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GRUDGER'S CLERK.

"God knew you were so tired and sad,
And said, 'My little angel, go
And be his Pearl again below,
And he will see you, and be glad.'

"And so I come with morning red,
And fade in night when toil is o'er;
And in that day I come no more,
You will have come to me instead."

Seems it so strange that I who lost
All who were dear to me on earth;
By sight's defect and hearing's dearth,
Wandering like some half-conscious ghost;

Should seem at times to see and hear,
What others fail to hear and see;
Sweet sights of days which used to be,
Sweet sound of voices once so dear?

And so I say, if one should move
That old red ledger from its place;
She would be there with shining face,
My little Pearl, my little dove.

And she would smile, and glide with fleet
Soft tread across the silent floor,
And vanish thro' the creaking door
Into the crazy glaring street.

ASHTON CLAIR.

THE PEOPLE'S PLATFORM.

The People's municipal convention held its closing session on Wednesday evening, September 18, at which was completed and adopted the following:

The People's party of Salt Lake City, in convention assembled, present the following

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES:

The basis of free government is the right of the people to govern themselves.

The object of the Federal Constitution is to secure a free government to the people of the United States, wherein all persons shall be protected in life, liberty and property and in the enjoyment of every right essential to their happiness and not inconsistent with the rights of others.

We regard the Constitution as a sacred charter of human liberty; we revere its principles and declare our unwavering allegiance to the government and laws made in pursuance of its provisions.

The People's Party has always upheld these principles. It has maintained the right of local self government. It has contended for

the freedom and purity of elections. It has opposed class legislation. It has promoted honesty in all branches of the public service. It has maintained equality before the law. It has been characterized by justice, prudence and fidelity. Taxation has been uniform and lower in Utah than in any other Territory. There have been no extravagant salaries, no jobbery, no schemes for great bonded debts. Life and property have been secure, morality has been fostered and vice repressed. It is the party of conservative progress commensurate with public necessities and resources.

Opposed to the People's Party is the self-styled "Liberal" Party, which professes to venerate the Constitution while violating its fundamental truths. It arrogates to its members the honored name of Americans while seeking to deprive a large class of American citizens of the substantial rights of free men. Through its persistent misrepresentation the right of trial by jury has been abridged and almost destroyed in this Territory. By procuring un-republican test oaths and other proscriptive legislation it has disfranchised many citizens, because they would not support its men and measures. For this cause only, it has succeeded in robbing the women of Utah of the elective franchise after they had exercised it for fifteen years. It has endeavored to supplant a Legislature elected by the people with a commission appointed by the Federal government. It has sought to erect an almost insuperable barrier of prejudice against the admission of Utah as a State. It seeks to extend to this Territory the infamous enactments by which, in Idaho, thousands of law-abiding citizens are stripped of every political right, solely because of their membership in an unpopular religious organization. It avows, through its organs, its intention to procure such Congressional legislation as will debar all persons who belong to that religious body from acquiring title to any part of the public domain. It is therefore destructive of popular liberty and unworthy of the support of any just, liberal and patriotic citizen.

We believe that the supremacy of the "Liberal" party means class disfranchisement, excessive taxation,

official extravagance, and laxity in social public regulations; and that the supremacy of the People's Party means equality before the law, reasonable taxes, official honesty and prudence, and the maintenance of the proud reputation of the city for law and order.

That the progress and improvements demanded by the growth of the city may be secured, we declare that:

WATER.

First. There must be a plentiful supply and fair distribution of water for all needful purposes, let the cost be what it may. This is absolutely indispensable to the health and happiness of the people and the beauty and prosperity of the city. The water mains should be extended as soon as possible to every part of the city.

STREET LIGHTING.

Second. We favor the speedy extension of street lighting by gas or electricity, to all inhabited parts of the city.

SANITATION.

Third. We favor a thorough system of sanitation—sewers for the business and thickly peopled portions of the city, deodorization and removal of fecal and all kinds of waste matter from other parts, under the supervision of efficient officers.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Fourth. The grades and lines of all streets, water ditches and sidewalks should be permanently established, the corners of blocks, and grades of streets indicated by suitable cornerstones, and all improvements made to conform thereto.

The streets and sidewalks should be permanently graded and improved, with good material, as fast as possible upon an equitable and definite plan, and all bridges and culverts should be the full width of the streets and sidewalks.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Fifth. We favor the erection of public buildings adequate to present and approaching requirements. But that the taxes may not be increased for this purpose, and that the ordinary city revenues may be used for water and other pressing requirements, the city surplus lands not dedicated to public use should