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IN THE SWEAT OF THY FACE THOU SHALT EAT BREAD IF ANY WILL NOT WORK NEITHER LET HIM EAT

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## THE OMAHA PLATFORM

Judge Nugent, the Texas Leader, Speaks Words of Wisdom

### LOOK OUT FOR THE TROJAN HORSE

What Would a Money Platform Be? Bimetallism and Convertible Paper? Wealth Concentration not Checked by It

[FROM THE SOUTHERN MERCURY.]

The olive branch was extended from country to city, the white flag of peace floated over the Alliance and trades unions and toilers began to pool their issues and get together. Then came the St. Louis conference of Feb. 1892—that wonderful conclave of labor's representatives. There, brother Populists, labor made known its demands—formulated them in words that will live forever.

Before that time each organization of labor had its own creed, adhered to its own narrow policy, selfishly pursued its own ends, ignored the demands of all other workers, and found as a result defeat and discomfiture. Having succeeded, however, in getting together and in formulating their demands, their representatives of labor went vigorously into politics and pledged a solid labor vote for the party which should adopt those demands. The People's party at once organized upon the lines thus laid down, and has been fighting the battles of labor ever since. In the first campaign it polled over 1,000,000 votes, to which it added 600,000 within the two years following. It is safe to say that it could today poll more than 2,000,000 votes. More than this, it is growing with unexampled rapidity. All of this has been accomplished on the Omaha platform, and yet there are Populists who would, in the campaign of 1895, eliminate from that platform the land and transportation planks and leave the party standing on a single financial issue. And why is this? The silver question, the answer is, will be the pivotal one—the "storm center" of the campaign. I do not doubt the sincerity or patriotism of these people, but the unwisdom of the course suggested, in my judgment, can hardly be expressed in adequate language. Suppose we make a money platform only; will it be a straight declaration in favor of scientific money or inconvertible paper? If so, can we hope for the support of silver Democrats and Republicans, all of whom to a man want gold, or gold and silver, as a base for the issuance of paper promises to pay—credit money only? Are we prepared to commit ourselves in favor of convertible paper currency, by uniting with the silver Democrats and Republicans in the coming campaign? If so a platform declaration for scientific money, or inconvertible money, will be misleading. If we declare for convertible paper, what sense will there be in maintaining a separate party organization? Convertible paper and free coinage of silver measure the extent of reform as advocated by Gen. Warner and his bimetallic league; and, if our platform should go no farther, it would be foolish not to disband our organization and go in mass into the movement to elect Mr. Sibley. Indeed, if we fall below the demand for scientific money, or at least inconvertible paper, in our declaration for financial reform, then, with land and transportation eliminated, our party will have no excuse for its existence. If we must take the tag-end of financial reform, it will be cheaper to do so in the so-called silver party. If, however, we are not prepared to sacrifice our views on the money question, there is nothing to do but make an honest comprehensive financial declaration, leaving the silver party to take its own course. But suppose we declare in favor of scientific money, or an inconvertible paper currency, as I think we ought to do, what then? Shall we fuse with the silver party? Would this not be to abandon our principles? Can the outcome of such a fusion be anything but the double standard of convertible paper? If so, what do we gain by thus saying one thing and doing another? And will not such juggling for success, lose us the respect of all fair minded men? We cannot afford thus to pattern after old party methods. But if we should succeed in winning the fight with the aid of the silver party, in favor of convertible paper based on gold and silver, what becomes of the party? It must either disband or reorganize upon a platform embodying other issues, and when we undertake to reorganize, who can predict the result? Will we succeed in uniting the scattered labor forces? The elimination of every issue but the financial one will practically release every Populist from his allegiance to the party, and if the men who place greatest stress upon the land and transportation questions find themselves thus set adrift, who shall say that they will ever return to the fold? The men who stand in Populist ranks now, chiefly because they see in the movement the only hope for land and transportation reform, are with us also on the money question. If you do not drive them away by abandoning the issues



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which they esteem of most importance, they will aid us in getting a settlement of the money question on right lines. A single plank practically holding forth the money issue as the only one of value will expel them from our ranks, and when once they are gone they will not return. But a convertible paper will not only create a debt to be paid in coin, but it will put into the hands of the banded money monopolists the power to corner the country's primary money, and deplete the national reserve at pleasure. The banking combine will still continue its baleful existence, the taxing power will still remain in the hands of railroad and other corporations controlling public functions, and the speculative land monopolist will still hold in his secure grasp the power to dictate the terms upon which starving labor shall have the right to live. When the St. Louis conference, last winter, refused to surrender to the commands of the silver men, and practically give up the fight for labor, forthwith they were told by certain western senators, that the battle for silver could not be fought within the People's party, because the Omaha platform contained too many "vagaries." The "vagaries" are the land and transportation planks, and because the action of the conference plainly showed the silver men that these planks would not be abandoned, we were contemptuously spurned by Gen. Warner and his bimetallic league who have been unable to think on the line of reform beyond the free coinage question. It is too plain for argument, that if we throw ourselves into the arms of these people, join their movement and help them to open the mints to silver, we will find in them our most deadly enemies when we endeavor once more to take up the land and transportation issues. It might as well be understood now, that the Democrats and Republicans who are engineering the silver party movement, are not Populists, and have no

sympathy with the People's party, except in so far as it may be made a cat's paw to pull the silver chestnuts out of the fire. Populists are all free silver men, but they know that to dwarf the great reform movement down to the financial policy advocated by Gen. Warner and his associates, would only make it contemptible. The problem of how to bring about a more equitable distribution of the country's wealth is the one which the People's party has undertaken to solve, in the interest of labor. Free silver is good as far as it goes, but it will not solve this problem. It may quicken the productive forces, but it will leave undisturbed all of the conditions which give rise to the undue concentration of wealth. Until these conditions are removed labor cannot reap that which it produces, and the mission of the People's party will remain unaccomplished. It is well to bear in mind that there is only one party thoroughly united in favor of free silver, and that one is the People's party. The so-called silver party may prove to us a veritable Trojan horse if we are not careful. Farmers, why not make up a little cheese this warm weather while butter is so low in price. For one dollar C. E. Kittenger, of Powell, South Dakota, offers to send a supply of rennets with such plain instruction as will enable anyone to make their own cheese if they never saw any made before. See our Campaign offer on first page. THE WEALTH MAKERS from now till November 1st for only 30c. Every voter in Nebraska should read this paper. A person is prematurely old when baldness occurs before the forty-fifth year. Use Hall's Hair Renewer to keep the scalp healthy and prevent baldness.

### SO MOVES THE WORLD.

"We sleep and wake and sleep, out all things move;  
The sun flies forward to his brother Sun;  
The dark Earth follows, wheeled in her slipper;  
And human things, returning on themselves,  
Move onward, leading up the golden year."

The population of New Zealand is now over 600,000.

John Jacob Astor is to build a fifteen story hotel in New York.

Chicago's population, estimated by the new directory, is now 1,695,000.

A Swede has invented a self-propelling bicycle which is run by a gas motor.

The Chronicle, is the name of a new Democratic daily published in Chicago.

The wheat crop in Indiana, now nearly ready to harvest, will be a very light one.

Wheat in Illinois cannot be over two thirds of a crop. The rain came too late.

Forty local labor organizations in Pittsburg, Pa., have organized a Union League.

Turkey refuses to institute the reforms demanded by the triple Alliance and war is likely to follow.

Col. Harvey, author of Coin's Financial School, has started a new daily in Chicago, called The Daily Coin.

A monster labor demonstration will be held in Chicago July 4th. Prominent speakers from all parts of the West are to be invited.

The crop reports of Michigan indicate 73 per cent of a wheat crop, 47 per cent of an average apple crop and 63 per cent of a peach crop.

An institute of Applied Christianity of over 100 members has been formed in

Oakland, Cal., the fruit of Prof. Heron's recent work there.

Attorney-General Olney has been chosen by the president to be Secretary of State, and Judge Judson Harmon of Cincinnati is to succeed Olney as Attorney-General.

Col. W. O. Bradley has been nominated by the Republicans of Kentucky for governor. They declare the hard times were all brought on by fear of tariff changes and want of confidence in Democratic management.

Both houses of the Illinois legislature have passed a bill placing all public employes of Cook county under civil service rules. The governor will undoubtedly sign it.

Chicago is going to reclaim from the lake border a strip of 186 acres by filling in with waste dirt. What do you suppose that made farm of 186 acres at a low estimate is declared worth? Lyman Gage says, \$50,000,000.

The Standard Oil magnates have sent F. Q. Barston to Buenos Ayres, via London, to capture the oil trade of the Argentine Republic. This, with Mexico already secured makes them monopolizers of the light of the whole world.

It is estimated that the South Carolina State dispensary liquor law has reduced intemperance at least eighty per cent. The hundred or more saloons in the city of Charleston have given place to half a dozen dispensaries which are closed regularly at 6 o'clock every evening, and they are not open at all on Sundays and holidays.

On the authority of the U. S. Labor Commissioner Carroll D. Wright, in 1880 American laborers produced \$1880 of wealth per capita and received in wages but \$347 per capita. The census report

of 1890 (Agricultural Report 1894, pages 742 to 751) show the value of all farm products sold, consumed and on hand \$2,469,000,000. Average income per farm, \$534. Average daily income for each farm family \$1.40, and from this must be paid all taxes, interest, insurance, seed, feed, board, wear and tear.

### THE GENERAL WRITES

#### Help Him, One and All, to Organize Legions

To the Populists of Nebraska:  
We have now ready a beautiful certificate of membership in the Legion and People's party. It was designed by John W. Moakler, of the Executive Council, aided by his wife. It will decorate any parlor, adorn any home, and be a pride to any one possessing it. Great trouble seems to be impending in the nation. The Attorney General, Supreme Judges and newspapers predict it. One of these certificates may be of priceless value in a short time. At any rate it will show that you belong to a great army of patriots who are fighting the battle for humanity and in years to come money would not buy one. Suppose the Peter Cooper veterans had such a testimonial. This certificate is engraved, has a beautiful figure on its face that typifies our platform, and shows the union of the West and South. It will have a silver seal, with Finance, Land and Transportation stamped upon it, and we will give as a premium to all ordering early my book, Case for Bimetallism, a Legion Button, address at Kansas City, with picture, and with first 100 Peller's great report on agricultural depression. The premiums are worth the cost of the certificate which is \$1.00, to be sent in all cases in money, money orders, or express orders—no checks—and addressed to Paul Van Dervoort, Station B, Omaha, Neb. A liberal commission will be allowed Recruiting officers, Legion Scouts, and county, city and state committees can help make a campaign fund by handling them; also the press will find it profitable.

As soon as you can see it you will have it, and to those who cannot afford it we will send it free. Anyone can do that. We must have money for this work and for 1896. If the members of our party will use self-denial and take this certificate and canvass for it, we can raise it. The 10 cents entrance fee, 10 cents annual dues, and the income from this certificate should raise the money. It will if you want to win. You throw away on useless objects the money we need. It is well known that I have given all my time and of my family without a dollar pay. We are out over \$500 now and have a large printing bill which we must pay. We offer you more than your money's worth. All the proceeds will go into the work of organizing the People's party and campaign work. Every man being that ever sends one stamp to this office gets credit for it on our books, and we appeal to all to at once send in their orders. It is but little. Do without some luxury, or necessity even, for one week and send for one. If we win we must have money. If I was not annoyed by debt, harassed and worried, I could do ten times better work. Quit contributing to other sources and combine all your energy and all the money you can spare in this effort. It is our only hope. If you allow it to fail, we will be bankrupt in 1896, and be overwhelmed and the nation be destroyed. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Act now!

### POISONED BY EATING SAUSAGE.

Chicago, June 8.—Ptomaine poisoning nearly caused the death of the entire family of August H. Christensen yesterday in Evanston. Seven members of the family and also Samuel Wright, a guest, partook at dinner of Frankfurt sausages, and became shortly afterward deadly sick. Two of the children were past the help of a physician when one was called, but the other members of the family and the Wright boy, after several hours' hard work in resuscitating them, were pronounced out of danger.