

days, 251; total enrollment to date, 1,108, representing 43 states and territories. Total receipts to date, \$260.96; total expenses paid, \$189.42; bills yet unpaid, about \$10. This will be the last report until after the St. Louis meeting, and until all enrollment cards can be made out and distributed under the reffling by counties. CHARLES Q. DE FRANCE, Assistant Secretary. Lincoln, Neb.

KENTUCKY.

Editor Independent: You have asked me for my opinion on the political situation and the status of the people's party.

I have never been in favor of any fusion with either of the old parties in national, state or county elections.

When the people's party was first organized and nominated their presidential ticket, the platform set forth a plain declaration of principles which were then deemed necessary that justice might be administered to a great majority of the people, and that greed, avarice and oppression should be checked. The conditions which made it then necessary to organize the people's party have continued to exist and increase and will continue until all the wealth and power of the country is gathered into the hands of a few (and very few) and of course the great multitude are as complete slaves as ever existed in any age or country.

There is no effort (real, earnest effort) on the part of the leaders, bosses and legislators of either the democratic or republican party to check, change or modify political conditions for the benefit of the masses—there never was and never will be.

From my personal observation the majority of men of money or any political officeholder and those who draw a salary from corporations or for religious or educational service, are very silent on any subject that would jeopardize their income or salary.

That makes them servile slaves—they are not freemen.

The great majority of both old political parties are blind to their own interest and are influenced by party prejudice, and they draw their political inspiration from the hired metropolitan press and their party speakers.

This is the exact situation as I see it after years of faithful, diligent and ceaseless effort to induce that class of voters to stop and make an honest investigation of the political situation and then vote for their own interest.

We know they never have done it—now, the question is, Will they do it? and, if so, when? I do not believe they ever will open their eyes to look for their own interest.

The republican party leaders can take the "nigger" up by the heels and scare the entire south into the democratic party. It seems to me that the race discussion of late brought on by the leaders of the republican party was for this purpose (to aid the democrats) as fusion of democrats and populists proved of great benefit to the republicans in the western states.

I am for every plank in the Omaha platform and will never vote with either of the D. O. P.'s and will do all in my power to help the principles in county, state and nation. But I must say it looks like "sweetness on the desert air."

It will cost us some money and much effort to carry on the next presidential campaign and we will fail of course. I prefer the meeting at St. Louis to decide how to nominate a candidate. The referendum vote will suit me.

This (Graves) county once cast 800 votes, and there are a good lot of populists here yet. We can get a meeting of the true men at any time we call for it.

I. A. WESSON, M. D. Wingo, Ky.

Jullus A. Jordan, Ogden, Kas.: "I

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enclose enrollment for myself and you may place the name of James A. Jordan on the roll. He was born in Virginia in 1823 and is 80 years old past, and is a farmer. No more fusion for me."

THE FIRST ENROLLMENT.

I have never made any claim for originality in the matter of enrolling the Old Guard of Populism. It is a composite, drawing features from a good many different sources.

The library card index feature is borrowed from public libraries. I applied it to Nebraska politics after the campaign of 1901, by having all the various big lists of names, collected in various campaigns, copied on cards prepared for that purpose and designed as an aid to future chairmen of the state committee. The term "Old Guard" is very old itself. But used in connection with the phrase, "those who have come all the way over the trail," for this, I am indebted to my brother editor, Mr. Tbbles.

The "Old Guard Edition" of The Independent last fall was a conception of my own. We had had a Henry George Edition and one for Karl Marx. What could be more natural than one for the Old Guard? That edition gave Warner Starr, of Allen, Neb., an idea. He proposed and effected an organization known as the "Old Guard of Dixon County, Nebraska."

The disorganized condition of the people's party in most states—and the fact of my being one of the Denver conference organization committee—set me to thinking what might be done to bring about some semblance of order and organization. I had read some of Bro. Streeter's printed matter, and knew something about the dues-paying features of the socialist party. I knew how small is the number of populist papers.

Hence, grew into shape the plans for the Old Guard of Populism. The constituent parts are all borrowed—but the arrangement alone is all I claim any credit for—if any credit there be.

The real value of the enrollment will be realized later on. My brother, Mr. Streeter, has given me the cold shoulder, after doing much good work in behalf of the enrollment, because he says I lack "nerve"—because I refuse to point because a good many populists want a national convention instead of nominating by referendum. But no matter how we nominate the standard-bearers, it is evident that in a majority of states our candidates for presidential electors must go on by petition. Petitions must be circulated. Who will do the work? Plainly there are no better, more conscientious men than those who have enrolled as of the Old Guard of Populism.

Our old guard friend, Judge Samuel W. Williams, writes me a letter which, so far as my present information goes, leads me to believe he is the original "enroller." The enrollment sheets he sends have many features in common with our Old Guard of Populism blanks. In passing, I would say that Judge Williams sends a dollar nearly every week to keep the Old Guard work going—a fact that makes me more than ever prejudiced in his favor! He says:

"I am of the opinion that I made the first enrollment in the people's party; and in support of my claim I enclose you some of the original enrollment sheets filed with me in 1898.

"I enrolled the Second Indiana district as an experiment, thinking that there would be no fusion in 1900 and that I would attempt to enroll the entire party in 1900.

"In looking over my scrap-book I find a copy of an official circular issued by State Chairman Robinson in 1902 which may be of interest to you and I enclose it.

"I think my enrollment was begun in 1897. If there was any attempt at enrollment before that date I would be pleased to read an account of it.

"I enclose you \$1 additional contribution to your expense account. Yours for populism."

I am not certain as to dates, but believe Bro. Weller did a similar work over in Iowa a few years ago.—De France.

A PIONEER IN REFORM.

Editor Independent: I have been a voter for the party since its formation and reformer since '76. I appointed the first meeting held in Erath county at Harper's Mill on Green's creek, at which resolutions upon the money question were adopted. L. E. Gillette, J. T. Morris and myself were appointed as committee to draft resolutions in harmony with the wishes of the body. As well as I remember, the resolutions only embodied the money question; perhaps others, but the money question was the main one. Those resolutions were in substance the same the party contests

IAMS' HORSES

Well, well! Cheer up! Get busy—Iams' peaches and cream are ripe. They were sensational "show horses," "live whirlwinds" at the Nebraska State Fair. (He had a snap.) Iams had a whole barn full of prize winners there. Iams won first on four-year-old Percherons in class of thirty-two (an easy victory). Also championship sweepstakes Percheron stallion over all, and many more prizes. In fact all the principal prizes in Percherons, Belgians and Coachers. Then Iams kept his great \$1,000-pound show pair and the best stallion in every class out of the Nebraska show yard. Iams' best horses were at the Nebraska State Fair for exhibition and were not shown for prizes. None of the special train of 100 stallions received August 23, 1903, were shown at Nebraska State Fair, and among these he had the first and second prize four-year-old Percherons at largest French horse show at Chartres, and many Percheron winners at leading "horse-shows," as well as winners at leading "horse-shows" of BELGIUM and GERMANY. Iams is justly entitled to the name—

SWEEPSTAKES STUD

VISITORS and BUYERS through his barn at Nebraska State Fair and said: "HELLO, TOM! I'M from Illinois." "I'm ELY from Missouri. Say, IAMS HAS THE BEST HORSE-SHOW I EVER SAW. Yes, see those four 2,000-pound two-year-olds. IAMS IS A HOT ADVERTISER, but he has horses BETTER THAN HE ADVERTISES: nicer than pictures." "HELLO, MR. IAM FROM IOWA." "I'm ZEEK, from Ohio. Say, this is the BEST STRING OF STALLIONS I EVER SAW: they are sure peaches and cream. See those six 2,200-pound three-year olds—all alike too. They are ALL-WOOL AND A YARD WIDE. Zeke, they are sure 'THE WIDE-AS-A-WAGON SORT.'" "Say, MOTHER, look! This is IAMS' GREAT SHOW OF HORSES. His horses are all black and big, top fellows; none on the grounds to compare with his. He always has the BEST." "Well, Samanth, here is IAMS' SHOW HERD. EVERYBODY wants to see his horses. We came from California to see IAMS' 5,100-POUND PAIR OF STALLIONS, THAT'S THEM; better than the pictures. They are sure the greatest pair in the U. S. Yes, and WORTH GOING 2,000 MILES to see." "Hello, Louie, here is IAMS' 2,400-POUND SWEEPSTAKES PERCHERON stallion OVER ALL. He is a 'HUMMER.'" "Say, DOC, I don't wonder at HIS COMPETITORS wanting this horse BARRED out of show ring. He is a SURE WINNER anywhere. IAMS always has GOOD ONES and has them in shape." "Hello, Bob. See those Illinois men buying that 2,200-pound three-year-old, a 'TOP-NOTCHER,' at \$1,200—MUCH BETTER than twenty of my neighbors gave \$4,000 for." "Kitty, see those fine COACHERS OF IAMS." "George, dear, they are lovely; they can look into the second-story window. They step high and fast—real, live 'WHIRLWINDS.'" "Yes, Kitty, IAMS HAS MORE REGISTERED DRAFT and COACH STALLIONS than ANY ONE man in the U. S., and all good ones." "George, dear, you must buy your next stallion of IAMS. His horses are much better than the one you paid those Ohio men \$4,000 for, and IAMS ONLY ASKS \$1,000 AND \$1,500 FOR 'TOPPERS.'" IAMS has on hand

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for now. This was before the convention at Omaha. It aroused the democrats to such an extent that we were almost compelled to hold a meeting in Stephenville. We appointed one. The democrats were there in force when the people were called together.

I found the two members of my committee had deserted me and I had to defend the resolutions alone against the lamented Judge T. J. Nugent, and other able lawyers who tried hard to demolish us to ashes, root and branch, and scatter them to the winds of oblivion.

After they got through, Judge King privately asked me if I would give them a talk. I never had made a talk on politics at a very public place, but I thought it would not do to give up and die outright just because I was

antagonized by overwhelming talent. I said, "Yes, sir." I believe I had some of the feelings of Dewey at the battle of Manila. He gave orders to all non-combatants to "clear the way;" one foreign ship was a little tardy; he sent word to him that if he wanted war with Uncle Sam he could have it in five minutes.

I arose and gave them the best I had. Years after Judge Nugent told me and others that my little talk converted him to populism. He was a strong, good man. Peace to his ashes.

From that time the party grew until we brought it to the front. I have never doubted for a moment in the years that have past that the principles of our party would finally prevail. They must prevail, they will prevail; but, alas, I am old and fee-