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### AN OHIO IDEA

Kansas City Democrats not Satisfied—They Believe the Money Question is Still a Vital Issue

Dr. Reemelin is active at work in Ohio preparing for the coming political and financial cyclone by getting the people's party on its feet in that state. The following is a copy of a letter he recently received:

Cleveland, O., Sept. 5, 1903.—Dr. R. H. Reemelin, Cincinnati, O.—Dear Sir: Your letter inviting me to participate with the people's party and to attend the meeting to be held on the 26th inst., at Columbus, came duly to hand, and I must say it was a surprise to me. My acquaintance with you was as a brother democrat and I had not previously heard of your change.

I read of the action of your party leaders at Denver, and at that time thought their course premature. I was still of this opinion when I received your letter about two weeks ago, but viewing the action of the late democratic convention at Columbus and what has followed, I must admit that you fellows are a long-headed set. The complete sell-out of the true blue Kansas City platform democrats by the leaders of this state has not its equal in history, and it fully justifies the stand you have taken.

The cunningness with which Tom L. Johnson and his gold bug allies succeeded in repudiating the silver plank of the Kansas City platform without the delegates of the convention detecting it, was a game so well played that Bryan could not have improved on it. Then adding to this injury the insult of forcing Clarke on the convention, is too damnable to find its equal even in fiction.

The Public of Chicago, the mouth-piece of Mr. Johnson, says: "Moreover, Mr. Clarke stands squarely upon the platform adopted at Columbus, a platform regarding the construction of which he was consulted and of which he approved." No wonder he stands squarely thereon. He evidently wrote that part which refers to the national platform and arranged it expressly for himself and his kind to stand on, and what a cunning genius he is, he has proven by the fact that he succeeded not only in fooling the delegates of the convention, but also the press of the country, which seems to accept unanimsly that the Kansas City platform was indorsed as a whole. Let us see about this. It reads as follows:

"The democrats of Ohio, in convention assembled at Columbus, reaffirming the declarations on national issues of our platform adopted at Sandusky hereby renew our allegiance to the democratic party of the nation, and again avow our devotion to the principles of its last national platform."

Note: This part is made conditional to the platform declaration at Sandusky, which did not indorse the Kansas City platform as a whole, but only certain parts thereof, and did not include the silver plank. Therefore, the above part of the late platform declaration has absolutely no bearing. Add to this Mr. Johnson's speech as chairman of said Sandusky convention in which he declared the silver issue dead, and we have repudiation pure and simple. Now comes the cocanut:

"We accordingly condemn colonialism and imperialism, denounce trusts and trust fostering tariffs, repudiate government by injunction, and oppose financial monopoly, together with every other monopoly and special privilege."

Thus, these cunning platform builders, just as at Sandusky, have extracted from the Kansas City platform such planks as suited them, and then they give us the milk in the nut, thus:

"Adhering to these principles of the Kansas City platform, we repeat our condemnation of all efforts to renounce or ignore them."

This relieves the Ohio platform from all obligation to the Kansas City platform except such parts thereof as are above specified, which certainly does not include the silver plank.

Why now should better Clarke not be willing to stand squarely on this platform? It's so natural, fits so well, and for gold bug Johnson, too. Why it will even carry the enormous weight of Grover Cleveland, and seems to have been built for Cleveland and Johnson in 1904—But:

How William Jennings Bryan, John L. Lentz, and such of our accepted leaders can stand upon it, is more than I can comprehend, and this, too after this new apostle, Johnson, tells us who have clung with all our heart to the cause, to take his medicine or get out of the party.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Clarke, however, stand convicted of having obtained their nomination and indorsement, respectively, under false pretenses, and no democrat is under obli-

gation to support them at the election, and I believe when this platform trick is once fully understood, there will be very few democrats who will vote for either of them.

Now, my friend, after reading the foregoing you will likely conclude that I am ready to join you. Such, however, is not the case. As yet, I believe it best to labor for the right in the ranks of my own party, and to that end I will make it my object to get the sincere and earnest Kansas City platform democrats to band together and refuse to vote for any and all candidates on the ticket who were not loyal in 1896 and 1900, and who still refuse to support the principles of said platform, one and all. By this means we can cleanse the party of the traitors within, and make a solid front with new and honest leaders for the fray in 1904.

In the meantime I wish you every success in your undertaking. I now believe that you are on the right track. The time has come for those who have been allied with the people's party in the past to reorganize as a safeguard, and where as we largely believe in the same principles, we may meet again. If we democrats can hold our party to the tenets of our present national platform and nominate reliable men in 1904, expediency in view of numerical strength will, I hope, prompt you to again join us. If we lose, then your organization will furnish for us a harbor of refuge.

You will remember I told you three years ago that Johnson was as much in sympathy with the repudiation of Bryan and the Kansas City platform by the Ohio convention at that time as Mr. McLean, that he was not fighting McLean on principles, but for personal advantage only, and that if he ever got enough rope, he would be the undoing of the democratic party. The hour of trial has come. The fiasco's, however, which he engineered during the last three years may yet be our salvation. Johnson, with the aid of the silverites whom he deceived into support of him, has succeeded in destroying the power of McLean. It now the voters act intelligently and sit down on Johnson, and sit down on him hard, we will get rid of all the traitors and have clear sailing hereafter.

The only deplorable feature in this struggle is that Bryan, Lentz and others, may go down in the wreck. The only thing that can save them, now that the treachery in this platform is exposed, is that they rise to the emergency and say unto Johnson and his gold bug allies: Halt, so far and no farther. "You shall not tread upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns; you shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold." Step up and subscribe to our creed or get out of the party. Oh, Mr. Bryan, let us see you again in that sublime greatness to which you rose in 1896 at Chicago.

P. ZUCKRIEGEL.

### Rebel Democrats and Pops

Editor Independent: I see the call is out for the Indiana conference all right. The newspaper men are now taking quite an interest in our meetings and we are getting a good deal of advertising. I am sure your coming to the conference would add much in arousing our people. When I wrote you last there seemed to be lack of co-operation, but I feel more encouraged now. The interest which the representatives of the plutocratic papers are taking indicate that the political managers appreciate the possibilities that lie in the populist revival.

A city election is pending and the silver democrats are as rebellious as the pops. The most vicious of the Palmer and Buckner democrats are in control of the city organization. I believe that the knowledge that you would come to the state conference on the 24th would add much to the attendance. At any rate we will do the best that we can should you consent to come. Politically everything is topsy turvy in this city.

JOHN MEDERT.  
Indianapolis, Ind.

### Coal Trust Treason

The anthracite coal companies are resisting the efforts of the United States government to look into their business. They have refused to give information asked for by the interstate commerce commission, and have been supported in the refusal by one of the lower federal courts. This case has been carried up to the United States supreme court, and pending a decision there, the coal roads have refused to fill in inquiry blanks sent to them by the United States census office. They seem to think they are engaged in a purely private business. That was the way they acted in relation to the strike, and the way in which they are now acting. It will prove in the end to be a public business.—Springfield Republican.

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