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People's Party Platform.

FOUNDATION PRINCIPLES.

First—That union of the labor forces of the United States this day consummated shall be permanent and perpetual, may its spirit enter 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 rural and civic 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 or managing any or all of the railroads, we should favor an amendment to the constitution by which all persons engaged in this government service shall be placed under a civil service regulation of the most rigid character, so as to prevent the 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 distributing 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 the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold 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 the 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 public necessity the government should own and operate the railroads in the interest of the people.

The telegraph and the telephone, like the post office 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 lands, including all the resources of wealth is the heritage of the people, and should not be monopolized for speculative purposes, and alien ownership should be prohibited. And 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 for actual purposes only.

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Do you spit up slime
Do you ache all over
Do you blow up scales
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Does your nose discharge
Does your nose bleed easily
Is there tickling in the throat
Do crusts form in the nose
Is the nose sore and tender
Do you sneeze a great deal
Is this worse towards night
Is there pain in front of head
Is there pain across the eyes
Is there pain in back of head
Is your sense of smell leaving
Do you hawk to clear the throat
Is there a dropping in the throat
Is the throat dry in the morning
Are you losing your sense of taste
Do you sleep with your mouth open
Does your nose stop up towards night

CATARRH OF THE EARS.
Catarrh Extends from the Throat Along the Eustachian Tubes into the Ears Causing Defective Hearing.
Is your hearing failing
Do your ears discharge
Are the ears dry and scaly
Do the ears itch and burn
Have you pain behind the ears
Is there a throbbing in the ears
Are you gradually getting deaf
Is there a buzzing sound heard
Do you have ringing in the ears
Are there crackling sounds heard
Is your hearing bad cloudy days
Do you constantly hear noises in the ear
Do you hear better some days than others
Do the noises in your ears keep you awake
When you blow your nose do the ears crack
Is your hearing worse when you have a cold

CATARRH OF THE LIVER.
The Liver is Affected by Catarrh Through the Disease Extending from the Stomach into the Tubes of the Liver.
Are you irritable
Are you nervous
Do you get dizzy
Have you no energy
Do you feel miserable
Is your memory poor
Do you get tired easily
Is your eyesight blurred
Have you a pain in the back
Can't you explain where
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Have you a cough
Are you losing flesh
Do you cough at night
Do you take a cold easily
Is your appetite variable
Do you cough until you gag
Are you low spirited at times
Do you raise frothy material
Do you spit up yellow matter
Do you cough on going to bed
Do you cough in the morning
Is your cough short and hacking
Do you spit up little cheesy lumps
Is there a tickling behind the palate
Do you feel you are growing weaker
Is there a burning pain in the throat
Do you cough night and mornings
Do you have to sit up at night to breathe

CATARRH OF THE KIDNEYS.
Catarrh of the Kidneys Results Either from Colds or from Overwork of the Kidneys in Separating from the Blood the Poisons that Have Been Absorbed from Catarrh of Other Organs.
Is the skin pale and dry
Do the legs feel too heavy
Is the skin dry and hard
Is the hair dry and brittle
Has the skin a waxy look
Are they cold and clammy
Do the joints pain and ache
Is there nausea after eating
Is there a pain in the small of the back
Is the urin dark and cloudy
Are the eyes dull and staring
Do your hands and feet swell
Has the perspiration a bad odor
Have you a pain in top of head
Is there puffiness under the eyes
Is there a desire to get up at night
Does a deposit form when left standing
Have you a chilly feeling down the back
Do you see spots floating before the eyes
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People's Party Platform.

Full Text of the one Adopted at St. Louis.

The following is the platform and resolutions adopted at St. Louis by the People's Party Convention, Gen. J. B. Weaver being chairman of the committee on resolutions:

The People's party assembled in national convention, reaffirms its allegiance to the principles declared by the founders of the republic, and also to the fundamental principles of just government as enunciated in the platform of the party in 1892. We recognize that through the connivance of the present and previous administrations the country has reached a crisis in its national life predicted in our declaration four years ago, and patriotic action is the supreme duty of the hour. We realize that while we have political independence our financial and industrial independence is yet to be attained by restoring to our country the constitutional control and exercise of the functions necessary to a people's government, which functions have been basely surrendered by our public servants to corrupt monopolies. The influence of the Republican money changers has been more potent in shaping legislation than the voice of the American people, executive power and patronage have been used to corrupt our industries and defeat the will of the people, and plutocracy has been enthroned upon the ruins of Democracy. To restore the government intended by the fathers and for the welfare and prosperity of this and future generations, we demand the establishment of an economical financial system which shall make us masters of our own affairs and independent of European control, by the adoption of the following declaration of principles:

FINANCE.

1. We demand a national money, safe and sound, issued by the general government only, without the intervention of banks of issue, to be a full legal tender for debts, public and private, and a just, equitable and efficient means of distribution direct to the people and through the lawful disbursements of the government.
2. We demand the free and unrestricted coinage of silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the consent of foreign nations.
3. We demand the volume of circulating medium be speedily increased to an amount sufficient to meet the demands of the business population of this country and to restore the just level of prices of labor and production.
4. We denounce the sale of bonds and the increase of the public interest bearing bonded debt made by the present administration, as unnecessary and without authority of law, and demand that no more bonds be issued except by a specific act of congress.
5. We demand such legal legislation as will prevent the demonetization of the lawful money of the United States by private contract.
6. We demand that the government in payment of its obligations shall use its option as to the kind of lawful money in which they are to be paid, and we denounce the present and preceding administrations for surrendering this option to the holders of government obligations.
7. We demand the graduated income tax, to the end that aggregated wealth shall bear its just proportion of taxation, and we denounce the decision of the supreme court, in relation to the income tax law, as a misinterpretation of the constitution and an invasion of the rightful powers of congress over the subject of taxation.
8. We demand that postal savings banks be established by the government for the safe deposit of the people and to facilitate exchange.

TRANSPORTATION.

1. Transportation being the means of exchange and a public necessity the government should own and operate the railroads in the interest of the people and on a nonpartisan basis, to the end that all may be accorded the same treatment in transportation, and that the tyranny and political power now exercised by the great railroad corporations, which result in the impairment, if not the destruction, of the political rights of the citizens, may be destroyed. Such ownership is to be accomplished gradually in a manner consistent with sound policy.
2. The interest of the United States in the public highways built with public money and the proceeds of extensive grants of land to the Pacific railways should never be alienated, mortgaged or sold, but guarded and protected for the welfare as provided by the laws organizing such railways. The foreclosure of the existing liens of the United States on these roads should at once follow default in the payment of the debt of the companies and at the foreclosure sales of said roads the government shall purchase the same if it becomes necessary to protect its interests therein or if they can be purchased at a reasonable price; and the government shall operate said railways as public highways for the benefit of the whole and not in the interest of the few, under suitable provisions for the protection of life and property, giving to all transportation interest and privileges equal rates for fares and freight.
3. We denounce the present infamous schemes for refunding these debts and demand that the laws now applicable thereto be executed and administered according to their true intent and spirit.
4. The telegraph, like the post-office system being a necessity for the transmission of news, should be owned and operated by the government in the interest of the people.

GENERAL PROPOSITIONS.

1. We demand the election of president, vice president and United States senators by a direct vote of the people.
2. We tender to the patriotic people of Cuba our deepest sympathy in the heroic struggle for political freedom and independence, and we believe the time has come when the United States, the greatest republic of the world, should recognize that Cuba is, and has a right to be, a free and independent state.
3. We favor home rule in the territories and the district of Columbia and early admission of the territories as states.
4. All public salaries should be made to correspond with the price of labor and its products.
5. In times of great industrial depression, idle labor should be employed on public works as far as practicable.
6. The arbitrary course of the courts in assuming to imprison citizens for indirect contempt should be prevented by proper legislation.
7. We favor just pensions for our disabled Union soldiers.
8. Believing that the elective franchise and an untrammelled ballot are essential to a government of, for and by the people, the People's party condemns the whole system of disfranchisement adopted in some states as un-republican and undemocratic, and we declare it to be the duty of the several state legislatures to take such action as will secure a full, free and fair ballot and an honest count.
9. While the foregoing propositions constitute the platform upon which our party stands, and for the vindication of which its organization will be maintained, we recognize that the great and pressing issue of the pending campaign, upon which the present presidential election will turn, is the financial question, and upon the great and specific issue between the parties we cordially invite the aid and co-operation of all organizations of citizens agreeing with us upon this vital question.

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LAND.

1. The true policy demands that national and state legislation shall be such as will ultimately enable every provident and industrious citizen to secure a home, and therefore the land should not be monopolized for speculative purposes. All lands being held by railroads and other corporations in excess of their actual needs, should by lawful means be reclaimed by the government and held for actual settlers only, and private land monopoly as well as alien ownership should be prohibited.
2. We condemn the frauds by which the land grants to the Pacific railway companies have through the connivance of the interior department robbed multitudes of equal bona fide settlers of their homes and miners of their claims, and we demand legislation by congress which will enforce the exemption of mineral lands from such grants after as well as before patent.
3. We demand that bona fide settlers on all public lands be granted free homes, as provided in the national homestead law, and that no exemption be made in the case of Indian reservations when opened for settlement, and that all lands now patented come under this demand.

DIRECT LEGISLATION.

We favor a system of direct legislation through the initiative and referendum under proper constitutional safeguards.