

"Populism is strong in Coffee county. However, we have no state organization. I appreciate the tone of The Independent."

Frank Forbes, Canyon county, Idaho: "My choice is Allen and Watson; you may fill ballot like this and vote it for me. Our populist organization has disbanded here in Idaho (thanks to Henry Heitfeld.—Associate Ed.), but there are many people who believe in the principles. Most of these will vote the socialist ticket, I think—but socialism is too radical for me. I do hope that the old principles of populism will be incorporated into a party platform that we can all meet conveniently and vote on."

R. P. Yates, Gibson county, Tenn.: "Put me down as one of the Old Guard. I voted for Cleveland in 1892, Bryan and Watson in 1896, but I knew that was wrong when I did it. Have not voted since for anything but a school director; don't aim to vote any more, unless I vote for the Omaha platform. I had rather see Tom Watson president than any man on earth. If he would take hold like he did in 1895 and 1896 he could do more for the people's party than any man. I like him for his courage; he's got sand in his gizzard. You will find enclosed stamps to help the business."

P. E. Phelps, chairman county committee, Malheur county, Ore.: "I desire to be numbered with the Old Guard. I cast my first vote for Blaine and since that time have voted for populist principles straight, and expect to continue to do so. Push the Old Guard! Let us get once more in fighting trim! Enclosed find 50 cents stamps to help defray expenses."

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sue of March 10, reprints Southern Mercury editorial notice of St. Louis meeting and Springfield convention.

Nebraska populists, of course, know Joseph Lamb, of Williams, Rose Creek precinct, Thayer county. It isn't likely that those who helped to raise funds to pay off the populist campaign debts of 1900 will forget his generous contribution.

Mr. Lamb has just enrolled as member of the Vanguard and the Old Guard of Populism, and his contribution to help carry on the enrollment work will send out a big batch of sealed letters. The closing month of this year Mr. Lamb will round out the allotted span of three score years and ten; in other words, he will be "seventy years young." He was a delegate to the national convention at Omaha in 1892, and to St. Louis in 1896, and has been delegate to the state convention nearly every year since and including 1892.

Carrying on farming and stock raising on a large scale, Mr. Lamb's service in politics have been confined to the work of a "high private in the rear ranks," as friend Donahoe of Hall would say, except in one particular: Mr. Lamb's contributions to carry on the work have usually exceeded those of the men who sought and got the offices. He has persistently refused to enter the scramble for place, but his neighbors, for the past 28 years, have kept him filling the office of justice of the peace.

Accompanying his enrollment papers, Mr. Lamb sends the following note:

"I send you my 'regimentals' and best wishes. Doing all right. There is mighty effort being played to keep the democratic convention from becoming a 'blow-hole.' Well, if the thing blows 'dry' on a split at the convention, the accursed money-power and the stupid, untransformed cuss will vote 'er straight anyhow.

"But we'll work on and ever for the right, even if to go down—or up—with the wreckage be our reward."

JOSEPH LAMB.

Editor Miller of the Corsicana (Tex.) Truth, misled by the first dispatches from St. Louis, thought the failure to unite meant "the death knell of populism," but the next week he said: "The St. Louis populists joined hands over their past differences and the two wings have blended in a common fellowship and the national convention is to meet the Fourth of July at Springfield, Ill. to nominate a national ticket."

The Cleburne Watchman, Corsicana Truth, and Mineola Courier are advising Texas farmers to join the Farmers' Union—an organization similar in aims to our Kansas and Nebraska cooperative shipping associations, elevators, etc.

The Hamilton (Tex.) Journal-News carries the Omaha platform on its back page. It's good reading matter every day in the week, too. But why not now publish the St. Louis address and call for Springfield convention a few weeks?

Of the many populist papers which were formerly published in Colorado, The Independent knows of but two that are still strong in the faith—The Populist, edited by Ellen G. Cassidy, at Ridgway, and The Journal, by Jas. Flannagan, at Fort Morgan. Patterson, Harris and Heitfeld! How they have wrecked the people's party!

Although the populist motto, "Let the office seek the man," is theoretically correct, it has often in practice caused difficulty in this way: the office sought a man who would not accept, and then the result was a state of demoralization in convention which sometimes resulted in nominating a "poor stick" simply because he would take it. There is no good reason why good men should not aspire to be delegates to the national convention at Springfield, and in the distant states it is almost imperative that we find out in advance who would be willing to attend if elected. Old Guard P. E. Phelps, of Malheur county, Oregon, has expressed his willingness to attend the national convention if elected. Mr. Phelps says: "We have no state chairman, he having affiliated with the democrats, and I can hear of nothing being done toward issuing a state call for convention. I have been in hope that the national committee would do something toward getting out a call for state convention. I am very much pleased with the result of the meeting at St. Louis and hope to be one of the delegates to the convention at Springfield and have a hand in launching the old craft of populism, newly armored and equipped and manned by a crew who will never leave the guns till the prize is landed."

Bro. Norman of the Southern Iowa Educator (Albia) is one populist editor who isn't suppressing the news of the St. Louis meeting. Although he

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prints only a 5-column quarto, he finds space for both the address and call in full, besides an excellent news report of the meeting. He asks for the names of at least three good men in each county to act as officers of the county committee and adds, "We want men, not sticks; men who will work to build up the party." Well, why not go after the Old Guard. Milo Bunce of Adair ought to find three in his county; L. H. Weller could name them for Chickasaw; A. Norelius of Crawford for his county; and I would suggest Charles F. Frank, Rudd Floyd county, for chairman or secretary, while Daniel Dean could be the other; Thomas A. Laskey would make a good treasurer, but he couldn't get out to meetings very often. E. B. Lamb for Grundy, Richard A. Feist for Hardin, Irl Dean for Linn, Lewis Iddings for Monona, J. W. Banning for Poweshiek, and H. C. Horsey for Washington. Will that help you, Bro. Norman?

The Corsicana Truth avers that "about 150,000 men" heard all over the state (Texas) are "didn't pay their dues" and "these are

Editor J. O. Staff of the White County National, Monticello, Ind., expressed his intention of attending the St. Louis meeting "if his health will permit and if it isn't too awfully cold." Which was it, Bro. Smith, health or cold?

What is the difficulty in White county, Indiana? Are there any pop-

ulists there? Bro. Smith's paper, The National, seems to show the lack of proper support. It is neatly printed and all that, but there is an air about it which says as plainly as if printed in Hearst head-letter that White county populists give him no encouragement.

Editor J. O. Staff of the Hamilton (Tex.) Journal-News has contracted a vicious habit of dropping into rhyme—same disease that afflicts Will M. Maupin of The Commoner—no, that's hardly right: the disease affects Maupin and afflicts the public. Any way, this is the way Staff comments on Dowie's determination to throw the voting strength of Zion against Bryan and for Teddy: "Dark horses are plenty—a dozen or twenty—Tom J., with his motor to dazzle the voter, and Hearst with his Journal and pictures supernal (or, some say, infernal), and Olney and Grover and Gorman, moreover, too many to mention, Towne, Miles, and McClellan; they now disagree; but in the convention they'll cut the ripe melon, and then we shall see!"

J. R. Correll, editor of the Easton (Pa.) Sentinel, and who was, I believe, secretary of the populist state committee, says, in an editorial regarding the political outlook: "The people's or populist party is likely to attempt a resurrection. Conferences and meetings are being held in the states west of the Mississippi river, but we question if the position it took at St. Louis when it left the middle-of-the-road policy and nominated