

## COMING CONVENTIONS.

Republican, Lincoln, Aug. 18.  
 Populist, Grand Island, Aug. 25.  
 Democratic, Columbus, Aug. 25.

## POPULIST MEETING

Nebraska State Central Committee Meets  
in Lincoln and Sets Date of Holding  
State Convention

Pursuant to the call made two weeks ago, the populist state central committee met at the Grand hotel, this city, Tuesday (23rd). The following populists were present: Joseph Leatherman, Butte, Boyd; John H. Felber, Hartington, Cedar; J. A. Grimison, Schuyler, Colfax; E. D. Johnson, Lexington, Dawson; Geo. L. Burr, Aurora, Hamilton; H. E. Dawes, Lincoln, Lancaster; E. B. Quackenbush, South Auburn, Nemaha; Fred Hier, Crete, Saline; J. L. Coleman, Memphis, Saunders; J. H. Edmisten, Thedford, Thomas; H. B. Cummins, Seward, Seward; W. P. Hatton, Fullerton, Nance; T. H. Tibbles, Bancroft, Cumming; J. J. Points, Omaha, Douglas; C. B. Manuel, St. Paul, Howard; Thos. Knox, Bennett, Otoe; E. O. Kretsinger, Beatrice, Gage; and C. G. Bullock, W. A. Poynter, Mrs. Belle G. Bigelow, J. H. Craddock, Aug. Meier, W. F. Wright, A. C. Sherrick, C. Q. De France, all of Lincoln, in addition to Chairman B. R. B. Weber and Secretary J. R. Farris.

The session was called to order by Chairman Weber, who stated the purpose of the meeting: to officially fix the time and place of holding the state convention of the people's independent party and to discuss the future of the party.

Secretary Farris read a number of letters from absent committeemen. Hason Turner of Pierce, expressing confidence in the chairman and committee, said that his hearty approval would be given to what might be done. W. L. Hand, of Kearney, Buffalo, advised against making any arrangements for fusion, believing that his county would not be represented in state convention if such arrangements were made. C. B. Sprague of Blair, Washington, favored any reasonable concessions to secure fusion. Gen. P. H. Barry of Greeley favored Hastings or Grand Island; time about August 1, and about a week ahead of the democratic convention. A clipping was also read from the Lyons Mirror, (M. M. Warner of Burt county) saying:

"Let fusion be the battle cry for the reform forces in Nebraska. Without fusion there is no hope of gaining a victory for the people and the right. Corporate wealth and the tools of the money power are enthroned in the state house at Lincoln. Let the de-throning proceed! But don't act the fool about the democrats and populists doing it single-handed."

At this point a call was made for the result of the referendum vote taken some time ago on the subject of fusion, and Secretary Farris announced that 28 committeemen had voted against independent party action and 18 for.

Mr. Tibbles then took the floor and recounting the experience of the populists in other states, favored fixing a time and place of holding the state convention without consulting any other party. Mr. Burr opposed this, believing that this committee, having been selected at a fusion convention, it was our duty to first find out when the democrats wished to hold their convention, and contending that the matter of fusion was one for the convention to decide—not for this committee. Mr. De France inquired how the delegates to a state convention could set the time and place of that convention and insisted that the duty of the committee lay in fixing that time and place; if asked to confer with the democratic committee, it was our duty to respond courteously.

Mr. Edmisten, to get the matter properly before the committee, introduced a resolution declaring that "it is incumbent on the people's independent party at this time to call its convention and act independently of any other party for the year 1903."

Upon this Judge Grimison spoke at some length, recounting that in the early days he had opposed fusion, but having started on this course, we cannot now recede without just cause, and that at this time there is no reason for withdrawing from the alliance. Mr. Wright spoke with some feeling in favor of a straight party course and no fusion. Mr. Manuel viewed the matter much as Judge Grimison did, but in view of the unanimity of populists in favor of re-nominating Judge Sullivan, could see

no reason for any agreement as to when the two conventions should be held.

Mr. Edmisten then withdrew his resolution and Mr. Manuel moved that the first Tuesday in September be selected. Afterward he accepted an amendment to make it August 25 and this carried. At this point R. O. Adams of Grand Island came in and in behalf of his city invited the populists to come there, assuring a free hall and free music.

Shortly after, a committee of democrats, headed by Judge Loomis of Fremont and Harry Risley of Grand Island came in and reported that their committee had informally agreed upon holding their convention at Lincoln on August 11. Chairman Weber replied that we had already selected August 25 and were thinking of going to Grand Island. Judge Loomis then expressed his confidence in the populist committee doing what it believed for the best and said he could see no reason why the conventions should be held at the same place, as there seemed to be no opposition anywhere to the renomination of Judge Sullivan.

Upon motion of Mr. Manuel, Grand Island was chosen, the convention to be called at 7:30 p. m., Aug. 25, 1903.

Upon motion of Prof. Dawes the basis of representation is one delegate at large for each county and one delegate for each hundred votes, or major fraction, cast for Hon. John H. Powers for secretary of state last year.

Upon motion of Prof. Dawes \$40 was appropriated to assist C. C. Bullock in making a trial of his stereopticon method of campaigning in some county.

Mr. De France then presented the following resolution, which was duly passed:

"Whereas, Hon. J. A. Edgerton, secretary of the people's party national committee, has issued a call for an informal meeting of reformers, to be held in Denver, July 27, 1903; and

"Whereas, It is desirable that the people's party national committee meet in the near future; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the state committee of the people's independent party of Nebraska, in session assembled hereby request Hon. Marlon Butler, chairman of the said national committee, to issue a call for a meeting of that body to be held in Denver on the date aforesaid, with power to take such official action as may best conserve the interests of the people's party; and, be it further

"Resolved, That in event of the failure of said chairman to call, on or before the 10th day of July, 1903, the meeting aforesaid, then in that case we request Hon. J. H. Edmisten, vice chairman of said committee, to make said call as aforesaid, as acting head of the national committee."

Mrs. Bigelow then presented the matter of effecting a settlement of the Gougar claim which was tried in county court some weeks ago and resulted in a defeat for Mrs. Gougar. Mrs. Bigelow had a letter from Mrs. Gougar, dated at Vienna, Austria, in which full power to settle the claim for \$250 was placed in Mrs. Bigelow's hands. Mr. De France opposed the payment of more than \$150, holding that that much was justly due Mrs. Gougar, but that her claim of \$300 more for books was unjust and no part of it should be paid. The desire to be rid of a troublesome lawsuit impelled Messrs. Edmisten, Quackenbush, Hatton and a number of others to favor paying the \$250, and it was unanimously agreed to pay this sum to Mrs. Bigelow upon her dismissal of the case and payment of the costs. All felt that the populists of Nebraska were being robbed of a cool hundred dollars by this star reformer, Helen M. Gougar of Indiana, but that \$100 would not go far in paying attorneys' fees and they did what men have done before—compromised and submitted to injustice. This closes an incident in Nebraska politics—one that has been worked for political capital by republicans, but which cut no figure except among timid populists. It is hardly likely Helen will make any more speeches in Nebraska under the auspices of the populist state committee. If she does, the chairman should be hanged without benefit of clergy.

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## Democratic Meeting

The democratic state central committee met at the Lincoln hotel, this city, Tuesday and set their state convention for Columbus, Neb., August 25 1903, at 8 p. m. This will give Judge Sullivan a chance to make his speech of acceptance without leaving his home town. Many of the old wheel-horses, such as Col. Bowlby, Judge Loomis and others, were present; and Harry Risley, R. O. Adams, and W. H. Smith evidenced the fact that Nebraska has some bright young democrats.

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