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To the People's Party Voters of the State of Oregon:

We, the People's party, in convention assembled, issue this, an open address, and ask that every true and loyal populist give it fair and careful consideration

Whereas, Upon call of the state central committee of the People's party o Oregon for the state convention to be held in Portland, Or., March 23, 1898, to nominate a full state and district ticket to be voted for June 6, 1898, the representation met together; and

Whereas, Upon the assembling of the state convention, it was found that the convention had been packed by office-holders, office seekers—state, district and county—and out of the whole number of delegates, towit, 215, there were 134 office-holders, candidates and men seeking nominations in state, district and county; we, therefore, charge that it was unpopulistic, and that it was contrary to the creed of our party for office-holders and office-seekers to control the use of conventions and campaigns, and

Whereas, The workers in behalf of fusion and in the interest of destroying the people's party of the state of Oregon and of the nation during the past year, have employed the methods of politicians of the two old parties, and in clubs and primaries and conventions, with democrats silver republicans and office-seekers, have resorted to arbitrary, coercive and restrictive means to suppress a fair expression of opinion by loyal and true populist voters opposed to fusion, so that the delegates sent to the silver-populist convention did not represent the principles, policy or interest of populism; and

Whereas, The office-holders, candidates and men seeking nomination sent to the convention were each and all in favor of fusion or union, out of selfish motives, and for the purpose of seeking nomination through fusion with the democrats and silver republicons, and thus get elected to such offices as they desired; and

Whereas. After organization of said convention, a committee was appointed to draft a platform that should be acceptable to democrats and silver republicans; and

Whereas, Thereafter, the said committee reported the following platform, (the fusion platform adopted), and the same was adopted by a strict fusion vote.

We charge that said platform adopted by said fusion convention, claiming the name of the people's party and its organization, as promulgated at the Omaha and St. Louis national conventions, and its plank on direct legislation, is indefinite, inadequate and incomplete, and is of no more practical effect than would have been a plank in a political platform favoring Utopia.

We charge that said platform neither demands nor favors economy and honesty in the administration of state affairs, and for proof of this charge we cite the fact that a resolution, pledging the nominees of the fusion ticket, if elected, only to accept constitutional salaries, was overwhelmingly voted down.

We also charge that a resolution to maintain the party autonomy was likewise voted down.

And, whereas, By the adoption of said platform it became apparent to all true populists that the convention, as there constituted, was controlled by men who were no longer populists, but were office-hunters and spoilsmen, and was not, therefore, a populist convention, but in truth and in fact a democratic-silver-republican convention, the delegates there assembled who were populists by conviction and principle were failing in their duty to their party in longer remaining in said convention.

The true populists in said convention assembled after the adoption of the democratic platform above named, severed their connection with said so-called people's party convention, and adjourned to another hall, and there organized a people's party convention and proceeded to adopt the following platform and principles, and nominate a ticket.

NATIONAL PLATFORM.

Omaha platform reaffirmed as follows:

We declare therefore—

First—That the union of the labor force of the United States this day consummated shall be permanent and perpetual; may its spirit enter into 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 enemies 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 and managing all railroads, we should favor an amendment to the Constitution by which all persons in the 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 employes.

Finance.—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 distribution 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.

1. We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the present ratio of 16 to 1.

2. We demand that the amount of circulating medium be speedily increased to not less than $50 per capita.

3. We demand a graduated income tax.

4, We believe that the money of the country should be kept as much as possible in the bands 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.

5. 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

Transportation—Transportation being a means of exchange and a public necessity, the government should own and operate the railroads in the interest of the people. The telegraph, telephone and 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.

Land—The land, including all the natural sources of wealth, is the heritage of the people and should not be monopolized for speculative purposes, and alien ownership of land should be prohibited. All land owned 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.

STATE PLATFORM.

We demand that all state officers receive the salary named in the constitution, and no more.

We demand the abolition of the state printer's office, and the letting out by contract the public printing, the method now so satisfactorily in operation in most of the states.

We demand the abolition of the office of attorney-general.

The state railroad commission, as packed by the legislature in the interest of the railroad corporations, being a menace to what remedial legislation may come through said legislature, we demand the prompt passage of a maximum freight and passenger law.

We demand the abolition of all useless commissions, offices, sinecures and jobs of all descriptions, and the curtailing of legislative clerk hire to the actual needs of the legislative sessions, and a general cutting down of expenses and retrenchment in all our public institutions; believing that all tax money collected from the people by process of law, being arbitrary and not voluntary, it should be expended with the most rigid economy.

We demand an amendment to the state constitution, providing for direct legislation, and the imperative mandate in the obligatory form.

We demand that the state publish all school books, and sell the same to the citizens at actual cost.

DISTRICT PLATFORM.

We demand the reduction of official salaries in the first judicial district as follows:
Two Circuit Judges, each per year, $1500.
One District Attorney and deputies, $1700.

FUSION TICKET AND PLATFORM.

Adopted by the Three State Conventions in Portland.

Governor—Will R. King, populist, of Baker county.
Secretary of State—Harrison R. Kincaid, silver-republican, of Lane county.
Treasurer—J. O. Booth, democrat, of Josephine county.
Supreme Judge—W. M. Ramsey, democrat, of Yamhill county.
Attorney-General—J. L Story, populist, of Wasco county.
Printer—C. A. Fitch, populist, of Clackamas county.
Superintendent of Public Instruction—H. S Lyman, populist, of Clatsop county.
Congressmen—First District: Robert M. Veatch, democrat, of Douglas county; Second District, C. M. Donaldson, silver republican, of Baker county.
First judicial district.—Circuit judges John A. Jeffrey, populist of Jackson county and E. C. Wade, silver-republican, of Josephine county; district attorney, A. N. Soliss, of Jackson county; member of the board of equalization, C. E. Worden, of Klamath county.

PLATFORM.

United in a common cause for the sacred purpose of preserving the principles of government by the whole people, in fact as well as in name, restoring and maintaining equality, under that government, of all classes, we the People's, Democratic and Silver Republican parties of the state of Oregon waiving all minor points of difference, and uniting for the purpose of carrying out the great underlying principles upon which we are all agreed, do make and present to the people of this state the following declaration of principles, and to the carrying out of which we solemnly pledge each and every candidate upon our united ticket:

We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the present ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the consent of foreign nations.

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 all debts, public and private; also a just, equitable and efficient means of distribution direct to the people through the lawful disbursements of the government.

We demand that the volume of circulating medium be speedily increased to an amount sufficient to meet the demands of the business and population of this country, and to restore the just level of prices of labor and production.

We favor such legislation as will prevent for the future the demonetization of any kind of legal-tender money by private contract.

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 preceeding administrations for surrendering this option to the holders of government obligations,

We demand that postal savings banks be established by the government for the safe deposit of the savings of the people and to facilitate exchange.

We demand the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

We demand the initiative and referendum system of law making in its optional form, local, state and national, and the submission by congress of all important national questions for an advisory vote of the people, until such time as the national constitution shall have been amended so as to provide for direct legislation.

We condemn as dangerous and unjust the surrender, in all departments of the government, to the influence of trusts, corporations and aggregations of wealth generally; and the packing of the highest courts of the land with corporation lawyers too ready to do the will of their late employers, and to set aside valid and wholesome laws passed by the legislative departments of states and government, upon flimsy pretexts at the behest of such institutions.

We are opposed to government by injunction.

In state matters we demand:

A simple and well guarded registration law.

A more equitable mode of appointing judges of election.

Stringent laws to regulate the operation of fish traps, fish wheels and all fishing gear in the waters within the jurisdiction of the state.

We denounce and condemn the corrupt and extravagant republican legislative assemblies and charge that the republican party, in its eagerness for the spoils of office has divided into warring factions, so that it is incapable of government as exemplified by the condition existing in the office of the state treasurer, there being at this time more than $500,000 therein wrung from the people by the process of taxation, while state warrants are stamped "Not paid for want of funds."

We demand that all district and county officers be placed upon salaries commensurate with the duties to be performed by them.

Inasmuch as railroad and other corporate property is not bearing its proportion of taxation, we demand that such property shall bear its just and equal share of the expenses of the government.

Why "Control" Fails.

The immense overcapitalization of railroads and the charging of rates to make interest and dividends on these fictitious values are an imposition and injustice of which there has long been reason to complain, but never until the recent decision of the Nebraska maximum freight rate case has this fictitious capitalization been fully legalized and given unlimited scope as a method of robbery.

The Nebraska law would have made a small reduction in freight rates and the change would have affected the income of the roads to only a slight extent, yet the supreme court says that a law which interferes with the payment of interest and dividends is unconstitutional.

The fact that the payments of interest and dividends were on greatly inflated issues was not permitted to figure in the case.

The decision completely ignores the whole question of overcapitalization and opens the way whereby any attempt to regulate railroad rates must prove a failure.

Under that interpretation nothing could be more absurd than to attempt the exercise of any control by legislative action.—Chicago Express.

Harlan's "Persons" Fail to Materialize.

Governor Leedy of Kansas is a true American, and his patriotic zeal is shown in a call issued for Kansans to enlist under his banner for a war with Spain. The governor says:

"I have received scores of volunteer applications from farmers and merchants and mechanics all over the state, but so far I have not received a notice from one corporation that it is ready to give its services to the country.

"Justice Harlan stated recently that corporations were persons, just like you and me and the rest of the people in these United States, and had the same rights as natural born citizens. If this is so, why don't they come forward, like the natural born citizens, and offer their services for the defense of their country. It is my ambition to command a company of this kind in the event of war with Spain, and I shall feel hurt if these 'persons' fail to respond and leave me unable to accomplish my ambition."

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The lower branch of congress has passed the postoffice appropriation bill without reducing the item of $30,000,000 for railway mail transportation. This is tantamount to a confession that the railway corporations own the postoffice department. It was shown in the debate upon the bill that the railways now receive fully $20,000,000 per year more than they are entitled to for carrying the mails. This enormous overcharge is, of course, a great load for the department to carry, and it explains the poor financial showing made by our postoffice department in comparison with that of England, France or Germany. But the postoffice committee of the house is composed mostly of special agents of the railway corporations, and they naturally reported the bill favorably. But this was no excuse for the conduct of the house in passing the bill. But the house is in the same predicament as its committee. It is under the control of the railway corporations. There is something almost laughable in this incident. Every one knows that the corporations are receiving $20,000,000 per year more than they are honestly entitled to, and the corporations themselves do not deny it, yet the robbery of the government is calmly decreed to continue. This is Chinese, as Truthful James remarked.—Twentieth Century.

Free Lands For the People.

Representative Rixey of Virginia and Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota have introduced the following bill (H. R. 9332 and S. 4195) into congress:

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled. That the public lands of the United States, except government reservations, be and they are hereby donated to the states and territories in which they may be located on the sole condition that all such public lands shall be held in perpetual ownership by such states and territories, to be used by the people residing therein, free of rent, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the legislatures of such states and territories, each for itself.

The above bill has been referred by the chairman of the senate committee on public lands to Senators Carter of Montana, Wilson of Washington, Pasco of Florida, Pettigrew of South Dakota and Allen of Nebraska, who are friends and can be relied upon to give a favorable report.

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Where Are the Pictures?

What has become of those lithographs in which McKinley was unlocking the doors of the factories? Why not send some of them down to the good Republican states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine, where the starving workers have been shut out of the works because they refuse to live on 10 per cent less than starvation wages? It ought to make the workers feel good to see these pictures for which they gave their votes. It did not cost much for the Republicans to get the votes of their dupes. A few printed bills, a few hireling speakers, a few paid editors and the thing was done.—"Appeal to Reason."

Legalized Ushers.

The bankers recently assembled made this glaring statement: In this country there is $1,600,000,000 and that they have loaned to the people $5,000,000,000, or, in other words, have loaned and are collecting interest on $3,400,000,000 which they do not possess.—Pleasanton (Kan.) Herald.

Joseph Brendell and Charles Gessel of San Luis Obispo, Cal., who were indicted for moonshining by the Federal grand jury and gave bail to appear in the circuit court, failed to appear for trial, and forfeited their bail. It is thought they have left the country.

Grading on the Valley road is completed to the east limit of Bakersfield. Work is now being done on the line from Visalia to Tulare. The track is laid to the bank of the Kern river and the bridge will be completed by May 1. Work has commenced on the depot at Bakersfield.

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The Department Ready.

Postmaster General Gary is strongly in favor of postal savings banks. He recently appeared before the subcommittee of the house postoffice committee and presented a strong argument in favor of the proposition. He also said:

"We have all the machinery ready and waiting to be used. All we want is authority from congress. It would only take a few weeks' time for the department to make the arrangements for the installation of the system. In fact many of the officials have given much study to this question, realizing that it will sooner or later be adopted by this country, and I dare say the rules and administrative work could be completed so as to put the system into operation immediately."

What's the Matter With Greenbacks?

Secretary of the Treasury Gage, in his speech before the Cleveland chamber of commerce, dwelt especially upon the fact of the good credit of the United States both at home and in Europe, as is evidenced by the demand for our bonds. This being the case, Mr. Gage might have gone a little further and explained the great need and excellence of a treasury note or greenback circulation, with no interest and good for every debt and demand. But Mr. Gage did nothing of the kind. From a banker's standpoint nothing but an interest bearing government obligation is to be thought of. The people have no interests which bankers are bound to respect.—National Intelligencer.

Free Silver Not a Cure All.

The coinage of all the silver in the world would accomplish no good while exhaustive taxation is eating away the life of the country day and night. It is taxation that is stopping the wheels of industry, keeping men out of employment, forcing down the prices of farm products, forcing up the prices of manufactures, building up a moneyed aristocracy and tearing down the pillars of the republic.—Senator Mills.

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