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THE NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT

The Preferential Ballot

Every enrolled member of the Old Guard of Populism, and every reader of The Independent who desires to be enrolled as a member, is entitled to vote the ballot printed in the lower right hand corner of this page. If you are not enrolled, fill out the enrollment blank above and send in with your vote. Also send a list of ten or more names of populists who would be likely to become members.

Out of a number of hundred votes already received, only a few are im properly marked-but a few hints may not be amiss.

Suppose you regard Thomas E. Wat son and William V. Allen as the tw most likely to lead the rest, and that you wish to favor Watson; also sup pose you have a local candidate that is worthy the nomination, but has probably no chance of securing the nomination. Now, to the vote: You would write in the local candidate' name and mark a figure 1 in the lefthand column before his name; then a figure 2 . before Watson's name. This would give. Watson you vote as soon as your local first choice dropped out. You would mark Allen number 3, in such a case if you desire him to be Watson's running mate.

The count is made thus: Suppose 78 ballots cast; for first choice Morgan has 1, Owers 2, Watson 3, Ferriss 4, Williams 5, Weller 6, Breidenthal 7 Brown 8, Livingston 9, Calderhead 10 Allen 11, and Barker 12. Morgan is "out of the race" and his one ballot is given to Watson, who is named as second choice. Owers is now "low man" and his two ballots are redistributed. Suppose they, too, contain Watson's name as second choice; they go to Watson.

As Watson has now 6 votes, Ferriss is the new one declared out of the race. Say all his ballots call for Watson as second choice-they are given to Watson, who now has 10 votes.

This leaves Williams "low man," Again suppose the improbability-but not impossibility-that all of Williams' supporters claimed the Georgia man for second choice. Williams' 6 votes go to Watson, who has now more than any other remaining candidate.

But the process of elimination goes on, and Weller's 6, Breidenthal's 7, Brown's 8, and Livingston's 9, all go to Watson as second choice. He has now a clear majority of all votes cast, having 45 votes to Calderhead's 10, Allen's 11, and Barker's 12.

But suppose we continue the process. Calderhead's votes are distributed again and it is found that 6 go to Allen, 2 to Watson and 2 to Barker. Manifestly, Barker is now out of the race, and the ticket is Watson and

The Old Guard of Populism

NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT ENROLLMENT BLANK.

Approving the work of the Denver Conference and desiring to be enrolled as a member of the Old Guard of Populism I furnish you the following information regarding myself, to aid in making up your enrollment records:

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My vocatio	n is		
I am a Pop	pulist; was formerly a	; but	left that party in
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Delegate N	fational Convention (years)	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	
Delegate St	tate Convention (years)		
Member No	ational Committee (years)	; Ме	m. State Com. (year)
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During this	s time I have held the following	offices by election or a	appointment:
Our last po	pulist state convention was held	(date and place)	; our last county convention
(Date and pla	ace) /	Officers of our	county committee are as follows:
Chairman		······ P. O. · · · · ·	
Secretary		P.O	
Treasurer		P. O	
I take the f	following populist papers:		

WHAT to READ on SUCIALISM A book of thirty-six large pages, describing the stan-dard works on socialism in such a way that the student dard works on socialism in such a way that the student can readily judge what is to be learned from each. An introductory essay by Charles H. Kerr on "The Cem-tral Thing in Socialism," adds to the value of the book for new converts or inquirers. Handsomely printed on fine book paper with portraits of Marx, Engels, Liebknecht, Vandervelde, Carpenter, Whit-man, Blatchford, Simons and other writers. Mailed for only ONE CENT a copy; \$1.00 a hundred. "ARLES H. KERR & CO., Pubs., 56 Fifth Ave., CHICAGO. Who is Your Choice for President? MARK YOUR PREFERENCE IN THE SAMPLE BALLOT.

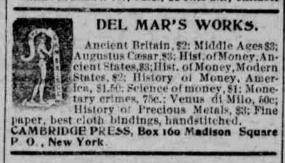
Allen.

Of course, this is only a hypothetical case, but it illustrates the method of counting. The voter can make no mistake in casting a complimentary first choice vote for some local friend -if he counts for second choice the man he really wishes to get the nomination. The vote will be sure to go there without any "band-wagon" accompaniments or danger. But if the process be reversed, the local man will be eliminated long before the ballot reaches him.

Make plain figures. No X's, crosses, or check marks. Address your votes C. Q. DE FRANCE. to Lincoln, Neb.

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Nye & Buchanan Co, were taking the lead in great shape on Monday's market, reaching the top price on all three kinds, cattle, hogs and shcep. They topped the steer market for R. A. Pritchard of Pender, selling his steers for \$4.25; and the sheep market for Nels Johnson of Valley, selling his ewes for \$1.75 and the hog market | for the Elevator company of Fairfax, selling their car of hogs for \$4.85;



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request. Wheelock & Wheelock, 24 B'd'y, Fargo, N. D.

How They Would Look

Editor Independent: In answer to The Independent's question, "How would Nebraska republican papers look if the grand jury had been indicting populist officials instead of republican?" I can imagine that in their overflowing joyfulness their headings would read: "We need not go abroad for joy-we have a 'feast' at home." The papers would probably look like a pictorial copy of the feast of Belshazzar. The republicans have that king's role pretty well in hand already. We are told in the 4th verse of the 5th chapter of Daniel that: "They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, (the republican editors are yet unbelievers there), of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone." They agree almost exactly in worship, you see, and will in a little time if they keep on reach the same goal.

I don't care to have this answer put in competition-as the "point of view" may not be just suitable.

Such an event as The Independent mentions would be just sugar and peaches to those papers-and if there's anything they'd like betterprobably 'twould be (as has been told) -like Ed. Clark's "superlative" taste for something better than sugarwhich is-"more sugar."

FRANCIS KEYES. Longmendow, Mass.

(EXPLANATION:-The ballot below is not official in any way. It is not binding upon the voter and is for no other purpose than to test the question of whether the People's Party, at the proper time, could really make a success of nominating its candidates by direct vote. The success of the vote made on this ballot will have much weight in determining whether our next candidates shall be nominated by reterendum or convention. The vote to be taken on this ballot is called "preferential" or "effective." In other words, if your first choice doesn't win your second choice may. You have a right to vote ior all, giving each one a preference over some other. Suppose your first choice should be Watson, your second Alien, your third Barker, your tourth Williams, etc., you would mark your ballot something alter this fashion:

lorgan	4 Williams	6 Livingston
owers	7 Weller	Calderhead
Vatson	· 5 Breidenthal	2 Allen
ferriss	8 Brown	3 Barker

In such an event, you would not vote at all for Owers, Ferris or Calderhead, but would ex' press a preference for the other nine in the order indicated by the figures at the left of each name-in marking your vote do not make a cross or check mark, but place a figure 1 in the space to the left o. your first choice, a figure 2 for second choice, and so on. The blank line above Mr. Mor-gan's name may be used for writing in any other person's name not printed in the list. The method of counting these ballots will be explained in the populist papers. When your vote is marked as you want it, sign your name and address at bottom and mail to C. Q. De France, Lincoln, Neb.

CE. NAMES.	POSTOFFICE
W. S. MORGAN	Hardy, Ark.
FRANK W. OWERS	Leadville, Colo.
THOMAS E. WATSON	Thomson, Ga.
JAMES H. FERRISS	Joliet, Ill.
SAMUEL W. WILLIAMS	Vincennes, Ind.
L. H. WELLER	Nashau, Iowa.
JOHN W. BREIDENTHAL	Kansas City, Kans.
E. GERRY BROWN	Brockton, Mass.
A. H. LIVINGSTON	West Plains, Mo.
J. H. CALDERHEAD	Helena, Mont.
WM. V. ALLEN	Madison, Nebr.
WHARTON BARKER	Philadelphia, Pa.

Voters's Name

P. O.