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## THE ST. LOUIS ADDRESS.

We are fundamentally opposed to the present unjust distribution of wealth, that creates a system of society in which the few get, without working, while the many work without getting; a system which must result in either anarchy or despotism, and the total destruction of our republic. This condition is due to the monopoly of natural opportunities and the creation of special privileges by law.

We maintain that this government, which was delegated by the fathers of the republic, to freedom and equality of opportunity, shall fulfill its true mission. We demand the opening to all of the opportunities of nature and the abolition of all special privileges. In both of the great political parties of the nation are to be found two irreconcilable factions, one in favor of governmental usurpation, tending to the establishment of a new feudalism, and the other standing for industrial and political liberty.

In the people's party of the nation lies the only hope of the perpetuation of popular institutions.

We ratify and reaffirm the fundamental principles of the platform of the people's party adopted at its national convention in Omaha in 1892.

Free speech, free press, trial by jury and the rights of the people peaceably to assemble, are the constitutional rights of every American citizen. We oppose their violation by injunctions issued by courts of equity.

We hold that the right to issue and coin money and to regulate the value thereof is solely a function of the government.

We demand public ownership and operation of those public utilities which are in their nature natural monopolies, such as the railroad, telephone, gas and electric lighting. As to those trusts and monopolies which are not public utilities of natural monopolies, we demand that those special privileges which they now enjoy, and which alone enable them to exist, should be immediately withdrawn. Corporations being the creatures of government, should be subjected to such governmental regulation and control as will adequately protect the public. We demand the taxation of monopoly privileges, while they remain in private hands, to the extent of the value of the privileges granted.

We favor the initiative and referendum; the former to the end that the people may compel the enactment of good laws; the latter to the end that the people may veto legislative measures.

We favor the direct nomination of candidates for elective public office by direct vote of the people, and the election of the United States senators and federal judges by the people.

The platform of the people's party made at Omaha in 1892 was originally made in a conference called and held by the labor organizations February 22, 1892. We therefore invite the wealth-producers to take part in the primaries that shall choose delegates to our convention, guaranteeing that the influence of this party shall be given to advance the interests of organized labor by the recognition of the union label on manufactured products, as well as in legislation which at last is the only hope of just conditions for labor.

We criticize as unfair, illegal and unjust, those decisions of the courts declaring the labor law unconstitutional, and we demand a constitutional amendment authorizing legislation requiring the state, municipalities and public franchise-owning corporations, their contractors and subcontractors, to pay workmen the prevailing rates of wages, and that upon public works, eight hours shall constitute a day's work, and we demand the abolition of the contract system upon public work.

We invite the co-operation of all reform forces believing in the above principles.

### The Call.

The joint committees of the reform forces, representing the people's party of the United States, assembled in the city of St. Louis, Mo., on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th days of February, 1904, hereby call a national convention to meet in the city of Springfield, Ill., on the fourth (4th) day of July, 1904, at 12 o'clock noon of said day, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the office of president of the United States, and a candidate for the office of vice president of the United States; for the purpose of selecting a national committee of said people's party; for the formulation of a national platform; and for the transaction of such

other business as may legally come before it.

The basis of representation shall be one delegate from each congressional district in each state, with an additional delegate at large for each 2,000 votes or major fraction thereof, cast for Gen. James B. Weaver for president in 1892; the Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory 5 delegates each; and 3 delegates from each of the other territories, as follows, to-wit:

Alabama	52
Arizona	3
Arkansas	13
California	27
Colorado	30
Connecticut	5
Delaware	1
Florida	5
Georgia	32
Idaho	6
Illinois	36
Indiana	24
Indian Territory	5
Iowa	21
Kansas	83
Kentucky	23
Louisiana	20
Maine	5
Maryland	6
Massachusetts	16
Michigan	22
Minnesota	24
Mississippi	13
Missouri	37
Montana	5
Nebraska	48
Nevada	5
New Jersey	10
New Hampshire	2
New Mexico	3
New York	45
North Carolina	32
North Dakota	11
Ohio	28
Oklahoma	5
Oregon	15
Pennsylvania	36
Rhode Island	2
South Carolina	8
South Dakota	15
Tennessee	22
Texas	66
Utah	1
Vermont	2
Virginia	16
Washington	13
West Virginia	7
Wisconsin	16
Wyoming	5
Total	927

It is recommended by the national committees that the call for a state convention in each state shall be made by the heretofore wing of the people's party recognized under the laws of such state as a political organization. In states where both wings have an organization, it is recommended that a joint call be issued. And in states where there is no legal organization of the people's party, it is recommended that the national committeemen representing the two wings issue a joint call for a convention.

JO A. PARKER, J. H. EDMISTEN, P. J. DIXON, C. Q. DE FRANCE, MILTON PARK, I. D. BURDICK, Joint sub-committee with plenary powers. By order of the committees aforesaid.

### Monteau Co., Mo.

Editor Independent: About two days ago I saw your agent, T. B. Childers, and he asked if I had sent in to be enrolled with the Old Guard. I told him I had not, from the fact that I had no money to send in with the enrollment. (None required of those not able.—D.) He said he would fix it for me to join the Vanguard.

I am with you for all the good there is in politics. I am an ex-confederate soldier, hence not able to work much; am 66 years old. I indorse anything in your paper but J. S. De Hart and some socialists. I am a full blood pop, but no good physically or financially. In plain English, I am a drone. But, say; can any of your readers tell who are populists, or what are populists?

Can any man tell or answer these question with two words? Please ask them.

Here is the answer: The "reading and thinking" people. Just think of that! Reading and thinking people.

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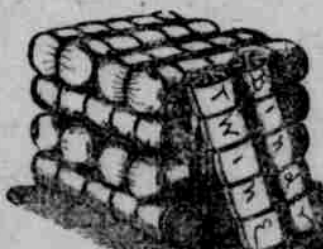
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