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The Populists Will Contest Twenty Democratic Seats

REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT OVERTHROWN

In Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas Wholesale Frauds Were Perpetrated—The Sound Money League

(From our Washington Correspondent)

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

It is now certain that the Populists will have ten members in the House of the 54th Congress. The figures given in my last letter have been verified and the ten will receive certificates of election. The Populists will contest about twenty seats of Democrats in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, the wholesale frauds committed in these states have never been equaled since the days of reconstruction. If there had been a perfectly fair election, we would have elected four members in Georgia, four in Alabama, two in Mississippi, two in Louisiana, and eight in Texas. Here are twenty seats in five states that the Democrats have wilfully and maliciously stolen from us, all of which will be contested, and there is little doubt but that the twenty Democrats will be unseated and the seats given to the Populists to whom they honestly belong. Should this be done the Populists will then have thirty members in the lower house of the 54th Congress. It has been given out at Republican headquarters that the entire delegation claimed to be elected by the Democrats in the state of Virginia, will be thrown out and a new election ordered on the ground that the state has not got a Republican form of government, and that the present infamous election law of that state absolutely does away with the will of the people, and puts the election in the hands of the politicians of the party in power. Of course the law was enacted for that very purpose. In article four section four, of the constitution of the United States, it is declared that, "The United States shall guarantee to every state in this union a Republican form of government." Chief Justice Taney of the Supreme Court has rendered the following decision on this section of the constitution: "It rests with Congress to decide what government is established in the state before it can determine, whether it is Republican or not. And when the Senators and Representatives of a state are admitted into the councils of the union the authority of the government under which they are appointed, as well as the Republican character, is recognized by the properly constituted authority. And its decision is binding on every other department of the government, and could not be questioned in a judicial tribunal." "Quoted and approved. Ex-part coupland, 26 Texas, 434 Federalist, No. 23, page 112."

It follows from this decision that Congress has the sole power to determine whether or not any particular state has a Republican form of government. There can be no doubt that the founders of our government, and the framers of our constitution intended that any state not having a Republican form of government should be denied representation in the councils of the nation, until such time as the government should be modified, and amended, so that it would be Republican in form. The very foundation stone of a Republican government is a free ballot and a fair count. When this is vitiated by intimidation, bribery, corruption and fraud, the Republican form disappears at once, and you have a government of the politicians, by the politicians and for the politicians, instead of for the people. We claim upon testimony that can not be successfully disputed that the states named above do not have a free ballot and a fair count. Some of the most reputable democratic newspapers, and citizens of these states became so disgusted with the high-handed way in which the Democratic politicians stole everything in the late election that they have been compelled to acknowledge and condemn it.

Then it follows that these states in reality have no Republican form of government, and hence are not entitled under the constitution of the United States to representation in the councils of the nation. The Democratic politicians in these states intend to perpetuate themselves in

power, and will never permit a fair election.

The 54th Congress owes it to the honest hard working people of these states, to declare the seat of every Representative and Senator from these states vacant, and also emphatically declare by joint resolution that these seats will remain vacant and the states unrepresented until such time as they shall prove to Congress that they have had an honest election and restored the Republican form of government.

This is plain duty, and the people of the United States will hold to strict account the party in power in the 54th congress.

Unless this or something else of the kind is done to guarantee honest elections, bloody revolution is inevitable in the near future. To avert this by proper legislation as contemplated by the constitution is the first and most imperative duty of the 54th congress.

As predicted in my last letter the banks of the east are drawing the gold out of the United States treasury with which to pay for the \$50,000,000 bond issue, having already drawn out more than \$4,000,000 in the past four or five days.

The Democratic politicians now in the city are very much worked up over what is reported will be contained in Mr. Cleveland's coming message. There is little doubt but that he will recommend and urge the passage of the bill formulated by the American Bankers' Association at its recent meeting in the city of Baltimore.

This bill contemplates the absolute destruction of silver, greenbacks and other paper currency except gold and national bank notes.

The country will be permanently and almost hopelessly on a single gold standard, and at the mercy of the national banks, because they will then have the entire control of the volume of the currency and the power to fix the value of every dollar's worth of property in the land, and the compensation of every day's work. We will then have wage slavery in all its beauty and perfection.

The goldbugs are now contemplating the organization of a "Sound Money League" in this city, to be operated on the plans of the American Bimetallist League. They propose to flood the country with literature teaching the people correct ideas on the money question and the great benefits and beauties of a single gold standard. J. H. TURNER, November 24, 1894.

Reminiscence and Comparison

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

In 1848 I cast my first vote for president. I voted for Martin Van Buren, the Free Soil candidate, put forward at Buffalo, New York. He got over 300,000 votes, but I have not the exact vote at command just now. He did not carry any state, but all the old line Abolitionists voted for him except the Garrison wing. The Wilnot Democrats, the Barn Burners, and all voters opposed to allowing slavery in the territories rallied to Van Buren. But in 1852 the Democrats had made up their quarrel and left the Abolitionists to themselves. The Whigs had hung together all this time. But the Abolitionists were middle of the road men, and nominated John P. Hale and stayed with him. Their popular vote that year was about 160,000, only about half what it was four years before that. It would have been even less than that, but Mrs. Stowe had given the world Uncle Tom's Cabin in 1850-51, and so all the world had their attention directed to the subject of slavery. This greatly strengthened our vote. In 1852 the fugitive slave law was in the Statute book, and both Whigs and Democrats in their national conventions, resolved that slavery should not be discussed any more in Congress or out of it.

You ought to have seen the old line Abolitionists then. They all, with heart and voice, defied both the old parties and declared themselves ready for martyrdom. But the dose was too strong for the Whigs. It killed them and never again did they meet in national convention.

By 1856 Seward, Greeley, Lincoln, and all like them were ready to meet Sumner, Giddings, Hale and others on equal terms, and then the Republican party was born. It threw its banner to the breeze, "Free speech, free states and free men." "Union and liberty, one and indivisible, now and forever." In 1856 we carried thirteen states. In 1860 we elected Abraham Lincoln. All the world knows the rest of my story. It took form in 1840, when James G. Birney was put forward as an anti-slavery candidate and got 6,000 votes in '60 to elect Lincoln. Twenty years, half as long as Israel was in the wilderness, attended with discouragement, hardship, persecution, Kansas war, Uncle Tom's Cabin and John Brown, were needed to get Lincoln into Washington, and then a four years' war to keep him there. But

"Thoughts of freedom once begun, Bequeathed from bleeding sire to son, Though vacillating oft are ever won," proved true in this case and will prove true again.

The observing men who lived through all those times, saw the vain conceit of men and parties in power. Their judicial blindness was patent to men of strong, common sense and quickened patriotic

conscience. "On the side of the oppressor there was power," but "one man and God" weighed more than all their power.

So it is now, and so it will be until this far-reaching evolution of the human race is wrought out. "To him that believeth all things are possible." We had men then that "fainted by the way" and "sweet look and followed with us no more," and we shall probably have some such now. The cause never stopped then and it cannot and will not stop now. Bad management can destroy any party, and we cannot hope to be exempt if we manage badly. But the eternal rightness of our cause can no more die than immortal truth can perish. Just as well expect the tides to cease from the ocean, or gravitation cease to govern worlds, as to suppose the labor movement will stop short of its God-given rights. I do not believe it will fail here in the United States, though I see the possibility of failure and the danger of it, too, if we take any backward steps. But we will not take any backward steps. Our Heavenly Father will not permit us to do it. Cowards may go back, but we have a host who will "lap water" and shout at midnight, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon."

From 1840 to 1860 we contended for free states to be carved out of all new territory. The question and struggle grew until it ended in free men and free states everywhere. Four millions of colored men were then in sight as the central point of interest—the storm center was there. But vastly more was involved, and now we see that the negro was only a part of the fight.

Not a few among us want one plank—just 16 to 1, and nothing more. They may get it, but if they do it will only postpone matters of greater importance, steam, electricity, land, minerals, and transportation would still be left to monopoly. These gifts of the All Father must be free for all before this struggle ends in peace.

If we allow it to fail in the United States then "Deliverance shall arise for Israel" in some other place and by the hands of some other people. We and our "father's house" may be destroyed, but truth will never die. Cowper saw that when he wrote his immortal stanzas. Many others have seen it and God always sees it.

Forty years ago we saw and contended for the rights of four millions of colored men. Now four hundred millions of white men are in sight. For myself I was true to the four millions, and I cannot now be false to four hundred millions. Yours for "victory or death," J. M. SNYDER, Verdurette, Nov., 1894.

Let us Deal Directly With Each Other

SARTORA, Neb., Nov. 23, 1894.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

In our Alliance work I have never been very favorably impressed with the farmers going outside their immediate sphere in their operation. I thought to educate and agitate would surely cause people of all classes and callings to see and accept the truth that government is but a trust for the benefit of the whole people, that what concerns one should concern all, that there should be no special privileges etc. But it seems that the supreme selfishness to which we are addicted blunts our conscience and understanding of what is best for the whole people, and consequently for ourselves. So I have, therefore, concluded the proper thing for the farmers to do is to organize themselves into trade assemblies for the purpose of selling their produce direct to the consumers in the cities, the labor organizations there and the farmer organizations in the country to be the means of bringing the two classes together. I would not allow any middleman whatever to make one cent in all the transactions of the year or until such time at least as they recognize the fact, that agriculture is the basis of our national prosperity and that the middleman will consent to assist by their votes to lift the burdens class laws have placed upon us.

I see no reason why the farmer cannot combine to grind their wheat and ship their flour, cure and ship their meats, poultry, etc., etc., through their own members and sell to the city laborers through their organizations, but in return take our supplies from them direct, and thereby save several middlemen's profits on each side in each transaction. And I think it high time the farmers were sending to the factories for their clothing, boots, shoes, etc. There likely will be considerable objecting done by those who are interested, but perhaps by these means they may learn not to kill the goose that lays the golden egg. I trust the State Alliance and other organizations will provide ways and means at the next meeting to put these suggestions into effect. Mr. Editor, I trust those of your contributors having the requisite experience will write up this matter, for the Lord knows under our monopoly rule, the fewer leaks the better for us all.

Fraternally yours,

T. A. DONAHUE, Sec'y, Buffalo County Alliance.

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REMEMBER MR. POWERS.

A Resolution Addressed to Governor-Elect Holcomb

ST. PAUL, Neb., Nov. 24, 1894.

To Hon. S. A. Holcomb, Governor-Elect, We, the committeemen of Howard county, Nebraska, assembled, do respectfully request that your Honor consider the name of John H. Powers in filling the appointments to be filled by you as in our opinion the invaluable services rendered the party by this grand old man, merit some substantial recognition.

FRANK J. TAYLOR, Secretary. PETER EBESON, Chairman People's Independent Committee of Howard Co.

CLIPPED FROM BUSINESS LETTERS

"I hate to be without your paper, as it is the best and most fearless," writes Carl Sanburg of Elwood, Neb.

C. E. Parsons of Bartlett, Wheeler county, writes: "Your editorial work is highly appreciated in this part of the state."

C. Winslow, of North Platte, hopes "by our defeat this fall that the Independents will have learned a lesson, and from this on let fusion alone with either of the old parties, and we will yet be victorious. Never give up the fight."

Rev. C. E. Walker, D. D. of Glyndon Minnesota, writes: "I like your splendid editorial utterances. How is wish I could cheer on THE WEALTH MAKERS financially. But I cannot do more now than say (what I do pray), God bless you."

H. W. Beck, of Upland, writes: "I think the Populists ought to feel proud over the fight just ended. But for the immigration of our people we would have buried the R. R. party head and heels, and don't you forget it. Passes were freely used out here to get men of influence out of the way. Give them thunder."

Brother H. F. Wasmund, of Rushville, proposes that the local talent be made use of this winter in the towns and villages in debating the issues of the times with representatives of the old parties. He thinks it would create an interest in our cause and bring men out to hear our side who cannot be reached any other way. He says we must stand to our guns, redouble our fight and leave fusion alone.

W. A. Flood, of Smithfield, closes a business letter thus: "And now, Brother Gibson, let me thank you for the valuable reading matter we have had in THE WEALTH MAKERS the past year, both political and Christian lectures and sermons of Dr. Herron and others that are in the same line. They are good for our health and happiness. Give us all you can of them. We have our eyes fixed on your colony or corporation, and hope for its success."

M. C. Perkins sent us in a letter the first of which we have accidentally lost. But the last page is worth printing. He says: "Brothers, let every one of us appoint himself a committee of one to work for the cause. And the first thing to do is to get THE WEALTH MAKERS into the hand of every man in the counties we live in. And if he is true to his convictions, his family and his God and country he will vote the ticket next November, and shout the praise forevermore."

C. S. Morse, of Ragan, writes: "I like THE WEALTH MAKERS, and I do believe it publishes the truth. Every farmer and laborer all over our whole land should have a chance to read it; and my opinion is it would not hurt the bankers to read it and then do lots of honest thinking. Then some of them would be more willing for some of us poor wealth-makers to live as well as to live themselves. There is room for all of us if we were all honest and just. Oh, how I do wish everybody would be honest! Indeed, I do. And here's my hand. I'm only a farmer."

[Well, who is any better, or better serves society, than the farmer? Not money, but wealth-producing labor should measure merit and honor. Brother Morse, in a postscript, proposes to solicit subscriptions for THE WEALTH MAKERS, that the truth may be spread. We hope it may stimulate others to do likewise.—Editor WEALTH MAKERS.]

Deficit of \$8,000,000 for November.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The regular monthly treasury department statement shows an excess of expenditures over receipts for the month of November of \$8,156,367, which makes the deficiency for the five months of the present fiscal year \$32,510,228.

Cook Outlaws Seen in Oklahoma.

PERRY, Ok., Dec. 3.—It is reported that on several occasions numbers of the Cook gang of outlaws have been seen near Norman, and yesterday it was reported that Bill Cook was at Pawnee thirty miles east of here. Marshal Nix of Oklahoma is fully prepared to give a hot reception to them.

A Sand-Hitter's Plea to Undecided Laborers

By reason of an artificial depression, resulting from years of class legislation against the common people, we are entering, I firmly believe, upon the most critical period of our nation's existence. Disguise the fact as we may, war has been declared right here in America. Capital, enthroned upon its ill-gotten gains, backed by every department of our government from the executive to the judiciary, and prompted by its insatiate greed for gain, has boldly refused to grant to labor its constitutional rights, and openly announced its determination to rule.

Goaded to desperation by the gnawing pangs of hunger, and prompted by a determination to regain its rights to life and liberty, labor has accepted the challenge and is rapidly combining to exterminate from the face of the earth every form of corporate greed.

Friends and neighbors, we are about to participate in the most desperate conflict of ancient or modern times. The "rights of property" are arrayed against the rights of life. It will be a contest between wealth and the creators of wealth, between might and right. Upon the result of this conflict hinges the fate of our republic. Whether this struggle for human liberty shall be fought with ballots or bullets, depends upon the wisdom of American voters. The lines of these two great opposing forces have been forming for years.

Upon which side are you enlisted? An important engagement of their skirmishers was fought on the 6th day of this month. Did you on that important occasion battle for might or right, for wealth or the creators of wealth, for idle classes or industrious masses?

I desire to beseech every intelligent voter to carefully and seriously consider the result of his action during the late electoral contest. All concede the necessity of relief from years of class legislation against the common people. Persistent refusal of both old political parties to grant this relief, despite repeated petitions therefor from the masses, must convince you of their indisposition to do so. It is an unimpeachable historical fact that no important political relief has ever been secured by the common people of any civilized nation on the face of the globe except by the organization and through the influence of a new political party. Now, my friends, conceding as you must and do, the necessity of relief, knowing from your observation and experience that neither of the old political parties will grant it, and taught as you are by history the necessity of a new organization to secure it, how, I ask, can you, as intelligent, patriotic, and home-loving American citizens, refuse to work and vote with your fellow-laborers under a new political organization to regain and perpetuate the sacred rights to which all are entitled.

We unanimously agree that our adverse circumstances caused by financial panics, labor strikes, and involuntary idleness, is directly attributable to the influence of corporate power upon the policies pursued by our governmental officials. Basing your judgment upon this undeniable premise, how can you consistently affiliate with either of the old political parties, knowing, as you do, that they combined include every member of every corporation chartered for pecuniary profit.

You cannot, and God knows I trust you will not. I earnestly hope that your sovereign right to think and judge for yourself will induce you to join the members of the People's party in a determined effort to peacefully settle the coming conflict. Knowing that "Bullets kill only tyrants, but ballots kill tyranny," every laboring man throughout the land should work and vote as a unit, for the party, and the only party, that promises the abolishment of interest and the revocation of every corporate charter granted for pecuniary profit. C. E. PARSONS, Bartlett, Nebraska.

Tom Watson on Fusion

Here is what Tom Watson of Georgia, says of fusion:

"It is a seductive charmer whose embrace is death to any reform movement. Lured by the sweets of office, populist leaders compromise with wrong, entangle themselves in alliances with the enemies they started out to fight, and put upon themselves the Nessus shirt of double dealing, whose poison not even a Hercules could resist.

Fight it straight, boys! Every time we get an office by a compromise with evil we pay too much for the whistle. Some victories cost so much that the army which won them can never fight again.

'Fusion' leaves the People's party in that fix every time you try it. By compromising with the very evils we pretend to fight, we lose two priceless advantages:

- 1st. The confidence of our friends.
 - 2nd. The respect of our enemies.
- How to the line, boys! Never mind the chips."

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POPULIST CONFERENCE CALLED

Leaders Requested to Meet at St. Louis in December

St. Louis, Nov. 30.—The following call has been issued:

St. Louis, Mo., Nov., 30, 1894.—By request of the national committee of the People's party, and at the suggestion of the chairman of the state committee, I hereby call a meeting of the national committee of the national People's party to meet in the ladies auxiliary of the Lindell hotel in the city of St. Louis, Mo., December 28 and 29, 1894. In addition to the members of the national committee the chairmen of the state committees, members of the "Reform Press Association," People's party senators and representatives in the Fifty-third congress and those selected to the Fifty-fourth congress, and all others who have taken a prominent part in the organization of the party, and also those who are willing to work and vote with the People's party in the future for monetary reform are invited. The object of this meeting is to map out a policy for an educational campaign between now and the meeting of the next national convention, and any other business which may come before the committee. The committee will discuss and act upon every phase of the present industrial condition of the country. This will be the most important meeting held since the Omaha convention.

Senator Stewart, Lefe Pence, General J. B. Weaver, General J. G. Field, Marion Butler, Harry Skinner, M. W. Howard, J. H. McDowell, Hon. Miles Standish, ex-Governor Pennoyer of Oregon, Thomas V. Cator, P. M. Wardell, J. M. Devine, J. L. Johnson, Colonel A. C. Fiske, Dr. A. Coleman, John P. Stelle, M. C. Rankin, J. N. Davis, Thomas Fletcher, H. L. Loncks, W. S. Morgan and many other leaders who are not members of the committee have promised to be present.

Hop. J. B. Follette, Equitable building, St. Louis, Mo., has charge of arranging all the details of this meeting.

H. E. TABERNECK, Chairman of National Committee of the People's Party.

LUMBER DEALERS INCORPORATE

Become a Legal Association for Mutual Protection and Benefit

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—There has recently been organized in this city an association which is expected will have a large influence on the wholesale lumber trade throughout the country. It is called the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association. The organization is the outgrowth of a voluntary association which has been in existence for some months, but has never been legally incorporated. As now incorporated the association represents a capital of \$30,000,000, and the business done exceeds \$75,000,000 a year. The officers of the association are: President, J. W. Robinson, of Robinson Bros. Lumber company, North Tonawanda, N. Y.; first vice-president, Robert H. Jenks, Cleveland, O.; second vice-president, E. M. Price, of Price & Hart, New York; treasurer, A. C. Tuaxbury, of the W. H. Sawyer Lumber company, North Tonawanda, N. Y. As declared by the by-laws which have been adopted the object of the association is the protection of its members against unbusinesslike methods of wholesale and retail lumber dealers, the debarring of scalpers, the regulation of inspections and credits, and the arbitration of disputed matters.

His Election Expenses Too Large.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 3.—John T. Chestnut was declared elected circuit clerk on the official count. John T. Beach, his opponent, has begun a contest. He charges, among other things, that Chestnut spent more money during the campaign than the law allows. Chestnut has filed a statement of his election expenses, showing that he paid out \$200.50, while under the law he was only allowed to pay out \$195.78.

Big Judgment for Uncle Sam.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 3.—Eugene Hagan, special master in the case of the United States against the Leavenworth coal company, has filed his report in the United States circuit court here. According to the findings of fact, the plaintiff is entitled to a judgment of \$50,000. It is understood that the findings are concurred in by both plaintiff and defendant, and the case will be finally submitted on questions of law.

A Plate Glass Trust Coming.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 3.—Next Tuesday the plate glass manufacturers will hold a meeting in this city for the purpose of effecting a combination of plants representing about \$20,000,000 capital, and employing about 10,000 men.