

Kentucky 10, Michigan 31, Mississippi 10, Nebraska 118, North Dakota 10, Pennsylvania 13, South Dakota 10, Washington 17, Wyoming 4. In addition to these a large number of new names have been used. Every letter mailed now carries a number. The last one mailed up to Tuesday night (May 24) was No. 8,477. This represents the total number of letters mailed since last December in the enrollment work.

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THE OUTLOOK.

The outlook for the Springfield convention is that nearly every state and territory in the Union will be represented, but that full attendance of the more distant delegates cannot be expected. This is one of the handicaps which an anti-corporation party must bear. The Independent suggests that in the more distant states, an effort ought to be made to raise a delegates' fund to assist those who are obliged to travel 1,500 or 2,000 miles to Springfield.

Following is a partial resume of the situation in some of the states.

ALABAMA.

Something like a year ago A. W. Ricker, associate editor of The Appeal to Reason, a socialist paper, wrote me that he had secured possession of the entire state records of the people's party of Alabama. I retorted by saying that possession of the records would not carry with it possession of the populists of Alabama.

At this distance, however, it appears that Mr. Ricker's coup may have the effect of depriving Alabama of representation at Springfield, unless prompt action be taken. With the passing of the populist press in Alabama, it is practically impossible to learn what progress is being made there. It seems likely, however, that no state convention has been held, and that none will be held to elect delegates to Springfield. If this is the case, it is time for the Old Guard of Populism to act.

Alabama is entitled to 52 delegates; she has 67 counties and nine congressional districts. The Old Guard reaches the first eight districts—16 counties. I have written the following enrolled Old Guards suggesting that they look about them, "do some corresponding with populists in other counties, and choose three delegates each," and report their names and addresses:

First district, G. B. Wilson of Washington; Second, E. A. McFerrin of Crenshaw, L. M. Davis of Wilcox; Third, Chairman H. E. Brock of Coffee, W. J. Hicks of Henry, S. M. Maund of Houston; Fourth, J. Gilbert Johnson of Dallas, J. F. Pearson of Shelby; Fifth, Ira Campbell of Autauga, E. W. Callaway of Clay; Sixth, G. W. Ashcraft of Fayette, Dr. J. F. Duncan (chairman) of Pickens; Seventh, Chairman L. M. Bishop of Cherokee, Chairman B. F. Robinson of Marshall, J. H. Vandegrift of St. Clair; Eighth, Chairman Thomas B. Parks of Jackson.

This suggestion, of course, is not to be followed if other action has been taken or decided upon. It is simply to provide against what might happen if those at the head of the state organization have done what Mr. Ricker reported. In any event Alabama must not be without representation at Springfield, and no one doubts the populism of the sixteen Old Guards named above or believes they would knowingly name delegates whose populism could be doubted.

ARIZONA.

Old Guard Geo. W. Woy of Gila county reports that in all probability he cannot be at Springfield, but says that it is likely Col. Crandall may stop off on his way from Washington home and represent the populists of Arizona.

CALIFORNIA.

Chairman Parker's report May 5 says: "Hurrah for California! State Chairman Monteith writes that California expects to be at Springfield with one hundred delegates and visitors." I should like to hear from Old Guard Rice on this head.

COLORADO.

The indications are that the Colorado populists will be ably and amply represented at the Springfield convention on July 4. No state convention will be called for the appointment of delegates, but Chairman Gray informs us that he will issue credentials to any populist who desires to attend and pay his own expenses. There is no money in the state chairman's hands for that purpose. Already ten or a dozen populists have expressed a desire to act as delegates, and others who would like to go should write to Chairman Gray at



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once. The state is entitled to twenty-nine delegates and there should be a full representation. More can go if they want to and give the state a good showing. California populists are going to charter a train and go to Springfield a hundred strong. That would be a good plan for the populists of Colorado. Low rates can be procured in that manner and the individual expense lessened, to say nothing of the extra comradeship and comfort where all on the train are destined to a common point and animated by a common humanitarian political purpose. The national convention promises to be a grand good gathering whose proceedings will be important and far-reaching, and will be well worth any one's time and money who can afford to attend it. So if you are one of that fortunate few, write at once to Chairman A. B. Gray, 221 Fifteenth st., Denver, and he will send you the proper credentials. With slight additional expense you can visit the World's fair on the same trip, either before or after the convention.—James Flannigan, in Herald, Ft. Morgan, Colo.

CONNECTICUT.

Meeting at South Norwalk, April 18, empowered J. A. Richardson and

Henry W. Johnson to select 5 delegates and 5 alternates to Springfield. No report is at hand that the delegation has been selected.

DELAWARE.

Delaware is entitled to one vote under the Springfield call—and that's probably one too many. A man who votes his sentiments and "doesn't charge for it" is rather out of place in the balivick of Jedward Addicks, which probably accounts for the total absence of populists from the Little Blue Hen.

IDAHO.

This state will probably be unrepresented at Springfield. Senator Heitfeld's "switch" into the democratic caucus at Washington scattered the populists in every direction. Most of them are socialists now—but a few are "wintering" their votes.

ILLINOIS.

State Chairman Joseph Hopp has issued call for mass convention, Springfield, June 1, to select 36 national delegates.

INDIANA.

Two meetings held in Indianapolis, April 28. Two delegations selected,

one of which is instructed to use all honorable means to secure the nomination of Samuel W. Williams for president. Both delegations agree upon 16 persons; Williams, Robinson, Hanna, Burkhardt, George, Holcomb, Wolfe, Zinkans, Litchlyter, Carmichael, Knightley, Medert, Hurley, J. C. Smith, Wm. Smith, and Mains.

The delegation selected by the Robinson faction contains 8 delegates not chosen by the other, namely: Van Vorhis, Osborn, Brown, Todd, Wadsworth, Boyer, Gill and Maugherman.

The delegation selected by the Hanna faction contains, in place of the eight just above named, the following: Dr. Robinson, Bowling, Welsh, Dr. Hubbard, and Shiel; and the three following, who were also named by the Robinson faction for alternates: Craig, Gerner, and Marshall.

Hence, 16 can be seated without contest and the other 16 can be seated with a half vote each. It was hoped that Indiana populists would quit their foolish quarreling—but the hope was a vain one; there are too many statesmen.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Territorial Chairman A. E. Gibbs has called a mass convention to meet at Clarimore, June 14, to perfect the