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People's Party Platform.

1. We demand a national currency, safe, sound and flexible, issued by the general government only, a full legal tender for all debt 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 exceeding 2 per cent, be provided, as set forth in the sub-treasury plan of the Farmers' Alliance, or some better system also by payments in discharge of its obligations for public improvements.
2. We demand free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1.
3. We demand that the amount of circulating medium be speedily increased to not less than \$50 per capita.
4. We demand a graduated income tax.
5. 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 revenue shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government, economically and honestly administered.
6. We demand that postal savings banks be established by the government for the safe deposit of the earnings of the people and to facilitate exchange.
7. Transportation being a means of exchange and public necessity, the government should own and operate the railroads in the interest of the people.
8. The telegraph and telephone, like the post office system, being a necessity for the transportation of news, should be owned and operated by the government in the interest of the people.
9. The land, including all the national resources of wealth, is the heritage of all the people, and should not be monopolized for speculative purposes, and alien ownership of land should be prohibited. All land 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.

Colfax Dots.

Judge Wear and District Attorney R. E. Milling were in Colfax on Oct. 22d and 23d, to conduct the preliminary trial of Guynes and Kelly.

District Court opens at Colfax, Grant parish, Monday, Nov. 5th, 1894. First week civil and second week criminal.

A jury of twenty-five was selected to serve for the second week of the November term, 1894, of the District Court for Grant parish, by the jury commissioners.

The farmers in this district believe that the cotton seed oil mills have combined to reduce the market price of cotton seed. Last year cotton seed sold for \$17 per ton. This year it sells for \$6 and \$7 per ton. Cotton selling at 4 and 4 1/2 cents per pound. Cotton seed oil has fallen a very small amount in price, and cotton cloth is as high as ever. Will some one explain this? Wonder if the "party"

The Present System.

Corn Crop
\$800,000,000
Farmer gets \$600,000,000
Less Freight & \$240,000,000
Net = \$360,000,000
Middleman gets \$200,000,000

Wheat Crop
\$460,000,000
Farmer gets \$343,000,000
Less Freight & \$88,000,000
Net = \$255,000,000
Middleman gets \$117,000,000

Consumer's gain Nothing
"He's not in it."

The Farmer's Plan.

Corn Crop
\$800,000,000
Farmer gets \$800,000,000
Less Freight & \$180,000,000
Net = \$620,000,000
Farmer's gain 260,000,000

Wheat Crop
\$460,000,000
Farmer gets \$460,000,000
Less Freight & \$70,000,000
Net = \$390,000,000
Farmer's gain 135,000,000

Consumer's gain
Farmer has more money to spend

Which is the Best?

question figures between these articles and their values!

The preliminary trial of John Guynes and Thos. Kelly, charged with the assassination of James Braden, held on Monday and Tuesday, October 22d and 23rd, resulted in the accused being allowed bond in the sum of six hundred dollars. The accused gave bond at once and were released.

The evidence was mostly circumstantial, but as no one else was charged with the crime a light bond was allowed the accused, awaiting further developments.

Braden was assassinated on the night of October 2d, 1894, being killed almost instantly while entering his dwelling house just after dark. Shotguns and buck shot did the work. His succession has been opened for the benefit of the State of Louisiana, he being an alien of Canadian nativity, leaving no heirs.

Mrs. Cook, the minor daughter of Mrs. Sarah Cook, claims to be an adopted heir of Braden's, and claims the inheritance by virtue of a will made in May, 1892, by said Braden, while sick in the city of New Orleans. The will has not yet been found. Mrs. Cook also claims wages as housekeeper of Braden for three years.

Judge W. L. Richardson has been removed as parish superintendent and secretary of the school board of Grant parish, under the charge of "usurpation of authority and drawing and using the public school money of the parish of Grant for his own use and benefit without authority from the Board or from any other source." Judge Richardson took an appeal to the State superintendent.

Mr. J. A. Williams, of Colfax, a prominent young attorney, was elected as parish superintendent and secretary of the school board.

Mr. A. L. Cox, People's party orator, spoke at Colfax, Thursday night, October 18th. There was about 100 persons present, about eight or ten of whom were democrats or independents, the remainder People's party. The attendance was light on account of a protracted religious meeting then going on in town. Mr. Cox spoke at Fairfield Friday, Oct. 19th, to a large crowd of citizens, having the

opportunity to address both the executive and campaign committees of the People's party, jointly, as well as the citizens. Mr. Cox is an enthusiastic speaker, handles his subject well and engages the undivided attention of his audience.

Mr. Carlisle's reports since last January will also show that he has taken in and held in the Treasury \$37,000,000 of greenbacks. That is, his July report that he has in the Treasury, and of course has taken out of circulation, \$37,000,000 of greenbacks in the past six months. Mr. Carlisle's monthly report also shows that he has, during the past six months, contracted the Treasury notes of 1890 just \$21,000,000.

These reports will show that he has contracted the silver certificates over five million dollars during the last six months.

Thus the Secretary of the Treasury, despite the calamity in the land, a result of a lack of currency to hold up the business of the country, has contracted the currency each month since Mr. Cleveland came in, about \$15,000,000.

In the face of these facts the Democratic voters tell the people that Mr. Cleveland is a wise and conservative statesman, and that he should be endorsed. They proclaim that a good time is coming, and that is necessary to make the country bloom as the rose is for the people to have confidence.

Voters, the country is on the brink of financial and social disaster! There is a calamitous storm coming! Such a policy as is being pursued by Mr. Cleveland cannot fail to bring disaster and ruin. It is time every voter was awake to this fact, and had girded on the armor of reform and was ready for the battle of ballots that must result in a victory for the people and the enthronement of common sense in our national affairs, or there will be a revolution as sure as the sun shines. The policy being pursued nationally leads to financial disaster, and social chaos will follow. Is there a man who will consent to sit quietly and fiddle while the country is thus being consumed?

Beat the Populists Any How.

Said Capt. Myers at Noblesville and at Hartford City: "Keep away from Populist meetings, and if you can't vote the Democratic ticket, for God's sake vote the Republican ticket."

The chairman of the Republican State Committee of Wisconsin says: "The present unsettled social and economic conditions make it necessary that the Populists should be driven out of public life. The Populists are a dangerous menace to law and order and good government. . . . I had rather see a decent Democrat in the House than an indecent Populist, and so far as their principles are concerned they are all indecent however agreeable may be their personality."

We publish the above not that we care for the dirty slime of these old parties, but to show that the two old parties are together in an attempt to beat the Populists. The money power owns them, and it matters not which is elected so the people are defeated. Now readers if you are wise enough to take a hint, you will turn out in full force on the 6th of November, and vote for the People's party.

People's Party Executive Committee

Of Grant parish, La., met at Fairfield October 20th, 1894. Meeting called to order by W W Smith, chairman, W L Shackelford, secretary.

Present—Ward one, W L Shackelford, W P Stevenson; ward two, A W Stewart, J T Wilson; ward three, C C Richards, P W Lofton, Henry Guynes; ward four, Dock Nugent, C J Hutchinson; ward five, absent; ward six, G D Smith, W H Clark, W W Smith; ward seven, Jesse L Fletcher, C L Purvis.

On motion, above named new members were accepted and seated.

On motion, witnesses of election provided for in Act 181 of the Acts of 1894, be appointed, and the following voters were selected:

Colfax, J A Hyde; Fairmount, F E Laysard; Bagdad, Jas W Fletcher; Bruce's Mill, Wm Gray; Fishville, E N Duke; Creed's; H N Perdue; Antonio, Brock Flowery; Buckelew, O C Watson; Lincocum, Bill Zeigler, Union, C O Barrett; Summerfield, M L Spikes; Mont-

gomery, Dr C A Neal; Iatt, A Chellette.

Motion, carried, that should any of the above witnesses be prevented from coming to the voting precincts on the day set (Nov. 6th, 1894) that they have the right and authority to appoint a citizen voter to represent the People's party (by their signature) at said election, who shall be vested with the same authority as those appointed.

Motion, carried, that as we have very few partisans to represent the party properly at Fairmount and Bagdad precincts, that three People's party voters at large be selected to go to those precincts on the day of the election to work for the party and witness the count.

Motion, carried, that M C Hamberlin and J C Fralick be selected to go to Bagdad precinct, and that Ben Brown and James Gray be selected to go to Fairmount. They are hereby requested to deport themselves in a gentlemanly and law-abiding manner and any affront or insult shown them will be settled by the People's party of Grant parish.

Minutes read and adopted, meeting adjourned subject to the orders of the chairman.

W. W. SMITH,
 Chr. P. P. Ex. Com.
 W. L. SHACKELFORD, Sec'y.

Proclamation of Election.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, }
 Parish of Grant. }

Be it remembered that by virtue of the authority vested in us by act No. 181 of the acts of the General Assembly of Louisiana of 1894, we hereby issue this our proclamation, that there will be an election held in Grant parish, Louisiana, on Tuesday, the 6th day of November, 1894, to elect a Congressman to represent the 4th Congressional District of Louisiana in the 53rd Congress of the United States, and we do hereby give public notice that we have appointed the following Commissioners and Clerks of election to serve at the following precincts of election of Grant parish, La., and hereby authorize and empower them to do and perform all acts required by law, viz: Colfax precinct, J. L. Marantiny, W. P. Stevenson, C. H. Teal, G. W. McKnight, J. H. Kemp, J. H. McNeely, Commissioners; Andy Perkins and Wm. Knotzack, clerks.

Fairmount—C. D. Hickman, F. E. Laysard, A. A. Dean, A. W. Lewis, Thos. J. Hickman, Heman Smith, commissioners; John Randolph and J. P. Lewis, clerks.

Bagdad—John Terrell, L. L. Mercer, Will Buckner, J. W. Johnson, A. W. Cruikshank, Phil. Hebert, commissioners; L. E. Tarry and J. P. Hadnot, clerks.

Bruce's Mill—T. J. Chandler, D. P. Morris, W. J. Tison, J. T. Flanagan, O. A. Tison, W. P. Walker, commissioners; E. W. Pollard and S. T. Parish, clerks.

Fishville—R. N. Duke, W. E. Kees, J. E. Walker, J. B. Wilmut, M. D. Andrews, R. M. Nugent, commissioners; W. W. Stewart and J. M. Nugent, clerks.

Creeds—C C Richards, H J Guynes, W N Creed, Joshua Hemp, B F Moore, A Baxley, commissioners; L D P Lofton and T A Moore, clerks.

Antonio—W C Beal, J D Adams, S R Lee, G W Wainright, T J Ketchum, D J Kitterlin, commissioners; J C Ward and R J Lacroix, clerks.

Buckelew—J W Smith, R M Deen, Matthew Nugent, W F Logan, Oscar Nugent, E W Gray, commissioners; B Nugent and J A Harvey, clerks.

Lincocum—T H West, J P Lincocum, E L Brister, G B Starks, Robt. Kent, C C McKay, commissioners; Henry P Gray and C W Lacroix, clerks.

Union—Thos. M Bradford, R N Tillman, C Starks, A C Macey, U H Martin, W S Wallace, commissioners; J P Corley and M C Starks, clerks.

Summerfield—J D Chellette, G D Smith, Sam Johnson, B H Phillips, Wilson Prestridge, Alex. Roabto, commissioners; J B Layman and W H Clark, clerks.

Montgomery—C A Neal, B A Fortson, Jno. I McCain, A W Bell, J H Williams, L T Ethridge, commissioners; M L Payne and A C Teddlie, clerks.

Iatt—W J Snow, Jessie L Fletcher, T W Garrett, J T Thompson, S A Cedgood, August Chellette, commissioners; B H Hale and W B Garrett, clerks.

Said commissioners and clerks to hold said election for congressman on the 6th day of November, 1894, keeping the polls open from 7 o'clock in the morning until 6 o'clock in the evening, conducting the election in the customary manner, and count the votes and make the returns in accordance with law.

Done and signed at Colfax, Grant parish, La., this October 23rd, 1894.

W. W. SMITH,
 M. E. SWAFFORD,
 Supervisors of Election.

(For the POPULIST.)
 One or the Other.

BY LINN TANNER.

"I a Jackson Democrat," the speaker cried.
 "I really belong to that class."
 "'Tis the truth that ye tell!" a Paddy replied.
 "Sure a Jack's-son is either a mule or an ass."

WHAT THEY BELIEVE.

I believe in high tariff a Democrat cries;
 I believe in free trade cries another;
 I believe in tariff for revenue another replies.
 Then all vote the same ticket together.

The Democratic party is like boarding house hash,
 Made up of odds and ends, a strangely mingled mash,
 Its ingredients or principles wont bear investigation,
 If searched too close, no mortal could swallow such a ration.

People's Party Campaign Committee

Of Grant parish, La., met at Fairfield, Oct. 20th, 1894. Meeting called to order by W. L. Shackelford, secretary.

Present—Ward 1, W L Shackelford; ward 2, J F Estes; ward 3, C C Richards; ward 4, Dock Nugent; ward 5, absent; ward 6, G D Smith; ward 7, C L Purvis.

On motion P W Lofton was accepted as a member from ward three.

On motion P W Lofton was elected chairman of the campaign committee.

On motion the following members were accepted as members of the campaign committee, viz: Ward 1, John Ulmer; ward 2, E N Duke, A W Stewart; ward 3, M C Hamberlin, T J Chandler; ward 4, C J Hutchinson, Ben Nugent; ward 5, R N Tillman, T M Bradford, W H Mathis; ward 6, Felix Bullett, Jas. Ferrier; ward 7, Dr C A Neal, J L Fletcher.

On motion, that the time fixed for the campaign committee be ratified and endorsed.

On motion, that the following People's party men be requested to distribute People's party tickets on the day of election, Nov. 6th, 1894.

To be notified by the secretary privately, and they are requested in the name of the People's party of this parish to distribute said tickets to the best advantage among the People's party voters of Grant parish at the various precincts.

On motion, that the People's party campaign committee raise enough money to purchase tickets for the Congressional election, through their secretary, and distribute same.

On motion, thanks was tendered Bro. A J Cox for his efforts in behalf of the party.

On motion, the Natchitoches POPULIST was endorsed as the organ of the People's party of Grant parish and requested to print these proceedings.

On motion, campaign committee adjourned.

P. W. LOFTON,
 Chr. P. P. Campaign Com.
 W. L. SHACKELFORD, Sec'y.

Send us your Job work.