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IOWA POPULISTS

L. H. Weller of Nashua Heads the Ticket Nominated at Des Moines

The Independent had expected to have a representative at the Iowa populist state convention held at Des Moines, August 27, but unforeseen circumstances prevented. The Associated press dispatches, as usual with matter populistic, are incorrect as to the platform, because it is evident that something is omitted from the third paragraph. The dispatches say:

Governor, L. H. Weller, Nashua.
 Lieutenant governor, S. H. Harvey, East Des Moines.

Judge of the supreme court, J. A. Lowenberg, Ottumwa.

Railroad commissioner, Walter McCullah, Davis City.

Superintendent of public instruction, Hilo Bunce, Stuart.

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 27.—The populist state convention today nominated the foregoing ticket without contest, but indulged in a spirited debate over the platform. One faction, headed by Howard Rose of Chariton, desired to eliminate the demand for referendum and confine the party's appeal on this line to the initiative. The convention decided to indorse his plank providing for the initiative alone and to use the phrase "initiative and referendum" elsewhere, thus satisfying both sides. The platform says:

"We indorse the Omaha platform of 1892.

"We favor the adoption of the initiative and referendum in all elections of state and national character.

"We demand the right to elect both as to who shall be public officials and what shall be the public policy in government shall be conserved of the people and that all forms or systems invasive of this right shall be repealed.

"We recommend that the foregoing be made a part of the national platform at the next national convention."

The candidate for governor, Hon. L. H. Weller, known far and wide as "Calamity" Weller, is one of the "Old Guard," and represented his district in congress some years ago. Independent readers will remember his communication regarding the Denver conference, published some time ago in our columns.

Of course he cannot be elected and he will be attacked as an "assistant republican" because his candidacy will have the effect of drawing some votes

away from the democratic nominee. But the principal effect will be to provide a ticket for populists to support, who do not wish to vote for either Cummins or Sullivan. Whatever Mr. Weller's candidacy may cut in on the democratic strength is well deserved, for after absorbing the people's party, except about 500 who kept the middle of the road or went into the socialist ranks, the democrats repudiated their national platform and adopted an admittedly "cowardly" party creed.

Doubtless both Cummins and Sullivan are good men, but they stand on platforms which are not acceptable to populists. Mr. Weller, too, is a good man and he stands on a platform which every populist can indorse.

The Independent hopes to see Mr. Weller poll a big vote, regardless of what party or candidate may be hurt by it. Let no Iowa populist be frightened by the cry of "assistant republican." Vote for Weller! Show the Iowa democracy that it cannot lead you into the camp of the remorganizers. Rally 'round the Omaha platform and "Calamity" Weller, you of the "Old Guard" who have been for the past few years voting with the democrats or socialists (or the republicans for spite) or staying at home. Get out and whoop it up for Weller. Count on The Independent to help whatever it can.

A Bunch of Bouquets

Editor Independent: So many excellent articles have appeared in The Independent lately that I must openly praise them.

F. Engelhard's article in the July 16 number was unsurpassed, as evidenced by the single taxers and socialists trying to answer him. They abuse him and claim he is ignorant of what he is attempting to discuss; they cannot answer in argument.

Neither can they answer Mr. Ligon in the last issue, for the government must take the entire value of economic rent (or all the traffic will bear) or else they will not eliminate landlordism. As Mr. Engelhard says, it is impossible to separate land values from improved values, as single taxers are prone to do on paper.

I suppose H. Ellingston's article on "Store Up Labor" will receive an answer from some socialist. Aren't socialists, single taxers, etc., in a hornets' nest when they enter The Independent circle? I wish Mr. Bailey, who

tried to answer my article of June 11, would read W. J. Ghent's article which you reproduced from The Reader.

Mr. De France, you are sounder on finance than most populists. I have tried to get the "50 per capita" kind to defend their position, but cannot. We may need a quantity of money, now, equal to \$50 per capita, but the one is not the cause of the other. It is not good politics to arbitrarily fix the amount "per capita." Economists correlate money and taxation, why do they not carry this correlation farther?

It seems to me and has for years that it is the height of foolishness to demand in taxes more money annually than there is existing in the nation. If the volume was made equal to the annual taxes it would be none too much, but would be sufficient, I think. This may approximate \$50 per capita, but that is of no consequence.

Best of all things, though, is the veiled thrust at Mr. Edgar Howard. He, without doubt, is a hypocrite in the superlative degree, to whom Mickey, even, must give place.

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The Ohio Convention

The Independent was inclined to rejoice over Tom Johnson's victory in Ohio and feel that the democrats of Ohio had administered a deserved rebuke to their brothers in Iowa. But the letter below, coming from a prominent Ohio democrat—a man who has supported the Chicago and Kansas City platforms and nominees with unusual vigor—tends to dampen The Independent's ardor. Why should Johnson use his power to indorse Clark for the senate? Is Ohio so short of senatorial timber that no Kansas City platform democrat can be found for the place? Or is this a trick of Johnson's to fool McLain's members on the election boards, so that they will not count out the democratic ticket as they did Bigelow last year? Our correspondent says:

OHIO'S WELCOME TO THE PRODIGAL SON.

Editor Independent: The democratic state convention reaffirms the national platform, adds reform planks and invites Bryan into the state to make speeches. To cap the whole performance the ex-bolting gold bug Palmer and Buckner democrat, John H. Clark, is welcomed home into the

party and placed at the head of the table. This bolter is to get Mark Hanna's seat in the United States senate in the event of a democratic legislature being elected this fall.

What will be gained by putting Clark into Hanna's place? We know both are for bank note money and rubber currency. The only hope to keep the Eryan democrats in line is the platform and Mr. Bryan making speeches calling on the boys to vote 'er straight. The truth of the matter is, Johnson will do anything to keep the single tax before the people, and he does not deny it. The overwhelming defeat this fall will be put into Bryan's shoes. Ohio's action is not an answer to Iowa.

Tom Johnson

The career of this man tickles the fancy. A millionaire after a poverty-stricken childhood, a perpetual propagandist in opposition to the very interests by which he made his own money, an official who has consistently and cleverly fought the street railway systems he himself built up—all in all, Mayor Johnson is a picturesque and doughty figure.

There is one thing to be said for Henry George. He had a way of getting hold of men with his theories and his personality in such a way that a man once thoroughly imbued with his gospel was transformed thereby into an intellectual and political missionary of such an ardent type that the men who go to convert the Hottentots might well emulate their fervor.

Tom Johnson got into the atmosphere of this propaganda and his has been a serious case. Enriched by the tariff, he became a free trader; living on "unearned increments," he opposed the ownership of unused land; unusually successful in his street railway ventures, he began a crusade against monopoly privileges.

An idea is a veritable dynamo in this man's head and has kept not only Mr. Johnson himself busy, but all Ohio astir. Just where all this will end who can say? But at this time it behooves the public to keep an eye on Ohio and the strenuous mayor.—Denver News.

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