

slowly, but they grind exceeding fine. For 28 years we have been fighting to retake freedom's banner, but still it floats over the ranks of those who are enemies of republican freedom. . . . But our light is dawning—the sun has not yet risen. . . . Truth is God, and God is right, and right the day will win; to doubt, would be disloyalty; to falter, would be sin."

H. D. Albright, Watsontown, Pa.: "I am no populist, nor in fact a member of any political party. I am willing to vote with any party that I think will do pretty near right, but I have not found such in this part of the country lately, I am sorry to say."

Victor Lawson, Willmar, Minn.: "I am chairman of what is left of the populist party of Minnesota. Will send you some papers by which you may judge of our work here last year. We placed an independent ticket in the field with some enthusiasm, but most of our influential friends deserted on election day or the week or two previous. The four or six years of co-operation has demoralized the party thoroughly. I spent my entire time last year and over \$1,000 in trying to establish a state weekly. We have not had a state meeting since last election, but I can see little hope. Everyone felt that they were making one or their last stands under the banner of the populist name last fall."

J. T. Greenwade, Willard Mo.: "We have kept up our county organization all through the trying ordeal of the democrats attempting to destroy us."

E. B. Langham, Gillett, Ark.: "You can count on me the remainder of my days."

J. H. Vandegrift, Branchville, Ala.: "I am a strong advocate of the Omaha platform and everlastingly opposed to the gold standard."

B. F. Warbritton, Huntingdon, Tenn.: "Yes, put my name down as a member of the Old Guard of Populist. . . . I have been in the fight ever since 1892, when I got my eyes opened to the rottenness of the democratic party by being a member of the farmers' alliance."

Will R. King, Ontario, Ore.: "I am at present working in the democratic party, and consider myself a democrat. While the populist party was in existence I was one of the active members of that party in this state. I have not changed my views on the issues which brought the populist party into existence. I believe in all the principles laid down by that party in its last national platform. I now believe it the duty of every member of that party to use their utmost energy to assist the Bryan wing of democracy to maintain control of the national democratic party. I think more good can be accomplished in that way than by going it alone, and so far as I am individually concerned I expect to be governed accordingly."

F. G. R. Gordon, Reading, Mass.: "I am greatly interested in your letter and printed matter. . . . The Omaha platform is good enough. If we are to make an effective showing in 1904 we must get down to business. Organizers should be placed in the field in such states as Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, etc. I doubt if we could do very much in New England. We should have an organization that will pay from 10 cents to \$1 a month, the funds thus raised to be used for organization purposes."

J. B. Alley, Ingalls, Kas., thinks populism is dead in his county and that the Old Guard have all joined the socialist party.

M. A. Brown, Stone Point, Tex.: "I like your move and hope from your plan and other sources we will be able at least to get the truth of populism inspired anew in every populist throughout the United States."

John J. Miles, Miles Cross Roads, Tenn.: "I am glad to fill your blank of enrollment in the Old Guard of Populism and send a dollar to help along the work." (Mr. Miles has been postmaster for the past thirty years.)

G. L. Spence, 19 Mt. Vernon ave., Atlantic, N. J.: "I am always glad to give all the help possible to encourage organization of a fighting third party, built on honest reform lines. My first vote was for Peter Cooper and my last for Wharton Barker." (Mr. Spence's home is at Parkersburg, W. Va., but he is temporarily at Atlantic City.)

Being in close touch with the populist state committee here, and Nebraska being right at home and more easily reached than other states, I have made no special effort to secure members of the Old Guard of Populism in this state. A little later I expect to send the prospectus to every populist in Nebraska, whose name I can secure from the records and otherwise. In the meantime, however, the prospectus will be sent to all who

ask for it. The work is of such magnitude that other states must be given attention first.

**A REFERENDUM NOMINATION.**

"Why not in 1904?" asks Paul Dixon, editor of the Missouri World, in an editorial wherein he urges that the populist presidential and vice presidential nominations for 1904 be made by a referendum vote. He takes issue with the statement I make in the Old Guard folder that—

"The time is now too short to perfect this organization so that a national convention can be dispensed with."

Perhaps Mr. Dixon is right and I am wrong. It depends upon how thorough an organization ought to be made in order to nominate by direct vote. For my part, I am inclined to agree with Mr. Dixon that—

"A single thousand, scattered over the United States, voting in the quiet of their homes, for first, second and third choice, would be less apt to make a serious mistake than a convention, which is often boss-ridden and is always in a state of excitement and confusion."

However, as the question of how the nomination shall be made is one to be decided at the St. Louis meeting, February 22, I had no desire to usurp any of the prerogatives of the two national committees which will meet at that time. I knew that the Cincinnati plan contemplates a much more thorough enrollment and organization than can possibly be made in an entire year; but, of course, this need not be complete in every detail to warrant direct nominations. Hence, I made no statements in the folder that would tend to raise any false hopes. The card files containing the names of the Old Guard of Populism will be of great utility to the next national committee, whether the nomination be made direct or by convention.—C. Q. De France.

**COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS.**

From the enrollment papers of the Old Guard of Populism I secure the following information regarding the various county committees of the people's party. In a number of cases no convention was held this year or last, but the latest committee officers are given.

**ALABAMA.**

Pickens: Dr. J. F. Duncan, chairman; A. F. Brandon, secretary; post-office (both), McShan.

Houston: New county carved out of Henry; no organization; consult Samuel M. Maund, Daleva.

St. Clair: Last state convention, 1900; no organization; consult James H. Vandegrift, Branchville.

**ARKANSAS.**

Craighead: No organization; consult W. H. Burdyslaw, Jonesboro.

Pulaski: No report; consult A. W. Files, Little Rock.

Nevada: John M. Pittman, chairman; J. O. A. Bush, secretary; post-office (both), Prescott.

Washington: Squire Jackson, Fayetteville, chairman, 1898; said to have joined the socialists.

Arkansas: J. J. Brassell, chairman, De Witt; T. V. Nicholson, secretary, Stuttgart.

**CALIFORNIA.**

Sonoma: No organization; consult D. P. Rice, Occidental.

**COLORADO.**

Sedgwick: No organization; consult L. Darling, Sedgwick.

Phillips: Phil Zimmerman, chairman; Charles Peter, secretary; both Holyoke.

Archuleta: No organization; consult E. T. Walker, Pagosa Springs.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

District: Dr. Alex Kent, chairman; A. E. Phelps, secretary, both Washington.

**FLORIDA.**

Jackson: No organization; consult D. L. McKinnon, Marianna.

**GEORGIA.**

Cherokee: J. R. Hughes, chairman, Victoria; W. F. Bell, secretary, Bufington.

Faulding: Thomas Owins, chairman, Hiram; John Chiles, secretary, Dallas.

De Kalb: J. F. Langford, secretary, Stone Mountain.

**ILLINOIS.**

Vermillion: John Shepherd, chairman, Danville.

Marion: No report; consult J. S. Jones, Iuka.

**INDIANA.**

Marion: F. D. Craig, chairman, 328 E. Washington st., Indianapolis; M. B. Stillwell, secretary, 418 Blackford st., Indianapolis.

Knox: Geo. C. Conrad, chairman, Oaktown; S. W. Williams, secretary, Vincennes; Henry Brocksmith, treasurer, Bicknell.

Knox (second report): Will B. Wolfe, chairman, Oaktown; W. D. Latashaw, secretary, Carlisle.

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Marshall: No report; consult D. Yeagley, Plymouth.

**INDIAN TERRITORY.**

Pickens: No organization; consult Abel D. Chase, Ardmore.

**IOWA.**

Adair: Jacob Lyman, chairman; H. P. Schofield, secretary; both Greenfield.

Polk: T. G. Wheeler, chairman, Des Moines; S. M. Harvey, secretary, East Des Moines.

Monona: No organization; consult Lewis Iddings, Mapleton.

Crawford: No organization; consult A. Norelius, Kiron.

**KANSAS.**

Riley: E. J. Millard, chairman; J. N. Limbocker, secretary; both Manhattan.

Shawnee: No report; consult Anthony Dolezilek, Silver Lake.

Stafford: Wm. Campbell, chairman, St. John.

Osage: No report; consult A. C. Miller, Burlingame.

Smith: J. A. Wright, secretary, Lebanon; T. E. Thompson, treasurer, Smith Center; chairman moved out of county.

**KENTUCKY.**

Butler: No organization; consult Dan Hope, Morgantown.

Trigg: John White, chairman, Wallonia; John D. Humphries, secretary, Cadiz.

**MAINE.**

Penobscot: No report; consult Albion Gates, Carroll.

**MASSACHUSETTS.**

Hampden: No report; consult Francis Keyes, Longmeadow.

**MICHIGAN.**

Van Buren: No report; consult F. W. Anthony, Mattawan.

**MINNESOTA.**

Freeborn: No report; consult A. T. D. Austin, Alden.

**MISSISSIPPI.**

Copiah: No organization; consult B. F. Jones, Beauregard.

**MISSOURI.**

Clay: No report; consult J. S. Atkins, Missouri City.

Cass: No report; consult J. H. Briscoe, R. F. D. 4, Harrisonville.

Lafayette: W. W. Thomas, chairman, Odessa.

Webster: J. S. Cantrell, chairman, Northview; A. Scott, secretary, Hiatt.

St. Clair: No organization; consult A. C. Ditty, Appleton City.

Adair: A. N. Hine, chairman; R. B. Friable, secretary; both Kirksville.

Ripley: L. F. Endsley, chairman,