

## **The People's Party.**

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The People's party originated from and grew out of wrongs committed by both the two old political parties. The great masses of the people filling most of the occupations in life, and striving to better their condition and lay up an amount to care for them in old age saw and felt there was a wrong, and a bad wrong in the government. So they changed parties from Republican rule to Democratic rule, then back again Republican rule. Then again back to Democratic rule, and each change brought no relief, no rest; it was out of the frying pan into the fire. Then it was the young L. L. Polk, a chip off the old Democratic block came forward, and to him we owe a debt of gratitude, and organized a pure Democratic party, "laying its foundation on such principles and organized it for the safety and welfare of the whole country," and gave us a new Declaration of Independence, declaring, "That prudence indeed shall dictate that parties long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and according to all experience both shown that mankind are disposed to suffer while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by" deserting both the old political parties with which they were accustomed to act. But when a long train of abuse and usurpation pursuing invariable the same object evinces a design to destroy the written Constitution of the United States and reduce the several States and the people thereof to poverty and commercial slavery it is the right of the people to throw off both old parties, to break the shackles that bind them, and provide a new party for their future security. The rank and file of the voters have suffered, and it has become a necessity to change parties. To prove this fact let it be submitted to a candid world.

The Congress under the control of both the old parties has refused to regulate the value of Mexican silver coined dollars.

They have close the Mints against coining the Mexican silver coined dollar into the United States standard silver dollar.

They have destroyed legal tender United States currency burning and grinding up that money which drew no interest and converted the money into non-taxable interest bearing bonds and pay gold interest in advance.

They have established swarms of United States banks and placed the currency of 70,000,000 people in the hands of presidents and cashiers of banks and their board of directors so as to let these corporations make money scarcer or plentiful at their will and to regulate the volume of currency and dictate the finances of the country.

They have violated their solemn oath in enacting the above statutory laws. The Constitution is a dead letter. They have promised, and promised again to restore the country to prosperity until all faith and confidence is forever lost.

They have opposed the People's party because they see a plank in it of referendum, vox populi vox dei, the voice of the people, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

They have created a multitude of new offices and sent out swarms of Federal officers to eat out our substance and harass our people, and create the paraphernalia of war by the Internal Revenue law.

They have taxed the majority for the minority in high taxes on imported goods, solely in the interest of manufactures against the laborer, farmer, producer of agriculture, and stock raisers.

They have fostered and cared for monopolies, corporations, trusts and capital and wasted our public lands.

They have given land and aided the construction of railroads and refused to close up the mortgages and control and construct the railroads and telegraph in the interest of the people.

They have packed the Supreme Court of the United States so as to secure decisions of the court to please parties and against the tax payers.

They have fastened a gold standard on the country in order to please the crowned heads of Europe.

They have violated the Constitution of the United States by refusing to divide the Federal offices to men of intelligence and omitting to give these offices to foreign nations unless they voted the ticket of the party in power, this making party a test and not honesty, capability and patriotism the standard of true worth.

They have crowned corporations king and placed the United States on a volcano and may result in staining with her sons' blood the Ohio or the Chatahoochee.

They have fastened on the United States a system of bonds and financial policy diametrically opposed to the interest of the common people and placed the government in the foot steps of England.

Young man, old man, come from beneath the burning rafters of the two old parties and join a party that has reduced interest to six percent, restored local self government and gave us an honest election law, a party that holds the welfare and happiness of the country paramount to party policy as shown in the nomination of Mr. Bryan and proves that patriotism and love of country is the true North polar star, but should its columns become deranged they will rally around the white plume of Thomas E. Watson of Georgia.

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