

The only way to again place our advocates in our legislative halls is to reorganize our forces and do battle as an entire independent political party free from any entangling fusion alliances whatever. If W. J. Bryan wishes to hold fast to the old rotten hulk of democracy, let him do it. We have done with him as long as he trains in the democratic camp. He may come and go with us, but we never will go again with him, as long as he sails under democratic colors. Success attend all your efforts to the rebuilding of the people's party and may we all be able to rejoice in its ultimate success. M. J. VINCENT.  
Lawton, Mich.

### A COLORADO VIEW

One of the Old Guard Expresses His Idea of What the Immediate Future Has in Store

Editor Independent: Your card to the "Old Guard" is received. In answer would say I would gladly see the people's party as well organized as in 1894. I am one of the Old Guard, having been in the movement since 1872.

The enclosed clippings from my paper, the Monte Vista Journal, however, express my opinions as to the immediate future.

After the next campaign we, the people, will make history fast, but little can be done until then.

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Monte Vista, Colo.

About forty old line populists from various parts of the country met in Denver Monday and passed resolutions supporting the Omaha platform, and in favor of no fusion with either old party in national or local affairs. An effort will be made to reorganize the people's party. Our opinion is that the effort will prove futile, not that there are less than 2,000,000 populists in the United States, but once having lost the confidence of its leaders and having practically disbanded it will be impossible to revive the organization. There will be no great headway made in the development of a new party until after the presidential election next year.

Mr. Cleveland is not pushing his candidacy for the presidency; he is too sharp for that. Neither will he allow his name to be used before the next national convention without the assurance that he is to be nominated and elected.

Of course Cleveland cares nothing for the west and middle states. A solid south with New York and a few states that circle around Wall street are enough to elect the next president.

It is good politics for the money power to hold up the democratic party, especially if that party will get onto a republican platform, as it now seems likely to do. As ridiculous as it may sound to a Coloradan we make the prediction that if Cleveland is nominated he will be elected.

Something must be done for the democratic party next year or it will disintegrate and the result be a new party will spring up and elect a president in 1908. The men of brains in both old parties realize this fact and those who are satisfied with present conditions are planning to nominate a Cleveland or a Gorman on a republican platform and then try to elect him. Already President Roosevelt has taken the alarm and is anxious about New York and the states that circle about Wall street.

The Commoner says the populists are not sincere in their efforts to revive their party. It will be only a few months before the country will learn that the democratic party was not sincere in 1896 and in 1900. That they adopted a few of the minor planks in the people's party just to disintegrate that party and for no other purpose. The first thing for populists to do is to help destroy the democratic party in the north and the republican party in the south and by so doing pave the way for a new party—a party of the people.

### Change

Is there aught which the hand of Time does not alter?

Powerful nations are developed from weaklings. They rear their heads for an instant compared with the eternity of time, then, like waves beating upon the beach, their strength overcome, they disappear beneath the flood which rushes o'er them.

The crust of the earth gives forth mute unimpeachable witnesses who testify that forms of animal life have existed which no longer exist; that forms of vegetation have flourished which no longer flourish; that districts now an Arctic waste have been the scene of luxuriant vegetation; that in the past oceans have surged over lands now elevated; that glaciers have overspread countries which are today

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The heavens cannot longer be considered immutable. The earth and its brother planets revolve upon their axes and around the sun. The sun, carrying with it the planets and their satellites, journey through space which heretofore has never known its presence. The distant points of light which remain points under the scrutiny of the most powerful telescope, are suns far surpassing in magnitude and splendor the radiant orb of our day. Centers of vast solar systems, they with our own traverse limitless space.

We raise a goblet of pure sparkling water to our lips. Many are the tales which each drop could relate were they endowed with speech. We value highly the writings of our travelers, who daring every danger seek the mysteries of nature to explore.

Perchance the travelers we hold in our hands have surpassed them, have penetrated regions apparently impenetrable by man, have visited scenes which exist unseen by human sight. Valuable lives have been sacrificed and treasure lavishly expended in attempting to unveil the secrets of the frigid north. May it not be that a portion of the liquid contents of our goblet has been part and parcel of the icy barriers which make impassable this Northern sea? Barriers which vanish but to be replaced again. Vanish but to continue their course in the vast economy of nature. Now plucked from the saline embrace of the ocean by the thirsty winds, which passing over the parched lands, are forced to deposit their invaluable burden, which for thousands of miles they have so tightly clasped in their invisible grasp.

The wanderer from the ice-bound coasts of the north may here mingle with brethren from a torrid clime, here may find companions, who through the arts of man, swelled with heat, have filled the heart of the iron-horse which hurls along the rails itself and its burden of passengers and freight, or supplied the hammer with strength to forge the monster death-dealing cannon, or have helped to weave the clothing of their temporary master—Man.

Historical records inform us that the nations, the religions, the languages, the laws, the means for communicating intelligence, the modes of conveyance, the fuels, the machinery, the use of metals, the weapons of war, the styles of architecture, the building materials, the illuminating agents, the commerce, the arts, the sciences of the present generation are not those of the generations which have passed away.

Where years seem to show immutability, the evidence of centuries demonstrates mutability. The rock imbedded fossils bespeak the period when their tombs were shaped not. The

ever changing clouds moving over the sky typify the unceasing activity of nature. The hardest rocks imperceptibly vanish before the insidious attack of her forces, which with resistless energy elevate and depress continents.

The works of man crumble under their action. Cities, which he in his pride deemed indestructible, have disappeared from the face of the earth.

Their very sites are oft unknown, or a few ruins, noble even in their desolation, and masses of debris mark the location of the metropolis of an ancient empire.

Change, mysterious, unending, all-pervading change, you influence all, you permeate all, from your action naught hath immunity, the universe is subject to you.

Whence come your footsteps?

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