

OLD TIME ENTHUSIASM

Populists in all Parts of the Country at Work Organizing for the Springfield Convention

The Independent is gratified at the general activity of the populists everywhere, in preparing for the Springfield national convention. It promises to be the largest and most enthusiastic in the history of the party. Reformers in all ranks are looking to that convention for results that will tell for the people's cause. They are in earnest, confident and at work.

From the Pacific Coast

Editor Independent: Am pleased with the result of the February 22 convention. Feeling confident that the Fourth of July convention will select candidates for both positions from the ranks of the party as it stands today for populism, I have endeavored to do some work along the line of your suggestion. Spent an hour in soliciting subscriptions in one town a few days ago and as a result send check to pay for a five months' educational course for 24 promised readers.

It is understood that you are to stop the paper when time expires, if they do not renew.

I believe if the opportunity offers for the populists to vote for candidates whose political faith is unquestionable the interest in their election will be greater than ever before. We want no railroad or corporation pet or metal money redemption man.

Send a couple dozen subscription cards.

J. G. WOLFE, Almira, Wash.

The Leaven Working in Nebraska

Editor Independent: I hand you herewith one dollar for the four trial subscriptions as per cards enclosed. These are men who have heretofore been of our most active workers, but have become lukewarm and indifferent of late, from what cause I will not pretend to state. Send them each an Old Guard blank to fill out and I think they will enlist.

The conditions here in our county are about as discouraging as anywhere, so far as party organization goes, but by private interviews with the old timers I am led to believe there is still enough of the leaven of populism, or self-government, left to leaven the whole political lump. I am optimistic enough to think the signs of the times point to a condition, in the not distant future, when the people shall realize that the only hope of preserving anything like a popular system of government, is by the installation of those principles advocated by the people's independent party, in the administration of our political affairs. When I talk with our current day, self-styled socialists, in this vicinity, a very brief interrogation reveals the fact that all the most radical of them expect to achieve through their party organization is nothing more than populism, pure and simple. This ought to assist in convincing them of the futility of dividing the forces working for the same result.

A. F. PARSONS, North Platte, Neb.

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ON TO SPRINGFIELD

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Editor Independent: It might be well to state that I have full assurance from the adjutant general of Illinois of the use of the new arsenal at Springfield for the people's party national convention, July 4, 5, 6. Should the delegates decide to remain longer ample provision is made for that event. The arsenal is a magnificent building with all modern improvements. It will be nicely seated, arranged and decorated for the occasion. Hotel prices are from \$1.25 to

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COL. J. S. FELTER,
Springfield, Ill.

Eastland Co., Texas

Editor Independent: Of course, I am one of the Old Guard. Was supporting the battery that fired the first shot away back yonder in the Peter Cooper campaign. And will be found on the firing line at all times, when the liberties and manhood of the American people are at stake, as it is now and has been since the first political battle was fought by Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton in the adoption of the constitution of the United States—Jefferson for the masses and Hamilton for the classes—so still the battle wages, only fiercer and more intense as the economic education of the masses progresses.

If we had such a paper as The Independent in each state what a rally of the true patriots there would be! I want to say Amen to the work at St. Louis, as so much depended upon the outcome of that conference.

I pray that heaven may smile upon our efforts. One of the Old Guard.

J. J. EAGER.

Over the Trail

The letter below, from C. J. Jackson, Bell county, Texas, clears up a little matter we are all interested in. He says:

"My Dear Bro. De France: I see that you say that you are indebted to Bro. Tibbles for the words, 'Come over the trail.' A few years ago I was writing to The Independent and giving a short sketch of my work in reform. And after mentioning a good many things, I used this language: 'So you can see at a glance that I have come over the trail.' So I suspect that this is where the sentence came from."

The Cliff Dwellers

Hon. G. W. Crook, Camden, W. Va.: "I am sorry to learn that Editor Tibbles has bid farewell to the 'cliff dwellers' for good, as his articles were intensely interesting to me. Better keep him there if you can spare him, for I doubt if you have any more effective means of educating the people along these lines. While he is in easy touch of the fountain of corruption, his presence would keep them stirred up to such a pitch that the people would be able to see what a vast influence the reform movement is having upon plutocracy and centralized wealth."

The Gap Too Wide

Mr. John McMillin, Garberville, Cal.: "I enclose \$2 to pay for advocating the principles of the people's party in your paper. In a nutshell, my views are those of Peter Cooper and the Omaha platform, but our leaders have betrayed us so often, I am getting discouraged and if the river was not so wide between our present form of government and the socialist doctrines I would make a leap for that party, but I like the Omaha platform best and will stay with that."

Lots in a Name

A New York Subscriber: "The paper came this morning. I think it is fine. Dubbing national bank money 'stock exchange money,' as Del Mar suggests, ought to make a good campaign argument—there's lots in a name. 'Protection, alias aggression' would be another. I got two copies of The Independent and I am sending both to others so they can read them."

Comanche Co., Texas

Editor Independent: I am a reader of your valuable paper and will give you a few dots of our surroundings. We have lots of populists in this county, and have carried this county several times. Can carry it again with a little good work.

The people's party is not doing much here now. There has been no one to organize them. I hope there will be some move to get the work started soon. I endorse the Denver meeting and say it was a grand thing for the people's party.

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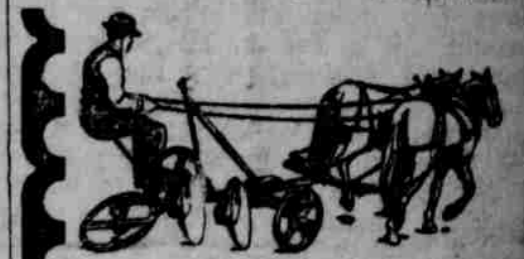
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