

voted for Col. S. F. Norton of Illinois. I absolutely refuse yet to vote for any candidate on any platform, nominated by any party who is not opposed to corporation control, of money land and transportation. Democratic party, as a national party, is a negation, like a ship in mid-ocean without rudder, without compass, without pilot, yet striving vainly to reach the haven of loaves and fishes. Very much depends on the action of the national committees when they shall meet in St. Louis, February 22. If wise counsel shall prevail, I shall expect a re-lighting of the camp fires of reform from Maine to California, and from Canada to the gulf. Shall we be wise or otherwise? We shall see."

W. M. Chapman, Lyle, Tex.: "A straight populist ticket for 1904, or no voting for me."

P. J. Leonard, Claremont, Ill.: "I am entirely, testotally and emphatically with you and anybody today who can't feel where the shoe pinches ought to be bored for the simples. You will hear from me later on."

Marion Owen, Atlantic City, N. J.: "I am a prohibitionist and believe in the principles of populism. I am pushing the Cincinnati plan of organization for all true reforms."

A. M. Ballew, Hale, Mo.: "I am proud to stand up and be counted as one of the Old Guard of Populism. I have supported the principles advo-

cated by the people's party since 1848 with my time, money and vote; and expect to keep doing this until I die." (Mr. Ballew was populist candidate for the state legislature in 1896 in Livingston county.)

P. J. Rumbaugh, Odessa, Mo.: "I am dyed in the wool. Enroll me good and heavy. I was county lecturer of the alliance for this (Lafayette) county and was the first open, avowed populist of this county. Made quite a number of speeches for Weaver and the party."

F. M. Clifton, Kaurman, Tex.: "Your last letter convinced me of your good faith in populist work. Your plan to give us a political home is the best I ever saw. I am the only populist in this city—the strongest democratic town in Texas, but I will go all I can for the cause."

L. H. Weller, Nashua, Ia.: "The auspicious time has arrived when cowardice should disappear and both hands go up in broad day light to strengthen the party and faith of the weak ones. Iowa will be strongly represented in the St. Louis meeting, February 22."

Dr. R. H. Reemelin, 56 Garfield Pl., Cincinnati, O.: "Happy New Year! Will send a few names as time rolls on." (The Happy New Year was accentuated by a one dollar bill.—De France.)

W. L. Latschaw, Carnisle, Sullivan county, Ind.: "I see in The Independent that Mr. Wolfe and I was accredited to Knox county in second report. This is an error, as we are both in Sullivan county and should be listed accordingly." (Mr. Wolfe gets his mail at Oaktown in Knox county and his enrollment failed to show that he lives in Sullivan county. This accounts for the error in my report of county organization some weeks ago. It will be corrected by the time the next report is made.—De France.)

Amos H. Edwards, Bentonville, Ark.: "I feel proud to be enrolled as a member of the Old Guard of Populism although my youthful age (87 years on January 22, 1904) forbids my doing much active work, but in former years I have done a great deal in the temperance cause and in the grange. I was a deputy to organization granges in the state of Wisconsin and also a deputy to organization subordinate divisions of the Sons of Temperance; also of the sovereigns of industry in the same state; and was since a member of the Knights of Labor in Nebraska and a deputy in the Temple of Honor in that state."

D. J. Newell, M. D., Eliasville, Tex.: "I was originally greenbacker; voted for Weaver in 1892; and love the populist principles the same as ever. I wish to be enrolled in the Old Guard of Populism. On with the light!"

J. M. Cockrell, Stapsel, Ala.: "Yes, sir, you can count on me as long as I live. I have enlisted for Juring the war or until my lamp goes out. I have taken the Missouri World for ten years; it is my Bible."

J. P. Bridger, Mt. Airy, Ga.: "All populists who were ever true, or were so from principle, are still so; and many of those on the fence would join us if they could see any chance to win. More men see the truth and justice of our cause than ever before. . . I am ashamed to see our southern brothers still flinging at populism, and also at Mr. Bryan; and waaoping it up for Cleveland, traitor; German, a tariff gold bug, and Parker, who has never said a word of disapproval of the combines and trusts. . . I am getting old and feeble and cannot do much myself out watch and hope for the dawn of a brighter day to shed its benign rays upon a wronged, oppressed and forbearing people. I can but pray for and heartily wish the Old Guard of Populism all the success it deserves."

B. F. Pointer, Shelby, Neb., sends back his blank assigned saying that he has not gone back to the g. o. p., but has "gone on to the home of all earnest reformers who believe in humanity—a populist in 1892, and socialist in 1902."

H. M. Huntsman, R. F. D. 1, Macon, Mo.: "I fully endorse your plan and wish you much success."

A. T. Hinshaw, Elmwood, Neb.: "As I am one who has come all the way over the train I want to be enrolled among the O. d. Guards. Voted for Peter Cooper in 1876, and supported all reform candidates since. Let the republican party and burned the bridges behind me. I approve the work of the Denver conference and want a straight populist nominated for president, without regard to what any other party may or may not do."

Charles Nownes, Papillion, Neb.: "In recent years it has been a pleasure to me to see my old friends of the alliance school and be greeted by them as one of the Old Guard. Am I

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