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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; 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.—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 managing any or all railroads, we should favor an amendment to the constitution by which all persons engaged 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 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 a better system; also by payments in discharge of its obligations for public improvements.

We demand free and unlimited coinage of silver at the present legal ratio 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 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 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 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 expressive of the convention.

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 denounce 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.

Nearly every reader of the Pilot has a friend some where who would like to hear from Jasper county. It costs but 2c a week to send them all the news, beautifully printed; why not do it? Twenty-five cents for three months including Coin's Financial School.

1776 CELEBRATE 1895



THE GRAND BICYCLE PARADE, 9:30 A.M.

Headed by the Rensselaer Cornet Band and Forty Komical Foot Klowns.

Best Dress Costume (on Bicycle): Gentleman, \$5; Lady, \$5; Girl under 13, \$3; Boy under 13, \$3. Best Clown to follow parade on foot, \$5.

Marshals of the Day:---Simon Phillips, Capt. Burnham, Capt. Wasson, E. C. Mills and C. C. Seigler.

MORNING.

Grand Stand Program Begins at 10:30.

Selection by Band.

Invocation.

Music by Quartette.

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National Holiday Address by Ex-Senator Sears, of Indianapolis.

QUARTETTE.

BAND.

AFTERNOON.

Contest Exercises will Begin at 1:30.

Climbing Greased Pole, \$2

Foot Race: First, \$10; Second, \$5

Potato race:---First, \$3; Second, \$2

Bicycle Race:

Free For All, (14 years and over,) 1st, \$5; 2d, \$3; 3d, \$2

Free For All, (Boys under 14 yrs.) 1st, \$3; 2d, \$2; 3d, \$1

Free For All, (Girls under 14 yrs.) 1st, \$3; 2d, \$2; 3d, \$1

Bucking Horse, not over 5 to enter. First person riding horse to receive the purse. \$10

A Magnificent display of Fireworks in the Afternoon and Evening.

Our present system of wage slavery crumbles a little every time the military appears at the call of capital.

If you don't like the present laws which make the poor poorer and the rich richer change them at the ballot-box.

At \$15,000 a head \$500,000 will buy the votes of fifty-five United States senators. The above is a demonstration in sugar trust problems.

The populists will elect more congressmen next fall than either of the old parties, and silver will have 250 friends when the 365 names are called.

Some years ago Benjamin Harrison valued the labor of a workman at \$1 per day; upon the same basis his estimate now could not exceed 50 cents.

If a poor man wants to know how to use his citizenship all he has to do is to find out what his rich employer wants and then oppose it. He will not miss the mark once in ten times.

The creditor class is benefited by a scarcity of money and opposes any expansion that will decrease the purchasing power of the dollar. They favor still further contraction that their dollars of interest may purchase still greater products of labor.

The state of Tennessee has purchased 9,000 acres of coal

land and gone into the mining business—a most sensible move and the way to knock out the coal trust. All coal mines should be owned and operated by the state for the benefit of all the people.

It costs more to harvest an acre of wheat now with self binders than it used to when it was done with cradles, and labor was higher then than now. The land also produced more bushels per acre then than now. Yet we are told that the price of wheat is made low by the labor-saving machinery and decreased cost of production.

Ah, they tell us now that the poison of populism is spreading. These pious plutocratic newspapers do, though but a few pale moons since they said the party was dead. No, sir, not dead, not sleeping, the sarsaparilla of truth is coursing through the corrupt blood of the body politic and its purifying effect is plainly manifest in a convalescent condition.

The protective tariff policy is ostensibly to prevent the importation of foreign goods that the home products may be sold—a home market for home goods. Then why are we so anxious for a dollar that will go in Yurup? What a blessing to our protected workmen if our dollars could not buy anything in Yurup. We want an honest dollar to buy goods in Yurup and a protective tariff to keep the goods out. Consistency thou art a gold-standard dollar and very few.

The governor of New Zealand has been compelled to pay a fine for fast driving. In this country he would have escaped arrest, while the poor man would be thrown into prison for treading on the grass to escape the iron hoofs of his high-bred steeds.

The PEOPLE'S PILOT is an extremist in economic philosophy; it cannot admit that the wealth-maker is entitled to anything less than all he produces; it cannot justify the monopoly of any natural opportunity or public utility; and in so comprehensive a demand it leaves no place for interest, profit or natural accretment; every man must be a wealth-creator if he is a consumer of wealth; every person must have equal rights and equal opportunities with every other person, and class laws and special privileges must be abolished. Now note the few simple measures which we suggest; even our populist friends, many of them, are frightened at our wildness, and read the proposition with fear and trembling, but they will not shock your delicate nerves nearly so severely upon close consideration. Read them:

Free coinage of both gold and silver at our present ratio of 16 to 1.

Pay all the bonds at once in full legal tender non-interest bearing paper money.

Abolish the national banks, which are simply issuing government paper money under a special privilege.

Increase the currency of the

country to at least \$50 for each of our 70,000,000 of people.

Establish government ownership and operations of railroads, telegraphs, telephones, express, highways, ship canals, irrigating ditches, stock yards, elevators, produce warehouses, commission houses, coal mines, etc.

Make government banks upon a basis of operating cost only, as is the postoffice.

Establish the initiative and referendum system, and let the people ratify every law before it becomes a fact.

Provide an income tax so graduated that it will effectually prevent the accumulation of wealth beyond a certain limit.

Limit the ownership of land by a system of taxation that will make the holding of idle acres impossible; exclude alien proprietorship, and make access to land practically free to all.

Abolish the right of succession to the land.

What objection do you see to any of these propositions, you who are giving your labor to the world for a miserable living—you who add to the nation's wealth \$10 and receive but \$1? The question is not asked of the rich who thrive on the right of property, living in luxury and sensuality at the expense of the masses. Their lascivious indolence answers "No" to every Christian heart-throb and has no standing in God's just Court. The question is only for you who bear the burdens, who compose the nation's industry, intelligence, enterprise, honor, purity and hope.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly For July.

The current July number of Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly presents an art-display that is unprecedented even in the history of this great periodical of the people. It contains no less than one hundred and twenty illustrations, many of them full-page engravings, in the best style of modern pictorial art; including the work of such well-known illustrators and painters as Carl J. Becker, Valerian Gribayedoff, Joseph Pennell, Hubert Herkomer, Cecil Lawson, G. Favretto, Makowsky, L. F. Fournier, Lepere, Enrico Sera, Henry Dawson, J. Becker, G. A. Davis, Pruett Share, A. B. Shute, F. Adams, Walter Dunk, and others. These pictures are for the most part illustrative of the literary features of the number, among which figure: "The Russian Church in America," by V. Gribayedoff; "An Artist in London Town," by Carl J. Becker; "By the Tideless Sea" (A Memory of Shelley), by Marie Walsh; "Tuscan Fisherfolk," by Leader Scott; "Down Cape Cod," by S. H. Ferris; "Kangaroos and Kangaroo-Hunting," by Arthur Inkersley; "A Chinese Banquet," by John Paul Babcock; "Rhine Sketches," by Joseph Pennell; "H. H. Richardson, Architect," by Horace Townsend; and "Roman Mosaics," by Theo. Tracy.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption, and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at F. B. Meyer's drug store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

Rensselaer Celebration.

In another column will be found a full announcement and program of the exercises for the Fourth. No pains are being spared to make the parade worth coming far to see. The participants are already training for the event and preparing their costumes, which will be superb. Tom Saler has the bicyclists in charge and is organizing them so as to make a very effective spectacle. There will be a number of good clowns.

The bicycle races, which occur in the afternoon, will be hotly contested. Probably no town can produce more really good riders than Rensselaer.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price 50 cents per bottle at Meyer's Drug Store.

BUCKLIN'S ARNICA SALVE.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by F. B. Meyer.

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A Sale of fifty fine Musical Instruments. Guitars, Violins, and Accordians, at less than one third regular price. At Frank B. Meyer's Old Reliable drug store.