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Progressive Party a Real Fact Now

At Chicago the word Progressive was chosen for the new third party and Theodore Roosevelt and Hiram M. Johnson, of California, were chosen as the standard bearers.

The entrance of this third party puts book makers, politicians, and gamblers in the dark and money is not free on favorites. Regardless of the new party's platform the influence of the men back of the movement and their leading followers with the great mass of the voting people is an uncertain question and one that is worrying many.

The hard times in the east is another feature that has its bearing, and while the western vote is looked upon favorably by the Roosevelt forces as probable territory of the Progressives, we believe, if anything, the Progressive vote will be greater there than here.

No great newspapers are supporting the Progressive party, but several of the large monthly magazines are backing them with their very best writers and the influence of the magazine must not be overlooked as a vote getter.

The platform has been made after the Republican and Democratic parties have both held their conventions and their platforms have been studiously dissected before any move was made to plan a new platform for the new party. In this platform they favor the following:

Direct primary for president, national and state officers.

An easier method of amending the Constitution, Equal suffrage.

Restricting power of the courts.

Injunction in labor disputes should be prohibited.

Opposes child labor, eight hour work day, and a department of labor.

Investigation as to high cost of living.

Favors single national health service.

Favors establishment of a federal commission to supervise interstate industrial corporations.

Enactment of patent law that will prevent monopolies.

Favors commission to make physical value of railroads.

Condemns currency notes through private individuals and opposes Aldrich currency bill.

Development of national resources urged.

Compensation for water rights.

Good roads, and extensive free delivery.

Preparation of plan to develop rivers of country.

Railroad controlled ships denied use of Panama canal.

Favors protective tariff, on non partisan scientific basis and condemns Payne Aldrich bill and the democratic party's tariff as destructive system.

Demands immediate repeal of Canadian reciprocity act. Favors inheritance and income tax.

Favors international agreement, limiting naval forces and the construction of two battleships a year pending such agreement.

Government action regarding immigration, pensions for old soldiers and sailors, and the parcels post.

The opening of the resources of Alaska.

While these policies make up the issues which will be fought out in the whirlwind campaigns this fall, the real issue is the man. The proposition of one man dominating a party, disrupting a party, controlling a whole people. The real issues will be fought on the line of the people against the dictator.

Both the parties against Roosevelt's party will make that the issue and it must be met by the Progressives. The protective policy of the new party will tend to solidify the democratic party into a solid phalanx and will leave Woodrow Wilson a strong ground of attack against the Progressives.

The desertion of Roosevelt by the great Progressive leaders of the United States will be the great blow to his cause and in our view will cause him to probably take the third place in the presidential race.

These men were opposed to the abandonment of the old party, were in favor of a compromise candidate if a Progressive could have been secured, and believed that Roosevelt did not honestly support the Progressive cause by the course he took.

These are features that will come before the people before the election in November and will have a potent influence on the vote at that time.

There is more than a platform necessary, there must be honesty of purpose and constant action to satisfy the people.

Keep Your Land Busy

If you have a thousand dollars and it is not earning you any interest you worry about it. If you have a house and you are getting no rent from it, you commence to fret and stew. If you have merchandise and cannot sell it you commence to plan to get it on the move. This is because dead capital is bringing you in no return. These are facts and you realize the importance of them.

If you are a farmer and you have a fifty-acre tract of land covered with brush, not producing any returns, not working, do you know it is idle capital just the same as the man's \$1000, not at work, the house not rented, or the merchandise idle on the shelf? The successful farmer has all his land at work making him money. He has no idle acres. Look over your farm and see if you can't put a little more of it to work. Every acre of bottom land from Independence to Salem,

and from Independence to Buena Vista, should be in a crop. Think how attractive it would look, if as you ride along the Willamette from Salem to Buena Vista you could see nothing but growing crops of hops, alfalfa, clover, wheat, oats, potatoes, corn, pumpkins, and other money making commodities.

Good Roads Mean Everything.

Next to good stores and attractive prices comes good roads to build up a community. A town to succeed must have easy transportation to it for the farmer. The roads around Independence are fairly good but they could be better. The roads across the river are fair, but they could be improved. The Independence business men could afford to hire autos or teams and make a tour of investigation all around the country here for a distance of ten miles in every direction and see what road building should be done and then see if it could not be done. The way to build up a country is to satisfy the people. The farmers pay the taxes and they like good roads.

Locate Your Manufacturing here.

Men with short sightedness go off to some town along the railroad, away from the river to locate their manufacturing. They make a great mistake. Two things are necessary for success in manufacturing. One is to get your raw material delivered to you at the lowest possible figure, the other is to be where you can market it at the lowest possible cost. These conditions are the very best at Independence. Therefore you have the two methods of transportation. By scow or raft you can bring your raw material to Independence for miles at practically no cost. You can ship by boat or by rail and you can thus undersell and underbuy your competitor who is on one line of railroad and has no water transportation. These facts alone are enough to win for Independence some good manufacturing.

Stirs up Huntington.

Oregon's Governor made a ride across the state of Oregon on horse back and came back a cowboy. But unlike the old styled cowboy when he rode into Huntington he did not shoot up a saloon or drink fiery whiskey and scare the peaceable citizens away. He found things were not as moral at Huntington as they should be and so he closed them up and the officials do their duty, removed a mayor, and generally stirred up the community. Huntington is peculiarly situated and we prophesy that the Governor will have to make a return trip soon if he keeps things in good order at this little railroad town.

We often hear a good deal about the idle rich, but it is the idle poor for whom we

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Every farm should have a big bunch of chickens. They are great money producers and help dad keep up the expenses, buy calico dresses now and then, and keep the kids in peanuts, popcorn and candy.

The ladder of success is climbed round by round, but the poor devil who just puts in his time climbing and does not pick off a bunch of grapes, a few luscious apples a watermelon, or a pumpkin as he goes along misses a good part of the success of living well.

Patronize your home town. Don't go skylarking over the country to buy what you want to wear when you can get it at home. If you can't get it, make your stores order it. Keep after them and make them carry what you want. The way to bring up the home community is to stick with your home people all the time and stick tight.

This foreign town trade mania is a curious thing. The little town goes to a larger one to trade, the larger one goes to the bigger one, the bigger one goes to the metropolis, the metropolis to the east and the east goes to Paris. The old rule what you have at home is not quite good enough for you. People are phunny phook anyway.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

The first number of the Independence Monitor, the new publication launched at Independence last week by G. A. Hurley, is here before us. It is a seven-column, four-page publication filled with readable news, and typographically is a credit to the publisher and to the city. It is well edited and has the ear marks of a newspaper man at the helm. If there is a field for two newspapers the Monitor will do its share to fill it. Dallas Observer.

Independence has another newspaper. The Independence Monitor made its initial appearance Thursday, August 1. G. A. Hurley is the publisher and proprietor and gets up a neat and newsy paper. The Monitor is a welcome addition to our exchange table. Glad U. Kum. —Brownsville Times.

G. A. Hurley recently publishing the Vale Beacon Light has founded The Monitor at Independence. The Monitor is a seven column folio, all home print and filled with local news and shrewd comment. Mr. Hurley was for 18 years of youth and manhood a resident of Independence. —Portland Journal.

The first edition of the Independence Monitor is at hand, edited by G. A. Hurley, an old Polk county boy. Mr. Hurley surely got out a fine initial number, and one that the town should be proud of and gladly support. —Dallas Itemizer.

The "Independence Monitor" arrived on our exchange this week from Independence Oregon, edited and published by G. A. Hurley, formerly of Vale, Oregon. We wish Gus the best of success in his new field. —Jordan Valley Express.

"The Monitor" is the name of a new paper at Independence, published by G. A. Hurley. The Monitor is a healthy looking infant, and will no doubt grow into a vigorous institution in that thriving city. —Falls City News.

The Independence Monitor G. A. Hurley, proprietor, reaches us; it is neat, newsy and deserves to succeed. Bro. Hurley is an experienced newspaper man. —Jefferson Review.

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