clause."

August Belmont's lobby and bribes caused the greenbacks to be funded into bonds.

August Belmont's lobby and bribes destroyed all but \$346,000,000 of the greenbacks.

August Belmont's lobby and bribes changed the contract of the bonds from "lawful money" to "coin."

August Belmont's lobby and bribes demonetized silver in 1873, which made the bonds, purchased at from 35c to 60c on the dollar, payable in gold.

August Belmont's lobby and bribes repealed the "purchase clause" of the Sherman silver law, thereby practically establishing a gold basis.

August Belmont's millions made Cleveland president, and in return for that favor \$100,000,000 of interest bearing bonds have been issued, \$100,000,000 more are being issued, and \$500,000,000 and possibly \$1,000,000,000 more are to follow.

That Labor Bill.

The PILOT is in receipt of House Bill No. 353, designed to create an arbitration commission which shall settle labor difficulties. The bill is a farce; it gives the commission power to act only when both parties so desire. The place to settle disputes between labor and capital is in our regular courts by a jury of twelve good men, whose decisions shall be based on common sense justice, backed by a common sense statute. That's all the commission labor needs.

The grandeur of Rome was builded upon \$2,000,000,000 of fiat money; it made the mistake of destroying it and destroyed itself. It attempted to use gold and silver, one-tenth the volume, and history tells the story of pauperism of the masses and aggregation of wealth by the classes.

The People's Pilot and Vincent's Searchlight both one year for \$1.50, regular rates \$2.00.

Tom Watson's paper and the Pilot, both one year, for \$1.50.

The national farce.

Choke the bankers off.

More bonds are coming.

Another issue of bonds is inevitable.

The people must govern themselves.

Prosperity will please hollow if she is lost.

The gold reserve is still going to Europe.

The banker's prosperity is the people's poverty.

The money power has openly assumed the position of dictator.

Concentrate your fire on the bankers for a few weeks, and they will be routed.

"Senatorial courtesy" is getting down to a "parity" with congressional cussedness.

The democratic congressmen seem to have a "lack of confidence" in their deity—Grover.

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Oh, would that President Cleveland might follow the example of the French president.

How could you expect anything but a deficit with a deficiency of brains and patriotism in Congress.

King Grover thinks of sending John Sherman to lead the democratic party through the republican jungle.

Suppose a Populist had talked in congress as did Mr. Sibley—that would be called raving lunacy and wildest anarchism.

It is thought that the democratic party will abandon the search for prosperity—since they cannot find even a clue to her mysterious disappearance.

British holders of Union Pacific railroad bonds have a lobbyist at Washington, to work for protection of British interests involved. There it is, in broad daylight. Can you see?

The reform papers tumbled at once to the pretended fight between Carlisle and the bankers. They unanimously proclaimed it a farce. There are sentinels on the watch towers of liberty.

Any representative who works for the retirement of the greenbacks is a traitor to his country and his district. Hit him a jolt with your ballot when you get another chance at him.

In view of their previous argument that there was plenty of money in the country it is hard to understand what excuse the administration finds for its proposed inflation scheme.

The democratic members of the House of congress celebrated Jackson's Day (Jan. 8) by indorsing Carlisle's bill. Pretty tough on the memory of Old Hickory, who made such a strong fight against and finally crushed the life out of the old United States bank—Omaha World.

The great international standing joke of the century is the German emperor, who wants to have members of the reichstag (congress) imprisoned for not applauding his speeches. He is a chestnut colored ass, of the same breed as some so-called American "statesmen" who pride about dignity and time-honored precedents.

Representative Bryan of Nebraska has introduced a bill in congress which provides that any person presenting to the treasury greenbacks or treasury notes and demanding their redemption in gold, for the purpose of embarrassing the government, injuring the credit, or compelling or securing an issue of bonds, shall be guilty of a crime, and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of not less than five years.

The department store is beginning to crush the small merchants of the cities—and the little fellows are howling. There is nothing like an abject lesson to bring merchants to their senses. Let the wheels go on.

The editor of this paper has been invited to the annual banquet to be given by the Omaha Jacksonian Club on Saint Jackson's day, Jan. 8. Perhaps a poor country editor ought to feel complimented by such a call, but this one doesn't. Fact is, he feels himself too good democrat to break bread with the Mortons, McShanes, Martins, Paxtons, Whites and their ilk—men who worship the Wall street golden calf in the morning, and vote the railroad republican ticket in the evening of an evil-doing day.—Papillon (Neb.) Times.

REPUBLICAN DEFAULTERS

Are Sugar Coated by the Plutocratic Press.

No Populist official has been guilty of a defalcation or misdemeanor—but let a lie be told about one and Tom, Dick and Harry leap into blazes of horror and condemnation. But let a republican defalcate, rob, bur or perjure to deface the courts—rob a state of \$350,000 in the midst of poverty—then what do the republicans do? Why, they shield him, pet him, sympathize with him, palliate the wrong. They tide over the people's indignation with the usual promises of complete restoration, and make out the defaulter to be very good, but much-abused gentleman. Meanwhile the hungry thousands swallow it all and get ten cents on the dollar a year later. Where is Haggerty of Aberdeen? It is the old story. The republican secretary of the national treasury under Harrison, "busted" and left widows and orphans and other estates out to the tune of \$600,000. The same old sugar-pills were administered. The people smiled a baby smile, took their medicine—and will take their dividends—when they get them. The Madison bank sang the same melody.—Great West (Redfield, S. Dak.) Gazette.

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