

ble now; 91 winters and summers have passed me by and I can say with one of old, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but I have not where to lay my head that I can call my own."

I can do no more financially, but as long as the principles are advocated and I can get to the polls I will vote for them.

I think the party is making the right move, and hope we will never falter or fuse again. Let us have the courage of our convictions and press onwards; we cannot fail, we will not. Truth crushed to earth will rise again sometime, somewhere.

WM. R. SINGLETON.

Falkner, Tex.

THE OLDEST OLD GUARD.

A card from J. B. Gay, Columbus, Tex., contains the following information: "Uncle Stephen Harbert is 95 years old—was born in 1809—and is as fine a populist as ever lived. I write this, fearing he might not see your notice."

Well, he is the oldest of the Old Guard, and I have entered his name for a life subscription to The Independent.—D.

EDITOR ELLIS.

You made no mistake in believing that I am still a populist and am proud to be associated with the real and true Old Guard who have fought incessantly in behalf of the principles of our party since their promulgation at the memorable Omaha convention.

I am one of those old veterans "who have come all the way over the trail" and as such desire to be enrolled.

I believe that your plan of organization is a good one and for the immediate present is much more likely to accomplish its object than the Street-plan. I shall most assuredly do all that I possibly can in behalf of the movement.

In our attempt to revive the old spirit which at a certain period of the past enthused the majority of the citizens of this state in the championship of our principles; it might be well for us to make an effort to find the cause of the disasters of recent years. While the past cannot be recalled and bettered it is well sometimes to call it back in remembrance, consider the present and with judgment aim well for the future.

I am not of those who decry fusion and make it to serve as a scape-goat to carry all of our past political sins as a party and cannot yet see that it was the principal cause of our failure.

We elected a populist governor three times; all the state officials, with the exception of attorney general, twice, and a supreme judge once by faithful fusion between us and the Bryan wing of the democratic party, and we lost by the lack of genuine fusion. In other words, we have lost the confidence of a vast number of populist and democratic voters who at one time voted with us.

It is plain to me, very plain, indeed, that the reason for the reaction against us must be laid at the doors of many of the officials selected by our conventions to carry out our principles in the management of the affairs of the state and the governing of our public institutions. Many of those officials who posed as representatives of populism were undoubtedly unfaithful to the trust that the voters had in them when they were elected. They followed closely the same path as the one that was trod before them by the republicans. They courted and accepted favors from the corporations which they so vehemently denounced before they were elected to office. With their pockets full of railroad passes they disregarded and ignored the wishes of their real and true friends.

In selecting men to fill the appointive offices of the state they followed

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the same plan as the old rotten party had in use before them by filling them often with men who had no particular qualifications to recommend them beside the fact that they were considered efficient as political strikers in their different localities.

These shortcomings, I believe, were the most important causes for the failure of our party to be the dominant party in our state.

But while I say this, I am yet convinced that the populist party has yet its mission in the field of politics. Its principles are worth fighting for now as much as they were at any other time.

I am also convinced that the time has come when we are forced to do our fighting for those principles alone. Everything seems to show that our former allies—those with whom we co-operated in the past—have decided to aid the enemy in the near future. The action of the Jacksonian club at Omaha is a conclusive proof that the most influential members of the democratic party in this state are beginning to put themselves in such a position as to make the co-operation of populists with them impossible.

These considerations should compel all true populists to fall into line and respect their own tenets.

It is therefore the duty of all true populists to enlist anew in the interest of good government and help on your movement in behalf of the Old Guard.

It must be remembered, however, that the work of reinlistment will be carefully watched by the good populists of this state. There are many men calling themselves populists who were away up in the councils of the party in the past, who will not be recognized as extra material by the rank and file of the party who have to do the fighting.

I wish you much success in the calling together of the Old Guard.

E. E. ELLIS.

Beatrice, Neb.

John R. Campbell, Clyde, Minn.: "By all means let us enroll and nominate by ballot. It will have a great effect on our vote. In Minnesota the two old parties would work their way into our conventions and hollow 'mid-road populists' and get men nominated who belonged to one of the old parties—either old party, it made no difference which one. They work hand and tongue for each other and spend lots of money besides. So, when the people's party went down in Minnesota, it was utterly destroyed and will be slow to rally."

Milo Bunce, Stuart, Ia.: "I am glad to see the good work go on. I will help all I can, but can't go out to work for this reform movement much. I will try and get some names and some 'change' soon. Every little helps to pay postage. The pops that have been buried by the republican press are raising their heads and looking over their toes to see where they are at. Subscribe for The Independent, and you will hear of a great resurrection."

Geo. M. Austin, Home, Neb.: "I have been very well pleased in reading over the list of Old Guards that are ready to stand up and vote for good government and against monopoly. It seems more like the times when we all fell in line and gave Uncle John Powers our support for governor."

A. H. Cardin, View, Ky.: "I hand you my name as one of the Old Guard. I voted for Peter Cooper in 1876, and never have scratched our ticket since. I always voted straight and was always opposed to fusion. Never voted for Bryan. If we could get Tom Watson at the head of our ticket, and Allen or Barker at the foot, we will certainly make a showing next November. If my health is such that I can be out on the 22d, I will certainly be at St. Louis. I am in favor of St. Louis as the place to hold our convention."

Ralph Ashton, Emmet, Neb.: "I would like to enroll in the Old Guard although I am a young man. I have been a pop ever since 1892. I am now 22 years old. This county (Holt) is among the few counties in the state that has stood by the principles of populism, while the counties to the east (which used to be populist strongholds)—Knox, Antelope, Boone, and others—have gone to the republicans on account of fake prosperity. I believe if the reorganizers control the democratic party that the populist party will revive and be a power to be thought of by the plutocrats. I believe the Streeter system of nominating candidates is all right, and would like to see it adopted. I think ex-Senator Allen would be the strong-

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est candidate for president, although others are just as good."

O. J. Fry, Old Fort, O.: "Encouragement and independent action is in the air, and those that would have us dead, especially the dominant parties, will be surprised at another resurrection. Here is one of the Old Guard and middle-of-the-roader. Shake hands and get acquainted. I stand by the Omaha platform and the initiative and referendum and add no more. By these declarations we will win. Enclosed find one dollar. I favor an early nomination. No entangling alliance with democracy. My choice for candidates are Watson for president and Judge Williams for vice president."

J. C. Ruppenthal, Russell, Kas.: "The Independent in its three-months' visit has become indispensable to an old-time pop. I want to take it next year with The Commoner, and by adding the Appeal to Reason and (say) the Inter-Ocean, I think I shall hear all sides of the political discussion (except prohibition; unless I take New Voice). Let us get after the encyclopedia makers. Every inquirer should have a chance to learn what are initiative, referendum, imperative mandate, direct legislation, etc. Yet recently I took up the New International Encyclopedia of Dodd, Mead & Co., 1901 edition, to get a clearer idea of "imperative mandate" and was amazed to find nothing. Further search showed that "initiative" is not there. As the volume was not then published containing "referendum" (or that should contain it), I don't know if it is given. Perhaps the new Encyclopedia Americana is better."

David Yeagley, Plymouth, Ind.: "I am in favor of the nomination by the initiative and referendum if it can be done."

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