

## MASS CONVENTION.

A mass convention of all the reform forces of Lane county is hereby called to meet at the court house in Eugene at 10 a. m., July 10th, 1897.

Organized capital controls the administration of the government whether it be Democratic or Republican. Political promises are made not to be kept but to catch votes. In making laws the interests of the people are not so much considered as the "influence" of the corporation or combine. The money power of the world is entrenched behind the single gold standard and refuses to yield an inch to the demands of the people. Times do not grow better but rather worse. Land values are still increasing, business and manufacturing enterprises still languish; employees and laborers of all classes receive less for their services; products of the farm and orchard do not in many cases bring first cost, while taxes are more burdensome and money harder to get. The single gold standard is not a success and can never be a success for the people. Its benefits are for the few only. A large majority of the voters of Oregon do not believe in this ruinous gold standard policy. The power of the old political rings should be broken in this state and the people speak and legislate for themselves. There is but one way by which this can be done, and that is by a union of forces. So long as the Populists pull by themselves and the Democrats by themselves and the Silver Republicans unite with neither, so long will the gold standard Republican party, assisted by the gold Democracy, carry the state. In order to see or a union of forces and, that a united effort a convention was called, which met at Albany June 2nd, and formulated a "Declaration of Principles" as a basis of union. The convention was composed of Populists, Democrats and Silver Republicans and was a very harmonious meeting. The convention seemed to be permeated with the common sense idea that if we wish to accomplish anything we must come together upon a common platform and work together and have our votes counted together. With the common good thus in view all differences were easily settled and all difficulties overcome and the declaration of principles was adopted by a unanimous vote both in the committee and by the convention. It is short and plain, but, we believe, broad enough and strong enough for everyone that is opposed to the gold standard to stand upon to work and to go forward upon to success. It was couched by all that we could not really moderns of the old party names, and a new name—one appropriate and significant—was chosen. Without union certain defeat awaits us, but with union there is strength and in strength there is victory; therefore it was christened the Union Party, and may it carry the people's cause forward from victory to victory. In accordance with the plan of organization adopted, this call for a mass convention is made for the purpose of effecting a county organization, choosing committees, etc.

This invitation is to all who are opposed to the single gold standard—Populists, Democrats and Republicans—to all who are in favor of this country being governed by the people rather than by trusts, combines and syndicates. The money lords now tell us that the American laborer can never again expect the good wages and prosperous times of former days; that we must adapt ourselves to European prices and to European conditions. Fellow citizens, are you content to submit without a struggle? Let us rally under the flag of the Union Party. Let this movement be "by the people, of the people and for the people." Let us have unity of purpose, unity of name and unity of action and victory will be ours.

J. G. STEVENSON,  
County Chairman Union Party.

Notice—Arrangements will be made for one or two good speakers from abroad to address the convention.

### PLATFORM OF PRINCIPLES.

We demand the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, independent of the action of any other nation.

That the government shall issue all money without the intervention of banks, and in quantity adequate for the needs of the people; that all money issued by government, whether gold, silver or paper, shall be a full legal tender for all debts public or private.

That no contract or law shall discriminate against any kind of money issued by the government.

We are opposed to the issue of United States interest bearing bonds in time of peace.

We demand the redemption of Oregon from rings, commissions and corrupt methods and demand honest elections and election laws, including a stringent registration law.

We demand that the people shall have a veto power over all legislative enactments by the use of the referendum.

We demand the election of all officers by direct vote of the people.

We favor and advise that all nominations for municipal and county officers, including members of the legislature, shall be made by primary election.

J. W. STEVENS, Chairman.  
Committee—Wm. S. Crowell, D. P. Thompson, H. B. Luce, D. C. Sherman, J. O. Brown, L. W. Guiss, M. A. Miller and J. G. Stevenson.

### ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE ADOPTED BY THE CONVENTION—AN APPEAL FOR UNITY.

To those who believe in the declaration of Independence, that all men are created equal.

To those who believe in equal rights to all and special privilege to none.

To those who pray with Lincoln "that the government of the people, by the people and for the people, shall not perish from the earth," we urge you to form a closer union.

To the six and a half million voters who stood the combined assaults of the money power, we appeal to you as patriots to remain united. We appeal to you in the interests of your homes and your children to keep your ranks unbroken, and kindly receive others that are coming to our aid.

We call upon candid people to witness that all along the century now closing, the people have toiled westward, building and leaving numberless homes and industries to the tax-gatherer, the usurer and the financial adventurer, while all between the oceans, borders of their kindred die in unmarked graves.

They have conquered the wilderness as they have been relentlessly pursued and dispoiled of their substance. They have gathered two thousand millions in gold from the mines of the west, which has gone into the coffers of Wall street to maintain an idle aristocracy.

Our chosen servants have made themselves our masters and have bound us and our homes in bonds to endure for generations to come.

Our demands for an equitable financial system are denounced as repudiation; all appeals to our oppressors are in vain, and though we are the same blood and fibre that established and maintained the glory and honor of the Republic from the beginning until now, our prayers and peaceful demands are branded as threats of confiscation and anarchy and are met by the combined hosts of greed and oppression, who break party ties and arise united against us.

If the patriotic and humane statesmen of the past were right, our cause is just.

If the great father of mankind is righteous, our success is sure.

We ask your invocations in behalf of human rights and trust your sober judgment to give a friendly and helping hand in the cause of a higher and better civilization.

With a firm reliance in the God of our fathers, whom we ask to witness the earnestness of our appeal, the honesty of our purpose and the justice of our cause, we declare ourselves ready for a renewal of the conflict, for the preservation of that sturdy independent American yeomanry, the crowning glory of the ages, upon whose prosperity depends the diversified business interests of the nation.

C. H. Baker, chairman; O. H. Kerns, J. D. Kelly, H. S. Heath, J. J. Whitney, H. D. Norton, committee.