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### IOWA POPULISTS

Members of the People's Party in Iowa  
 Should Show Their Strength at the  
 Polls Next Tuesday

The contest in Iowa this year is a one-sided affair, there being little doubt of the re-election of Governor Cummins, the republican nominee. But whether Governor Cummins or Mr. Sullivan, the democratic nominee, shall be elected, is a matter of no particular concern to Iowa populists. They have their own candidate, Hon. L. H. Weller of Nashua, and should support him to a man.

It may be urged that Mr. Sullivan is a good man, an ardent supporter of Mr. Bryan, and all that; but the fact remains that he was nominated by a convention dominated by the same class of men who control the republican party—the big capitalists and corporations as opposed to the farmers; and the platform upon which he is making his campaign has been aptly characterized by Mr. Bryan as "a cowardly platform, partly good." There is nothing in the situation which should move a populist to vote the democratic ticket. Perhaps the republican candidates may be a little more fully under corporation control; than are the democratic candidates—but populists are not required to choose between two evils; They have a candidate of their own, wholly untrammelled by any corporation leading strings, and standing upon a populist platform—one of the Old Guard of populism who has been tried and has not been found wanting.

Beyond a doubt the motives of General Weaver, W. H. Robb and other prominent populists of Iowa, in permitting the absorption of the people's party by the democrats, were inspired by a proper understanding of the economic forces which give rise to political movements. With the democratic party divorced from corporation leading strings, and standing square-to-square with Mr. Bryan for the great common people as opposed to the big capitalists, there was no reason for the existence of two parties standing for the same interests. Hence, we ought not to impugn their motives. They undoubtedly did what they believed to be best.

But we have a right to criticize their lack of far-sightedness. They counted without their host in supposing that the big capitalists would give up their hold upon the democratic party with-

out a fight. Here in Nebraska, the home of Mr. Bryan, and logically the place of all others one might expect immediate absorption of the people's party by the democrats, the populists have persistently maintained their own party organization, notwithstanding they joined hands with the democrats in every campaign since 1895.

In Iowa, no sooner had the people's party completely disintegrated, and General Weaver, Mr. Robb and others had gone bodily into the democratic party, than that party was captured by the agents of the big capitalists and repudiated the Kansas City platform. That was a foretaste of what populists may expect next year—especially if they permit their party organization to be absorbed. It is simply history repeating itself. Every third party organization which grew up because there was no great party representing the economic interests of the common people, has been killed off in substantially the same manner by the democratic party.

The reason for this is that the republican party is openly and notoriously the agent of the big capitalists—as it has been secretly ever since 1868. Confident of its power to hoodwink and fool all the people all the time, it now makes no hypocritical pretensions of standing for anything but the big corporate interests. But these interests fear the result if the democratic party should openly and honestly throw down the gage of battle and without any half-heartedness espouse the cause of the common people. So they endeavor to hold sufficient control of the democratic party to cause its defeat at the polls whenever a man like Mr. Bryan is nominated, or a still more galling defeat when such a man as Mr. Cleveland is nominated.

Repeated experience demonstrates the futility of expecting relief from the extortions of the big capitalists at the hands of either of the old parties. Whenever the democratic candidates and platform are right, the corporation end of the party defeats the ticket. When wrong, the result is even a worse defeat. Of course, no farmer but a "millet head" expects anything else than to be robbed when the republicans win.

Seemingly, then, there is but one hope for the farmers of America, and that is to again build up the people's party, making the organization such that no big corporationist (synonymous with "corruptionist"), either presi-

denial or agent, can ever become a member of the party; and so that nothing but a straight-ahead, middle-of-the-road course will be possible.

Hon. L. H. Weller of Nashua, Ia., the populist candidate for governor of that state, was born in Connecticut, 1833, of German, Welsh, Irish, and French stock of ancestry. At his mother's knee he learned the alphabet. Attended common school; then the state normal at New Britain, and afterward the literary institute at Suffield. He then taught in the common schools and in a private normal for the preparation of young men and women as teachers.

He removed to Iowa in 1858, where he has since resided. He is a practical farmer and for many years has been identified with Iowa agriculture, both experimental and practical. For many years also he was editor and proprietor of the Farmers' Advocate, which was published at Waterloo until the corporationists sought to drive him from the field by their well-known tactics. This summer marked the approaching end of a long siege of lawsuits forced upon him to recover his printing plant from the hands of his enemies.

Mr. Weller was independent candidate for state senator in 1877, being supported by the grange and other independents, and was defeated by a small majority in a big republican district. In 1882 he defeated Thomas Updegraff, the republican nominee for congress in the Fourth Iowa district, although prior to that the normal republican majority over all opposition was about 8,000. Mr. Weller won by 747 votes. He was renominated in 1884 and received 3,379 votes more than he did two years before—yet the republican returning board counted in his republican opponent by 230 majority.

Mr. Weller opened his present campaign in a speech at Albia, talking for his text, "Money and Taxation." He showed that the money question is the almighty, overshadowing one; that equitable state and local taxation comes next; and that the tariff comes next. He urged that the farmers of the United States have the power to destroy every trust that is now absorbing the wealth of the world, if they will only unite peaceably and lawfully at the ballot box and there deposit their votes for measures rather than for mere men, because men may fail; but right measures, never.

The Independent hopes that the returns from Iowa next Tuesday may

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show a big vote for Mr. Weller and the entire populist state ticket. The result cannot be changed this year, whether that vote be great or small; but if a good big vote be cast for the populist candidates, it will not only be a rebuke to democratic two-facedness, but also an inspiration to the farmers of Iowa to unite and drive the money changers out of the temple.