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STATE PLATFORM

Adopted by the People's Party, at Oregon City, On March 16, 1892.

PLATFORM

Preamble: "AN INJURY TO ONE IS THE CONCERN OF ALL."

1. We demand a national currency, issued by the general government only, a full legal tender for all debts, public and private, and that without the use of banking corporations, be distributed direct to the people at not to exceed two per cent tax; as set forth in the sub-treasury of the Farmers Alliance and Industrial Union, and at the St. Louis conference, and land loans, or SOME BETTER SYSTEM; also by payments in discharge of the government's obligations for public improvements.

We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver, and we denounce the practice of the government buying and storing bullion.

That the medium of exchange or currency be based upon the wealth and law making power of the country, and that we demand that the amount of the circulating medium be speedily increased to not less than $50 per capita.

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

2. The land, including all the natural sources of wealth, is the heritage of all the people, and should not be monopolized for speculation purposes, and alien ownership of land should be prohibited. All 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 and held for actual settlers only, and that any settlers who may have acquired lands of such corporations be protected in their rights to their homes and in the sums paid to such corporations.

3. Transportation being a means of exchange and a public necessity, the government should own and operate the railroads in the interests of the people; and until such ownership can be acquired, we demand the abolition of the railroad commission and the establishment of a maximum rate law within the state, and that the present rates be reduced one-third.

The telegraph and telephone, like the post-office system, being a necessity for the transmission of news, should be owned by the government in the interest of the people.

We demand that all moneys asked and appropriated for the improvement of the Columbia river be spent in building and operating a railroad parallel with the river, said road to be owned by the government and run at cost.

We demand that all national revenue shall be raised by a 2 per cent tax on money loaned by the government, and a graduated property tax. No exemption for indebtedness should be allowed, unless the person claiming such exemption, should give in a corresponding taxable credit.

5. WHEREAS, The working people are entirely under subjection to the plutocracy, which compels one portion of them to work too many hours, and thereby increasing the army of the unemployed; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we demand that our legislature pass a law defining eight hours as a legal day's work in factories, mines, shops and public works. And also that we recognize the Knights of Labor in their controversy with the Rochester Clothing Company.

That we are unalterably opposed to the Pinkertons, or like organizations, ever entering our state.

That alcohol, in any form, shall be sold only by state agents, said goods to be pure and sold at cost, without profit to the agents, and shall not be drunk within the building nor within sixty feet of the place where delivered nor in any place of resort of gaming, thus abolishing license, the saloon in society and the saloon in politics. That the national government shall not license the sale of any alcoholic substance in any states legally prohibiting the sales thereof, nor shall it in any way interdict or interfere with such prohibitory laws.

7. RESOLVED, That we affirm our unqualified adherence to the doctrine of equal rights to all, special privileges to none, and that we will never cease our efforts till every citizen shall stand before the law equal in intellectual, moral and civil privileges.

8. We demand the passage of a law which will prevent the immigration of Chinese to the United States.

9 We demand that the state publish the school books and sell the same to the people at cost.

10. That county officials be paid a stipulated salary.

11. We object to the government having anything to do with the Nicaraugua canal, unless it owns and operates the same at cost.

12. RESOLVED, That we are in favor of electing all officers by a direct vote of the people.

13. We demand that the government issue legal tender notes and pay the union soldiers between the price of the depreciated money in which he was paid in gold.

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To be torn off by First Clerk.

SAMPLE.

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR MEDFORD PRECINCT, JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON.

Election June 6, 1892.

CANCEL, CROSS OR MARK OUT NAMES OF CANDIDATES NOT VOTED FOR.

STATE.

FOR SUPREME JUDGE.	VOTE FOR ONE.
12. A. S. Bennett, of The Dalles	Democrat
13. F. A. Moore, of St. Helens	Republican
14. W. H. WALKER, of Oregon City	People's Party
15. Benjamin P. Welch, of Multnomah county	Prohibition

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.	VOTE FOR ONE.
16. G. E. Chamberlain, of Albany	Democrat
17. L. R. Webster, of Jacksonville	Republican

DISTRICT.

FOR CONGRESS, FIRST DISTRICT.	VOTE FOR ONE.
18. Binger Hermann, of Roseburg	Republican
19. Winfield T. Rigdon, of Marion County	Prohibition
20. M. V. RORK, of Salem	People's Party
21. R. M. Veatch, of Cottage Grove	Democrat

FOR MEMBER STATE BOARD EQUALIZATION, FIRST DIST.	VOTE FOR ONE.
22. V. A. Dunlap, of Klamath	Democrat
23. G. W. Dunn, of Jackson	Republican
24. S. H. HOLT, of Phœnix	People's Party

FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE, FIRST DISTRICT.	VOTE FOR TWO.
25. W. C. Hale, of Linkville	Republican
26. H. K. Hanna, of Jacksonville	Democrat
27. P. P. Prim, of Jacksonville	Democrat
28. IRA WAKEFIELD, of Phœnix	People's Party

FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, FIRST DISTRICT.	VOTE FOR ONE.
29. H. L. Benson, of Grants Pass	Republican
30. W. C. EDWARDS, of Grants Pass	People's Party
31. S. U. Mitchell, of Grants Pass	Democrat

COUNTY.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.	VOTE FOR THREE.
32. W. H. Adkinson, of Ashland	Republican
33. WM. BREESE, of Talent	People's Party
34. F. T. DOWNING, of Central Point	People's Party
35. E. D. Foudray, of Phœnix	Democrat
36. J. J. Houck, of Gold Hill	Democrat
37. J. W. Merritt, of Central Point	Republican
38. S. M. NEALON, of Table Rock	People's Party
39. Chas. Nickell, of Jacksonville	Democrat
40. Chancey Nye, of Prospect	Republican

FOR JUDGE.	VOTE FOR ONE.
41. W. T. ANDERSON, of Phœnix	People's Party
42. S. M. McCall, of Ashland	Republican
43. J. R. Neil, of Jacksonville	Democrat
44. J. D. Whitman of Medford	Independent

FOR COMMISSIONER.	VOTE FOR ONE.
45. R. Benedict, of Applegate	Republican
46. H. Furry, of Eden	Democrat
47. HARVEY RICHARDSON, of Etna	People's Party

FOR CLERK.	VOTE FOR ONE.
48. E. E. DEMING, of Ashland	People's Party
49. Max Muller, of Jacksonville	Republican
50. E. R. Owen, of Central Point	Democrat

FOR RECORDER.	VOTE FOR ONE.
51. R. T. Armstrong, of Jacksonville	Republican
52. W. M. Holmes, of Jacksonville	Democrat
53. J. F. WISNER, of Kubli	People's Party

FOR SHERIFF.	VOTE FOE ONE.
54. W. H. BRADSHAW, of Brownsboro	People's Party
55. Geo. Merriman, of Medford	Republican
56. J. E. Pelton, of Ashland	Democrat

FOR TREASURER.	VOTE FOR ONE.
57. G. E. Bloomer, of Jacksonville	Democrat
58. Wm. Kahler, of Jacksonville	Republican
59 ENOCH WALKER, of Medford	People's Party

FOR ASSESSOR.	VOTE FOR ONE.
60. J. W. MARKSBERRY, of Gold Hill	People's Party
61. B. F. Miller, of Sardine Creek	Republican
62. J. L. Woolridge, of Applegate	Democrat

FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.	VOTE FOR ONE.
63. Scott Morris, of Spikenard	Republican
64. C. S. Price, of Jacksonville	Democrat
65. E. E. SMITH, of Central Point	People's Party

FOR SURVEYOR.	VOTE FOR ONE.
66. WELBORN BEESON, of Talent	People's Party
67. G. G. Elksnat, of Medford	Democrat
68. C. J. Howard, of Medford	Republican

FOR CORONER.	VOTE FOR ONE.
69. J. Hinkle, of Central Point	Republican
70. WM. N. MARSTERS, of Lake Creek	People's Party
71. B. Porter, of Gold Hill	Democrat

MEDFORD PRECINCT

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.	VOTE FOR ONE.
72. J. W. MILLER, of Medford	People's Party
73. G. S. Walton, of Medford	Democrat
74. A. M. Wilson, of Medford	Republican

MARSHALL.	VOTE FOR ONE.
75. J. K. Darnell, of Medford	Democrat
76. SAMUEL MURRAY, of Medford	People's Party
77. Isaac Woolf, of Medford	Republican

I DEMAND JUSTICE! WHERE IS SHE?

—American Nonconformist.

ROBBERY.

Taking The Land From The Poor And Giving it to The Rich.

Since 1802 there has been a practice of giving, by the general government, of the public lands to the states, to aid them in providing an educational fund or assisting them in some needed internal improvement scheme. The people had scattered all over the continent, and towns, cities and communities were great distances apart, and highways for trade and commerce were so necessary, and the communities so poorly prepared for building them, or paying the expense, that it was thought to be the part of wisdom to give such aid. Starting, too, on so grand a future, with great faith in the necessity of education for the prepetutation of the republic, vast tracts were freely given for those praiseworthy objects. Such a feeling then existed in regard to "state rights" that there seemed little objection in allowing a state a share of authority in controlling her territory.

But in 1862, the system was changed, for new claimants for public donations had appeared. Then for ten years there was the most gigantic, destructive and greedy scramble for depoiling the country of its public domain and changing its future success and development, ever undertaken by mortal man.

On the first day of July, 1862, the Union Pacific Railroad Company was incorporated, and for the entire length built, a grant of each alternate section for ten miles on each side was given it, besides bonds to the amount of $20,000.

The act of July 2, 1864 amended this act and broadened out the granted territory to twenty miles on each side; and excepted coal and iron in its reservation of minerals, on this grant. What a princely gift. Think of it. The American congress giving, not to the homeless, but to the rich aristocrats, an empire forty miles wide and reaching half across the continent, that the grantees may have a place, a country of their own, on which to build a great railroad. Then, lest these gentlemen, these princely land owners, would not, or could not, accomplish so grand an improvement, congress takes from the people's treasury, and gives them bonds to the amount of $20,000 per mile to induce them to build themselves a railroad on their own territory. This, too, when we had so great dangers hanging over us, that we had little money and so little credit that our bonds were selling at a heavy discount.

By the law of July 1, 1862, the Central Pacific; the central branch of the Union Pacific; the Kansas Pacific, and the Souix City and Pacific, were chartered, and strips of land ten miles wide on each side were given. On March 3, 1863, four more long roads received grants of twenty miles on each side additional, as indemnity for lands previously taken up by the people. July 1, 1864, the Northern Pacific, with forty miles each side and ten miles indemnity tract, or a strip one hundred miles wide, reaching half across the continent, was given, to aid this great centralizing scheme, and bonds, again, to the amount of $20,000 per mile. These enormous grants include more than 215,000,000 acres, and over 330,000 square miles. In size this vast empire is nearly as large as the original thirteen states, more than six times as large as Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois, Missouri, or Iowa, and larger than British India with 240,000,000 of people. It is larger than England, Scotland, Ireland, Denmark, Sweden, Germany and France combined, and has a sufficiency of arable land to sustain a population of 50,000,000. As compared with the vast domains, the landlords of Europe are pigmies, and to our aristocracy, the majority of British lords and dukes are "small fry," indeed.

As one instance, the Central Pacific, received in lands—at government value—bonds, and corporation and individual donations, $150,825,000; and Fisk and Hatchs' circular shows that from 1869 to 1879, the net earnings had been $67,370,000, of which $18,453,000 were paid in dividends, and this made 34 per cent on the entire capital stock. In 1882 it was officially ascertained that over 100,000,000 acres of these lands had been forfeited, and yet, as it requires congressional action to restore them to the people, there seems little hope for a "consummation so devoutly to be wished."

Then we have donated to six of these companies, $64,623,000 in 6 per cent thirty year bonds, and having guaranteed the interest—which they were to pay—we have had to pay interest on them to the amount of $55,344 000 more, making a total of $119,968,000 cash, or enough to equip a double track from New York to the Pacific Ocean. If the enormity of this crime against the people was not obscured by the incomprehensible magnitude of the donations, a protest would go up from every patriotic throat that would demand a reversal of the destructive policy.

How we pity the condition of the peasantry of the Old World, who have struggled for existance under the iron heel of a landlord system that was more unrelenting than the demands of any monarch. We read of the forced collection of rents, the eviction of tenents and of the ritious living of the landed gentry and we are happy in the thought that we have escaped these evils. But, remember, we have laid the foundation for the most stupendous landlord system ever known on earth. We don't do things in a half-way manner. And our great estates are not confined to Americans either. The lords, the dukes and the rich, who proposed to be so in other climes, saw the drift of affairs and rushed to our country to avail themselves of the opportunity, and, with the cash wrenched from their robbed tenants in the Old World, they came to build more grandly in the New.

Below is a list of twenty-seven corporations and syndicates, who own more land than there is in the whole of Ireland, with much less waste:

NAMES	ACRES
An English Syndicate, No. 3, in Texas	3,000,000
The Holland Land Company, New Mex.	4,500,000
Sir Edward Reid and a syndicate in Flordia	2,000,000
English Syndicate, in Mississppi	1,800,000
Marquis of Tweedale	1,750,000
Phillips, Marshall & Co., London	1,300,000
German Syndicate	2,100,000
Anglo-American Syndicate, Mr. Rogers, President, London	750,000
Byran H. Evans, of London, in Mississippi	700,000
Duke of Southerland	425,000
British Land Company, in Kansas	320,000
William whalley, M. P., Peterburg, Eng	310,000
Missouri Land Co., Edinburg, Scotland	300,000
Robert Tennant, of London	290,000
Dundee Land Co., Scotland	247,000
Lord Dunmore	120,000
Benjamin Newgas, Liverpool	100,000
Lord Houghton, in Flordia	60,000
Lord Dunraven, in Colorado	60,000
English Land Co., in Flordia	50,000
English Land Co., in Arkansas	50,000
Alexander Grant, of London, in Kansas	35,000
English Syndicate (represented by Close Bros.) Wis	110,000
M. Ellerhauser, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, in West Virginia	600,000
A Scotch Syndicate, in Florida	500,000
A. Boysen, Danish Consul, in Milwauke	50,000
Missouri Land Co., of Edinburg, Scotland	165,000
Total	20,700,000

Then, there are eighteen real, live British lords, and one "lady," who own nearly one and a half million of acres in America, or an average of over seventy-three thousand acres each.—[Extract from Capt. Geo. W. Bell's "The New Crisis."

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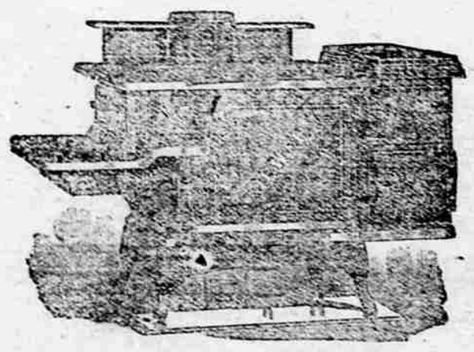

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