

NOTICE TO CHAIRMEN OF PEOPLE'S PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES.

All Chairmen of People's Party Executive Committees are requested to report to me at once, name and post-office address of Chairmen of Congressional, Senatorial and County Executive Committees. I desire to obtain a correct list at once.

S. OTTO WILSON, Chm'n State People's Party Ex. Com. NOTICE.

Dr. A. A. Maynard, candidate for Congress in the Sixth District, will address the citizens of Robeson county at the following times and places:

White House, October 13th. Saddle Tree, " 14th. Red Springs, " 15th.

Robeson will give the People's party a good big majority. ARGUS SHAW, Chm'n Executive Committee.

NOTICE.

Dr. A. A. Maynard, People's party candidate for Congress from the Sixth district, will address the citizens of Richmond county as follows:

Providence School House, Tuesday, October 18th. Hamlet, Wednesday, October 19th. Hoffman, Thursday, October 20th. Laurel Hill Church, Friday, Oct. 21.

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SECOND DECLARATION OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE.

Platform Adopted by the Confederated Industrial Organizations at St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 22-24, 1892.

PREAMBLE.

This, the first great labor conference of the United States and of the world, representing all divisions of urban and rural organized industry, assembled in national congress, invoking upon its action the blessings and protection of Almighty God, puts forth to and for the producers of the nation this declaration of union and independence. The conditions which surround us best justify our action. We meet in the midst of a nation brought to the verge of moral, political, and material ruin. Corruption dominates the ballot-box, the legislature, the Congress, and touches even the crime of the bench. The people are demoralized. Many of the States have been compelled to isolate the voters at the polling places in order to prevent universal intimidation or bribery. The newspapers are subsidized or muzzled, public opinion silenced, business prostrated, our homes covered with mortgages, labor impoverished, and the land concentrating in the hands of capitalists. The urban workmen are denied the right of organization for self-protection; imported pauperized labor beats down their wages; a hired standing army, unrecognized by our laws, is established to shoot them down; and they are rapidly degenerating to European conditions. The fruits of the toil of millions are boldly stolen to build up colossal fortunes, unprecedented in the history of the world, while the possessors despise the republic and endanger liberty. From the same prolific womb of governmental injustice is bred the two great classes—paupers and millionaires. The national power to create money is appropriated to enrich bond-holders; silver, which has been accepted as money since the dawn of history, has been demonetized to add to the purchasing power of gold by decreasing the value of all forms of property, as well as human labor, and the supply of currency is purposely abridged to fatten usurers, bankrupt enterprises, and unscrupulous industry. A vast conspiracy against mankind has been organized on two continents and is taking possession of the world. If not met and overthrown at once, it forbodes terrible social catastrophes, the destruction of civilization, or the establishment of an absolute despotism.

In this crisis of human affairs the intelligent working people and producers of the United States have come together in the name of peace, order, and society to defend liberty, prosperity and justice. We declare our union and independence. We assert our purpose to support the political organization which we represent. We charge that the control of the influence dominating the old political parties have allowed the existing conditions to develop without serious effort to restrain or prevent them. They have agreed together to ignore, in the coming campaign, every issue of principle. We propose to drown the outcries of a plundered people with the uproar of a sham battle over the tariff; so that corporations, national banks, rings, trusts, "watered stock," the demonetization of silver, and the oppression of usurers, may all be lost sight of. We propose to sacrifice our homes and children to the greed of a few who have destroyed the hopes of the multitude in order to secure corruption funds from the great labor of plunder.

We assert that at a political organization, representing the political principles herein stated, is necessary to redress the grievances of which we complain. Assembled on the anniversary of the birth of the illustrious man who led the first revolution on this continent, we solemnly affirm that the sentiment which actuated that grand generation, we seek to restore to the government of the United States; that we will not rest until we have originated. Our doors are open to all points of the compass. We ask all honest men to join with and help us.

In order to restrain the extortions of aggregate capital to drive the money changers out of the temple to form a perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity we do ordain and establish the following platform of principles. First—We declare the union of the labor forces of the United States this day accomplished permanent and perpetual. We will not rest until all hearts of the republic and the uplifting of mankind.

Second—Wealth belongs to him who created it. Every dollar taken from industry without an equivalent is robbery. If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. The interests of rural and urban labor are the same, their enemies are identical.

PLATEFORM. FINANCE. First—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 and equitable and efficient means of distribution direct to the people at a tax not to exceed 10 per cent be provided, and that the Federal Reserve plan of the Farmers' Alliance, or some better system; also, by payments in discharge of its obligations for public improvements.

a. We demand free and unlimited coinage of silver. b. We demand that the amount of circulating medium be speedily increased to not less than \$50 per capita. c. We demand a graduated income tax. d. We believe that the money of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand that all national and State revenue shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government economically and honestly administered. e. 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.

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

TRANSPORTATION. Third—Transportation being a means of exchange and a public necessity, the government should own and operate the railroads in the interest of the people. a. The telegraph and telephone, like the post-office system, being a necessity for transmission of news, should be owned and operated by the government in the interest of the people.

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