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National Alliance Demands

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Whereas, The Declaration of Independence, as a basis for a Republican form of Government that might be progressive and perpetual, states:

“That all men are created equal; that they are endowed with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these right, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the governed.”

We hold, therefore that to restore and preserve these rights under a Republican form of government, private monopolies of public necessities for speculative purposes, whether of the means of production, distribution or exchange, should be prohibited, and whenever any such public necessity or utility becomes a monopoly in private hands, the people of the municipality, state or union, as the case may be, shall appropriate the same by right of the eminent domain, paying a just value therefor [sic], and operate them for, and in the interest of, the whole people.

FINANCE.

We demand a national currency, safe, sound and flexible; issued by the general government only; a full legal tender for all debts and receivable for all dues and an equitable and efficient means of distribution of this currency, directly to the people, at the minimum of expense without the intervention of banking corporations and in sufficient volume to transact the business of the country on a cash basis.

- (a) We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the legal ratio of 16 to 1.
- (b) We demand a graduate income tax.
- (c) That our national legislation shall be so framed in the future as not to build up one industry at the expense of another.
- (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 revenues 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 savings of the people, and to facilitate exchange.
- (f) We are unalterably opposed to the issue, by the United States, of interest bearing bonds, and demand the payment of all coin obligations of the United States, as provided by existing, in either gold or silver coin, at the option of the government and not at the option of the creditor.

LAND.

We demand that no land shall be held by corporations for speculative purposes or by railroads in excess of their needs as carriers, and all lands now owned by aliens should be reclaimed by the government and held for actual settlers only.

EXECUTION OF UNITED STATES SENATORS.

We demand the election of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people. That each state shall be divided into two districts of nearly equal voting population, and that Senators from each shall be elected by the people of the district.

DISTRICT LEGISLATION.

Relying upon the good, common sense of the American people, and believing that a majority of them, when uninfluenced by party prejudice, will vote right on all questions submitted to them on their merit; and, further, to effectually annihilate the pernicious lobby in legislation, we demand direct legislation by means of the initiative and referendum.

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