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 Bienville parish: S. M. Sutton.  
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 Caldwell county: A. R. Torrey.  
 Cole: I. N. Hunter.  
 Harrison: G. W. Failis.  
 Holt: J. J. Combs, J. L. Johnson.  
 Jasper: Samuel Montgomery.  
 Livingston: H. B. Jackson.  
 Monticau: Thomas Childress, E. B. Wycoff.  
 Newton: J. A. Shuff.  
 Ripley: Geo. G. Davis, James H. Mathews.  
 Wright: W. J. Fuller, P. E. Hyde.  
**NEBRASKA.**  
 Boyd county: Rev. N. H. Blackmer.  
 Buffalo: H. G. Reiter.  
 Cass: Joseph McCoy.  
 Deuel: John Morrison.  
 Dixon: H. J. Stringer, Wm. Ellason, J. Bombar, E. F. Gibbs, Wm. Cady, C. A. Kingsbury, C. E. Merriott, O. Mulle.  
 Furnas: Joseph Hougnon.  
 Lancaster: Fred Yearick.  
 Madison: E. J. Brink, C. S. Evans.  
 Nuckolls: W. H. Beggs.  
 Otoe: Geo. W. Doxtater, Stephen Feather, G. B. Hendricks, W. A. Hickok, W. P. Reilly, T. D. Sabin.  
 Platte: Henry H. Gibb, Samuel Gibb, Wm. H. Joy.  
 Polk: Wm. J. Marquis.  
 Richardson: John R. Shortledge.  
 Sherman: W. C. Dietrichs.  
 Stanton: James Brooks.  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE.**  
 Rockingham county: H. J. Chase.  
**NEW JERSEY.**  
 Hunterdon county: Wm. W. Conover  
**NORTH CAROLINA.**  
 Edgecombe county: Jas. B. Lloyd.  
**OKLAHOMA.**  
 Blaine county: Frank H. Peck.  
 Greer: J. M. Crosby.  
 Lincoln: Henry McKown, F. Cadwallader, A. B. Funk, J. M. Reagin, W. C. Anderson, V. V. Crouch, Phil Hofeld, J. A. McLaughlin, W. H. Seymour, H. G. Shaffer, Ev. Stinnett, H. E. Straughen, J. F. Todd, D. S. Strough, D. M. Mitchell, Marion Holliday, B. F. Ambler, Paul Carpenter, C. N. Brown, Ernest Fenderson, B. Black, Lyle Black, T. J. Black, James W. Cloud, Wm. Erp, Jasper Hicks, W. H. Hicks, John Murphy, Thomas Murphy, S. W. Provolt, J. W. Kirts, W. H. Biddle, Samuel Dunham, J. I. Simpson.  
**OREGON.**  
 Lane county: Frederick W. Smith, James W. Smith.  
 Linn: Robert D. Smith.  
 Polk: George T. Hale.  
**PENNSYLVANIA.**  
 Indiana county: R. A. Thompson.  
 Susquehanna: W. C. Deakin, S. F. Lane.  
**TENNESSEE.**  
 Benton county: Dr. J. B. Florence.  
 Clay: John Davis.  
 Lincoln: Claude Mc. Gordon, Dr. J. B. Gordon.  
 McNairy: Alfred McCuller, Wm. McCuller, C. C. Steel.  
**TEXAS.**  
 Bexar county: T. J. McMinn.  
 Burnet: F. J. Hunly, E. V. Hunziker, Fred Hunziker, G. W. Hunziker  
 Cherokee: S. F. Stovall.  
 Parker: J. S. Lindsay, J. F. Wells.  
 Red River: Thos. Davis, S. Graves, John Perdica, John Turner, Wm. Wright.  
 Taylor: B. F. Gipson.  
**VIRGINIA.**  
 Pittsylvania county: W. J. Walton.  
**WASHINGTON.**  
 Douglas county: E. M. Bogart.  
**WEST VIRGINIA.**  
 Harrison county: T. Clemans.

States and territories, this report, 24; counties, 74; enrolled members, 151. Total enrollment to February 29, 1904, 1,259. Total receipts, to same date, \$291.44.  
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personal letters, of which no mailing record was kept, the following statement shows the work done from December 5, 1903, to February 29, 1904: Dec. 5: original 960 test letters; Dec. 19, lot A, 610; Dec. 24, lot B, 384; Jan. 1, lot C, 748; Jan. 8, lot D, 600; Jan. 16, lot E, 1,134; Feb. 17-26, lot F, 1,574. Total, 6,610.

Although the enrollment seems to indicate about one to every four letters sent out, the average is not so good, because a good many enrollments came as the result of the work done by The Independent, Missouri World, Cleburne (Tex.) Watchman, Southern Mercury, and Vineland (N. J.) Independent, resulting in personal correspondence which does not appear in the mailing record. There are now outstanding fully 5,000 unanswered invitations to enroll, mailed as above set out. Contributions to aid in the work average less than 25 cents to each enrolled person. There were, however, but 700 contributions all told and, as a number gave sums on a number of occasions, the total number of contributors is about 650.

All mail since March 15 is being sent sealed. The returns from lot F having thus far failed to pay the \$15.74 postage expended, I have limited my outgoing mail to 100 letters a day, until such time as the returns will permit an increase. I expect to place an order in a few days for 5,000 lapel buttons for the Vanguard and Old Guard and will mail one to each enrolled member. Ask your readers to answer promptly and the work can be pushed very rapidly from now on.

CHARLES Q. DE FRANCE.  
 Lincoln, Neb.

**TEXAS.**  
 By authority vested in me as chairman of the executive committee of the people's party of Texas, and in conformity to the request of the state executive committee, precinct conventions are hereby called throughout the state to be held at any time before April 20 prox., to select representatives to county conventions to be held on or before April 27; to select delegates to congressional conventions to be held on or before May 10, and delegates to the state convention to be held in the city of Dallas June 15 prox., at which time and place delegates will be chosen to the people's party national convention to be held at Springfield, Ill., July 4, 1904.

In precincts, counties or districts where from any cause the regular party officials fail to issue calls for said conventions, any populist is authorized to issue call for convention, and arrange for delegates to the several conventions. Notice of meetings and names of delegates should be forwarded promptly to me at Dallas.  
 MILTON PARK,  
 State Chairman.

**SECOND INDIANA.**  
 Bicknell, Ind., March 8, 1904.—To the Populists of the Second Indiana Congressional District.—Greeting: A district conference is hereby called to meet at Dr. Clark's office, Temple Court building Washington, Ind., Thursday, March 31, 1904, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of selecting two delegates and two alternates to the people's party national convention to be held at Springfield, Ill., July 4, 1904. A full attendance is desired and members of the Old Guard are especially urged to be present. Let us meet and consult and arrange for an aggressive campaign.  
 MILTON FOX,  
 District Chairman.

**KANSAS CONVENTIONS.**  
 People's party state nominating and delegate convention, Topeka, 10 a. m., April 12. 700 delegates. Half fare plus 50 cents for round trip; tickets good April 11 to 15. W. J. Babb, chairman, Wichita; J. H. Curran, secretary, Topeka.  
 Smith county people's party, Smith Center, 10 o'clock a. m., April 2, to elect 8 delegates to state, congressional and senatorial conventions, respectively. Representation, 6 delegates and 6 alternates from each of 24 townships. Township primaries recommended to be held at usual voting place, 2 p. m., Saturday, March 26. E. T. Thompson, chairman; J. A. Wright, secretary.  
 Butler county people's party, called to meet in Butler, Mo., at 10 o'clock a. m., March 26, to be held at the state, congressional and judicial conventions. Butler has 12 delegates in state convention. John Maxwell, chairman; Geo. F. Fullinwider, secretary.  
 Anderson county convention is called to meet at Garnett, Kas., April 5, to elect 9 delegates to the people's party state convention at Topeka. Township primaries to be held April 2. L.

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D. Walrad, chairman; Geo. D. Gibson, secretary.  
 Labette county delegate convention will be held at Oswego, Thursday, March 31, 1904, at 11 o'clock a. m. to select 14 delegates to state convention at Topeka.  
 Ottawa county delegate convention will be held at Minneapolis, Kas., Saturday, April 2, 1904, at 10:30 a. m., to select 5 delegates to the Topeka state convention.  
 Aaron McDonald, Howard county, Ind., says that reading over the list of Old Guards and what they say "makes me feel like I was at an old United Brethren experience meeting, and I can't help but say, 'Lord bless'."  
 James Daniel, Troup county, Ga.; "I send you a dollar to help the cause I love so well."  
 "Kansas is for Hearst," writes Aug. Helseher, of Russell county, Kas., on his enrollment blank. Well, possibly.  
 C. C. Wilson, King county, Wash.; "I was a populist in 1892; in 1896 and

1900, I was an 'opportunist;' but in 1904, I am a class-conscious, revolutionary socialist." (How do you reconcile your former quantitative theories of money with your present intrinsic value, crystallized labor value-in-the-dollar ideas?—Associate Ed.)  
 J. F. Wells, precinct 2, Parker county, Tex., writes that he is known all over that country as the "old populist war horse." An honorable title, surely. Whoop 'er up for Springfield!  
 A. R. Torrey, secretary Caldwell county (Mo.) committee: "I cannot do without The Independent. Please send Old Guard blanks."  
 Judge A. H. Livingston, Howell county, Mo.: "I am well pleased with The Independent. It is sound to the core, and if it could be read by all the people, all the people would be with us."  
 Burr Harris, Jr., Clay county, Tenn.: "I consider The Independent one of the best exponents of populism I have ever read."  
 H. E. Brock, Coffee county, Ala.;