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Literary Notes.

GIBSON TO ILLUSTRATE DICKENS

C. D. Gibson and Edward W. Bok were chatting together in the former's studio one day, when the editor of The Ladies' Home Journal said

"Why don't you drop the American girl, Gibson, and try something entirely new?"

"What is there new?" ask Gibson.

"Illustrate Dickens!" laconically answered the editor.

"Illustrate Dickens!" repeated Gibson. "Why, man alive——" Just then the artist's mother came into the studio. "Mother," he said, "what have I always told you I would rather do is the way of illustration than anything else?"

"Well, I don't know, Dana, unless it is to illustrate Dickens."

"Exactly, and Bok walks in just now and asks me to do it."

Gibson went to Europe on his wedding trip and remained in London for six months. There he worked away at his Dickens sketches. Upon his return a few weeks ago he delivered the first drawings of the series to The Ladies' Home Journal, and the initial one will be printed in the Christmas issue. The finished drawings are said to be remarkable portrayals. The characters chosen are Pickwick; Pecksniff and his two daughters; David Copperfield; Dick Swiveller and The Marchioness; Old Scrooge, from "A Christmas Carol;" Caleb Plummer and his blind daughters, and other characters from Dickens. The Journal will present the entire series during 1897.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

A List of the New Members-Elect So Far as Reported and Procured.

The CAUCASIAN hoped to be able to present this week a full and complete list of the new members-elect of the next General Assembly. Reports from some counties have not been received, however, and it is quite possible that there may be some errors in the list presented. We respectfully ask our friends to assist us in making this list complete for the issue of the next paper. When a complete presentation can be made, we will give a correct summary as to how the legislature stands politically.

Senate.

FIRST DISTRICT—(Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Hertford, Gates, Chowan and Perquimans)—Two Senators. Jno. F. Newsome, Pop., Winton; J. L. Whidbee, Rep., Hertford.

SECOND DISTRICT—(Tyrrell, Washington, Martin, Dare, Beaufort, Hyde and Pamlico)—Two Senators. T. E. McCaskey, Pop., Dardens; N. B. Yeager, Rep., Plymouth.

THIRD DISTRICT—(Northampton and Bertie)—One Senator. Jas. M. Early, Pop., Aulander.

FOURTH DISTRICT—(Halifax)—One Senator. E. T. Clark, Pop., Weldon.

FIFTH DISTRICT—(Edgecombe)—One Senator. Lee W. Person, Rep., Rocky Mount.

SIXTH DISTRICT—(Pitt)—One Senator. A. J. Moye, Pop., Farmville.

SEVENTH DISTRICT—(Wilson, Nash and Franklin—Two Senators—J. F Mitchell, Pop., Franklinton; J. T. Sharpe, Rep., Elm City.

EIGHTH DISTRICT—(Craven, Jones, Carteret, Lenoir, Onslow and Greene)—Two Senators. G. L. Hardison, Pop., Thurman; W. T. McCarthy, Rep., New Berne.

NINTH DISTRICT—(Duplin, Wayne and Pender)—Two Senators. R. G. Maxwell, Pop., Outlaw's Bridge; H. L. Grant, Rep., Goldsboro.

TENTH DISTRICT—(New Hanover and Brunswick)—One Senator. Geo. H. Cannon, Pop., Town Creek.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT—(Warren and Vance)—One Senator. W. B. Henderson, Rep., Henderson.

TWELFTH DISTRICT—(Wake)—One Senator. C. H. Utley, Pop., Holly Springs.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT—(Johnson)—One Senator. Ed. Abell, Dem., Smithfield.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT—(Sampson, Harnett and Bladen)—Two Senators. Geo. E. Butler, Pop., Clinton; E. N. Roberson, Pop., Tar Heel.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT—(Columbus and Roberson—Two Senators. Angus Shaw, Pop., Maxton; J. D. Maultsby, Rep., Whiteville.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT—(Cumberland)—One Senator. Jno. McP. Geddie, Pop., Cedar Creek.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT—(Granville and Person)—One Senator. Dr. Wm. Merritt, Pop., Bethel, Hill.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT—(Caswell, Alamance, Orange and Durham)—Two Senators. Jas. E. Lyon, Pop., Durham; E. S. Parker, Dem., Graham.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT—(Chatham)—One Senator. Jno. W. Atwater, Pop., Rialto.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT—(Rockingham)—One Senator.

TWENT-FIRST DISTRICT—(Guilford)—One Senator. Alfred M. Scales, Dem., Greensboro.

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT—(Randolph and Moore)—One Senator. D. Reid Parker, Pop., Trinity.

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT—(Richmond, Montgomery, Anson and Union)—Two Senators. W. H. Odom, Pop., Wadesboro; D. A. Patterson, Pop., Rockingham.

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT—(Cabarrus and Stanly)—One Senator. C. D. Barranger, Dem., Mt. Pleasant.

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT—(Mecklenburg)—One Senator. Dr. J. B. Alexander, Pop., Charlotte.

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT—(Rowan, Davidson and Forsyth)—Two Senators. S. A. Carnhardt, Pop., Salisbury; Jno. A. Ramsey, Rep., Salisbury.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT—Iredell, Davie and Yadkin)—Two Senators. A. C. Sharpe, Rep., Fancy Hill; S. F. Shore, Rep., Shore.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT—(Stokes and Surry)—One Senator. Rev. Jesse A. Ashburn, Rep., Pilot Mountain.

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT—(Catawba, Lincoln, Alexander and Wilkes)—Two Senators. R. H. W. Barker, Pop., Harvey; Milton McNeill, Rep., Wilkesboro.

THIRTIETH DISTRICT—(Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga)—One Senator. J. M. Dixon, Rep., Idol.

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT—(Caldwell, Burke, McDowell Mitchell and Yancey)—Two Senators. E. F. Wakefield, Pop., Kenoir; Jas. L. Hyatt, Rep., [illegible].

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT—(Gaston, Cleveland, Rutherford and Polk)—Two Senators. J. T. Anthony, Dem., Shelby; M. H. Justice, Dem., Rutherfordton.

THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT—(Buncombe, Madison and Haywood)—Two Senators. W. W. Rollins, Rep., Asheville; Geo. H. Smathers, Rep., Waynesville.

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT—(Henderson, Transylvania, Jackson and Swain)—One Senator. H. S. Anderson, Rep., Hendersonville.

THIRT-FIFTH DISTRICT—(Macon, Cherokee, Clay and Graham)—One Senator. Frank Ray, Dem., Franklin.

House.

Alamance—S. A. White, Rep., Mebane.
Alexander—J. W. Watts, Dem.
Alleghany—H. F. Jones, Pop, Sparta.
Anson—Jas. F. Leak, Dem., Wadesboro.
Ashe—Spencer Blackburn, Rep., Jefferson.
Beaufort—H. E. Hodges, Pop., Mineola.
Bertie—K. W. White, Rep., Windsor.
Bladen—Sidney Meares, Rep., Clarkton.
Brunswick—W. W. Drew, Pop., El Paso.
Buncombe—V. S. Lusk, Rep., Asheville, W. G. Candler, Pop., Candler.
Burke—Jno. H. Pearson, (Silver) Morganton.
Cabarrus—A. F. Hileman, Pop., Concord.
Caldwell—Jas. L. Nelson, Dem., Lenoir.
Camden—Jas. E. Burgess, Rep., Old Trap.
Carteret—E. C. Duncan, Rep., Beaufort.
Caswell—C. J. Yarborough, Pop., Locust Hill.
Catawba—L. R. Whitener, Pop., Hickory.
Chowan—Richard Elliott, Rep., Cisco.
Chatham—J. E. Bryan, Pop., Moncure, L. L. Wrenn, Rep., Siler City.
Cherokee—D. W. Deweese, Rep., Murphy.
Clay—W. F. Plott, Pop., Warne.
Cleveland—Dr. B. F. Dixon, Dem., Kings Mountain.
Columbus—J. B. Schuiken, Pop., Whiteville.
Craven—Robt. Hancock, Rep. Newberne.
Cumberland—Thos. H. Sutton, Rep., Fayetteville, W. P. Wemyss, Rep.
Currituck—W. H. Gallop, Dem., Harbinger.
Dare—Geo. C. Daniels, Rep., Wanchese.
Davidson—J. R. McCreary, Rep., Lexington.
Davie—W. A. Bailey, Rep., Advance.
Duplin—Maury Ward, Pop., Joford.
Durham—J. W. Umstead, Dem., Durham.
Edgecombe—J. H. Dancy, Rep., Tarboro, E. Bryant Rep., Tarboro.
Forsyth—J. L. Grubbs, Rep., W. P. Ormsley, Rep.
Franklin—W. T. Barron, Pop., Youngsville.
Gaston—S. M. Wilson, Dem., Gastonia.
Gates—T. H. Rountree, Pop., Drumgan, W. H. Crews, Rep., Oxford.
Graham—Jno. Dayton, Rep., Robbinsville.
Granville—Jno. King, Pop., Buchanan, W. H. Crews, Rep., Oxford.
Greene—W. R. Dixon, Pop., Farmville.
Guilford—John C. Bunch, Dem., Oak Ridge, B. G. Chilcutt, Rep., Browns Summit.
Halifax—Scotland Harris, Rep., Littleton; J. H. Arrington, Rep., Halifax.
Harnett—L. B. Chapin, Rep., Summerville.
Haywood—Jas. Ferguson, Dem., Waynesville.
Henderson—J. B. Freeman, Rep.
Hertford—Starkey Hare, Rep., Tunis.
Hyde—John G. Harris, Pop., Fairfield.
Iredell—Jno. R. McLelland, Dem., Mooresville, J. A. Harkness, Dem., Statville.
Jackson—Tie vote, new election to be held.
Johnson—
Jones—H. F. Brown, Pop., Tuckahoe.
Lenoir—E. P. Hauser, Pop., Kinston.
Lincoln—L. A. Abernathy, Pop., Macpelah.
Macon—
Madison—J. W. Roberts, Rep., Marshall.
Martin—C. C. Fagan, Pop., Darden.
McDowell—Maj. W. A. Connelly, Dem—
Mecklenburg—W. P. Craven, Pop—Mitchell—Rev. L. H. Green, Rep., Bakersville.
Montgomery—J. A. Reynolds, Pop., Okeweeme.
Moore—W. H. H. Lawhon, Dem., Carthage.
Nash—Van B. Carter Pop., Elm City.
New Hanover—D. B. Sutton, Rep., Wilmington, J. T. Howe, Rep., Wilmington.
Northampton—N. R. Rawls, Rep., Garysburg.
Onslow—R. Duffy, Dem., Catherine Lake.
Orange—A. R. Holmes, Pop., Rock Spring.
Pamlico—C. M. Babbitt, Pop., Bayboro.
Pasquotank—J. H. Parker, Pop., Hertford.
Pender—Gibson James, Dem., Maple Hill.
Perquimans—J. H. Parker, Pop., Hertford.
Person—J. S. Cunningham, Dem., Cunningham.
Pitt—Slade Chapman, Pop., Coxville, E. V. Cox, Rep., Coxville.
Polk—Grayson Arledge, Rep., Mill Springs.
Randolph—J. J. White, Pop., Trinity; J. M. Allen, Rep., Ralph.
Richmond—Y. C. Morton, Pop., Rockingham, Claudius Dockery, Rep., Rockingham.
Robeson—D. E. McBryde, Pop., Mill Prong, W. J. Currie, Rep., Maxton.
Rockingham—Walters, Dem.; R. P. Foster, Pop.
Rowan—J. W. McKenzie, Dem., Salisbury, Walter Murphy, Dem., Salisbury.
Rutherford—Lindsay Purgason, Pop., Logan's Store.
Sampson—C. H. Johnson, Pop., Ingold, R. M. Crumpler, Pop., Clinton.
Stanly—E. F. Eddings, Dem., Farmerville.
Stokes—R. J. Petree, Rep., Danville.
Surry—J. M. Brower, Rep., Mt. Airy.
Swain—
Transylvania—E. A. Aiken, Rep.
Tyrell—Dr. Ab. Alexander, Rep., Columbia.
Union—Jas. M. Price, Pop., Prices Mill.
Vance—M. M. Peace, Rep. Henderson.
Wake—J. M. Ferrell, Pop., Eagle Rock; J. P. H. Adams, Rep., Cary; J. H. Young, Rep., Raleigh.
Warren—C. A. Cook, Rep., Warrenton.
Watauga—Thos. Bingham, Rep., Amantha.
Washington—L. N. C. Spruill, Rep., Mackey's Ferry.
Wayne—Dr. J. E. Person, Pop., Pikeville; T. B. Parker, Dem., Goldsboro.
Wilkes—J. Q. A. Bryan, Rep., Trap Hill; Charles H. Somers, Rep., Wilkesboro.
Wilson—B. T. Person, Pop., Wilson.
Yadkin—J. C. Pinnix, Rep., Malee.
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PEOPLES PARTY STATE PLATFORM.

The Peoples Party platform of North Carolina, in convention assembled at Raleigh, on the 13th day of August, 1896, hereby reaffirms its unqualified allegiance to the principles of the party, and hereby approves the platform of the Peoples Party adopted at its National convention held in the city of St. Louis, July 22nd, 1896.

THE ELECTION LAW.

We hereby reaffirm our fixed determination to support and maintain a free ballot and a fair count in all elections held in North Carolina; and the election law passed by the General Assembly of 1895 meets our hearty endorsement and approval; and we hereby pledge the Peoples Party to the policy of upholding the principle of free and honest elections provided for in said election law, and warn the voters of the State against the threats which have been made to repeal the same.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

The act of the last General Assembly restoring to the right of local self government by the election of their county commissioners and justices of the peace by the vote of the people in the respective counties, and the safe-guards therein provided, meets with our hearty approval, and we pledge the Peoples Party to the continued support and maintenance of that legislation, and warn the voters of the necessity of preventing injurious changes in that act, and of the danger of electing members of the General Assembly hostile thereto.

LEGAL TENDER MONEY.

We favor the exercise by the State of North Carolina of the reserved constitutional power to make all gold and silver coins of the United States (including the trade dollar) a legal tender for the payment of debts, and that this right be inforced by the passage of an appropriate act by the General Assembly.

GOLD NOTES AND MORTGAGES.

We believe that all money demands should be payable in the lawful money of the United States without preference or discrimination, and therefore favor the passage by the General Assembly of a law to prohibit the taking or giving of gold notes, bonds and mortgages in this State, and the making of all money demands solvable in any kind of lawful money of the United States.

INTEREST.

We pledge ourselves to maintain the six per cent. interest law enacted by the last General Assembly.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The action of the Peoples Party members of the last General Assembly has demonstrated, beyond question, that the Peoples Party has been true to its antecedent platform declarations in favor of public education. We demand still further improving and broadening the public school system of the State as rapidly as a proper regard for the interests of the tax payers and the resources of the State will permit. We also favor such revision of our present school system as may increase the efficiency of our public schools and insure the most competent and effective supervision. We think that the committee on Education of the next General Assembly should invite and secure, as far as possible, the co-operation of the leading teachers and educators of the State in framing and perfecting the school law.

JUDICIARY.

Our judiciary should be lifted above the plane of partisan politics.

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REFOMATORY FOR YOUNG CRIMINALS.

We favor the establishment of a State institution for the reformation of young criminals.

DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION CONDEMNED.

We condemn the Democratic administration in North Carolina for its failure to execute the anti-trust laws of the State now on our statute books, and call the attention of the people to the fact that official action in this regard is not in harmony with the ultra anti-trust sentiment heretofore and now being expressed by the leaders of the Democratic party.

RAILROADS.

We favor the establishment of such equitable and low freight rates and charges for products shipped from North Carolina as will enable shippers and producers to realize at least a fair remuneration after costs of such shipments have been deducted.

We call especial attention to the possibilities of the trucking industry in Eastern North Carolina, an industry which, but for the extortionate tariffs of the common carrier, would increase an hundred fold, carrying with it the greatest prosperity to that highly favored section it has ever known.

We earnestly recommend to our State Railroad Commission that they use all the powers they have to bring about such reductions; and especially that they urge before the Inter-State Commerce Commission all complaints of extortion and discrimination with such vigor and continuity that should they fail to secure remedial action by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, all the people would know where to place the responsibility for existing outrages; and if their facilities for fighting the battles of the people before the Inter-State Commerce Commission are inadequate for that purpose, that they make recommendation to the General Assembly of amendments to existing laws, to the end that low and fairer rates may be established, both in the State and Inter-State jurisdictions.

Resolved, That we recommend a constitutional prohibition of the purchase, lease or rental of parallel or competing railway lines.

FREE PASSES.

We favor a law forbidding the giving of free passes to public officials, and forbidding their receiving the same.

NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD LEASE.

We condemn the lease of the North Carolina Railroad to the Southern Railway Company for ninety-nine years, not only as a bad business transaction in which the interests of the State amounting to the large sum of $3,000,000 invested in good paying property yielding an income, were sacrificed; but we also, in most emphatic terms condemn the hasty and secret manner in which it was done several years before the former thirty years' lease, by its terms, would have expired. We call the attention of the people of the State to the fact that some mysterious power has prevented an investigation through the proper legal channels, of this transaction, which was so universally condemned by the press of the State and all classes of our citizens, when it first became known. We therefore demand that the next General Assembly fully investigate this transaction, and to the end that the interests of the State may be fully protected as far as it can be done, such legislative action shall be taken as to counteract, as far as possible, this unwise and secret transaction.

REMOVAL OF CASES.

The removal of cases from the State courts to the Federal courts for trial wherein the plaintiffs are poor persons and defendants rich foreign corporations, on application of defendants, is a growing evil in North Carolina, and in its practical operation frequently amounts to a denial of justice to poor suitors, and therefore should be condemned. We demand, therefore, that the next General Assembly shall pass such a general statute on this subject as to take from such corporations doing business in this State the privilege of carrying on business in North Carolina, and withdrawing the protection of the State extended to their business, if they persist in escaping the jurisdiction of our courts when claims are sought to be enforced against them therein.

We advocate such legislation as will insure a just listing and taxation of all evidences of debt, and make an equitable adjustment of the burden of taxation between the debtor and a creditor.

REDUCTION OF SALARIES.

In order to keep our public servants in thorough touch and sympathy with the oppressed masses, and to check to some extent the scramble for office, we demand a reduction of salaries until such time as through an increase of the currency the price of property and products will justify the present rates.

The Peoples Party National Platform.

Following is the Populist platform as adopted:

"The Peoples Party assembled in National convention, reaffirms its allegiance to the principles declared by the founders of the republic and also to the fundamental principles of just governments as enunciated in the platform of the party in 1892. We recognize that through the connivance of the present and preceding administrations, the country has reached a crisis in its National life as predicted in our declaration four years ago, and that prompt and patriotic action is the supreme duty of the hour. We realize that while we have political independence our financial and industrial independence is yet to be attained by restoring to our country the constitutional control and exercise of the functions necessary to a people's government, which functions have been basely surrendered by our public servants to corporate monopolies. The influence of European money changers has been more potent in shaping legislation than the voice of the American people. Executive power and patronage have been used to corrupt our legislatures to defeat the will of the people and plutocracy has been enthroned upon the ruins of Democracy. To restore the government intended by the fathers and for the welfare and prosperity of this and future generations, we demand the establishment of an economic and financial system which shall make us masters of our own affairs, and independent of European control by the adoption of the following:

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

1. 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, so that a just, equitable and efficient means of distribution may be made direct to the people and through the lawful disbursement of the government.

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

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

4. We denounce the sale of bonds and the increase of the public interest-bearing bond debt made by the present administration as unnecessary and without authority of law and that no more bonds be issued except by specific act of Congress.

5. We demand such legal legislation as will prevent the demonetization of the lawful money of the United States by private contract.

6. We demand that the government in payment of its obligations shall use its options as to the kind of lawful money in which they are to be paid and we denounce the present and preceding administration for surrendering this option to the holders of government obligations.

7. We demand a graduated income tax to the end that aggregated wealth shall bear its just proportion of taxation and we denounce the Supreme court, relative to the income tax law, as a misinterpretation of the constitution and an invasion of the rightful powers of Congress over the subject of taxation.

8. 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.

RAILROADS.

1. Transportation being a means of exchange and a public necessity, the government should own and operate the railroads in the interest of the people on a non-partisan basis; to the end that all may be accorded the same treatment in transportation, and that the tyranny and political power now exercised by the great railroad corporations, which results in the impairment if not the destruction of the political rights and personal liberties of the citizens, may be destroyed. Such ownership is to be accomplished gradually in a manner consistent with sound policy.

2. The interest of the United States in the public highways built with public moneys, and the proceeds of extensive grants of land to the Pacific railroad should never be alienated, mortgaged or sold, but guarded and protected for the general welfare, as provided by the laws of organizing such railroads. The foreclosure of existing lines of the United States on these roads should at once follow default in the payment thereof of the debt of companies, and at the foreclosure sales of said roads the government shall purchase the same if it becomes necessary to protect its interest therein or if they can be purchased at a reasonable price; and the government shall operate said railroads as public highways for the benefit of the whole people and not in the interest of the few, under suitable provisions for protection of life and property; giving to all transportation interests and privileges and equal rates for fares and freight.

3. We denounce the present infamous schemes for refunding these debts and demand that the laws now applicable thereto be executed and administered according to their true intent and spirit.

4. The telegraph, like the postoffice system, being a necessity for the transmission of news should be owned and operated by the government in the interest of people.

LAND.

1. The true policy demands that the national and State legislation shall be such as will ultimately enable every prudent and industrious citizen to secure a home, and therefore the land should not be monopolized for speculative purposes.

"All lands now held by railroads and other corporations in excess of their actual needs, should by lawful means be reclaimed by the government and held for actual settlers only, and private land monopoly as well as alien ownership should be prohibited.

2. We condemn the frauds by which the land grants to the Pacific Railroad companies have, through connivance of the Interior department, robbed multitudes of actual bonafide settlers of their homes and miners of their claims, that we demand legislation by Congress which will enforce the exemption of mineral land from such grants after, as well as before patent.

3. We demand that bonafide settlers on all public lands be provided free homes and be provided for in the national Homestead law, and that no exception be made in the case of Indian reservations when opened for settlement, and that all lands not now patented come under this demand.

DIRECT LEGISLATION.

4. We favor a system of direct legislation through the initiative and referendum under proper constitutional safeguards.

GENERAL PROPOSITIONS.

1. We demand the election of President and Vice-President and United States Senators by a direct vote of the people.

2. We tender to the patriotic people of Cuba our deepest sympathy in their heroic struggle for political freedom and independence, and we believe the time has come when the United States, the great Republic of the world, should recognize that Cuba is and of right ought to be a free and independent State.

3. We favor home rule in the Territories and the District of Columbia, and the early admission of Territories as States.

4. All public salaries should be made to correspond to the price of labor and its products.

5. In times of great industrial depression, idle labor should be employed on public works as far as practicable.

6. The arbitrary course of the courts in assuming to imprison citizens for indirect contempt and ruling by injunction, should be prevented by proper legislation.

7. We favor just pensions for our disabled Union soldiers.

8. Believing that the election franchise and untrammeled ballot are essential to a government of, for, and by the people, the Peoples Party condemns the wholesale system of disfranchisement adopted in some States as un-Republican and un-Democratic, and we declare it to be the duty of the several State legislatures to take such action as will secure a full, free and fair ballot and an honest count.

9. While the foregoing propositions constitute the platform upon which our party stands and for the vindication of which its organization will maintain, we recognize that the great and pressing issue of the pending campaign upon which the present Presidential election will turn is the financial question, and upon this great and specific issue between the parties, we cordially invite the aid and co-operation of all organizations and citizens agreeing with us upon this vital question

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