

—New York Evening Journal.

To justify that denial the advocates of the policy of imperialism are driven to the strange affirmation that Thomas Jefferson did not believe it and contradicted it when he purchased Louisiana; that John Quincy Adams did believe it and contradicted it when he bought Florida; that Abraham Lincoln did not believe it and contradicted it when he put down the rebellion; that Charles Sumner did not believe it and contradicted it when he bought Alaska. They say that because, with the full and practical consent of the men who occupied them, the vastest, most sought great and fertile territory composed of wild and scattered populations, neither owning it or pretending to own it, not capable of occupying or governing it, destitute of every single attribute which makes or can make a nation or a people, those statesmen of ours, designing to make the territory acquired into equal parts of our country, have not considered our constitution by men with rights equal to our own—that therefore you may get by purchase or by conquest a

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our enormous public debt and the stoppage of bond issuing by legislation by three per cent government loans on real estate and by patriotic contributions through chain letters. Populism demands the abolition of the monopoly of public utilities, especially railroads, telegraphs, coal mines, lighting plants, water supply and city street railways. Populism demands popular education, a free press, free speech, the referendum, and liberal pensions for the surviving soldiers who fought the confederacy and British influence in the war of the rebellion.

Populism means the abolition of the supreme court because it crucifies majority rule and the president's endorsement and is a menace to the referendum and the initiative. Populism means the abolition of the laws made for the benefit of corporations and wealth, and abrogates laws passed by the 480 representatives of the people in congress—congress and the people will have power to repeal any law that is not

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It is very much desired that all of our laborers, farmers, editors, ministers, orators and any good citizen will endeavor to keep constantly before the people the slogan and battcry of populism and do what they can to rally the people to the demands and program of the populist movement. It exists in the nation it follows then that righteous men be voted into authority everywhere, for we are told that when such are in authority, the people rejoice and that is what every good citizen, moralist and christian should desire. We would like to see and want the righteous in authority, but the other fellow and reader, are you going to help them out? The writer would like to see the fusion populist convention, the middle-of-the-road populist convention and the decadent populist convention all to formulate their platforms as to embody all of the for-going demands and declarations of populism and nominate the same man for president. It would be well if all of the congress-

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ed, and it has been ordered that said matter be set for hearing on the 25th day of April, 1900, before said county court, in said county, Nebraska, at 10 o'clock A. M., at which time any person interested may appear and contest the same; and notice of this proceeding is hereby given to all persons interested for three weeks consecutively in the Nebraska Independent of Lincoln, a weekly newspaper of general circulation in Lancaster county, Nebraska.

Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court, at Lincoln, this 28th day of March, 1900.

[SEAL] FRANK R. WATERS, County Clerk.

By WALTER A. LEES, Clerk County Court.

First White House Flunky: "What's all that noise in the next room about?"  
Second White House Flunky: "Why, that's the president changing his mind."  
-St. Louis Republic.