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The Full Texas of the Progressive Party Platform Adopted in Chicago.

PLANKS SPARE NO EVIL

Death Knell of "Invisible Government" by Corrupt Corporation Influence.

More Power and Larger Benefits for the People the Main Objects.

TO WIPE OUT OLD ABUSES

Unhampered by Tradition, the Leaders Are Undismayed by the Greatness of the Task.

Following is the full text of the Progressive Party platform adopted at the Chicago convention last week:

The conscience of the people, in a time of grave national problems, has called into being a new party, born of the Nation's awakened sense of justice.

We of the Progressive party here dedicate ourselves to the fulfillment of the duty laid upon us by our fathers to maintain that government of the people, by the people, and for the people whose foundations they laid.

We hold with Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln that the people are the masters of their Constitution, to fulfill its purposes, and to safeguard it from those who, by pervasions of its intent, would convert it into an instrument of injustice. In accordance with the needs of each generation the people must use their sovereign powers to establish and maintain equal opportunity and industrial justice, to secure this government was founded and without which no republic can endure.

This country belongs to the people who inhabit it. Its resources, its business, its institutions and its laws should be utilized, maintained or altered in whatever manner will best promote the general interest.

It is time to set the public welfare in the first place. Political parties exist to secure responsible government and to execute the will of the people. From these great tasks both of the old parties have turned aside.

Instead of instruments to promote the general welfare, they have become the tools of corrupt interests which use them impartially to serve their selfish purposes. Behind the ostensible government sits enthroned an invisible government, owing no allegiance and acknowledging no responsibility to the people. To destroy this invisible government, to dissolve the unholy alliance between corrupt business and corrupt politics is the first task of the statesmanship of the day.

The deliberate betrayal of its trust by the Republican party, the fatal incapacity of the Democratic party to deal with the issues of the time have compelled the people to forge a new instrument of the government through which to give effect to their will, in laws and institutions.

Unhampered by tradition, uncorrupted by power, undismayed by the magnitude of the task, the new party offered itself as the instrument of the people to sweep away old abuses, to build a new and nobler commonwealth.

This declaration is our covenant with the people, and we hereby bind the party and its candidates in state and Nation to the pledges made herein.

The national Progressive party committed to the principles of government by a self controlled democracy expressing its will through representative's of the people, pledges itself to secure such alterations in the fundamental law of the several states and of the United States as shall insure the representative character of the government.

In particular, the party declares for direct primaries for the nomination of states and national officers, for National-wide preferential primaries for candidates for the presidency, for the direct election of United States senator by the people; and we urge on the states the policy of the short ballot with responsibility, securing equal suffrage to men and women alike, to the people secu-

red by the initiative, referendum and recall.

The progressive party, believing that a free people should have the power from time to time amend their fundamental law so as to adapt it progressively to the changing needs of the peoples pledges itself to provide a more easy and expeditious method of amending the federal constitution.

Up to the limit of the constitution and later by amendment of the constitution if found necessary, we advocate bringing under effective nation jurisdiction those problems which have expanded beyond reach of the individual states.

It is as grotesque as it is intolerable that the several states should by unequal laws in matter of common concern become commercial agencies, barter the lives of their children, the health of their women and the safest and well being of their working people for the profit of their financial interests.

The extreme insistence on states right by the Democratic party in the Baltimore platform demonstrates anew its inability to understand the world into which it has survived, or to administer the affairs of a union of states which have in all essential respects become one people.

Progressive party, believing that no people can justly claim to be a sure democracy, which denies political rights on account of sex, pledges itself to the task of securing equal suffrage to men and women alike.

We pledge our party to legislation that will compel strict limitation of all campaign contributions and expenditures, and detailed publicity of both before as well as after primaries and elections.

We pledge our party to legislation compelling the registration of lobbyists; publicity of committee hearings except on foreign affairs, and recording of all votes in committee; and forbidding federal appointees from holding office in state or national political organizations, or taking part as officers or delegates in political conventions for the nomination of elective state or national officials.

The Progressive party demands such restriction for the power of the courts as shall leave to the people the ultimate authority to determine fundamental questions of social welfare and public policy.

To secure this end, it pledges itself to provide:

1. That when an act, passed under the police power of the state, is held unconstitutional under the state constitution by the courts, the people after an ample interval for deliberations, shall have an opportunity to vote on the question whether they desire the act to become law, notwithstanding such decision.

2. That every decision of the highest appellate court of a state declaring an act of the legislature unconstitutional on the ground of its violation of the federal constitution, shall be subject to the same review by the Supreme Court of the United States as is now accorded to decisions sustaining such legislation.

The Progressive party, in order to secure to the people a better administration of justice, and by that means to bring about a more general respect for the law and the courts, pledges itself to work unceasingly for the reform of legal procedure and judicial methods.

We believe that the issuance of injunctions in cases arising out of labor disputes should be prohibited when such injunctions would not apply when no labor disputes existed.

We also believe that a person cited for a contempt in labor disputes, except when such contempt was committed in the actual presence of the court or so near there as to interfere with the proper administration of justice, should have a right to trial by jury.

The supreme duty of the Nation is the conservation of human resources through an enlarged measure of social and industrial justice. We pledge ourselves to work unceasingly in state and Nation for:

Effective legislation looking to the prevention of industrial accidents, occupational diseases, overwork, involuntary unemployment and other injurious effects incident to modern industry.

The fixing of minimum safety and health standards for the various occupations, and the exercise of the public authority on state and Nation, including the federal control over interstate commerce, and the taxing power, to maintain such standards.

Minimum wage standards for working women, to provide a

"living wage" in all industrial occupations.

The general prohibition of night work for women and the establishment of an 8-hour day for women and young persons.

One day's rest in seven for all wage workers.

The 8-hour day in continuous 24-hour industries.

The abolition of the convict contract labor system.

Substituting a system of prison production for governments consumption only; and the application of prisoners' earning to the support of their dependent families.

Policy as to wages, hours and conditions of labor; full reports upon industrial accidents and diseases and the opening to public inspection of all tallies, weights, measures and check system on labor products.

We pledge our party to establish a department of labor with a seat in the cabinet, and with wide jurisdiction over matters affecting the conditions of labor and living.

The development and prosperity of country life are as important to the people who live in the cities as they are to the farmers. Increase of the prosperity on the farm will favorably affect the cost of living, and promote the interests of all who dwell in the country, and all who depend upon its products for clothing, shelter and food.

We pledge our party to foster the development of agricultural credit and co-operation, the teaching of agriculture in schools, agricultural college extension, the use of mechanical power on the farm, and to reestablish the country life commission, thus directly promoting the welfare of the farmers, and bringing the benefits of better farming, better business and better living within their reach.

The high cost of living is partly due to natural and partly to artificial causes. The measures proposed in this platform on various subjects such as the tariff of the trust, and conservation, will of themselves remove to world-wide and partly to local.

The high cost of living is due partly to the artificial causes. There will remain other elements such as the tendency to leave the country for the city, waste, extravagance, bad system of taxation, poor methods of raising crops and bad business methods in marketing crops.

To remedy these conditions requires the fullest information and, based on this information, effective government supervision and control to remove all the artificial causes. We pledge ourselves to such full and immediate inquiry and to immediate action to deal with every need such inquiry discloses.

We favor the union of all the existing agencies of the federal government dealing with the public health into a single national health services, without discrimination against or for any one set of therapeutic methods, school of medicine, or school of healing with such additional powers as may be necessary to enable it to perform efficiently such duties in the protection of the public from preventable disease as may be properly undertaken by the federal authorities; including the execution of existing laws regarding pure food; quarantine and cognate subjects the promotion of appropriate action for the improvement of vital statistics, and the extension of the registration area of such

statistics, and co-operation with the health activities of the various states and cities of the Nation.

We believe that true popular government, justice and prosperity go hand in hand, and so believing it is our purpose to secure that large measure of general prosperity which is the fruit of legitimate and honest business, fostered by equal justice and by sound progressive laws.

We demand that the true prosperity shall be the benefits conferred thereby on all citizens, not confined to individuals or classes, and that the test of corporate efficiency shall be the ability better to serve the public, that those who profit by the control of the business affairs shall justify that profit and that control by sharing with the public the fruits thereof.

We therefore demand a strong national regulation of interstate corporations. The corporation is an essential part of modern business. The concentration of modern business, in some degree, is both inevitable and necessary for national and international business efficiency. But the existing concentration of vast wealth under a corporate system, unguarded and uncontrolled by the Nation, has placed in hands of a few men enormous, secret, irresponsible power over the daily life of the citizens—a power unsufferable in a free government and certain of abuse.

The power has been abused in monopoly of national resources, in stock watering, in unfair competition and in unfair privilege, and finally in sinister influences on the public influences of state and Nation. We do not fear commercial power, but we insist that it shall be exercised openly, under publicity, supervision and regulations of the most efficient sort, which will proserve its good while eradicating and preventing its evils.

To that we urge the establishment of a strong federal administrative commission of high standing, which shall maintain permanent active supervision over industrial corporations engaged in interstate commerce, in such of them as are of public importance, doing for them what the government now does for the national banks, and what is now done for the railroads by the interstate Commerce Commission.

Such a commission must enforce the complete publicity of those corporate transactions which are of public interest: must attack unfair completion, false capitalization and special privilege, and by continuous trained watchfulness guard and keep open equally to all the highway of American commerce.

Thus the business man will have certain knowledge of the law, and will be able to conduct his business easily in conformity therewith; the investor will find security for his capital; dividends will be rendered more certain, and the savings of the people will be drawn naturally and safely into the channels of trade.

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