

MARYLAND POPULISTS

AN ADDRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE PEOPLE

Editor Independent: We want to get our work before the people of Maryland and cannot do so yet through any paper in this state. Will you publish the following address and send us about a dozen copies containing the same?

FRANK H. JONES,
Secretary.

(Gladly. Even at the risk of incurring the displeasure of His Mightiness, Czar Madden, The Independent will also send a marked copy containing the address to every Maryland populist whose name and address it can find.—Ed. Ind.)

ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE OF MARYLAND.

The undersigned, official members of the state executive committee of the people's party of Maryland, take this means to request all those who are in sympathy with the principles of the people's party to communicate with them without delay at the address given.

We believe the time has come for action, and the large number who have lost faith in the two old parties by reason of their utter lack of principles, encourages the belief that many, if the chance be given them, will rally to the support of a party which honestly seeks to free the people from the present unbearable political oppression.

We respectfully call your attention to a few undeniable facts—facts which even prejudiced partisan politicians cannot deny—as justification for the course we are pursuing.

All sane people know that the politics, the science of self-government, of today, is absolutely dominated by obnoxious, dishonest methods more dreadful than ever existed in the United States before, and every turn of the partisan wheels but intensifies these terrible conditions. All know that both old parties have, for many years, promised relief from these political oppressions, but not one of those promises have ever been honestly fulfilled. We also know that the two old parties differ only in name, their platforms and acts in every essential particular, demand and principle, being exactly the same as far as the welfare of the people is concerned. This is so decidedly the case that for months the republican press has urged the nomination of Grover Cleveland for the democratic presidential candidate for 1904. And should he be nominated, which is now a foregone conclusion, it will be by the republican press, supported by republican leaders and ratified by so-called democrats in convention assembled, who have for several years supported republican financial and trust-producing principles and voted the republican ticket. Therefore, both old parties are thoroughly imbued with republicanism—not the honest, respectable, Abraham Lincoln kind; but the money-worshipping Shylock kind, whose policy is "anything to win" and fill the coffers of the already wealthy class, the class that for twelve years has furnished the money that has bought republican victories; and under their combined manipulations and protection now flourish the most gigantic trusts, the most oppressive corrupt monopolies and the most accursed political meanness the world has ever known—conditions that make the rich richer and the poor poorer—elements that are grinding the life-blood out of Abraham Lincoln's "great plain people." So that the two old parties have degenerated into organizations worthy to be supported only by office-seekers and their hirelings.

All unbiased thinking men agree that very grave questions will confront this nation at an early day, such as the race question, the financial question, the elective franchise question, and most likely the religious liberty question; and timely consideration of them is now being neglected in the criminal scramble for offices and their emoluments. And as a hint of what may be feared in the near future, unless the people hasten to earnestly and intelligently seek relief at the ballot box, and as a note of warning, we suggest that when the plain

people of America rise in their might to throw off the yoke of tyranny they exert more vigor and more retributive and effective influences than any other people on earth. And now, therefore, if there are any people left in this state who are not dead to every sense of honor in politics, any who still believe in honoring God with justice and righteousness in governmental affairs, we appeal to them in the name of the stunted and pinched laboring people and their half-clad children, to "be up and doing while it is yet called day, ere the night cometh when no man can work"—to use their elective franchise now, while they yet possess that privilege, ere it be everlastingly too late to avert a possible and even probable national calamity, an intolerable state of affairs in this country compared with which the old revolution of '76 and the war of the rebellion in '61 were mere children's play.

It is our intention to place a state ticket in the field which shall stand for straight-out people's party principles, and we ask for the co-operation of all who believe with us that those principles are needed at this juncture to rescue our state and country from the control of those forces which are now throttling the people and robbing them of the fruits of their honest toil.

We appeal to the people of Maryland to be not misled by the misrepresentations of a venal and debauched press, but to investigate candidly, fairly, carefully, the principles of the people's party for themselves.

For years the eastern press, owned by the capitalists, has persistently sought to give the people false ideas concerning the people's party. Ridicule has been the chief weapon used; and these cowardly sycophants, well knowing their inability to meet the people's party writers in argument, seek to hold them up to public scorn and ridicule, but thank God our principles still live in the hearts of honest men.

The people's party stands only for those principles of Americanism upheld in the past by men like Washington, Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln. It believes in the common people, the plain people, and in their ability to rule themselves. Direct legislation is a leading plank in our platform, by means of which the people would be enabled to make their own laws, and thus do away with the baneful influences of corrupt legislators who now so often betray their trusts.

Government ownership of the railroads, the telegraph and other public utilities, as the people from time to time may elect, is another cardinal tenet of the people's party. The rapidly growing political power of the railroad companies threatens the liberties of the citizen, while their unjust discrimination in favor of trusts and monopolies, is fatal to the small producers and manufacturers, who have been in the past the bone and sinew of our country.

Governmental control of the volume of the nation's currency is demanded by the people's party, to the end that there shall be no favored wealthy class who speculate in money and the life-blood of their fellowmen; but that the wealth of the people, accumulated by honest industry and trade shall be sacredly guarded by the national government, and not, as now, at the mercy of the money-changers. Opposition to government by injunction and to favoritism in every form, is the groundwork of populist faith.

We now appeal to those whose only aim is honest government and the liberties of the people, to join with us in this struggle for freedom. We are not rich, nor are we powerful, but trusting in the justice of Almighty God we will do our best to save our beloved state and country from the baneful partisan influences which are rapidly destroying the best government the world ever saw.

Help us to make the fight, and if we do not win a victory this time, by pulling a large vote we will strike terror to the hearts of the corruptionists. Let all those who will help, either by personal effort or financially, send their names and addresses to the undersigned at once. There is no time to lose! Act now!

F. A. NAILLE,
Chairman.
FRANK H. JONES,
Secretary.
THOS. O. CLARK,
Treasurer.

No. 523 No. Paca st., Baltimore, Md.

Karl Marx Edition, July 23, 1903.

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The American Czar

As yet no word has come to The Independent as to what the "further action" of Czar Madden is to be in C. D. No. 75584—the complaint against The Independent growing out of the Henry George Edition. The press dispatches Wednesday morning indicate that His Mightiness is having "troubles of his own" and he has written a whining letter to Postmaster General Payne asking a coat of white-wash.

If the postmaster general wants to do the American people a genuine service he will investigate the charges that Wilshire makes—that an organized conspiracy exists to blackmail publishers by threatening their pound rates right, and find out why Mr. Madden so persistently harrasses newspapers of undoubted merit and long standing, yet allows unlimited freedom to a lot of publications up in Maine that, so far as anybody has ever been able to learn, never had a legitimate, bona fide, paid-up-with-his-own-money subscriber in all their existence. Nevertheless these publications circulate millions of copies each month and are patronized liberally by mail order houses. Many thousands of these papers marked "sample copy" reach the Lincoln post-office every month, but it is extremely doubtful if one person among Lincoln's 40,000 ever paid a single cent on subscription.

Editorially these publications are colorless. They make no attacks on plutocracy. Apparently they are never disturbed. Why? Is it possible that they pay a retainer to Harrison J. Barrett of Baltimore, who is a "wonder-boy" in his practice before Mr. Madden's division. Here is a line of work for Mr. Payne. Let him look into these matters.

Press of special matter prevents publication this week of the letters the single taxers wrote Mr. Madden. They tell him some good, wholesome truths in no uncertain language, and The Independent will publish them in the near future.

Turned the Dogs Loose

Editor Independent: I noticed in your last issue that Czar Madden gave the postoffice department orders to "turn the dogs loose" against The Independent. It seems very queer that there is not a single instance of the postoffice department taking such action against the plutocratic press or papers, but always against such papers as have the courage to express honest convictions and whose constant aim is to defend the rights of the masses against the plutocrats or the privileged few, and includes such papers as The Independent, The Commoner and Wilshire's magazine and numerous others that have steadily championed the cause of the people in

preference to becoming the tools of the trusts and large corporations.

I am with you in this work and will dispose of the cards at the earliest opportunity. Meanwhile you may send me five copies per week and I will distribute them where in my opinion they will do the most good and I shall be glad to do it in the cause of good government. W. F. MAUTZ,
Mayville, S. D.

A Democratic Editor.

The Toledo (O.) Independent makes the following remarks concerning the special editions of this paper:

"The Nebraska Independent believes in free discussion. Its Henry George Edition was surely a success. It now offers a rare treat to its readers in a special issue for the socialists to discuss their doctrines in their own way. The followers of Karl Marx will surely find a text book on socialism in the issue of July 23. We would suggest that The Independent give an issue to one democratic party, whose daily press has been so universally bought up as to leave the party helpless in its fight against its strong opponent."

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