

MEN WHO HAVE DESERTED BRYAN FOR MCKINLEY

WASHINGTON WHEELS INTO LINE ON EXPANSION

Colonel Frank Wilkeson, formerly Populist member of the legislature of the state of Washington, and who was one time associate editor of the New York Sun, has rejected Bryanism. He says: "I am an expansionist of the most extreme type and believe in holding the Philippine Islands for commercial reasons as well as a military and naval base. I have paid taxes for thirty years to establish eastern manufacturing industry,—paid even under angry protest, because I lived in a region remote from all possibility of profitable manufacture—and now, when Washington has a chance to establish a manufacturing industry to supply the people of Asia with finished products, I am a high tariff advocate. I want the industries of Washington diversified; I want our coast built up and commerce established. I want to see the consuming powers of the market of Asia increased, so that it will consume all the surplus wheat raised in Australia and on the Pacific coasts of the North and South American continents, and this will increase the price of wheat raised in the Mississippi valley, where I have a large farm. I believe that the success of Democracy will directly and disastrously affect my pocket; that it would if carried to a logical conclusion create industrial and commercial lethargy on the Pacific coast, and by curtailing the power of consumption of the foreign and domestic markets cause breadstuffs and provisions to fall in value."

Hiram Hammer, one of the ablest Populists in Washington (state): I am a Protectionist. I believed that unless we had free silver, want and destitution would follow. The reverse is true. I believe that in the future as in the past that whatever legislation we obtain—that is, in the interest of all the people—must come through the Republican party.

John H. Slipper, Hamilton, Wash., one of the largest merchants in the Upper Skagit valley, and a Democrat.

Dr. M. B. Mattice, Sedro-Woolley, Wash., a leading physician and life-long Democrat.

A. Lyons, Burlington, Wash., an enthusiastic fusionist in 1896-'98.

C. E. Bingham, mayor of Sedro-Woolley, Wash., head of the banking house of C. E. Bingham & Co., who has always been a staunch Democrat.

Henry Thompson, Birdview, Wash., an extensive rancher and old-line Democrat.

N. W. Carpenter, Mount Vernon, Wash., a large saw mill owner and a Populist.

J. B. Holbrook, Sedro-Woolley, Wash., bank cashier and an active Democrat.

Thomas W. B. Thomson, Hamilton, Wash., mine owner in the Upper Skagit, and a Populist.

Louis Kirkby, Sedro-Woolley, Wash., mail carrier and a Populist.

W. E. Schrieker, La. Conner, Wash., head of the Skagit County Bank and an influential Democrat.

Adam Huff, Bayview, Wash., a rancher and strong Fusionist.

M. O. Pease, Anacortes, Wash., mine owner and a good Democrat all his life.

Col. Geo. G. Lyon, Seattle, newspaper proprietor and editor, Expansionist, former chairman Republican Territorial Committee, leader of Silver Republicans 1896.

J. E. Yeend, Walla Walla, farmer, present member state senate, elected as Fusionist 1896. Expansion.

Dr. G. V. Cahoun, Seattle, original silver Republican and one of managers fusion state campaign 1896. Expansion.

J. C. McCrimmon, North Yakima, chairman Populist County Committee 1896. Expansion.

M. E. Hay, Wilbur, original Silver Republican and fusion organizer; is now chairman Lincoln County Republican Committee and nominee for state senate. Expansion.

Dr. J. C. House, Port Townsend, formerly chairman Idaho Republican Territorial Committee; Silver Republican and fusion organizer this state 1896; chairman Jefferson

County Republican Committee 1898. Expansion.

Geo. S. Courter, North Yakima, secretary Silver Republican State Central Committee 1896. Expansion.

L. C. Whitney, Everett, former prosecuting attorney Snohomish county. Finance and expansion.

F. M. Sanders, Entiat, Chelan county, business man. Expansion.

George Donworth, leading attorney of Seattle. Finance and expansion.

Josiah Collins, leading attorney of Seattle. Finance and expansion.

S. M. Shipley, attorney, Seattle, Silver Republican organizer and fusion nominee for state senate 1898. Expansion.

Richard Gowan, attorney, Seattle, Finance and expansion.

Col. W. M. Ridpath, mining man, Spokane, former Republican State representative; manager George Turner's senatorial fight 1897. Expansionist.

W. H. Plummer, attorney, Spokane, elected to state senate as fusionist 1896. Expansion.

Col. J. J. Weisenberger, Whatcom, fusion campaign speaker 1896; original Silver Republican; major First Washington Regiment Volunteers in Philippines; delegate to Republican state convention 1900, present colonel Washington State National Guard. Expansion.

D. G. Haight, business man, Aberdeen, life-long Democrat. Expansion.

Col. J. J. Tolkas, Aberdeen, merchant, life-long Democrat. Expansion.

Mark Payette, Aberdeen, merchant. Expansion.

I. C. Crowther, Aberdeen, retired. Expansion.

H. L. Blanchard, Chimaquam, Jefferson county, former member board county commissioners, life-long Democrat; now president State Dairy Association. Expansion.

R. J. Chard, Port Townsend, merchant, life-long Democrat; is for expansion and against Democratic pro-Boer sympathy.

Charles Pink, Port Townsend, former city councilman and appointed customs inspector under Cleveland administration. Same reasons as Chard.

A. N. Godfrey, Port Townsend, former county surveyor; appointed deputy collector customs under Cleveland administration. Expansion.

J. C. Pringle, editor Port Townsend Evening Call. Finance and expansion.

F. F. Marble, North Yakima, elected county surveyor 1892; nominated for same office by fusionists 1900; resigns from ticket and declares for McKinley.

John Loudon, leading business man North Yakima. Expansion.

Judge C. C. Austin, Seattle, former member state senate and elected police judge Seattle on fusion ticket 1896. Original Silver Republican. Expansion.

Solon T. Williams, Seattle, Silver Republican, elected to state legislature as fusionist 1896. Expansion.

W. A. Peters, attorney, Seattle; former Democrat. Expansion.

N. J. Craig, Everett, chairman Populist County Convention 1896; member city council. Expansion.

John McRae, Everett, life-long Democrat and leading party worker; former city councilman. Expansion.

A. W. Criswell, Everett, leading Populist. Expansion.

Harry Knowles, Snohomish, fusion chief deputy sheriff 1896-'98.

J. M. Holden, Orting, People's Party organizer 1896. Expansion.

James Coplan, business man, Orting. Expansion.

Henry Beckett, Orting, assessor Pierce county 1896; elected on fusion ticket. Expansion.

H. P. Bulger, Tacoma, People's Party speaker and club organizer 1896; Republican organizer 1898. Expansion.

M. B. Harben, Seattle, fusion speaker and organizer 1896-'98. Member King County Republican Convention 1900. Expansion.

MICHIGAN HAS MANY MCKINLEY CONVERTS

H. B. Stuckey, Sethon, prominent farmer. Satisfied Republicans are right as to Gold standard.

L. Howe, Perrinton, prominent farmer. Same as above.

John W. Travis, Traverse City. Better business now; foolish to change.

James O. Crotsler, Kingsley. Better business now; foolish to change.

Joseph Garko, Anton Mikkles, and Paul Wieneskie, East Lake. Country more prosperous under Republican rule.

Cristopher Clark, Marion. Expansion.

J. Warren Scoville, Marion. Prosperity.

A. J. Montgomery, Reed City. Prosperity.

James H. Booth, and J. C. Corbin, Duncan. Republican party has fulfilled pledges.

Frank Miller, Ionia; formerly secretary and treasurer Democratic County Committee.

Edwin A. Murphy, Ionia, candidate for prosecuting attorney Democratic ticket '98.

Albert E. Shelley, Belding, real estate dealer; prominent Democrat.

C. C. Reeves, O. S. Shaw, James Lamson, and Otto Tacy, Covert. Business prosperity.

L. P. Parkhurst, M. D., Middleville, and B. W. Stickney, Hartford. Satisfied he was wrong on silver question. Changed his mind as to 16 to 1.

Michael Holman, Hesperia. Better times.

Cassius Potter, Lattin. Better times.

Samuel Frees, Lattin. Better times.

R. R. Gale, Hart.

James H. Slater, Hart. Bad policy to change now.

Col. Benoni Lachance, Ed-Vill. Pres., Mackinaw Island. Philippine question.

C. H. Angell, St. Ignace. Philippine question.

George Wilson, Newton. Times good enough.

James Sealey, Will E. Fuller, Geo. Frownfelder, Fred E. McMichael, and Frank L. Fuller, Greenville. Satisfied with present conditions.

Charles R. Culver, Carson City. Disgusted with imperialism bugaboo.

Dr. William Richardson, Carson City. Lost confidence in 16 to 1.

Albert Grover, Melvor. Prosperity.

Louis Boley, Melvor. Prosperity.

John Jones, Hetherton. Changed mind as to 16 to 1.

William Hunt, Hillman. Changed mind as to 16 to 1.

David Moore, Atlanta. Changed mind as to 16 to 1.

R. Stickney, Hartford. Foreign policy.

John Mackey, South Haven. Foreign policy.

Charles Rosevelt, Keeler. Foreign policy.

Paul Suchs, lumberman. Pledges of Republican party kept.

Charles Bradley, leading farmer, McBain. Don't like Bryan's speech of acceptance.

Lawrence Dahoney, mill man, McBain. Thinks Bryan dangerous man.

Henry Coopman, Falmouth, mill man, McBain. Fears repetition of times of 1896-'98.

John J. Sweetland, M. D., Mottville. Money question.

George W. Nihart, Potoskey, chairman Democratic County Committee St. Joseph County '96. Money question.

A. W. Maring, Mendon.

F. L. Burdick, Sturgis.

Robt. McDougall, Harbor Springs, candidate Silver ticket auditor-general '96.

John B. Whitney, Hillsdale, candidate Democratic ticket '98 for city treasurer.

B. E. Sheldon, justice peace, Hillsdale.

C. A. Shepherd, ex-prosecuting attorney, Hillsdale.

Fredrick Chester, Camden.

O. W. Halstead, banker, Mason. Money question.

F. W. Webb, merchant, Mason. Money question.

John Dean, leading farmer, Mason. Better times.

C. G. Huntington, retired merchant, Mason. Better times.

Thomas Sarrow, Mason.

L. B. Smith, Webberville, leading farmer. Money question.

S. L. Kilbourne, Lansing, prominent lawyer. Money question.

Edward Wood and Geo. Wood, Jr., Richland. Better times.

Charles Grover, and Geo. Galtly, Richland. Spanish war volunteers.

Newell Barber, Creasey.

James Calthrop, Prairieville.

William Amell, Beaverton.

W. W. Hunter, supervisor, Beaverton.

Alphonso Otte, Beaverton.

James A. Lelsen, Menominee, Democratic Candidate State Senate '98. Lieutenant Spanish war. Expansion and war policy.

John M. Knox, C. N. Bliss, and C. Vining, Beaverton. Recent history.

Dr. E. Laylor, Baldwin. Prosperity.

Henry Ingraham, Luther. Prosperity.

Ed. Kilde, Luther. Prosperity.

J. G. Rogers, Chase. Prosperity.

John Boosinger, East Jordan, merchant. Prosperity.

M. M. Burnham, lawyer, East Jordan. Prosperity.

C. J. Herron, merchant, Boyne City. Prosperity.

W. W. Bailey, merchant, Boyne City. Prosperity.

George W. Bailey, real estate, Boyne City. Prosperity.

J. M. Eaton, lawyer, Charlevoix. Prosperity.

O. H. Marsh, hotel proprietor, Boyne Falls. Prosperity.

E. J. Penberthy, ex-postmaster, Houghton. Election of Bryan would destroy confidence.

Martin Newland, farmer, Leroy.

Wm. Bonesteel, liveryman, Evart. Foreign policy.

W. E. Maybarker, merchant, Orono.

D. C. Thompson, lawyer, Ashton, Samuel Peasley, produce dealer, Hersey.

Frank Proctor, merchant, Hersey. Prosperity.

Herbert Richards, Menominee. DeWitt Brown, Stephenson.

John Fisher, Cassopolis. Expansion.

Frank J. Kneeland, St. Louis, real estate. Satisfied with present conditions.

James A. Burgess, prominent stock buyer, St. Louis. Wants present conditions to continue.

Richard E. Hughes, St. Louis. Satisfied with present conditions.

Dr. S. P. Tuttle, St. Louis.

Edward Crick, Forest Hill.

Frank Platz, Rogers City. Tariff.

Henry Hanson, Rogers City. Convinced on all national questions.

Ernest Adrian, Rogers City. Same as above.

S. L. Kilbourne, Union City. Money question.

W. M. Gow, Cadillac.

J. E. Henderson, Cadillac, court stenographer.

Olof Johnson, Swedish merchant, Cadillac.

J. H. Bears, Yuma, lumber manufacturer.

Ed. Wilson, hardware dealer, Sherman.

Henry Bull, ex-alderman, Potoskey.

Isaac Toll, ex-village president, Potoskey.

William Dimmer, Copper Falls.

J. J. Gagner, insurance agent, Gladstone. Better times.

W. H. McDonald, hotel keeper, Gladstone. Better times.

Fred Falkins, stationery engineer, Gladstone. Better times.

John Malloy, city marshal, Gladstone. Better times.

Alex. Murker, Gladstone. Better times.

James Davis, Mt. Pleasant.

John Battner, Caldwell.

John C. Wood, Caldwell.

James Forquer, Caldwell.

Fred Fehlfald, Caldwell.

F. C. Dingman, Caldwell.

Alex. Worden, ex-alderman, Potoskey.

J. J. Reyercart, former Democratic candidate for mayor of Potoskey.

John Litney, Suttons Bay.

George Steinel, Jr., Suttons Bay. Cannot go free silver.

Dr. R. P. Burke, Empire. Cannot go free silver.

M. Oberlin, Bingham. Cannot go free silver.

D. H. Day, Glenhaven. Cannot go free silver.

Samuel B. Owen, Elk Rapids.

Archibald Cameron, Sr., Central Lake.

George J. Noteware, Bellaire.

Charles L. Cleveland, Bellaire, I. G. Nobles, Oxford, and Robt. Burdick, Oxford. Are satisfied that they were wrong as to free silver.

D. G. Tillotson, Charlevoix.

J. H. Edsall, Greenville.

W. J. Roberts, Maple Rapids.

Isaac Wolf, Luther.

G. W. Barringer, Leroy.

James Kanane, Dowagiac. Party has abandoned cardinal doctrines of Democracy.

Col. John A. Elwell, St. Louis.

Judge Chas. J. Pailthorpe, Potoskey.

M. W. Stevens, Niles.

L. H. Beeson, Niles.

Charles A. Johnson, Niles.

Dr. Henderson, Buchanan.

Charles F. Howe, Buchanan.

Allen B. Morse, Ionia, ex-supreme judge, was Democratic candidate for governor in 1892. Money question.

Hon. R. A. Montgomery, prominent attorney, Lansing. Money question.

William Walter, Fennville. Money question.

Hon. William H. Porter, Marshall. Money question.

Chas. W. Gale, Owosso. Our only safety is to vote for McKinley.

William Smith, Amadon, prominent farmer. Money question.

Monroe Morrow, Benton Harbor. Says country is prosperous; he wants no change.

Dr. Robt. Henderson, Buchanan.

Frank Parsons, Grand Ledge. Afraid of Bryan on silver question.

R. S. Whippley, Grand Ledge. Afraid of Bryan on silver question.

John Corbin, Eaton Rapids. Afraid of Bryan on silver question.

C. Murphy, Remus, prominent business man. Says free silver would be disastrous.

Timothy Nester, Munising, for years leader of Upper Peninsula Democracy.

Edward Skidmore, Vestaburgh. Disgusted with the silver party.

James B. McCrea, supervisor, Roscommon. Don't believe in free silver and believes in expansion.

O. P. Dickinson, ex-supervisor, Houghton Lake. Can't go Bryan. McKinley did as he promised and we have good times.

James H. Sly, ex-county treasurer, Roscommon. Is for gold standard.

David Burleson, leading farmer, Roscommon. Has had enough of the Democratic party.

Bert J. Morrison, Benton Harbor. Does not believe in free silver.

Charles F. Howe, Buchanan.

Josiah Reynolds, old soldier, Amadon. Is for expansion.

A. B. Klise, life-long Democrat, Sturgeon Bay. Will vote for McKinley because business is so much better.

L. A. King, Harbor Springs. Good times.

Christian Pontius, Harbor Springs. Good times.

Frank W. M. Cook, Harbor Springs. Good times.

George E. S. Cook, Harbor Springs. Good times.

George Burrows, Harbor Springs. Good times.

Eugene Ferguson, Harbor Springs. Good times.

WISCONSIN DEMOCRATS ABANDONING BRYAN

Charles H. Schweitzer, LaCrosse, Wis. Formerly chairman of the Democratic City Committee and city attorney: "I have never been a Republican and I have never been and am not now in accord with Mr. Bryan and his platform. Being convinced that Mr. Bryan's election would result in disaster to the country at large, presently or ultimately I must refuse to aid or lend comfort in any way to doctrines which are so pregnant with evil. Nor can I find in the issue of imperialism any real excuse for supporting Mr. Bryan and impliedly endorsing his financial and Populist heresies, an issue raised to distract the attention of the voter, and especially Gold Democrats from these fallacies, the dangers of which were so thoroughly exposed in the last election. The best interests of the country demand at this time the defeat of Mr. Bryan and his principles. I feel, therefore, that it is my duty to exert what little influence I may command in opposing his election, and to cast my vote as my convictions dictate, for McKinley and Roosevelt."

John Johnston, cashier of the Marine National Bank of Milwaukee, formerly the Wisconsin Marine Bank, the oldest banking institution in the West, and Alfred James, president of the Northwestern National Fire Insurance Company, both leaders of the Wisconsin Democracy, have declared for President McKinley. Messrs. Johnston and James have always been stalwarts of the party. They declare that many other Democratic business men are going to desert the Democratic party before the campaign is over. Mr. Johnston said: "Yes, I am a Republican, for the present, at least. In 1896, when Bryan was nominated at Chicago, free silver was made the issue of the campaign. I was opposed to free silver then, and have been ever since the issue was first presented to the American people. I think, were legislation enacted authorizing the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, the country would soon go to ruin. I am a staunch advocate of expansion. I am thoroughly convinced the acquisition of foreign territory in the manner outlined by the present administration will redound to the business interests of this country."

Sylvester Hartmann, the well-known grocer of Green Bay, Wis., who for years has been a staunch Democrat, returns from his European trip an uncompromising Republican and advocate of McKinley and Roosevelt. While

Mr. Hartmann has always been a sound money man and was forced to bolt the Democratic national ticket in '96, it was not until his recent visit to the old country and because of what he saw and heard there that he determined to cut loose altogether from the party of Bryan. "White," says Mr. Hartmann, "I love the Fatherland as the place of my birth, I must now as an American citizen place the interests of the United States first. I am not a politician, but if the people of foreign countries see in Bryan's election a cutting off of this trade from our merchants and manufacturers, then it is easy to see with which party the best interest of this country lies." Mr. Hartmann knows of two other business men of Wisconsin who went over to Europe Democrats and came back Republicans. One of them is a well known Manitowish merchant, the other lives in Port Washington. Mr. Hartmann believes that more Germans will vote for McKinley this year than did in '96, as they are all strongly against the upsetting of either the monetary system of the country or trade conditions.

R. Winkler, German, Scott P. O., Wis.

Chris Bammel, German, Adell P. O., Wis.

Gottlieb Sueniger, German, Adell P. O., Wis.

Robt. Schultz, German, Adell P. O., Wis.

Fred Melcher, German, Random Lake, Wis.

Fred Danne, German, Adell P. O., Wis.

Ernst Sider, German, Scott P. O., Wis.

Gottlieb Hilger, German, Adell P. O., Wis.

Henry Capelle, German, Adell P. O., Wis.

John Goetsch, German, Random Lake, Wis.

Robt. Viersig, German, Adell, Wis.

Claire B. Bird, attorney, Vausau, Wis. "We must look to the Republican party to administer safely the practical affairs of the government. The Democracy has gone in its decadence so far that it has been swallowed by the Populists."

George Schweitzer, cashier German American Bank, LaCrosse, Wis.

Prof. J. T. Sims, principal of the Madison (Wis.) High School, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for superintendent of county schools. Mr. Sims was an enthusiastic Democrat two years ago.

IOWA DEMOCRATS WHO ARE OPPOSED TO FREE SILVER

E. G. Graham, mayor of Stuart, Iowa, and one of the leading democrats of western Iowa, who supported Bryan in 1896, has announced that he should support McKinley and the Republican ticket this year and will take the stump to advocate the election of McKinley. He stated that he did so because he was opposed to fusion; could not bear to be called a Populist, and that he had discovered that the prophecies of Bryan had come to naught. On

W. W. Witmer, Des Moines, Iowa. Against free silver.

L. M. Martin, Des Moines, Iowa. Against free silver.

B. F. Tillinghast, Davenport, Iowa. Against free silver.

M. Rieker, Waterloo, Iowa. Against free silver.

W. J. Kieffer, Waterloo, Iowa. Against free silver.

W. J. Cantillon, Dubuque, Iowa. Against free silver.

Sam G. Sloan, Charles City, Iowa. Against free silver.

E. Duke Naven, La Porte, Iowa. Against free silver.

Hon. C. S. Ranck, Iowa City, Iowa. Opposed to free silver.

Hon. John Everall, Elkader, Iowa. Opposed to free silver.

Judge J. C. Mitchell, Ottumwa, Iowa. Opposed to free silver.

F. M. Hubbell, Des Moines, Iowa. Opposed to free silver.

George H. Otis, Monona, Iowa. Opposed to free silver.

T. J. Sullivan, Elkader, Iowa. Opposed to free silver.

Hon. G. L. Gilbert, Monona, Iowa. Opposed to free silver.

Hon. George Scofield, Strawberry Point, Iowa. Opposed to free silver.

E. Hagenan, Burlington, Iowa. Opposed to free silver.

Jacob Epstein, Burlington, Iowa. Opposed to free silver.

H. A. Mathes, Burlington, Iowa. Opposed to free silver.

G. H. Prenzier, Burlington, Iowa. Opposed to free silver.

the other hand, he said, every Republican promise had been fulfilled and the gold standard and protective tariff had changed the nation from a borrowing to a loaning nation. He said he regarded imperialism and militarism as a cloak to cover free silver.

Captain W. A. Duckworth, for years a leading Democratic worker of Keosauqua, Ia. Because expansion is the true Democratic doctrine, and that Bryan is no Democrat.

John Sullivan, Bridgewater, N. Y.—Guess I am more of a Republican this year. I shall certainly vote part of the Republican ticket.

Barnard Gagan, Bridgewater, N. Y.—I shall vote for McKinley this year. I voted for him four years ago and shall do the same now. I am a Democrat, and when the Democratic party comes back to my way of thinking I will be with them again.

G. L. Randall, Bridgewater, N. Y.—I think it will be well to leave things as they are. I don't think a change would make it any better.

C. N. Neal, Bridgewater, N. Y.—I am a Democrat this year just the same as always, but I am not in favor of free silver. A man can be a Democrat and not in favor of Bryan. The times are good enough without taking any chances on a change.

William H. Barron, Bridgewater, N. Y.—I am going to vote the Republican ticket this year. We are getting along all right just as it is. A change would not be any improvement. I am very much interested in Mr. Brownell's candidacy and shall do all I can to help him.

Byron Rose, Sauquoit, N. Y.—I lived in Utica until a while ago, and when there marched with the Jacksonians and voted the Democratic ticket. This year I shall vote for McKinley for President. The times are good enough just as they are without any change.

C. L. Bowen, Sauquoit, N. Y.—I used to be a Democrat, and suppose I am counted so now, but in these times I am a Republican. What is the use of voting for Bryan and make things worse than they were under Cleveland? The times are good enough now.

Charles J. Bonaparte, Baltimore, Md., always an independent Democrat; objects to the "undoubted socialistic tendencies of the whole Bryan outfit."

Ernest Harvier, president of the Independent Democracy of the Fifth Assembly (N. Y.) district: "Whatever favor is due Mr. Bryan and his party for his emphatic denunciation of imperialism will be suppressed by their stand on the currency."

W. J. Puckett, assayer in charge of the mint, Denver, Colo., under President Cleveland: "I have always been a stickler for party, never having voted any other than a Democratic ticket. I shall now support the Republican ticket from top to bottom. I have many reasons for such action, but at present will only attempt to refer to one. Mr. Bryan boldly and publicly upholds the Philippine insurgents condemning the action of the administration, commending the action of the insurgent leader, Aguinaldo, and giving us to understand he is following the example of Washington. If this is not treason, what is it? The boom of cannon, the roar of musketry, the clash of sabres—the battle is on. Perish the politician who in time of war opposes country, right or wrong."

Dr. A. A. Ames, three times elected mayor of Minneapolis on the Democratic ticket: "I am a Republican because the party represents patriotism, expansion and true progress."

W. A. Dobbey, Minneapolis, Minn., formerly a Populist: "The Populist party is disintegrating and the Republican party will get most of these votes."

E. C. Benedict, Greenwich, Conn. When asked to contribute to the Democratic campaign fund wrote: "I regret to find no party in existence whose platform supports Democratic principles to any degree. Four years ago our state sent delegates to the Chicago convention as representatives of unquestioned Democratic principles. They were outvoted in the national convention which promulgated a platform of doctrines almost wholly at variance therewith and committed an unpardonable crime when they used our good name as a label. Therefore I would as soon think of contributing to a lot of Chinese who have captured our Christian churches, set up therein the teachings of Confucius as the gospel and a painfully conspicuous Joss to worship instead of the unseen God, and without changing the names of the churches, call themselves regular Christians."