

A Declaration

★ WE ASSERT as our fundamental principles the self-evident truth enunciated in the Declaration of American Independence, that all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.

We hold that all men are equally entitled to the use and enjoyment of what God has created and of what is gained by the general growth and improvement of the community of which they are a part.

Therefore, no one should be permitted to hold land or natural opportunities in any form without a fair return to all for any special privilege thus accorded to him, and that that value which the growth and improvement of the community attaches to land should be taken for the use of the community; that each is entitled to all that his labor produces; therefore no tax should be levied upon the products of labor.

To carry out these principles, we are in favor of raising all public revenues for national, state, county and municipal purposes by collection of economic rent (annual site value of land) irrespective of improvements, in lieu of all forms of direct and indirect taxation.

We hold further that all tariffs and trade barriers of every kind, both within our own borders and between our own and other nations should be abolished in order that men everywhere may be free to follow their natural instinct to improve their condition by trading.