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People's Party Platform.
FOUNDATION PRINCIPLES.

FIRST.—That the union of the labor forces of the United States, this day consummated, shall be permanent and perpetual, and that the 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.—We believe that 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 operating all railroads, we should favor an amendment to the constitution by which all persons engaged in the government service should 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 flexible, 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 not to exceed 2 per cent. per annum to be provided as set forth in the sub-treasury plan of the Farmers' Alliance or the use of such additional government employees.

We demand free and unlimited coinage of silver at the present legal rate of 16 to 1.

We demand that the amount of circulating medium be speedily increased to not less than \$50 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 savings 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 alien ownership of land should be prohibited. All lands now held by railroads and other corporations in excess of their actual needs, and all lands now owned by individuals 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 expressive of our confidence.

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 by the States of the unperverted Australian or secret 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, which opens our ports to the pauper and criminal classes of the world and crowds out our wage earners; and we demand the present ineffective laws against contract labor and demand the further restriction of undesirable immigration.

RESOLVED, That we cordially sympathize with the efforts of organized workmen to shorten the hours of labor and demand a rigid enforcement of the existing eight hour law on government work and ask that a penalty clause be added to the said law.

RESOLVED, That we regard the maintenance of a large standing army of mercenaries, known as the Pinkerton system, as a menace 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 legislative 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 a 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.

The odious income tax will yield \$75,000,000 the first year.

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

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

The administration admits that the bankers have the nation by the throat. The reform press has so proven for twenty years.

Seventy-two German societies in Chicago have effected a union organization to help the populists in the coming city election.

Chicago will never be purged of its official thieves until the corrupt machines of both old parties are smashed by the populists.

The late contract made by the president, to sell gold bonds to the Rothchilds adds but another unsightly blot to many pages of blackest financial history.

The redeeming legislators of Colorado and Indiana have killed anti-pass bills. The way to control railroad passes is to have the government own the roads.

What does the 2 per cent income tax equal upon investments that pay three per cent dividends? Does it exceed .0006 per cent on the capital, or 6 cents on one hundred dollars?

The republicans of Arizona and New Mexico are urging republicans in congress not to oppose the admission of those territories at this session. It is not probable, however, that any more silver states will be given a voice in national affairs either by this congress or the next.

What about this criminal Debs, who is serving a term in jail for contempt, dare his accusers bring him to trial again before a jury? It is easy to send a man to jail when you refuse him a trial, and have a corrupt and prejudiced judge to do your bidding; so different though when a man has his constitutional right.

Already the immense block of bonds sold by Cleveland at par, though not yet issued, are at a premium of 12½ per cent and are expected to reach 20 per cent. The good people will please remember that this was a private sale, all competitive bidders barred, and was made to the Rothchilds through the president's esteemed friend, August Belmont.

Under the refunding act of 1870 Secretary Carlisle reports that there were sold a total of \$1,395,349,950 in bonds. And he further says: "The proceeds of these bonds were paid into the treasury in United States gold coin, gold certificates, called bonds, past due coin coupons, and in some instances uncalled 5-20 bonds subject to call. The entire proceeds were equivalent to United States gold."

It is a matter of history which no one denies that there was no gold in this country, outside of \$25,000,000 used as money in California, from July, 1861, until 1879. And gold never fell to par until John Sherman made the greenback a full legal tender with gold for the payment import duties just before the resumption of specie payments in 1879. Yet this lying statement is given to the people to deceive them, that the robbing system can go merrily on and the victims not know the cause of their miseries.

To the Clergy.

Worthy divines of America, once you raised your voices in God's consecrated temple for the liberation of an enslaved race; it was because you felt and understood the iniquity of that terrible wrong; you had to be slowly educated to the injustice of chattel slavery before you could realize its enormity; is it not possible that an equally great cause exists to-day for similar action and that you are lulled to acquiescence because of the long established custom, as was of black slavery? As you entreat the weary of heart to come to the cross and receive the blessings of salvation through the Great Redeemer, so does the writer ask an infinite God to turn your noble minds to rightly know and understand the condition of your suffering brothers, and know the cause of the destitution of those who labor as compared with the affluence of those who do not.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAM-YEWEL.

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so uv korse ive wun tu utter
devel take the bankurs fyatt
tha want our bread and butter.let unkel ishew lots uv bons
let polytishens mutter
then weel role up lik mowntens
the preshus bread and butteran print thum in smawl figgers
till spekulaters stuffer
when tha see tha bare no intrust
but fetch tha bread and butter.deer heethun yewr 2 innocent
2 awfulli utter utter
gold 2 must have a bases
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jus wach owr ole flag flutter
be patriots bols and sink the pole
deep down in bread an butter.i wish yew merri new year
gud slayin in yewr kutter
with yewr best gurl but dont ferget
weer owt fer bred and butteret iz the base uv erthill things
uv life the veri staff
so vote a kristyun tikut frens
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an raises hi grad mewels
thet kikk the lites and livers
kleen owt uv gold base fewelstha sa mi gospuls rokki
wel let hi steppers splutter
the bedrock uv salvashun
is jes plane bred and butter

—Sam Fonograf.

Sensations in Store.

"The adjourned conspiracy trial at Chicago will never be resumed. It will die out," says Eugene V. Debs, president of the American Railway Union. "I will never be put on the stand again in that case. I want a trial but the General Managers' association has connived to have it killed. We had the jury with us unanimously, and had them completely knocked out. Mr. Wickes went to Europe to escape the trial. I will tell the people of Chicago a few things on Thursday evening, Feb. 28, when I will speak at the Auditorium on 'Who Are the Conspirators?' A series of sensations will be sprung regarding the General Managers' Association, which would have come out in the trial if it had been continued."

Denied a Vindication.

Eugene V. Debs and companion patriots who were being prosecuted for conspiracy, riot, rebellion, etc., by the railway managers through the United States court, were unfortunately unable to have their trial finished because of the sickness of one jurymen, and the refusal of the prosecution to go on with eleven or substitute a new juror who should have the evidence read to him. It is safe to predict that these men will never be called to trial again, and will thus be denied the vindication which it is absolutely certain this jury would have given them. It is well to know that this jury was composed of farmers and the following report given in the same press that denounced Debs as an anarchist and criminal, is interesting reading. In speaking of the dismissal of the eleven jurymen the report says:

"Then each jurymen hurried forward to shake the hand of Judge Grosscup, after which they broke in a mass for the defendants and their counsel. For half an hour Eugene V. Debs held an improvised levee with the jurors, one saying warmly, 'We have learned to like you.'"

The Beacon Lights.

The populist is a student; he knows the reasons for his political convictions; he is usually able to give a lucid explanation of his propositions; he is familiar with the teachings of all schools of political economy; he knows the history of legislation from the foundation of this government; he is often the college professor, the physician, the minister of the gospel, the jurist, the author, the thinking unselfish mind of every calling; he is allied with organized labor as a farmer or an artisan; he is of the great middle class of progressive, well-to-do citizens, who have made a reasonable success of life from their own exertions. The populists are of neither of the two extremes of society; the rich man who lives upon vested interests is too shrewdly selfish to want a change, and the unorganized poor are too ignorant to know the cause of their poverty; and the politician is rewarded only through the operation of the existing system which makes the rich richer and the poor poorer. The brightest intellectual lights which blaze to-day unsullied by the tempting power of gold are populist beacons, and from among these true champions of human liberty will a Cincinnati rise to rescue the perishing heritage of a once free people.

Germany is desirous of an international conference to restore silver to its coinage rights, it being generally admitted that bimetalism will greatly benefit the peasant classes.

The sale of bonds, to be paid principal and interest in gold, is the severest blow yet dealt to silver. It firmly discredits silver, and in so doing injures the credit of the United States.

Senator Peffer has asked congress to submit the financial question to a direct vote of the people. The representatives of the banking power who are a majority respectfully decline.

Look out, that is paternalism, that government cable to Hawaii, for which congress has just appropriated half a million dollars. Now just connect it with a government telegraph and turn it all over to the post office.

More people will die of starvation, privation and despair in attempting to pay the Cleveland gold bonds than were killed and maimed in 1861-65, and more money will be paid in interest upon those bonds than it cost to capture Jeff Davis.

Trust the people.

Prosperity is still lost.

The gold reserve is going, as usual.

To Grover: Don't monkey with Honolulu.

The business men are beginning to kick—now look out.

You can't help a laboring man by making him a target.

The first kicking a disgusted democrat should do is to kick himself out of the party.

Seven hundred and fifty-eight silver dollars coined—and seventy million people sold.

All the principles of good government are embodied in the capacities of each individual.

The small merchant is one of the greatest victims to the usury and contraction system.

Judge Woods might issue an injunction against the United States senate impeaching Judge Ricks.

The congressman who says that he is "a friend of the laboring man" should do something to prove it.

Oh, it will come out all right—the Union Pacific railway has its lobby in Washington to help congress.

The senate will pass the railway pooling bill—and then railroad rates will go up all over the country.

All the western railroads have agreed to advance rates, Feb. 15. That is one of the effects of pooling.

The big trusts are killing the poor man's trust at the store, and wiping out the trust of the store at the bank.

Boys! the merchants will be with us in our demands for more money and cheaper transportation before '96. Mark this.

Mayor Sutro of San Francisco isn't afraid of C. P. Huntington, or any other thief. He proposes to bring Huntington to justice.

Remember, please, that all we ask is good government and a fair show. We don't care who fills the offices, as long as they fill them right.

President Marion Butler of the National Farmers' Alliance goes to the United States senate to help prepare the way for Populist government.

The little merchants who vote with the fellows who are crushing them out of existence, are beginning to discover that there is something the matter.

The same principles that are best for the proper regulation of a home or the life of an individual are applicable and good for the regulation of a nation.

Claus Spreckles, the sugar king, must be protected if the whole United States navy has to go to Honolulu. Spreckles is a hun-a-lulu—and so is Grover Cleveland.

The merchant in an agricultural community has no interest greater than the prosperity of the farmers—yet he votes for the fellows who rob the men who make his living.

All that is known about Lucien Baker, the newly-elected senator from Kansas, is that he defeated J. Rats Burton, the republican Breckinridge of Kansas. Baker was a "dark horse."

If the aggregate increase of wealth in the United States were two hundred thousand million dollars a year, and one man owned it all, would that indicate national prosperity?

The merchants who are failing all over the country at least admit that they fail because collections are bad—and their patrons know that they can't pay because there is no money in circulation.

No fundamental law of nature works singly—and no single issue can be worked out completely without modifying all the things to which it is related—in other words, free coinage of silver will not solve the social problem.

The money power is opposed to Populism because the populist party proposes to elect honest men to office, men who can not be bought. It is not the platforms of parties that the money power fears, but honesty and justice.

The New York chamber of commerce has met and passed resolutions asking the government to issue more gold bonds—and in spite of the fact that three-fourths of all the people of the nation are opposed to more bonds, the demands of New York's handful of gold bugs will be duly considered and probably acted upon by congress.

The merchant who thinks he can do business when the people have no money to buy with, is a fool. And when he wakes up under the pressure he will stir up the plutocratic managers with a sharp stick. The small merchants are beginning to feel that they have no part in the usurer's banquet.

There is not one merchant in a thousand but whose income comes principally from the patronage of farmers and laborers—yet, there is not one merchant in a thousand who votes for the best interests of farmers and laborers.

The contraction caught the common laborers and "odd job" men first; then the mechanics were squeezed; next the farmers felt the pressure; and now the merchants and all legitimate business men are groaning under the burden of Shylock. Soon there will be an upheaval that will shake the devil off his throne.

Listen to the man.

Hurrah for Mayor Sutro.

Democracy is still dead.

Tell nothing but the truth.

Sold at auction—American liberty.

Don't vote the old "scab" tickets any longer.

Circulate reform books among your neighbors.

Workingmen should vote only for workingmen.

Organized labor should not "scab" at the ballot box.

Mayor Sutro of San Francisco is stirring up the animals and the railroads.

Stick to the Omaha platform and the middle of the road.

Rapidly the old parties are fusing against the advocates of good government.

Who was it said the Populist conference would confine itself to the discussion of silver?

While there is a single acre of American land held by aliens the land question will never be settled.

The labor unions are learning that they can't succeed by voting either of the old party "scab" tickets.

The national pawnbrokers who call themselves bankers, should be forced to earn their living or starve.

Mayor Sutro of San Francisco seems to be loaded with an earthquake pointed at C. P. Huntington.

There are enough lands unjustly held by corporations in this country to furnish homes for ten million people.

The best made currency plans of bankers and gold bugs have to be stuffed with government fiat, before they can make a shadow.

When C. P. Huntington violates the law, the officers refuse to issue a writ for his arrest—but the poor man may be arrested without a writ.

If the check of the bankers could be converted into confidence, the country would experience an over-production of this ethereal commodity.

Lawyers thrive only on the strife of the people. Think of that, and then of how many lawyers we have in congress—about three hundred.

The way for the bankers to prevent the greenbacks emptying the treasury of gold is to stop taking their greenbacks there and demanding gold.

The corporations and trusts are wiping out the individual business men all over the country—and yet the little fellows continue to vote for cut-throat competition and monopoly.

Every interest-bearing bond issued by the government is an endless chain on a force pump revolved by the wheels of oppression to pump the products of labor into the tub of monopoly.

The amount of land granted by the United States to railroad corporations amounts to more than the area of the original thirteen states. Don't you think it about time to consider the land question?

The idea of "redeeming" bank notes and silver certificates with gold, in a country that owes more gold than the nation possesses and pays more gold interest to Europe every year than all the gold produced. Absurd, isn't it?

It is not claimed that equal rights to all and special privileges to none will transform men into angels at once—but it would give every man an opportunity to better himself—which many can't do now, even if they already possessed the disposition of angels.

Senator Hill is in favor of the election of senators by popular vote. The people have been in favor of that for many years. Reforms always originate down among the people, and then when some great leader finds out what the people are thinking about he is hailed as a man of original ideas.

The Chicago Tribune recently devoted a full page to describing the silks, satins and diamonds worn at a great "charity" ball in that city. It must make the poor recipients of plutocratic bounty feel happy to know that the benevolent dancers had to sacrifice nothing in their gorgeous aims-giving.

The moneyed men of the country, having secured during the depression a great deal of cheap property by foreclosure and otherwise, now desire a temporary expansion of currency so that they may dispose of their stealings. But they want bank notes that can be contracted when they get ready to make another haul. They are opposed to government issues which would make the expansion permanent.

It is generally remarked in Kansas that the reason J. Ralph Burton was defeated for the senatorship was because he had not yet reopened his assignation house for the season, and the republicans had consequently cooled in the ardor of their convivial love for him. He was defeated as closely as was Breckinridge in Kentucky—and doubtless for the reason that he was getting too good.

The security of the bank notes proposed is only 30 per cent. On the other hand the government might issue enough legal tender greenbacks to increase the present currency to \$50 per capita, and all the wealth of all the people of the nation would be behind it, insuring security by a backing of over three thousand per cent for each bill and every government note.

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