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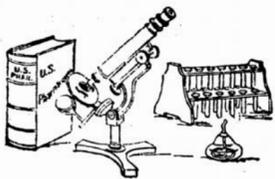
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PEOPLE'S PARTY STATE TICKET.

For governor—John Lind;
 Lieutenant governor, J. M. Bowler;
 Secretary of state, Julius J. Heinrich;
 State treasurer, Alexander M'Kinnon;
 State auditor, Geo. N. Lamphere;
 Attorney general, John F. Kelly;
 Clerk of Supreme Court, Z. H. Austin.

Associate justices of the supreme court—Thomas Canty, Daniel Buck and William Mitchell.

For Congressman from Seventh Congressional District of Minnesota—

P. M. RINGDAL,
 of Polk County.

GUARANTEE LOAN GHOST.

There are those who thought that THE TRIBUNE was severe in associating W. H. Eustis with the collapsed Guarantee Loan Company in its last issue. We did not charge him with direct complicity in the "business" but suggested that in his position as director he did not do his duty in supervising the affairs of the company, and by such neglect gave the thieves the chance to operate. It seems that it was this "laxity" of administration added to his wellknown trait of never admitting a mistake or fault that made so much trouble for him in his short career as mayor of Minneapolis. But the testimony of the victims themselves ought to have some weight in this matter. There is Hon. O. G. Wall of Ortonville who, although a republican, does not hesitate to lay heavy blame upon Eustis for his losses in the swindling institution. We make a couple of extracts from Mr. Wall's comments on the matter in the Ortonville Journal before Mr. Eustis was nominated, viz:

"The record will show that Mr. Eustis appeared on every scrap of advertising matter sent out by the infamous Guarantee Loan company. He was one of the directors of the rotten concern, and participated in moulding its affairs; and none were more guilty than he in betraying those who had confided in the honor and manhood of those prominent in the directorate of the stupendous swindle. Mr. Eustis is most guilty, and if he would betray one great trust and connive at robbing the people of millions of dollars, is he a fit man to trust as governor of Minnesota?"

Ortonville Journal: The charges are unanswerable. The records are the proof. Eustis was one of the "slick" gentlemen who made the robbery of the people through the infamous Northwestern Guarantee Loan Company a profession. It was very largely through his association with that gigantic fraud that the writer was swindled out of thousands of dollars a matter which he always took philosophically, and in which the people have no interest; but when he speaks of Eustis as a man unworthy of the confidence of mankind, he knows what he is talking about, and if the Republican party of Minnesota is willing to take up one whose name is cursed by intimate association with a robbery that ought to have sent every man connected with it to the penitentiary, it ought to be damned with overwhelming defeat. The Journal knows enough of Mr. Eustis, and wants no more of him.

In 1896 the republican party lost a large number of its cleanest and best men by its action in repudiating the old principles and traditions of the party. Lind, Towne, Frank Day, Hoard, Lamphere, Barto and dozens of

other leading men who enjoy the confidence of the people were unable to smother their convictions and stepped out to hereafter act independently. A body of such able men, divorced from party slavery, is a force that renders effective work in redeeming the state from ring rule.

Why should any republican then cast his vote for John Lind? Let us all join together and administer to him and the ambitious power behind him such a rebuke as will forever retire him to political oblivion, unless perchance, he wash and be clean again in the waters of republican purity and advancement.—Willmar Argus.

If such blooming party idolatry does not disgust the republicans who read it, we miss our guess. Just imagine anyone becoming clean by going in swimming with such fellows as Mark Hanna or W. H. Eustis?

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

1894. The Republican party believes in big metalism, and that the restoration of silver as ultimate money to the currency of the world is absolutely necessary for business prosperity, proper rates of wages, and the welfare of the people.

1898. We believe the national honor and the material interests of the American people require the maintenance of the present gold standard. We declare our unalterable opposition to the free coinage of silver and all schemes looking to the debasement of the currency and the repudiation.

Contrast the two plans from the republican state platforms of 1894 and 1898. The old style republicans will not vote with the gold-plated trust combination that has stolen their party. They realize that the name is about all that is left of the grand old party that formerly was the party of the people, and they will not be duped to vote against their own interests simply by the bait of a name.

STATE PLATFORM OF 1898.

The Peoples Party of Minnesota, assembled in its fourth state convention, points with pride to the progressive and courageous stand which it has ever taken on the great economic and political questions forced upon the nation by social progress, and reaffirms the national and state platforms of 1892, 1894 and 1896 as the embodiment of the highest ideals of political faith, hope, justice and progress of the time, resting, as they do, upon the cardinal principle of the federal constitution that it is the prime function of the government to promote the general welfare, and upon the fundamental doctrine of the Declaration of Independence, that to secure to all the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

I. We specially emphasize the demand of the party for that fundamental principle of self-government, direct legislation, as embodied in the initiative and referendum; and as showing its value and practicability we point to the recent notable victory of the people of Minnesota under the operations of the one referendum of the state provided for in Article 4, section 32, of the State Constitution, whereby the people at the last election by a vote of ten to one placed upon the tax rolls of the state over 3,000,000 acres of hitherto tax exempt railway lands. We point to the fact that the position thus taken by the voters of Minnesota was sustained by the supreme court as valid, in spite of the opposite position held by the corporation attorneys of three republican legislatures; and we further point to the fact that, without the solid vote of every populist legislator present and voting, this righteous measure would never have been submitted to the voters of the state.

II. We further emphasize as one of the great needs of the hour, the recognition of the principle of government ownership and operation, and we specially commend it to the municipalities of Minnesota as a highway out of the system of corruption and corporate control which recently has so demoralized and retarded the prosperity of our cities.

III. We heartily sympathize with the oppressed people of Cuba in their struggle for self-government and with gratitude and pride we commend and rejoice in the patriotism of our young men who have volunteered in the battle of freedom for Cuba.

IV. We earnestly call the attention of the people of Minnesota to the fact that the state is confronted with one of the most serious conditions in the history of this or any other commonwealth. Blest by nature with one of the richest and most extensive tracts of fertile soil, timber and iron ore in the world, a vast domain of

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this natural wealth being given to the state for the support of its government and public schools, the state now awakes to the startling fact that, after forty years of uninterrupted republican mis-rule, one-half of its tillable area has been given to favored railway companies, its state pine lands have been plundered or frittered away for a trifle of their value, the vast stores of ore in its two great iron ranges have passed into the hands of two gigantic foreign syndicates, and that a political combination of these favored railroads, pine-land thieves and iron ore syndicates owns, controls and operates the state government in nearly every branch and today defies the people to regain possession of their own.

V. We demand the dethronement of this corrupt and powerful political machine operating within the republican party of Minnesota, and we call upon every patriotic citizen, regardless of party, to join in the common battle to this end, as a civic duty in the interests of the state's industry, trade, labor, its common schools, its ballot, and its future stability and greatness.

VI. We demand the restoration to the state of all the valuable lands and other resources taken from it by deeds of fraud and crime.

VII. We demand the just and equal taxation of all mining, railway, timber and all state and municipal franchise corporations, and we demand that any private corporation enjoying a public franchise should pay to the people granting such franchise a fair percentage of its earnings as a rental for the use of it.

VIII. We call to the attention of the people of Minnesota that the railroad companies derive a larger annual aggregate income from the charges levied upon the state's industry and trade, than the total income of the farms from the sales of the state's entire grain product. We charge that these excessive railway earnings are due to unjust and exorbitant charges for the transportation of freight, and that they both oppress industry and trade and retard the state's development, and we pledge our utmost efforts in every department of state government to regulate and reduce these oppressive charges by practical legislation of the nature of that defeated by the last republican legislature. We make this demand for the salvation and prosperity of the great wheat-producing industry of the Minnesota and Red River Valleys, of the iron industry of our northern ranges, and of the general shipping interests of the state as against the agrandizement of favored centers to the east.

IX. Extortionate rates on grain in northern and western Minnesota, nearly double those charged in neighboring states, have driven away settlers, retarded development, and produced bankruptcy where nature promised prosperity. We demand that the rates charged by the railroads operated by the two great iron companies in St. Louis county shall be reduced to a figure which will allow shipment by independent mine owners. Thousands of acres of rich iron lands have been made worthless because of extortionate rates charged by these syndicates and all competitors of the two great iron companies have been driven from the field through the indifference or instrumentality of Republican administration.

X. We condemn the railway and warehouse commission appointed by republican governors as the subservient instrument of interested railway and elevator companies, and demand the election of such commission by the people. We denounce the combined railway and elevator ring of this state which controls the location and building of private elevators and prevents the free erection of competitive elevators whenever it chooses so to do.

XI. We condemn the state labor commissioner for the prostitution of his office to partisan purposes and the issuance of political reports on "the purchase power of gold" at the expense of the taxpayers of the state without authority of law, and to the neglect of the labor interests of the state, which he is sworn to subserve.

XII. We condemn the public examiner for

permitting the operation of banking and trust companies in flagrant violation of law, and the governor for withholding the reports on such institutions from the courts and the public; and we charge upon said executive officials through such protection of unlawful financing no small responsibility for the era of bank-wrecking which has robbed the people of the state during the past five years of so many millions of dollars of hard earnings deposited in these institutions.

XIII. We condemn the state auditor for refusing to place upon the tax rolls of the state the deed of 200,000 acres of swamp lands selected by his predecessor and deeded to the Great Northern railway, and we denounce the attempts of republican officials to annul said deed and give this powerful railway corporation the power to select for itself from the state's public domain.

XIV. We condemn the extravagance and looseness which has characterized the administration of the present secretary of state and of many of the state institutions, and we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to give the state an administration of economy and retrenchment such as is forced upon the homes and places of business in this period of financial stress.

XV. We condemn the state administration in the appointment of oil inspector and surveyor generals of logs, and we demand that these offices be placed upon a salary basis and that the heavy fees now derived and used as a corruption fund shall be turned into the state treasury.

XVI. We commend the recent decisions of the state supreme court in regard to the fixing of railroad rates and the taxation of railway lands, and we specially approve of that principle laid down by Justice Canty, that the rates charged by public franchise corporations shall be based on the actual cost of reproduction of the plant, instead of upon the watered stocks and bonds of said corporations.

XVII. We believe in the principle of home rule and self-government and its application to the subject of local taxation and to the drafting of municipal charters; but we demand that the present law creating city charter commissioners shall be amended so as to make said commissioners elective by the people for a reasonable term, instead of appointive for life.

XVIII. We demand the direct election of U. S. senators by the people. We denounce the action of United States senator Cushman K. Davis, who, while holding the position of public servant of this state, acted as the paid retainer of the Rockefeller iron syndicate, the defender of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroad consolidation scheme, and the attorney of the Duluth & Iron Range railroad against the State of Minnesota.

XIX. As an interesting commentary upon the loud claims of the republican press of this state on the eve of the last election, that a change of administration would plunge the state into financial bankruptcy, we call attention to the wave of bank failures in the cities of the state immediately following republican victory.

In connection with recent republican attempts to credit the late wheat boom to republican administration in the nation, we call the attention of the farmers of Minnesota to the recent shrinkage of over fifty cents per bushel in the price of their staple product. From this fraudulent and fake "prosperity" of an appreciating money standard and so-called republican "business" administration, based upon famines in foreign lands and gambling in wheat pits and on stock exchanges, we appeal to a stable just and enduring prosperity resting upon fundamental economic principles and upon the great and tried causes of the world's political, moral and material progress.

ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS.

The republican party for over thirty years has intentionally and continuously violated section 2 article 9 of the state constitution, resulting in the squandering of millions of the peoples money.

Whereas, by a gradual course of judicial legislation, the courts of this state, as well as in some other states, have sanctioned and approved the practice of taking cases from juries and directing verdicts in an arbitrary manner, and

Whereas that practice is being carried to a dangerous extreme, and poor suitors are often thereby deprived of their constitutional rights, and a practical denial of justice effective in many cases where powerful corporations are pitted against the poor, now, therefore, be it—

Resolved, that the practice now prevailing in the courts of this state, of taking cases away from juries and directing verdicts, the court itself passing upon the sufficiency of the evidence, meets with our unanimous condemnation and disapproval;

Resolved, further, that we demand such legislation as will compel judges to send cases to juries whenever there is a scintilla of evidence in support of the claims of the parties in the case being tried, and thus return to the salutary doctrine and practice that heretofore pertained in the courts of this country for many years.

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