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A LEGAL NOMINATION

There seems to be considerable misunderstanding on the part of a number of populists as to what would constitute a "legal nomination" for president and vice president. Some contend that unless the nomination be made by direct vote under the Cincinnati plan, it will not be "legal." Others hold to the view that unless the nomination be made by a national convention, it will be "illegal." As a matter of law and fact, both are wrong.

In the first place no nomination whatever is legally necessary, because the federal constitution does not provide for a direct vote by the people, and there is in reality no such thing as a national election or a national political party. In fact, the constitution was framed with the idea of avoiding the formation of political parties. Further, too, with the idea of keeping the people as far away as possible from having a direct voice in national affairs. In this, the hand of Hamilton can be seen; also the fact that Jefferson had no part in framing the original constitution.

Paragraph 2, section 1, article 2 of the United States constitution provides that—

"Each state shall appoint, in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct, a number of electors, equal to the whole number of senators and representatives to which the state may be entitled in the congress; but no senator or representative, or person holding an office of trust or profit under the United States, shall be appointed an elector."

Paragraph 3 is superseded by the 12th amendment, and provides for the election of a president and a vice president by the electors, so appointed as above set out.

Hence, so far as concerns the so-called "nomination" of president, it may be done any way, or omitted altogether. The real election is made by the electors mentioned in paragraph 2.

The various state legislatures have directed the manner of "appointing" the electors. In practically every state this is done by popular vote. Here is where the necessity comes in for "legal" action—and not in the matter of a national nomination.

Candidates for electors—in all states where they are chosen by popular vote—must be nominated in accordance with the state law. If this requires a mass or delegate convention, a convention must be held to nominate persons for electors.

In many states, a political party, to be entitled to a place on the official ballot—that is, to have a legal existence as a party—must have cast at least a certain per cent of the total vote at the preceding election. And it will be found in a good many states that the people's party has lost its legal status, and has no recognized existence under the law.

Usually, however, provision is made permitting "new" parties a place on the official ballot, if a convention be held having a given number present, or by filing a petition signed by a

given number of voters. And steps of this kind must be taken in such states to get people's party candidates for presidential electors upon the official ballot.

Where a petition is necessary, the records of the Old Guard of Populism will come in good play, showing where to reach the hustling, conscientious populists.

The statutes of Nebraska provide that—

"Electors of president and vice president shall be elected at the general election in the year 1880, and every four years thereafter, on such day as congress may appoint, said electors to be chosen from the state at large."

The conclusion is, therefore, that the people's party may select its standard-bearers for 1904 in whatever manner is deemed best. But the electors in each state must be placed in nomination in accordance with the state law. The Independent would be glad to hear from some good populist lawyer in each state as to the legal status of the people's party and the manner of nominating electors.

"Redemption," as Mr. Bryan pointed out after the election of 1900, means a buying back. At that time he regarded republican "redemption" of Nebraska as a polite term for expressing the fact that the republicans had bought back political control of the state. But as the years go by and state taxes grow heavier by jumps and bounds of 30 per cent, 72 per cent, and on up, the word takes on new significance. It is now apparent that republican "redemption" of Nebraska means that the farmers—mullet heads and Old Guards alike—must buy back their property from the republican tax-eaters, who are squandering it in building up a political machine to keep them in power perpetually.

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One of the Old Guard of Populism a few weeks ago made the just complaint that after the Old Guard had spent their time and money building up the people's party, the offices mostly went to what he termed "the half-baked railroad pass brigade." It is true that among the populist officials of Nebraska were some who stood much too close to the railroad corporations to be true representatives of the people. But, after all, general results count. The populist administration has never been equalled in Nebraska. There are many of the Old Guard who never aspired to office—but as a matter of self-preservation they cannot afford to cease their vigilance. They must suffer along with the mullet heads the effects of republican "redemption."

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