

A CALL TO ARMS.

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socialistic ranks that does not belong. No movement that means anything for the betterment of the race ever accomplished anything, or ever will accomplish anything if that movement is not founded on love of God and man. The religious sentiment is the abiding sentiment of the human heart. A great party, like a great man, must have a soul.

We need the truths Christ taught embodied in human government.

Then where shall we turn? There is but one place left. There is a great golden mean between these extremes and there the true road lies. Not by violence, but a step at a time let us seek to bring about the better day.

The forces are already formed, in some sort, that will march up that road. They consist of those who followed Mr. Bryan, of the union labor hosts, of the truly Christian element, of what have been termed the new thought people, and of the socialists—for they, too, have their place, when they broaden out.

These elements belong together. They must unite in a new organization. True, there is the people's party. But let us be perfectly frank. The people's party has been largely absorbed by the democracy. It has a vital organization in Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota and some other states. But in most only a skeleton exists. There is no doubt that it can be revived. The people who once composed it believe now as they believed in '92 and '96. And they have converted millions more to that belief. Whether it is advisable to revive it under its present name, however, is a matter to be considered. There is a prejudice against it due mostly to misrepresentation and ridicule. But truth fears not ridicule. The Master and his teachings were ridiculed for five hundred years.

But whatever we may think of the name, there is not the slightest question about the principles. These may be stated briefly under four heads:

A people's money, issued in sufficient quantity to do business without panics, and controlled by the government instead of by the banks.

Government ownership of railroads and telegraphs.

A government brought nearer the people through direct legislation and popular election of senators.

and for occupancy and use rather than for speculation.

Every one of these issues becomes more vital with the passage of time. All of them must inevitably become the issues of the great reform army that is to dominate the future.

The trust question is forcing government ownership more to the front every day. Government ownership forms the step-at-a-time method that must be followed in reaching the goal.

I believe that a union should be effected between all these elements, as speedily as it can be brought about. The time is ripe. For the present the people's party organization should be kept intact and strengthened. All factions of the populists should come together. Old animosities should be forgotten. Middle-of-the-roads and fusionists should join hands. With these should meet all other reformers. The matter of name and other details can be left for later consideration. The great thing now is to get together.

I have no more doubt of the final triumph of the reform elements than I have of the fact that God reigns. My faith in Him gives me faith in this result. For myself, I do not fancy that triumph will come for many years yet. That does not so much concern us as it does that we remain true. Sooner or later a tidal wave will sweep the entire country, as it swept the west in 1890. That may not be till 1911. In the meantime we can firm and discipline our army.

No mistakes have been made. Let there be no criminations or recriminations, but a united front for the future.

The immediate thing is to get together. For that purpose, I make the following proposition:

A conference at Denver on Monday, July 27, at 2 p. m.

You are hereby cordially invited to be present at such conference. This means every reformer in the United States who loves God and the common people more than he does any party whatsoever.

The conference will be unofficial and informal. It will have no walls about it. I have faith that only those who belong will come. I want fusionists, mid-roads, advanced democrats, single taxers, lovers of liberty. We will have an old-fashioned love feast. It matters not how many or how few come. Important results cannot but flow from our meeting.

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that it is convenient to the populist strongholds of Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, the mountain states and the Pacific coast. From all points east there are half-rates to Denver all summer.

The reason that July 27 is chosen is that it is the natural time for a vacation. Denver is the coolest and most delightful spot on the continent for you to take that vacation. To those attending the conference free trips will be arranged into the mountains.

Come and let us have a reunion, south and north. Come and let us talk about next year and the future.

This letter will go to national, state, county and precinct committeemen throughout the country. The doors are open and the invitation is general. Yet we are sure that the most representative men will come.

Those who purpose coming write me. Those who cannot, write your views. Headquarters and hall will be announced later. Come.

J. A. EDGERTON.
Denver, Colo.
Care Rocky Mountain News.

MONTANA POPULISTS

A Breeze From Former National Committeeman Hogan—The People's Party too Dead for Burial He Says

Editor Independent: Your communication of May 16 and also yours of May 28 to hand. I return herewith your coupon book. I admire your persistency in adhering to the party after its death, but that it is dead—too dead to require burial—cannot be denied by any sane man. I can truthfully say that I do not know of a single vote in Montana that the people's party would get, on strict party alignment, though there are, perhaps, a half dozen men in the state who still have a hazy hope that they may secure a nomination through the use of a pretended organization in some fusion plan. Even as a vehicle for such ambitions its usefulness is gone and intelligent and energetic men like yourselves had better realize it and turn your attention and efforts elsewhere. As for myself, while I vote with the socialists, I am taking no public part in political affairs. Practically all of the active populists of Montana have joined the socialists or withdrawn from the field and the name of the people's party is never mentioned in any serious discussion of political conditions. It is true that in the past three years some vigorous trafficking has been done with the organization, but even as a commercial

commodity it has depreciated to nil. Lamentable as they may be, these are the facts, and nothing is to be gained by shutting our eyes to them.

T. S. HOGAN.

Butte, Mont.

(Can this be the T. S. Hogan whose name is given on page 464 of the New York World Almanac for 1900 as the then secretary of state for Montana, "elected on a dem-pop. fusion ticket?" It is said that rats always desert a sinking ship, and it must be that the populist craft was leaking pretty badly at the time Mr. Hogan deserted and decided to take "no public part in political affairs." The Independent would like to hear from the two other national committeemen from Montana, Messrs. Calderhead and Connolly, as to whether they, too, have sneaked away without according the "corpse" decent burial.—Associate Editor.)

Chas. M. Bowen, Soldiers' Home, Mich.: Wish I was not so nervous, so I might write you fully how much I appreciate your—or "our"—paper. It's great; and were it not for it, I would sometimes give up all hopes of my country. We are going to the devil very fast—that is sure. The only thing that will call a halt and compel people to think is some great financial crisis, with its many hundreds of thousands of unemployed, out of which may come socialism.

WYOMING POPULISTS

National Committeeman Van Meter Urges Organization—The Situation in Wyoming.

Editor Independent: I have read the many articles from populist committeemen in recent issues of The Independent with much interest, and I am pleased to see the old-timers lining up for the fray.

In my opinion the most important thing to do is to organize, and it should be done soon. Our platform should be brief, clean-cut and to the point. We need say nothing about trusts. There's only one way to regulate trusts, and that's to abolish them by government ownership of all modes of transportation.

The original platform of the populist party is good enough and broad enough for all of us to stand on. I would like to see all the populists get together some time this year and thoroughly reorganize the party, so we can have at least a few workers in each precinct in the United States

organized and ready for work next year.

There has been no populist party in this state since 1898, though there are many voters who believe in our principles. The time is ripe for reorganization. Let every man who believes in reform put his shoulder to the wheel and give the car of progress a lift.

D. L. VAN METER,
National Committeeman—Allied People's Party.
Welcome, Wyo.

Two Vacancies

Editor Independent: I am in receipt of yours of May 29. I am no longer a member of the people's party national committee. Z. H. Austin of this city, 3333 Second avenue south, is a member of that committee.

J. M. BOWLER.
Minneapolis, Minn.
(Mr. Bowler was also a member of the executive committee—Ed. Ind.)

Editor Independent: Your favor of the 28th ult. to hand. In answer will say that I am entirely out of politics and intend to take no further part until such time as there is a reasonable prospect of accomplishing something worth the effort.

E. W. WAY.
Seattle, Wash.
(Mr. Way, too, was also a member of the executive committee. Just what Mr. Way considers "a reasonable prospect" is not clear. Does he want others to work through the heat of the day and then himself step in at the eleventh hour and reap the reward?—Ed. Ind.)

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