

KENTUCKY POPULISTS

Dr. Lackey Says the Populist Organization There is Dead and Members Become Socialists

Editor Independent: I received a letter from you some time ago in which you addressed me as national committeeman of the populist party for Kentucky. I was appointed to that office, but when the fusion populists indorsed Mr. Stevenson for vice president, I wrote the chairman and secretary to drop my name from the list. They would not agree to do it, so I had the distinction of being national committeeman of the fusion populists for the state of Kentucky and elector for the state at large on the mid-road ticket for president, and may claim to be a connecting link of the two wings of the populist party.

I will not try to answer your questions in regular order, but will write you a rambling letter and give you my views on the political outlook.

We have no populist party in Kentucky. We joined in with the merger that took place at St. Louis two years ago with the allied party and since that time we have not even kept up with the allied movement, as it was called. We have always looked to Jo A. Parker as our leader and he seems to be so much interested in trying to get referendum laws passed that he has no time for the populist party. I do not complain for I am very much in favor of the referendum law myself. I do not know of any movement in the state to get out a state ticket. We have a pretty good organization in Trigg county, my home. We have met from time to time and tried to keep up with the rapid changing political situation.

Nearly all of us have outgrown the Omaha platform and have progressed into socialism. We think this is logical and reasonable. In fact we see that every prophecy made by us ten years ago has come to pass and the country is now entirely ruled by the trusts in their own interest and we, the people, are left out in the cold, like a poor dog at a feast. There is no limit to the trusts' greed; they want the earth and are in a fair way to get it. If they continue to water stocks, consolidate and accumulate for the next ten years at the rate they have since the Omaha platform was written it will take all the wealth of the whole United States to pay their profits and dividends.

The trusts are out for everything on earth and want a mortgage on all prospects and possibilities. We only ask for our part, no more, and will not be satisfied with less. We ask for a fair and just division of the surplus among those who created it and the fight for this just and reasonable demand will continue until it is settled and settled right.

Most of the trusts have formed since the Omaha platform was written. There has been a great revolution and the socialist party is up to date. It meets the issue plain and simple and is new and fresh. Competition is dead. The monopoly has taken its place. The old parties will never "bust" the trust. Private monopoly will enslave us and our children. We can't control it. We must own the monopolies or they will own us.

This is the issue: Tariff, money, imperialism are all in it and will all be settled when the nation owns the trusts. The time for a forward movement has come and no amount of effort will ever resurrect the populist party. It served a glorious purpose, but it has served its day and the "pops" will have to scatter. Where will they go? They will not go into any party that refuses to put a plank into its platform demanding government ownership of the railroads, as the democrats of Iowa did a few days ago, and I believe the democratic party will never indorse that plank in another national platform.

The populists will never go to the republican party for that is more the tool of the trusts than ever. So they will have to blow new life into the old populist party or join the socialists. A large majority in the state of Kentucky will just tramp on into socialism. There is no Cleveland boom in Kentucky. Bryan and the Kansas City platform are still in the lead. I think the gold bugs will vote with the republicans in the presidential election as usual. The Bryanites will modify their platform, but it will not suit the "plutes," unless they can write the platform and name the man. They want the whole hog or none. They will get none.

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A FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF PERIODICALS.

Those who read and use monthly publications recently had their atten-

tion called to a consolidation whereby the Ledger Monthly, founded by Robert Bonner in 1843, The Household, established in New England in 1868, and Ev'ry Month, a leading musical publication, were merged, forming The Household-Ledger, to appear monthly, published at 95-97 Liberty st. New York. A further uniting of publications now embraces Piano Music Magazine, established by J. W. Pepper in Philadelphia in 1900, and Literature, Art and Music, the first issue of which appeared in 1902, thus five publications have been purchased by those who form The Household-Ledger Publishing company. All will be published collectively as The Household-Ledger.

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POPULISM IN GERMANY

Persistent Efforts Made by Plutocratic Dailies to Deceive the People of the United States

The people of the United States have considered socialism to mean the collective ownership of all the means of production and distribution, and when ever the term socialism is used, that is what the people understand that it means. The constant talk of socialist victories in Germany is a deception and a fraud. It would appear that nothing else was contemplated, for any one who will make the least inquiry will find that the social democrats of Germany are not socialists at all.

According to Prof. John G. Brooks, who has spent several years in Germany studying German socialism, the socialist party has abandoned much of its early creed, has become broadened out, and in its propaganda it does not make the foolish claims which socialists in America assert. Moreover, the party has grown tolerant, and instead of expelling the critics within the party, has elected them to the reichstag. The social democratic party of Germany has much in common with the Bryan-Hearst-Tom Johnson democracy of this nation. For a man like Bernstein to utter in either of the socialist parties of this nation the things he does now would cause him to be denounced as a traitor and to be expelled from the party.

The day will come when the plutocratic papers that are now publishing this falsehood will regret it. The present object is to divert enough votes from the populists to make the sensible and practicable demands of the party impossible of realization, by increasing the socialist vote.

HAVE A FRIEND AT COURT

A Homesteader Who Says the Cattle Barons Keep a Big Lobby at the Nation's Capital

Editor Independent: In a recent edition of The Independent I read an article in regard to the range fences on the public domain. This representative of the cattle barons claims that these fences are a great benefit to the homesteader. Poor man! Enclosed find Associated press dispatches relating how a band of cow boys murdered a whole family because they interfered with these fences. This is a gentle hint that the cattle kings will respect. One of these cattle barons who has a large tract of public land fenced in, in western Nebraska, recently told me that the fences had come to stay. He also said: "No matter what you read in the newspapers, the fences won't come down." He further said: "Notices will be published in the newspapers from time to time that the fences must come down, but that is done to fool the people until congress meets, when the cattle compa-

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ties of Boston and other big cities will have a powerful lobby in Washington in their interest planning to lease 4,000,000 of the public land at the nominal rent of 2 cents an acre for twenty years."

That would give them a shadow of title and they would hold on by force. It would look as though the great cattle barons "have a friend at court," and no matter how many families these "rough riders" may massacre, they have no fear of being punished. There is not another government on the face of the earth that would tolerate such violations of law. It begins to look as though the powers that be are protecting, instead of punishing the violators of the law.

I wonder if our strenuous president saw any of those fences when he was dining and associating with the cow boys and "rough riders." The people of this Christian nation need not look to Kishineff and Russia for massacres of whole families. Let them wait until some poor family undertakes to make itself a home on the public domain and upon order from some cattle baron these hired assassins will wipe them off the face of the earth.

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SPECIAL MARKET LETTER

FROM NYE & BUCHANAN CO., LIVE STOCK COMMISSION MERCHANTS, SO. OMAHA, NEB.

Three days of this week brought moderate cattle receipts here and a slow but firm market. Chicago had a heavier run than expected Monday and a lower market. They had very light receipts Tuesday, but demand is not brisk. Prospects seem to be for a dull but about a steady market this week, although Wednesday is a little stronger.

We quote choice beef steers \$4.80 to \$5.00, good \$4.50 to \$4.75, warmed-up \$4.00 to \$4.35, canners and cutters \$2.25 to \$3.25, choice cows and heifers \$3.85 to \$4.40. Good light stockers and feeders are selling at \$4.00 to \$4.25, fair \$3.75 to \$3.90, stock heifers \$2.50 to \$3.00. Bulls \$2.50 to \$4.00; veal \$5.00 to \$6.00.

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Sheep market more active, with a better demand.

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A Blow at Majority Rule

If any evidence were needed to prove that majority rule is feared by plutocracy, one could find it in the judicial attempts to discredit it. The Dakota amendment was held ineffective as to any bill passed with the emergency clause, and now comes the Oregon circuit court and holds that the initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution is invalid. This opinion was given on a demurrer

to the complaint of land owners against the city of Portland in a street assessment case. The court holds the amendment unconstitutional on the ground of the irregularities on the part of the legislative assembly in dealing with the amendment.

If this usurpation continues we may next expect to have whole sections of state constitutions held unconstitutional!

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Detroit, Mich., and return, \$22.40, on July 14-15.
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San Francisco, Cal., and return, \$45, on August 1-14.

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