

NO CHANGE OF ISSUES

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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 populist party to charge on the wind—mill.

SECY. POPULIST STATE COMMITTEE, NEB. I am inclined to believe the state matter is a little premature, and making an effort to cross the "proverbial stream" seven years before we get it.

CONGRESSMAN PETERS—KANSAS. Am just in the act of leaving the city and have only time to say I endorse every syllable, every word, and every sentence contained in your reply to Mr. George F. Washburn.

STATE SEPT. OF KANSAS. I was a greenbacker before there was a populist party. Was converted to that belief while a student in college.

CHIEF JUSTICE OF KANSAS. I am unequivocally opposed to abandoning the issue of silver redemption, upon considerations both of principle and party expediency.

THE GOVERNOR OF MONTANA. After carefully reading your reply to Hon. George F. Washburn, I am constrained to say that I fully concur in the views you therein express.

from other material. The greenback party never said so. We did say, however, and do so now, that it can as well be made of paper as of gold and silver, and that all that is necessary is to put upon it, whether of one material or another, or of all, the approving stamp of the sovereign power—the government—and give it its full legal tender quality.

POPULIST STATE CHAIRMAN OF MARYLAND. If the populist party abandons the silver issue it can by no means hold the balance of power in the campaign of 1900.

EX-STATE CHAIRMAN OF IOWA. The populist party is the father of the present free silver and financial reform movement, and stands for the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1.

TOM PATTERSON OF DENVER. I approve the position you took most heartily. I see that Washburn is out in 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.

STATE CHAIRMAN OF KANSAS. I have no patience with those individuals who are so extremely virtuous that they will not welcome the support of any organization that is coming our way, but I realize that this element can get the ear of the capitalistic press and that in view of this fact we should endeavor to avoid any controversy that is calculated to bring bad results.

ADJUTANT GENERAL BARRY. I have read your reply of January 30th to Mr. G. F. Washburn's letter of January 21st. I heartily agree with you that the issues should not be changed, but we should fight it out on the old lines.

become public questions, but they are not public issues. At the present time the free coinage of silver is the issue absorbing public attention and it will remain so until settled correctly.

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.

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.

FROM NEW JERSEY. I have just read in the Silver Knight your reply to Mr. Washburn on the currency question, in which I most heartily concur with you; and most especially in your three closing planks in the platform.

NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN FROM IOWA. In response to Mr. Washburn's letter calling attention to his appeal, I replied briefly agreeing with him in his general 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 financial issue, viz: the free coinage of silver, the government issue of paper money, and the abolition of banks of issue.

NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN FROM FLORIDA. I do not approve the retirement of the silver issue. I consider the demonetization of silver the greatest wrong the producers of the United States have ever suffered.

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 country. Even as an old soldier, I can say, the question is scarcely second to the issues that were settled in the fire and blood of the civil war, so far as the interests of the great mass of the people are concerned.

J. BURROWS. First, let me say that I heartily approve of the position you have taken. I assist the influence which induce men in the east to think of such a thing as abandoning the silver issue.

long ago, as well as by the anti-monopoly organizations which preceded it, but it is a question the right solution of which is vital to the welfare of the producers and laborers of the United States and its agitation will not be abandoned until silver is restored as a money metal on a strict equality with gold.

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.

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 the stand you have thus taken.

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.

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country. The government ownership of railroads will not feed the hungry, nor clothe the poor. It is useless to talk of the great schemes to a man who is hungry and cold.

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 members of the independent party desire and propose to settle this question before any other.

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and all the "leaders" in our party could not change it if they would. The people are demanding it and they are going to have it.

PROFESSOR DAWES, BLIND AYLUM, NEB. CITY. I have noticed your reply to Mr. Washburn, as published in the INDEPENDENT, and commented on by other papers.

NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN DEWEY 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.

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