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## PREAMBLE AND PLATFORM.

Adopted by the People's Party at Omaha, July 4th.

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secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity." We declare that this Republic can only endure as a free government while built upon the love of the whole people for each other and for the nation. That it cannot be pinned together by bayonets, that the civil war is over, and that every passion and resentment which grew out of it must die with it, and that we must be in fact, as we are in name, a united brotherhood of free men. Our country finds itself confronted by con-ditions for which there is no precedent in the

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PLATFORM. First—That the union of the labor forces of the United States, this day commemorated, shall be permagent and perpetual. May its spirit enter into all hearts for the salvation of the Republic and the uplifting of mankind. Second–Wealth belongs to him who creates it, and every dollar taken from industry without an neither shall he eat." The interests of rural and ciple labor are the same; their enemies are identi-cifl. Third—We believe, they the the

nemer shall be eat. The interests of rulai and civic labor are the same; their cenuies are identi-cdl. Third—We believe that the time has come when the railroad corporations must either own the people or the people the corporations, and should the government enter upon the work of owning and managing any or all railroads we should favor an amendment to the Constitution by which all persons engaged in the government service shall be placed under a civil service regulation of the most rigid character, so as to prevent the increase of the power of the national administra-tion by the use of such additional government. employes. We demand a national currency—safe, sound and find legal tender for all debts, public and private, a just, equitable and efficient means of distribution direct to the people at a tax not to exceed 2 per cent, per annum, to be provided as set forth in the sub-treasury plan of the Parmers' Alliance or some better system; also by payments in discharge of siver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1. We demand that the amount of the circulating medium be specify increased to not less than 850 per capita. We demand a graduated income tax.

medium be specifily increased to not less than 850 per capita. We demand a graduated income tax. We believe that the mouses 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 revenues shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government, economically and honestly administered. 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. Transportation being a means of exchange and a public necessity, the government should own and operate the railroads in the interest of the people.

and operate the railroads in the interfect of an people. The telegraph and telephone, like the postoffice system, being a necessity for transmission of news, should be owned and operated by the government in the interest of the people. The land, including all the natural sources 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 lands now held by the railroads and other corpora-tions 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.

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