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of Georgia.

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of Nebraska.

Tom Patterson's papers support Parker.

Will you be at Lincoln the 10th of August? Write to The Independent and let us know.

The Lincoln Star does not seem to be so certain that the populist party is dead as it was a few weeks ago.

The old saying that "politics makes strange bed-fellows" has had a new demonstration. Bryan and Parker.

Grover Cleveland and Henry Watterson are so joyful over the nomination of Parker that the papers say they give a war-whoop every once in a while in their sleep.

A cablegram from London says that Threadneedle street will be perfectly satisfied with either Parker or Roosevelt. The same statement came somewhat earlier from Wall street.

Plutocracy of the north long used the bloody shirt to frighten the toilers into its ranks and now the plutocracy of the south is using the ghost of a nigger for the same purpose.

The only difference between Paul Morton and the old Morton-Miller crowd of Nebraska democrats is that he is in and they are trying to get in. Otherwise they resemble each other as much as two peas in a pod.

Every democrat who supported the Kansas City platform, and who votes for the Parker and Davis electors, lines himself up to be counted among the number that support plutocracy. What a record that will be to leave to his children!

The following Associated press telegram was printed in all the dailies last week: "It is announced that W. J. Bryan will stump Wisconsin during the coming campaign. The democrats will make a determined effort to capture the state, hoping the contest in the republican ranks will help them."

Some of the sentences in the democratic platform as published in the papers sound as if they had been sent endwise through a bear keg. At the very beginning of it, in speaking of democratic principles, it staggers through a sentence after the following fashion: "They underlaid our independence, the structure of our republic and every democratic extension from Louisiana to California, and Texas to Oregon, which preserved faithfully in all the states the time between taxation and representation."

A DISHONEST SCHEME.

In the people's party state convention to be held in Lincoln on August 10 is to be fought a battle that will decide the fate of the populist party. The decision there arrived at will not affect the party in this state alone, but in every state in the Union. There is a fateful moment in the life of every man and every party and that moment will arrive when the permanent organization is affected in the people's party state convention of that date. If that convention shall put democrats on its ticket who support Parker, that ends the long fight some of us have made to establish an independent party, opposed to the money power and standing for the interests of the millions of workers in these states who produce its wealth and have heretofore been compelled to turn most of it over to the few men whose headquarters are in Wall street, and who have now chosen Parker and Roosevelt as their standard-bearers.

The proposition that we will be asked to adopt is so absurd and so dishonest that it will meet with the condemnation of every honest man in these United States. It is simply this: Nominate two electoral tickets, the candidates on one pledged to support Parker and Davis, the candidates on the other to support Watson and Tibbles. Then fuse on the state ticket giving half of the offices to the populists and half to the democrats. That will enable the democrats to get the federal offices and the populists and democrats to get the state offices, if the scheme proves effective.

The scheme is dishonest and every man will know, without being told, that it is dishonest. It is using political parties which are supposed to exist to advocate certain principles of government and securing their enactment into law, not for that purpose at all, but simply to get offices for a few political roustabouts, populist and democratic, who want to feed awhile at the public crib.

It is absurd. Can any sane man believe that the busy citizens of this state will leave their stores, their shops and farmers, spend their money to attend conventions, and go out and work for the sole purpose of enabling two dozen men, many of whom they have never seen and in whom they have no personal interest, to get a good paying position for two or four years? A man who can believe that has less intellect than an old-time republican mullet head. The scheme could not end in any other way than a 50,000 republican majority in the state and a solid republican legislature.

But that would not be the worst of it. The populist movement which now has a firm footing in at least 38 states would receive a shock that would take the life out of the populist campaign in every state in the Union. Nebraska has been a leader in the populist movement and if the party in this state should make such an absurd and dishonest movement, honest men everywhere would lose faith in the integrity of the people's party.

The Independent asks the honest populists of this state to come to Lincoln in droves and see to it that their party is not dishonored and destroyed by such action as that.

Capt. W. E. P. French, of the United States army, in an article in The Arena says: "As a nation, we are drifting rapidly into a plutocracy, if, indeed, the ship of state is not already at anchor in that foul harbor." With such a state of affairs, which every honest man of intelligence is hovering about us, there are some very good men in Nebraska, whose brains are so befogged that they want us to fuse with the forces trying to make Parker president of the United States, backed as he is by Belmont and the whole plutocratic forces of the country.

POPULISM IN NEW YORK.

In a special dispatch to the Record-Herald, dated at New York, July 14, Holland, a staff correspondent, says:

"The resentment even in New York city is very strong. The populist candidates will be supported here and electors named, and an appeal will be made to all democrats who are disposed to repudiate the personal influences and the financial powers which, as they say, were able to make the successful campaign for Judge Parker, to come to the support of the populist electors. Therefore, in the campaign which Judge Parker and his friends are speedily to begin they must reckon with this element."

To head off this movement to the populist party, Holland says that it is likely that some man who supported Bryan will be appointed chairman of the democratic national committee. They may do that, but they will find that the men in the democratic party, who have been educated to understand

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populist principles will be very little affected thereby. Men who have come to thoroughly believe in the necessity of the public ownership of railroads, telegraphs and telephones, who see danger to the republic in the great accumulation of wealth in few hands, who denounce the granting of special privileges to the rich, who revolt at the extortions of the trusts, will not be induced by any such a small trick to put their votes where they will be counted for plutocracy.

FUSION.

There is just one way to carry this state against the republicans. Let but one electoral ticket be put up, consisting of Watson and Tibbles electors. Let the democratic convention nominate the same men or none at all. If that is done, neither The Independent nor any honest populist will object to putting a former Bryan democrat at the head of the ticket and scatter others like him all down the line, provided always that each of them will give a pledge of honor that they will neither vote for, nor support Parker and Davis. With that sort of a "fusion" the state can be carried against the republicans by 15,000 majority and a large majority can be secured in the legislature. That is only asking exactly what the populists of this state did for Bryan in 1900. The populists in that year named the same electoral ticket that the democrats did, with the understanding that if they were elected, they would vote for the democratic nominees for president and vice president. The populists did not lose their organization nor wreck their party by doing it and the democrats will not by doing the same thing now. The populists only ask the democrats to do the same thing that the populists did in order to co-operate with them. Populists do not ask anything more than what they themselves have given under similar circumstances. It is perfectly useless to ask for any other mode of co-operation.

LIBERTY.

Hon. James H. Teller, a brother of the senator, has recently published an essay on "The Decadence of the Spirit of American Liberty," which is attracting the attention of lawyers and scholars all over the country. "This heritage of liberty," Mr. Teller says, "we received not from our fathers only, but from a host of noble souls in many lands; from the followers of William the Silent who, for eighty years, withstood the mightiest empire on earth that the Lowlands might be free; from the stern Covenanters who drenched the hills of Scotland with their blood for liberty of conscience; from the Etamets and O'Connells of Ireland who prized liberty above life; and from great-hearted Englishmen who battled for it from Runnymede to the time of John Bright and Stuart Mill. It is a heritage too valuable to

be made the football of partisan politics, or to be sacrificed on the altar of a base commercialism."

The essay throughout is a most masterly document and especially applicable to the present times, but the Indian maiden, Bright Eyes, expressed everything in it in one short sentence in an address delivered in Tremont Temple, Boston, before an audience that crowded the seats, the floor, the galleries, the corridors and the pavement outside, when she closed with these words: "Law is liberty." Wendell Phillips, who was one of the company of distinguished gentlemen who were on the platform, passed quickly from one end of the platform to a gentleman sitting at the other end and said: "That is the strongest sentence ever uttered in the English language." Out in Colorado, as they once did in Chicago when liberty was threatened, they should print those words on their banners.

SHOULD BE HONEST.

The democratic state convention, which meets in Lincoln August 10, if it wishes to retain the respect of honest men, must be honest itself. If it puts up an electoral ticket, the candidates of which are to vote, if elected, for Parker and Davis, it should give them loyal support. It is not honest politics to nominate a set of men whom they expect to knife. They should sustain them with a strong set of Parker nominees for state offices. To put a lot of men on the state ticket who say privately that they will not vote for Parker, is not honest politics. Such a course will not retain the respect of honest men. It would be solemnly enacting a farce. If a Parker electoral ticket is put up, then Dr. George L. Miller should be nominated for governor. He is an old citizen and an honorable man. Lee Herdman should be nominated for treasurer, Mahoney for attorney general, Colonel Maher for secretary of state, Euclid Martin for land commissioner, and the remainder of the offices should be filled with men known to be in sympathy with the Parker forces. That would be the honest thing to do. The Independent knows that many of the democrats of the state are honest men and of the highest character. It hopes that that convention will pursue such a course that the members of it will retain the esteem of honest men.

There is a great big row in our new dependency of Panama. Roosevelt's governor down there is going to establish custom houses and enforce the Dingley tariff. The inhabitants universally denounce the proposition and declare that it means the ruin of business and the impoverishment of the people. Their old way of objecting to such things was to get up a revolution, but that will hardly be practical now. Wherever the imperialist goes, there must also go the Dingley tariff.