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analysis of the situation would have shown the "Don" that he himself made an illusion the issue. The sound money people are anxiously inviting the popu-list party to charge on the wind ----mill. The difficulty they encounter is that the populist leaders have some lucid inter-vals.-Wm. A. Jones, Neb. City.

BECY. POPULIST STATE COMMITTEE, NEB. I am inclined to believe the state then we will perform that duty, as we have always done in the past, fearlessly and without the consent of any other party on earth. I believe when you and Mr. Washburn fully understand each other you will not be so very far apart. Can it be in the thought or wish of any of our party to retire the silver issue after all these years of toil and struggle to make it one of the distinct principles (and perhaps the one of the greatest importance at this time) as it has been our battle cry since 1892. We have forced it into the platform of the true democrat party, and it has caused many of the republicans to abandon their party ties, and has such an impetus in the nation that it is my opinion you had just as well think of stopping the great Ningara cataract with a teaspoon, or a raging cyclone with a feather fan as to try to set it back or retard its onward in accepting Mr. Bellamy's formula of course. The republicans are now agonizing and almost palsied over it, as is shown by making a feign at industrial agreement. It can't be retired. Too many have made it auhonest study and now fully realize what even this one step for the cannot climb to the top of the peoples ladder the first attempt, they will place The peoples party is not made of that ers started that way it would be the any other nation." Let us endeavor to count however, in the indictment against keep all forces together and force the the culprit at the bar is the crime of battle all along the line until we shall money robbery, a specification of which see the plutocrats of Wall street and England quaking with fear that right and justice shall at last triumph and let ment than this; but it is count number us not be afraid that any party will absorb our party but give them every encouragement to absorb all our principles for if they are right no harm can come from them even though they be endorsed by every party platform in this nation.-B. R. B. Weber, Sec. peoples party.

CONGRESSMAN PETERS-KANSAS.

Am just in the act of leaving the city and have only time to say I endorse

The prejudices and preferences of many incline them to favor silver as one of the materials out of which money shall be made. The demand for silver remonetization within our own ranks, however,

has not been because of its so-called intrinsic value, but as a part only of the generally felt necessity for more money with which to transact the business of matter is a little premature, and making an effort to cross the "proverbial stream" severs' years before we get to it. Our national platform is surely good enough for all of us until another is adopted, our forces over the minor and non-essential question as to what we shall make money out of, would be folly—would be treason, if not idiocy. But I do not ad-mit silver remonetization to be the chief

issue, except in relation to the coming on of events. It is chief, however, in the sense that it first presents itself, and thereby engages the attention of the larger number of people. Along with it are others of equal, perhaps greater im-portance, and only lacking equal or greater interest because not pressed se far to the front; hence I will not consent to an abandonment of any of the other issues we have been presenting. The populist party stands for reforms in currency, landholding and transportation, and its doctrines lead logically to the socialization of all public interests and utilities. For one, I have no hesitancy ultimate conditions: "The industrial system of a nation, like its political system, should be a government of and by and for the people." But an ideal state cannot be reached at once. It can only be reached by laying hold of the forces to the main to our country and I be-institutions of society, and working there that the majority of thinking minds have come to the conclusion that if we cannot climb to the top of the peoples silver will be, indirectly, a shaping of their feet firmly on the first round and the institution of money to such end, in hold every step till we get what we want. the sense that it will be an assumption by the people of their rightful power of stuff that recedes or goes back- over their medium of exchange. Having ward. But if the republicans or gold become aroused on the subject of their democrats could get some of our leadforce of its exercise is the most valuable happiest time of their lives. They would gain to be made. But the fact should be willing to pay big for it. But we not be lost sight of that the issues of this must press on and if possible force the trial now on before the bar of public issue into every national platform, and opinion are not between silver and gold. by so doing bury the gold standard fal. lacy so deep that it never shall be re-surected and without the "consent of the people and their plunderers. One is the demonetization ol silver. There one, in a true bill, called such because it happened to be first written, and I be-lieve in pressing the entire body of accusations to trial, without retracting or dismissing a single one. The democratic party now promises to turn states evi-dence, and help convict the accused. Let

the case go on .- Frank Doster.

POPULIST STATE CHAIRMAN OF MARYLAND. If the peoples party abandons the every syllable, every word, and every sentence contained in your reply to Mr. George F. Washburn. If we wish to de-the sentence contained in your reply to Mr. silver issue it can by no means hold the stroy the people's party I cannot imag- in an educational way, but it cannot in- rency question, in which I most heartily was as plainly reiterated and our poin an educational way, but it cannot in-int an educational way, but it cannot in-spire the masses with any faith in its burn's suggestions. Some of the leaders burn's suggestions. Some of the leaders int an educational way, but it cannot in-faith there can be no victory. * * During the next four int an educational way, but it cannot in-spire the masses with any faith in its success. Without faith there can be no victory. * * During the next four it cannot in-spire the masses with any faith in its success. Without faith there can be no victory. * * During the next four

ICOILDO from other material. The greenback become public questions, but they are party never said so. We did say, how-ever, and do so now, that it can as well the free coinage of silver is the issue abportant step in convincing the world that the government can make money. I hope that the full force of the party may be United in support of this question as well as other matters of vital importance. Separate action is wise only when honor and principle will not admit of union. But when friends can unite upon common ground for the successful adoption of the same principle a division of forces would be the con-sumption of folly. I hope the views you entertain may meet with general approval as I believe they will.-Robt. B. Smith.

INDIANA, NAT'L COMMITTEEMAN:

I would say, as a member of the committee on platform and resolutions at the Omaha national convention, that I as fully endorse them now as the fundamental principles of our party as I did then. To abandon the silver plank in our platform is to abandon the principle that would, if established, make us first among the nations of the earth in the commerce of the world. It is a principle in our platform that today holds the majority on our side. The re-organization of the republican party in '96 on the principle of gold standard and high protection is as incompatible as oil and water, and in 1900 the people will return to the old bimetallic system of 16 to 1, and add the government issue of irredeemable and flexible currency .- Joshua Strange, Arcana, Ind.

OKLAHOMA, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS.

Have carefully read your letter and editorial, and I must say they voice my sentiments. While I am in favor of independent party action, so far as organization is concerned, yet I am also in favor of coalition with all the silver forces. By untiring efforts we have brought a large part of the nation to recognize the element of free silver and the democratic party to adopt it as a party plank. The nation is aroused as never before to the importance of this question, and as they further investigate many more of them are led to see the need and indespensibility of other reforms advocated by the people's party. Free silver is the most formidable plank we have in our platform for the goldbugs. They dread it not only because it endangers their political interests, but because it endangers their control of the finances of our country. Every plank in our platform is dear to every true reformer, but the silver plank is the only one that has drawn the attention of the masses to any great extent as yet. As we have been successful this far, let us hold fast all of our principles, and as men or po-litical parties take a step toward us, we

FROMNEW JERSEY.

I have just read in the Silver Knight limited coinage of silver at the present your reply to Mr. Washburn on the cur- legal ratio of 16 to 1." This demand

be made of paper as of gold and silver, sorbing public attention and it will re-and that all that is necessary is to put main so until settled correctly. To ducers and laborers of the United States and that all that is necessary is to put main so until settled correctly. To ducers and laborers of the barder of the party of the background would prove our party cowardly and show that we are and give it its full legal tender quality. The prejudices and preferences of many age of silver is the first and most imthe war. If such an incredible and im-possible thing as its abandonment by the populist party should take place, I should at once abandon that party, and thousands thinking as I do would do the same. I desire to go a little further in my reply than perhaps your request would lead me. I consider the present would lead me. I consider the present condition of the populist party critical, and the action of its leaders, or the men whom it has placed at the head of its committees, of the utmost importance. I think every man with the political foresight must see that at the next general election there will be a middle-of-the road populist party. Now, the vital question for all populists is, that there

be a populist party which is not a mid-dle-of-the-road party? If there is such a party-that is, if there is two populist tickets-defeat is certain. Therefore my effort to lead the regular populist or-ganization into an effort to maintain a union with the democratic party is not only unwise but would be fatal to success, and result in the return of the republicans to power in this state.

The fusion in the late campaign was made possible—nay, was made indis-pensable to all the elements in oppo-sition to the republican party—by the sition to the republican party—by the fact of the strength the populists had shown in the preceding election. That strength was acquired by fighting for all the distinctive issues of the Omaha plat-form. The influence from this is irre-sistible. It is, that to induce, nay, compel the elements of opposition to the republican party to come to us to seek an alliance with us at the opening of a cam-

paign-we must build up and increase our voting strength to. To do this we must maintain our party integrity intact, and preserve our party organiza-tions, absolutely independent of any other citizen, faction or party. I there-fore regard any effort to maintain a fusion-any mixture of chairmanship or committees-as bad politics, and ex-tremely unwise and calculated to defeat he very objects we most earnestly seek to achieve. I could give many good reasons for this opinion if space would permit.-J. Burrows.

FROM FREMONT.

Being an earnest - believer in the principles you advocate in your letter to Hon. Geo. F. Washburn, I hope you will pardon me for congratulating you on he stand you have thus taken,-J. G. Blessing, Fremont, Feb.

CONGRESSMAN-ELECT STARK.

I am at a loss to know how anyone claiming to be a member of the peoples party could speak or write in favor of the abandonment of the silver issue. Imnot all of us, were shouting for the old parties.—J. Y. Callahan, Delegate to Cougress from Okithoma mediately following the declaration lor "rculating medium of \$50 per capita and a graduated income tax, I find the following:-"We demand free and un-

long ago, as well as by the anti-monop-oly organizations which preceded it, but it is a question the right solution of which is vital to the welfare of the pro-ducers and laborers of the United States and its agitation will not be abondoned until silver is restored as a money metal on a strict equality with gold. The conflict on this question is as irrepress-ible as was the slavery conflict before the war. If such an incredible and imcapital, the means of caring for himself and family. This cannot be done with a pared with all the necessaries of life. I believe that there is no more important question, that there can be no more im-portant question before us than the re-monitization of silver, when the interects of the great mass of the people are con-sidered, and all efforts to draw atten-tion from this vital question are prompted by those opposed to it. I am for free silver first, last and all the time. No inducement can be offered me to drop it. If the people's party abandons it and throws it overboard, then I shall go with it, and share its fate, and sup-port as best I can the men and the influ-ences and the party that upholds it. No ences and the party that upholds it. No Clay Center, Kansas. and induce me to pass it by .- A. H. PROFESSOR DAWES, BLIND ASYLUM, NEB. Weir.

> JUDGE OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA.

It is my humble opinion that the free and unlimited coinage of silver is the paramount question, and that nine-tenths of the rank and file of the mem-bers of the independent party desire and propose to settle this question before any other. If we cannot restore silver as constitutional money, then we cannot carry our other reform measures before the country. If we eliminate the silver question, we will lose every state west of the Mississippi river, and it will be a just rebuke, for our party is the parent of the proposition for the restoration of silver to its place as money. Let us force the fight on 16 to 1 and win in 1900.— Edward Bates, York, Neb.

CONGRESSMAN-ELECT VINCENT, OF KANSAS. The people's party must be preserved and the way to preserve it is to stand by our principles. From the organiza-tion of the party to the present hour one of its fundamental principles has been the "free and unlimited coinage of silver as well as gold, at the legal ratio of sixteen to one." There is no more conflict Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat for scientific money than there has been in the past, The free coinage of silver is one, and by force of circumstances the most prominent, of the fighting issues;

ought to convince us that these "confer

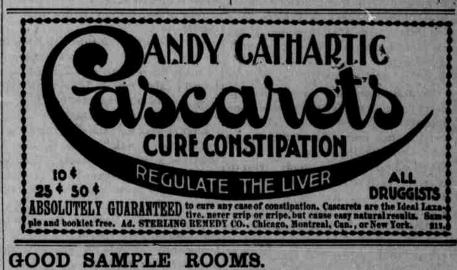
CITY.

I have noticed your reply to Mr. Washburn, as published in the INDE-PENDENT, and commented on by other papers. And I want to say that I very much deplore this attempt on the part of a lew self-appointed leaders to bind the populist party to a line of action that they as a party have never con-sented to, and probably will never con-sent to, * * You are in the right in this matter and the people expect you to look after their interests while you are in position to do so.—H. E. Dawes.

NATIONAL COMMITTEMAN DEAVER OF NEB. I am in favor of standing by our guns just as we are, and casting aside every man who tries to lead us wrong. The populist party is now two large to be led astray. Stand by silver and the other fandamental principles as outlined in our Omaba and St. Louis platforms and we are sure to win in 1900. We should strive to secure all the aid we can, and untill all forces opposed to the single gold standard. I fully endorse your po-sition.-D. Clem Deaver, Omaha, Neb.

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may try to carry out that plan, but the rank and file of the party will not follow. -M. S. Peters, Kansas, City, Kan.

STATE SUPT. OF KANSAS.

a populist party. Was converted to that belief while a student in college. As a greenbacker I always advocated the EX-STATE CHAIRM. free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver, as have all of our platforms. waged last fall. In fact, am decidedly in favor of keeping up the campaign without change of policy or loss of any of the elements that combined in the last campaign. Extremists, men of one idea, should be relegated to the rear, and all true patriots should combine for the greatest political contest of all the ages, the one upon which the future of popular government depends-the contest that will, I believe, be between the same forces and the same standard-bearers that confronted each other last fall. The St. Louis and Chicago platforms differ only in minor matters. There should be but one platform in 1900, and it should contain all that both contained in 1896. I know of no safe way to increase the volume of money in circulation without of the coinage of silver. Those who would retire the silver issue would do a line of political action if possible. well to read the constitution and study all phases of the question thoroughly. They will find that the only immediate and possible relief in the way of more money for the people must have as part of the program the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

stitutional companionship with gold. The greenback and union labor parties, nas grown, made it one of their cardinal demands, and largely upon it the reform political forces have been nourished and vitalized. Upon it in great part we have grown in the past twenty years from an insignificant content of all Its form has presented the issue of "scien-tific money" fairly and squarely and all conferences that Messrs. Washburn, strained to say that I fully concur in the views row of the past twenty wears from an insignificant party of two or three hun-dred thousand to one of two or three hun-consistently urge the populist party to dred thousand to one of two or three consistently urge the populist party to millions, and have finally compelled the abandon or at least discard as the presdemocratic party to leave off its equivo-cal and nonunderstandable platform ex-pressions upon the subject, and declare This principle was first promulgated by

years there must be generated an enthusiasm among the people that will sweep the country like a crusade for the triumph of every reform for which Bry-an stood in the last campaign. Drop-I was a greenbacker before there was ping the silver issue is a bad way to be-

EX-STATE CHAIRMAN OF IOWA.

The populist party is the father of the present free silver and financial reform I became more fully convinced than ever movement, and stands for the free and during the last campaign that this unlimited coinage of both gold and question must remain in the forefront if silver at the present legal ratio of 16 to the people win in 1900. I am in favor of fighting it out on the same line and line and line and that all money made of the tree coinage of silver at the ratio of the tree coinage of silver at the ratio of of fighting it out on the same line and either gold, silver or paper shall be a 16 to 1, and the St. Louis platform affull legal tender to pay all debts. I firmed it. It seems strange to me that know of no valid reason why we should any man calling himself a populist abandon the silver issue, or any other would advocate the abandonment of

a letter this morning in which he claims that you and the Rocky Mountain News are the only two that have dissented from his position. I think he will discover, if the populist party takes the position he has outlined, that there will be a million or so who have been voting volume of money in circulation without mark their disapproval. This increasing the basis upon which it rests and that can be done only by an increase of the coinage of silver. Those who

STATE CHAIRMAN OF KANSAS.

viduals who are so extremely virtuous the government issue of paper money that they will not welcome the support and the abolition of banks of issue. of any organization that is coming our These are now and always have been the Coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. -Wm. Stryker, Supt. Pub. Instruction, Topeka, Kans. CHIEF JUSTICE OF KANSAS: Lam unequivocally opposed to aban-I am unequivocally opposed to aban-doning the issue of silver redemption, upon considerations both of principle interview of the leaders of this move-ment, and while I concede that there are the enormity of the crime of 1873, would and party expediency. Fiscal reform is our oldest and chief article of faith; and by them, yet nothing but evil can come by them, yet nothing but evil can come for the reference of the referenc as a means of reform we have always urged the restoration of silver to its con-of discontable persons.-John W. his met the hearty approval of all its of disreputable persons.-John W. his met the hearty approval of all its Breidenthal. his met the hearty approval of all its

Louis. It has never, so far as I know,

would lead the populist party away from the Omaha and St. Louis platforms. fundamental principle of the peoples the principles enunciated by these two party national platforms. * * -J. conventions. I believe that you have E. Anderson. [the solid rank and file of the Nebraska

heartily. I see that Washburn is out in government to issue all money, metallic

NATIONAL COMMITTEMAN FROM IOWA. In response to Mr. Washburn's letter Stark. calling attention to his appeal, I replied with it for the past four years, that will briefly agreeing with him in his general mark their disapproval. * * This statement. The chief purport of his appeal as I understand it was to convince the country that we proposed to retain our distinct party organization-that while we had joined with the democratic party in support of its presidential nominee, it was because that nominee was in harmony with us on the great finan-I have no patience with those indi- cial issue, viz: the free coinage of silver,

> conferences that Messrs. Washburn, Coxey and Van der Voort may convene will not change the "fighting issue" for the next four varia. I have a south while my markets are in the extreme north.—S. S. Harvey. am opposed to any conference that may be called having that object in view.— W. H. Robb.

been questioned by any person of recsumes a strange position when he advo-cates the calling of a conference to meet together to formulate new issues that would lead the meeting that the other leading demands of our plat-form. No more. No less. * * * We do not believe this great movement is to be sidetracked by the personal opinions or ambitions of anyone or any hundred men. The representatives of our party, fairly chosen, have decided in favor of the adoption of certain principles. They will not recognize the authority of any man or body of men who seek to add to

or subtract from their platform. Free coinage is the doctrine of populism, old as the party itself. It was defeated in 1892, and perhaps in 1896, but the men and Q STREETS, TOM PATTERSON OF DENVER. I approve the position you took most built of silver. Second—The bitter opposition from the birth of our party to the present moment, have never yet abandoned a principle for the reason that it is unpopular, and they will carry the doctrines of both free silver and scientific money to a successful issue in the coming campaign of 1900.-W. L.

CONGRESSMAN-ELECT GREENE.

I read your letter in reply to Mr. Washburn with much interest, I have also been reading from him in the Boston Herald. While I do not question the motives of Mr. Washburn, I do seriously question his judgment. Free silver at 16 to 1 has been one of the cardinal principles of the populist party, and why we should now abandon it, is beyond my conception and what motives can prompt any true populist to recommend its abandonment is hard to conceive * * Yes I am a populist first and last but for union, harmony and victory .-

NATIONAL COMMITTEMAN FROM FLORIDA. I do not approve the retirement of the I do not approve the retirement of the silver issue. I consider the demonetiza-tion of silver the greatest wrong the producers of the United States have ever suffered. * * I believe in the scien-tific money our friend Washburn writes of. Personally no question is of so much importance and direct interest as government ownership of railroads. I

EX-MAYOR WEIR, LINCOLN.

I regard the re-organization of our monetary system as one of the most vital and important questions that has ever been before the people of this coun-try. Even as an old soldier, I can say, pressions upon the subject, and declare in plain terms its adhesion to our faith. I repudiate the assumptions but not the doctrines of the so-called "scientific money ey" school. If by scientific money is meant flat money, I believe in it; but re-duced to its last analysis, the advocacy of scientific money is a simple higgle and quibble over the kind of material out of which money shall be made. We never eaid that money should be made out of paper alone, as contra-distinguished the question is scarcely second to the issues that were settled in the fire and

