

## THE PEOPLE'S PILOT.

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Direct legislation will knock out the political machines and down the bosses.

Senator Tillman thinks there will be a revolution in this country before 1900.

The national committee of the People's party will meet in St. Louis, January 17, 1896.

Jerusalem, the Holy City, where Christ preached the religion of humanity, has 135 saloons now.

About all a Democrat can do now is to make faces at the Republicans. He feels too bad to say anything.

There has been enough corruption and sin in Washington to condemn a hundred Sodoms and Gomorrahs.

"Knowledge is power." If it wasn't it could not pull the ignorant out of the ruts of prejudice and superstition.

Party lines are resting loose upon the people and it is a good time to get in some efficient work for the cause of reform.

A vote for either of the two old parties is a vote to change political bosses of the same kind, but of a different brand.

All of the reform forces ought to be able to unite on a platform with direct legislation as the leading question to settle other issues.

The whole question resolves itself into the one: "Shall the citizen or the dollar rule? Is property rights greater than human rights?"

Bayard simply talked about what Cleveland actually did, and congress saw fit to reprimand him. Why don't they get after old Tallowfat?

If the machine displaces labor, and the machine is owned by capital, how is labor to be benefited by the machine? Don't answer too quick

The Republicans are in practical control of congress now, but they are like the man who had the white elephant—then don't know what to do.

All that a corporation requires to rob people under our present system, is a lead pencil with which to make figures. An ordinary highwayman uses a gun.

Direct legislation is the "cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night" that will ultimately lead the reform forces into the promised land of industrial freedom.

Grover pretends to object to the British extending their sway over South American territory, but he lets the bars down clean to the ground to give them a foothold in the United States.

It is impossible to retain gold in this country as long as the interest and dividends on British loans and investments amount to more than four times the amount of gold we produce.

The next thing we look to hear is something about the divine rights of capital. There are plenty of suckers that would swallow that "gag" if it was administered to them by the party bosses.

What we want to know now is whether bank money, not endorsed by the government, will be "good in Yurup." And if endorsement by the government makes it good, why isn't government paper money better?

Some of the churches are moving with the object of having God put in our constitution. We venture the opinion that God would object unless we put more of Him in our system, our votes and our social lives.

Before the repeal of the Sherman law we were told that it was that was driving gold out of this country; now we are told that it is greenbacks. It is neither. It is the interest and dividends on British investments in this country.

When the bankers took their shoulder out from under the public credit as per contract, they immediately began another raid on the treasury reserve. The banker is one of the "birds" that old honest Abe Lincoln said "ought to have their devilish heads shot off."

Count up the profits derived from government, and the losses sustained by taxes, trusts, railroad corporations and speculators. Now how does government do you as compared by the evils it permits others to inflict upon you? What is government for, if not to protect your rights? Instead of that, it is so administered today as to prevent you from practicing your rights. Put on your study cap and think these things over. There is a way out of the dilemma and you will be able to find it.

Gold is the devil's yard stick.

Harmony means submission to the gold bugs.

"Bank paper must be suppressed." Jefferson.

Banks of issue are a violation of the Jefferson doctrine.

The gold basis is so narrow you can't measure it with the "golden rule."

There are plenty of bugs for the free coinage of silver, but what we want is just one law.

While talking about the Monroe doctrine don't take your eye off of the Jefferson doctrine.

If the people's party keeps on "dying" it will soon be able to knock the two old parties into smithereens.

Grover's deficit needs a prop—the "tariff for revenue" was all right, only it did not bring the "revenue."

Carlisle's speeches seem to have gained more notoriety for the falsehoods they contain than for anything else.

Slavery and debt are synonymous terms; there'll be slavery as long as there is debt, most especially interest-bearing debt.

And now we rise to a question of privilege: Did not Cleveland violate one of Monroe's doctrines when he fooled Maria Halpin?

When the gold goes into circulation it is not fit for a "reserve," and when it is in the "reserve" it don't circulate—a great scheme, this gold basis.

That message of Grover's would have more weight if the author had done his own fighting in the late unpleasantness instead of hiring a substitute.

The coal trust has advanced the price of coal 50 cents per ton. It can always be relied upon to do this when the people are obliged to use lots of coal—in midwinter.

Take the People's party platform and compare it with the old time Democratic platforms and you'll find it contains more genuine democracy than a wagon load of modern democratic platforms.

The "gangs" are now getting together to outline the coming campaign and make up the slates. A Populist gang is as bad as any other kind of a gang. We don't need any gangs in our business.

The gold bugs insist on harmony in the democratic party, yet they don't want it unless it is on a gold basis. The cowardly free silver leaders, like Bland, have announced their surrender in advance.

While the plutocratic press is laboriously pointing out how the People's party is dying, the Populist vote goes right on increasing in about the same ratio that the vote in the two old parties is decreasing.

Gold is both a coward and a traitor. It hid itself when the nation's life was threatened and never came out until the fighting was all over; and then it came to plunder under the plea that it had saved the union.

The big railroads have swallowed nearly all the little railroads, and are now trying to swallow each other. The railroad problem will not be settled, however, until the people swallow the whole system—that is, own and operate it.

Battlefields of the late war come pretty high, but then we must have them; don't see how the nation could live without a "gold reserve" and a good stock of battlefields on hand. The latest battlefield placed in the market is Stone River, and the price asked is \$125,000.

The first thing sold out of the republican spoils budget was the place for the holding of the national convention. It was knocked off to St. Louis, the highest bidder. The next thing offered is the nomination for president. It will also go to the highest bidder.

If we should be plunged into a war with Great Britain it would be making the Monroe doctrine come pretty high; therefore, while we are at it, there might just as well be a settlement of the Jefferson doctrine. By the time we got through with Mr. Bull on these two counts he would be worn to a frazzle.

The greatest danger which the people's party has to encounter lies within its own ranks. Whenever it stops to listen to men who hanker for office and are willing to trim and dicker it is on danger ground. The best way is to crush every man's aspirations that places his own success above that of the party's principles.

The banks want the privilege of issuing all the paper money. Suppose we grant them the privilege. They would only issue their notes to be used as money. They would charge interest for the use of these notes. They would collect interest on what they owed. On every note would be printed a "promise to pay." To pay what? Why, money, of course. And what is money? The bankers say, gold. But where would they get the gold to pay these notes? "Ah, there's the rub."

Organize at once.

Agitate direct legislation.

Death to all private monopolies.

Direct legislation is the day star of unity.

"We are the people"—if we pull together.

Don't be fooled by this war talk. It is only a feint.

A gold bug is no worse than the straddle bug who wants office.

Give us a change—anything almost except what we have had.

Go to work and organize the Industrial Legion in your county.

The president never hires a substitute to go fishing or hunting.

We'll agree to eat as much powder as Cleveland will shoot at England.

The harmony humbug will be one of the corner stones of a gold standard.

If you'll read up on Grover's war record you'll consider that message a great joke.

Under this war excitement the plutocrats will push their schemes of robbery.

There is not half as much danger from England's soldiers as there is from her capitalists.

War ought to be declared against the democratic party for violating the Jefferson doctrine.

It is not necessary to go further than Grover's message to find out how well he loves the bankers.

If it is in order we should be pleased to know what city the National Democratic convention will be sold to.

If the people would raid the banks for gold as the banks raid the government, what bank could stand it?

Direct legislation is the only route to genuine reform. With it the power is taken from the machine and monopoly.

Plenty of prosperity; the Santa Fe railroad, valued at \$350,000,000, was sold recently "under the hammer" for \$60,000.

Organization just now is of more importance than the platform. Now is the time to organize; the convention will make the platform.

Doing nothing is better than doing wrong, but the people want a congress that will do something and do that something right.

If Grover had hired a substitute to hang those two men in Buffalo, and went to the war himself, his message would have more force.

And gold is still leaving the country. It isn't the tariff now, or the Sherman law, but the greenbacks that is the cause of it. So Grover says.

It is reported that the recent slump in the stock market, occasioned by Cleveland's message, caught John Sherman for about a million dollars.

A free silver inside-the-party democrat is a man who will vote for a gold bug democrat before he will for a free silver man not of his party. See?

A democrat paper invites the Populists to come into that party—says there is plenty of room. And we might add that room is about the only thing left of it.

If the democratic party would cease to exist the republican party would die. They are twins, and the death of one would stink the other out of existence.

Why not establish a "reserve" of rich American heiresses? But then it would be raided. A "reserve" of lead is about the only thing John Bull's subjects would not raid.

It costs more each year to bury a senator. Senator Peffer shows that out of 73 buried at public expense it cost more to bury the last thirteen than it did the other sixty.

Come to think, Grover has something of a record. He killed two men while sheriff of Buffalo, N. Y. Hung them himself. Old John Bull would better be careful how he "monkeys" with the Monroe doctrine.

General Miles has pointed out all the weak places in our coast defenses, and England might profit by it in case of war, but Cleveland has turned over the keys of industry to John Bull and England can manage us without any war.

At the Louisiana State Democratic convention only thirteen delegates of the 378 voted for a straight free silver plank in the platform. Yet there are lots of well meaning men who seem to think they can yet get free silver "inside the democratic party."

The two old parties resemble a dead vine and a rotten tree. The tree supports the vine and the vine holds the tree together. The two old parties are sustained on the prejudices they have against each other. If one was to die the other would "kick the bucket" at once, for it would have nothing to sustain it.

CONDITION, NOT A THEORY.

The Editor of The Lamar, Mo., Leader Relates an Experience.

In the course of their work Populist editors have many funny experiences. Most of the brethren will recognize the following as a counterpart of some of their own experience:

"Good morning, Mr. Blank."

"Howdy."

"Fine weather we are having, Mr. Blank."

"Ya-as, sort of tobbly—tooburn hot for the corn."

"Mr. Blank, don't you want to subscribe for a Populist paper?"

"Naw! I'm a Republican. Don't take any stock in that doctrine. I'm gittin' all the papers I want. Can't pay for them."

"I supposed you were not a Populist. But you ought to read our side, too. What papers do you take, Mr. Blank?"

"I git the New York Tribune, the Toledo Blade and the Kansas Star—they give me all sides."

"No, Mr. Blank, you are mistaken; all those are goldbug papers. While two of them are Republican and one Democratic, they all indorse Grover Cleveland and are opposed to free silver."

"Ya-as, ya-as, that's what all you Populists say, all the time talking about free silver and hard times. That's just as much money in circulation as there ever was. What good would free silver do me, I'd like to know?"

"Mr. Blank, didn't you say awhile ago that you can't pay for the papers you get now?"

"Ya-as."

"Why can't you?"

"Can't get nothin' for what sell—wheat 50 cents, and that horse that, what d'ye suppose he'd fetch?"

"He looks like a good horse; about \$100, I suppose."

"Ya-as, \$100, but I can't sell him for \$35."

"Well, why can't you get what he is worth?"

"Too blamed many horses."

"No, there is not enough money."

"Jist as much money as there ever was, I tell ye."

"Where is it—you say you haven't got it—I know I have not—where is the money?"

"Plenty of money in the banks—get all the money you want if you've got good security."

"How much can you get on that \$100 horse?"

"Can't get a durned dollar—banks don't lend money on horses."

"Then, according to that if you had \$20,000—all your property—in horses you could not borrow from the banks. The time was when you could borrow from your neighbor farmer—why can't you now?"

"I dunno—(whoo that, Jack, you lummix)—ye'll hev to excuse me, Mister (git up, Jack)—I'm a Republican—got all the papers I want (Jack, you ole heathen)—got no use for Populists, nohow."—Lamar Leader.

A Good Showing.

The Populist party has more votes to its credit than has the democratic party, in:

Minnesota.

Nebraska.

Oklahoma.

Wyoming.

North Dakota.

Washington.

Nevada.

South Dakota.

Kansas.

Colorado.

Montana.

Idaho.

Oregon.

Arizona.

It has more votes than the republican party in:

Arkansas.

Louisiana.

Alabama.

Florida.

Mississippi.

Georgia.

North Carolina.

Thus it will be seen that in no less than twenty-three states and territories, or half the whole number in the United States, and embracing almost three-fourths of the territory, it is the first or second party. With such figures as these before us, it would seem that it is worse than folly for any member of the party to become discouraged, much less think of deserting its ranks.—Nonconformist.

Tom Watson on Churches and Guns.

We are now