

HADN'T HEARD FROM IOWA

**Mr. Wakefield Ridicules the "Assumptions" of Poynter and Edgerton—
The Tall Can't Wag the Dog**

Editor Independent: The assumption of Poynter, Edgerton and others that the 700,000 Palmer and Buckner democrats will surely outvote at the primaries a year hence the six and a half millions who voted for Mr. Bryan, would be amusing if it were not so sad. For it is sad to see men whose impulses are for justice acting exactly as the enemies of justice urge them to, and votes which should be cast against imperialism and trusts led to assist plutocracy to longer lease of office.

It is really comical to see men in the same breath denounce Cleveland, Hill, Gorman, etc., for dividing the anti-monopoly vote so as to assure its defeat in 1896 and 1900, by flocking off to themselves in a little side faction, and then announce this as a reason for themselves helping defeat the people's only hope in 1904 by doing the little side party act in the same way. How strange Edgerton, et al., cannot see the inconsistency of their position.

The eagerness with which many populists, who want to lead something, echo the republican assurance that the seven hundred thousand are too strong for the seven millions, looks as if the wish was father to the thought. Why should they decline a year in advance of the battle to fight for the side they say is in the right and take action which renders them of great assistance to the side they say is the one they intend to fight—some other day—if they ever get big enough, which they know they never will?

Even if the impossible should happen and the radical democrats be defeated in national convention, their action is wrong, because it presupposes what no one can reasonably suppose, which is that the real democrats would lie down and support such a ticket, instead of nominating one of their own, one of exceptionally good men on an advanced platform of radical ideas, and not only hold all Bryan's former vote, but very largely increase it, probably electing their candidate, as such a party would be free from taint of former false leaders and party blunders. Only in this way is it possible for a new party to be born strong enough to even hope for success. Another triumph of the imperialists and trusts is likely to render a peaceful victory of the people impossible. W. H. T. WAKEFIELD.

Mound City, Kas.
(There is an old saying that a "live dog is better than a dead lion." It is pertinent here. Mr. Wakefield's letter bears date prior to the democratic convention of Iowa. What is his opinion now? The prime object of populists in taking the position of Poynter and Edgerton is to arouse the "seven millions;" they are asleep; but the "seven hundred thousand" are painfully in evidence and very active.—Ed. Ind.)

Good Law

Boyce's Weekly of Chicago, a recent venture in the field of labor and socialism, said recently, under head of "The Vagaries of the Law":

"Out in a western state Mrs. Helen M. Gougar—a bright woman who commits the error of making political speeches for pay, and the vastly greater folly of not getting her pay in advance—has been suing the populist state committee for the price of sundry political speeches delivered in a recent campaign. The court has refused her a judgment on the ground that the committee is not responsible, that the true beneficiaries of Mrs. Gougar's efforts were the 40,000 populist voters of the state, and she is advised to sue them, jointly and severally!"

But, although appealed to a higher court, the case is ended by the Nebraska populists paying Mrs. Gougar \$250.

WEST VIRGINIA POPULISTS

National Committeeman Spence of the Allied Peoples Party Favors John Mitchell for President

Editor Independent: Enclosed find 50 cents in stamps for subscriptions as per slip with address inclosed. Will add briefly regarding Mr. Edgerton's call for conference that I hope there will be a large attendance and interest taken and would suggest that Mr. Edgerton make a special invitation to Hon. J. J. Streeter, editor of the Independent, Vineland, N. J.

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and populist papers when he very often hadn't as much as Irish potatoes in the larder.

But thanks to Providence, not conditions, he is now in comfortable circumstances and he is not only a well posted, honest, conscientious man, but has the most feasible plan of organization going; and believe if one or two states but put his plan in operation this fall by next year it would be adopted in every state convention. Send him a special invitation.

Again I suggest the calling of another national conference, to meet here in Atlantic City, N. J., in September, 1903. The railroads make very low rates from all points as far as St. Louis and Chicago to this place, and I believe a big attendance could be had from the middle states, southern and eastern, and in that way we would not only be reunited, but have a good effect. In my opinion it is no use to have a convention next year unless we call all to pull together and do some proselyting now.

I like your paper very much and I should think it would be a power for good. What would you think of John Mitchell for president next year? I believe him to be the second Abe Lincoln.

My home is Parkersburg, W. Va. Am temporarily here and a member of the national executive committee.

G. L. SPENCE.
Atlantic City, N. J.

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Confiscation

Editor Independent: The symposium of the single taxers in The Independent was fine. I was an early student of Progress and Poverty. The Chicago Tribune in its issue of September 11, 1883, published an article of mine explaining the tax and defending its author against its editorial attacks of communist-anarchists. It attracted attention and the author of Progress and Poverty wrote me personal letter of thanks. I hunted it up. The Tribune articles would have fitted into the issue of May 14.

Why does not the Independent expose the confiscation of the hundreds of millions the people have stored in silver at 16 to 1 by the change to 32 to 1 and the burdening them with all these millions at 16 to 1 in the shape of gold premium gold payable bonds due the bankers and the same number of national bank bills given them for the people to hire to take the place of the free silver money they have paid for?
F. W. ANTHONY.
Mattawan, Mich.

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Well Said, Eves

Some editor-politician out in the state, envious of the high esteem in which Billy Thompson is held by populists and democrats of Nebraska, recently took occasion to say a few spiteful things about the fusion standard-bearer of last year, and this aroused the ire of Edwin S. Eves, of the Holt County Independent, who, after dressing down the envious one in proper manner, made the following statement, in which The Independent heartily concurs:

"It was Billy Thompson whose eloquent voice rang out in Nebraska for twenty years in support of democratic and populist principles; it was he who never was too hard up to subscribe more than his allotted share to the campaign fund to help the cause along; it was he who stood aside himself and let his colleagues hold the lucrative offices while he was fighting on the firing line in support of the principles that secured their election; it was Billy Thompson who only accepted the banner of his party when his services were demanded and when the bravest of his party leaders threw it down. He made the greatest campaign any one man ever made in Nebraska and ran nine thousand votes ahead of his ticket, but through the weakness of many fusionists and corporation boodle he was whipped—but Billy Thompson is still a democrat, and he is a good enough populist for me."

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