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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 with 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.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

All persons who are entitled to premium books and have not received them will kindly advise us of the fact and they will be sent at once.

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Justice, simple justice, to all mankind.

A well-intending advocate of human rights asks for a constitutional amendment limiting individual property holdings to a million dollars. Without question he is striving to right a wrong, but why not ask for reform on the broad plain of absolute justice to all that shall limit the possession of property to just what the individual can produce by his own exertions.

Jabs From Your Uncle Jasper.

To the Editor of The People's Pilot:

Every phase of the economic question can be traced directly to the one disturbing element—interest.

When justice is accorded every individual, interest, rents, profits, dividends—all forms of gain without labor—will have disappeared.

Usury is any part of one individual's production taken by another individual without equivalent recompense in labor production. It is any rate of interest.

The whole social problem hinges on interest, and the rate per cent has nothing to do with its merits, for the smallest per cent is wrong and will eventually absorb the whole capital.

Government banks, rightly organized and operated on the humane principle of charging for actual cost, only, on the business transacted, would entirely remove the power of the money-lender to extort interest from the borrowing security-giver.

Now listen, friends, and weigh this basic truth with calm consideration: Justice gives the laborer all he produces. Justice compels everyone to produce all that he shall possess. Justice forbids any scheme of financing by which one class shall derive sustenance—much less luxury and magnificence—from the labor of another class. Justice limits the use of the natural elements of production to equal opportunity for all.

YOUR UNCLE JASPER.

DATES FAIRS ARE TO BE HELD.

Following are names, places of holding and dates of state and district fairs for 1895:

Platte County, Platte City, Mo., Aug. 27-31.

Tri-State, Toledo, O., Aug. 26-31.

Canada, Toronto, Sept. 2-14.

Illinois, Springfield, Sept. 22-28.

Indiana, Indianapolis, Sept. 16-21.

Iowa, Des Moines, Sept. 9-13.

Michigan, Grand Rapids, Sept. 9-14.

Minnesota, St. Paul, Sept. 13-14.

Nebraska, Omaha, Sept. 13-20.

Ohio, Columbus, Sept. 2-6.

Wisconsin, Madison, Sept. 10-21.

Washington, New Whatcom, Sept. 23-27.

Atchison County, Robbport, Mo., Sept. 3-6.

Books County, Latrobe, Pa., Sept. 2-6.

Inter-state, Latrobe, Pa., Sept. 2-6.

N. M. C. A. & L., Trenton, Mo., Sept. 10-13.

S. D. Agricultural, Cape Girardeau, Mo., Sept. 10-13.

St. Louis, Robbport, Mo., Sept. 2-6.

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