

**PRINCIPLES AND PLATFORM
OF THE
LAND PARTY OF NEW YORK STATE**

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We, citizens of the State of New York, believers in the teachings of Henry George that the earth should be the common property of all mankind and that each man should secure the full results of his own labor,

And believing that the unjust and unnatural distribution of wealth throughout the world is caused by the monopolization of the earth by individuals against the interests and rights of their fellowmen,

And believing that the only way to correct this injustice and to enable all men to secure the full results of their work is to teach the fact that the land of this city, State and country should be owned in common by all who reside herein and that there is a practical and simple way of securing such common possession by taking the full rent of the land for the support of the government and the common welfare;

And believing that this solution of the problem of the unjust distribution of the products of industry is essential to the stability of the State,

And believing that no other issue before the people is of such fundamental importance as the return of the land to the rightful possession of all men,

Hereby pledge ourselves to support this issue until the land of this State is restored to the people in common for the use and benefit of all; and we invite to join us all whose hearts burn with indignation at this robbery of the people, constant, cumulative and remorseless, that pinches them with anxiety and want in both childhood and maturity and overworks them into an early grave.

In support of this purpose and believing that we should not vote for State parties or candidates who do not publicly support these principles in their canvass we join ourselves in a State political party having for its motto,

"The Land for the People;"

and to make our meaning clear we designate this party

"The Land Party"

in the hope that our brothers of the earth will learn to believe as we do that all men are created equal in their natural and necessary needs and that these can be supplied to all only by the equal opportunity to use earth's treasures.

Inasmuch as under our system of Federal and State governments the administration of the land pertains to the State, which has power to tax or condemn it to public purposes, we urge all good citizens irrespective of their party affiliations in the Federal field, to combine with us within this State to abolish the private ownership of land.

Now, therefore, appealing to the citizenship of New York, we pledge our candidates to advocate publicly the following State issues:

THE LAND FOR THE PEOPLE

The land of New York State is of right and should be—as this State's Constitution declares—the common property of the people of New York State. Therefore we advocate that the State government as the representative of the people shall appropriate through taxation annually the full rent of all land within the State's boundaries; the funds so raised to be apportioned to the State and local governments and to be expended by them, first for the economical administration of such governments, the balance for the welfare of the people in common benefits and public improvements.

OLD AGE PENSION

We favor the granting of a pension to all men and women who have attained sixty years of age. They have severally earned it by their creation of land-values, out of which alone the pensions should be paid. We condemn as unjust their payment out of any other fund. We also warn against its use as a sop to allay discontent with the social evils due to private land-ownership. Whenever paid out of any fund other than land values it must inevitably prove an evil.

INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, AND RECALL

In order that the political power of the people be increased we advocate the Initiative, Referendum, and Recall; that the people may propose and pass upon laws, and that they may dismiss unfaithful servants.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE

We advocate adult suffrage, admitting women to the voting franchise that she may become man's equal partner in legislating for her own and her children's welfare.

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

We advocate proportional representation so that any appreciable minority of the people may at least have a voice in our legislatures.

CONSCRIPTION

We condemn as vicious the Stivers law passed by the late legislature, giving the Governor the personal privilege of arbitrarily drafting any citizen for military service. So drastic a tyranny exists in no European country, however benighted, and is hideously at variance with the spirit of true democracy. We object strongly to any and all bills aiming at coercion, compulsion, or official inculcation of ideas on military service. When "our country" is really ours it will not lack defenders.

This party believes it unwise to waste time on the numerous and mostly palliative issues brought forward by other parties in that they tend to obscure the importance of the great issues we advance, and also because these small issues can, and no doubt will, be considered in proper time and place when we have attained the Initiative and Referendum.

We submit these planks, all of which are State issues, to your judgment, confident in the belief that they are all vital and just; that all lead to an extension of power and liberty for the people; and that they should merit your earnest and steadfast support.

Devoted solely to principle, we will endorse any candidates who will publicly pledge themselves to seek to recover "the land for the people." Without such pledge we will nominate our own candidates.

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GOLDEN MAXIMS.

By **JAMES BELLANGEE**

We fail to get the right relations because we work from the wrong end. We begin with the results desired instead of tracing things back to the first causes. This policy leads to an attempt to destroy things that hinder rather than to promote things that help, and thus our work results in confusion.

No man can long exercise authority over another without making a fool of himself and a slave of the other.

Most men are not nearly as good as they pretend to be and are very much better than others think they are.

Our greatest successes are our discoveries of God's plans and our greatest failures the attempts to evade them.

It is not worth while to be offended or excited by any action of others that can be attributed to their ignorance.

Some people are more sensitive of their indispensability than of their responsibility.

Many people think that when a thing is explained it is justified.

As man can only conceive of God as a personal being with human attributes, so can the selfish only judge the just in terms of their own selfishness.

Progress is made through idealism. As hatred is not the language of idealism, contention and bitterness cannot assist progress.

The man who has a mind to live high does not always live high-mindedly.

It is not worth while to spend the time to talk about what you have done. Quite likely some one has seen it who would prefer to talk about it rather than do it himself.