

special circumstances and for the purpose of obtaining particularly desirable classes of settlers.

PUBLIC LANDS AND FRANCHISES FOR THE PEOPLE.

7. The management and development of the public domain (in which are to be included great national franchises) for the public benefit and under such conditions that a reasonable proportion of the increment of value arising therefrom shall inure to the people.

NON-PARTISAN MANAGEMENT OF GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

8. The operation and management of our government railways by an independent commission free from partisan control or influence.

NATIONAL PORTS, TRANSPORTATION AND COLD STORAGE.

9. The development and improvement of our national waterways, the equipment of national ports, the improvement of transportation facilities and consequent reduction of freight rates between the place of production and the market, whether at home or abroad, and the establishment of a thorough system of cold storage.

A PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

10. The reorganization of the present Railway Commission as a Public Utilities Commission with wider powers and more extended jurisdiction, so as to establish thorough and effective control over all corporations owning or operating public utilities or invested with franchises of a national character.

PUBLIC TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES.

11. The establishment, after due investigation, of a system of national telegraphs and telephones under conditions which shall be just to capital already invested in those enterprises.

IMPROVED POSTAL FACILITIES.

12. The improvement of existing postal facilities, especially in newly developed portions of the country, and the inauguration, after proper inquiry as to cost, of a system of free rural mail delivery.