

INDIANA POPULISTS

**Call For State Convention
Special Correspondence
Democratic Leaders Bolting**

Vincennes, Ind., July 25, 1904.—(Special Correspondence.)—My Indiana correspondence indicates heavy populist gains. Bryan democrats in Indiana are disgusted with results at St. Louis, and reading between the lines they conclude that while Bryan gives nominal support to Parker, yet his heart is not really in it and that Bryan wants Parker defeated.

Every township in Indiana will show democratic losses and people's party gains.

The following letter is particularly pleasing to me. Mr. Overroad is a bright lawyer, a student of men and events, a strong man on the stump and possesses the courage of his convictions. He was the delegate to the St. Louis convention from the Fourth Indiana district. His letter is given below. Yours for populism,

SAMUEL W. WILLIAMS.

Columbus, Ind., July 23, 1904.—Hon. Samuel W. Williams, Vincennes, Ind., Dear Sir: Replying to your letter of the 20th will say I shall not support Parker and Davis electors at the coming election. I have decided and so declared that I shall support Watson and Tibbles. I remain a democrat and an ardent supporter of democratic principles as I understand them.

My judgment is that there are more democratic principles embodied in the populist platform this year than there are in the platform upon which Parker and Davis are expected to make the campaign. So I have temporarily given my support to the populist candidates and shall continue to do so until such time as the democratic organization concludes to give battle in the interest of the people rather than in the interest of Wall street and the privileged class.

Such modest support as I can give the populist ticket is assured you, and there will be no recession from this determination.

Respectfully,
W. H. EVERROAD.

State Chairman Robinson has announced the following state executive committee:

Fred. J. S. Robinson, Cloverland, Ind.; J. C. Smith, Monticello; Samuel W. Williams, Vincennes; Flavius J. Van Vorhis, Indianapolis; William H. Everroad, Columbus; John W. George, Frankfort; W. E. Hurley, Anderson.

The intention is to make a very aggressive campaign in Indiana.

OFFICIAL CALL FOR STATE CONVENTION.

Cloverland, Ind., July 25, 1904.

By direction of the people's party state convention of April 28, 1904, and by order of the people's party state central committee, I hereby issue this official call for the people's party of Indiana to meet in mass state convention at the criminal court room at Indianapolis, Indiana, on Wednesday, August 31, 1904, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of nominating a full state ticket, selecting presidential electors at large and for the transaction of such further business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Occidental hotel is hereby designated as headquarters and the several district delegations are hereby directed to hold meetings Tuesday evening, August 30, at the Occidental for the purpose of selecting one member from each district on the following committees:

1. Credentials.
2. Rules.
3. Permanent organization.
4. Resolutions.

A full attendance is desired.

FRED J. S. ROBINSON,
State Chairman.
J. C. SMITH,
Secretary.

Cleveland Co., Okla.

Last week, upon receipt of list of territorial committeemen sent in by Chairman Sanders, a letter was sent to each, asking for list of the entire county committee. Cleveland county is the first to respond. John S. Allan, who is editor of the Norman Voice, member of both national and territorial committees—as well as candidate for county judge—is a very busy man these days; but he found time to furnish the detailed information asked. However, it is usually the busy men who find time to do things.

Judge Allan says: "We are the boys who have always stood steadfastly in the middle of the road and fought both republicans and democrats. We have been kicked by the fusionists for our refusal to support fusion and you may guess we have had a very pleasant

time the past eight years standing up for populism.

"In 1894 we elected every officer in the county, save two, clerk and pro-tem judge. In 1896, treasurer only. In 1898, treasurer and sheriff. In 1900, treasurer only. And in 1902, sheriff only. But this year we are into the fight in tetter shape by reason of the national situation and are putting up the fight of our lives to win. We are free from all entangling alliances with the old parties and in shape to make Bryan democrats shut up or join us."

The Cleveland county populist ticket is as follows:

- Treasurer—John W. Stow, Case.
- Register of deeds—J. W. Klingensmith, Norman.
- Clerk—Chas. Manasco, Box.
- Sheriff—L. P. Barker, Noble.
- Judge—John S. Allan, Norman.
- Superintendent—Miss Edith Jones, Moore.
- Coroner—Dr. Roy Stoops, Norman.
- Representative—John T. Scott, Norman.
- County weigher—Alonzo Hawn, Norman.
- Commissioners—(1) A. V. Hulse, Stella; (2) Joe Witter, Hessel; (3) Jno. A. Fox, Norman.

Waking Up in Jersey.

John Ranch of Camden, N. J., writes: "Please enroll me as a member of The Vanguard; former democrat, now populist forever. Bryan can't fool me any more. Please send me a number of platforms; will try to organize a Watson and Tibbles club here."

Blanks have been sent Mr. Ranch.

Same Names—Same Objects.

Editor Independent: It seems to me that I recognize the same names and the same signs at the head of the democratic party that I knew in the old days of Brick Pomeroy. He made the name of Belmont synonymous with fraud and boodle in commercial politics. The son is of the same name, same blood and the same object in view.

I have acted with the Bryan wing of democracy in good faith, hoping it would be able to hold the machinery of the party in the middle of the road, and in favor of the St. Louis platform on which Bryan and Watson were nominated; but when Belmont was put on the engine, with Hill as stoker, I quietly stepped off the train, feeling sure that a serious wreck is pending.

I honor Bryan for the noble fight he made at the convention in favor of an honest platform and a candidate to fit it; but he was beaten, hands down in the convention which had been packed against him. The fiery truths that he poured out to those purchased delegates had no effect to change their purpose. I had hoped that Bryan would have permitted them to put a gold plank in the platform to fit the gold candidate, they had determined to name.

Then he might have been of some force in a new movement to aid the people to possess their own.

I do not believe in the theory that we must support our party in the wrong when the wrong is notoriously the product of fraud, secured by the use of money.

I have studied the money question for many years and have seen many definitions of "What is money?" but I find we need some new ones to fit the conditions of the past twenty years. What is money? It is a legal device with which "financiers" may fool the people. It is a powerful magnet, used by wily bosses to deflect state officials from their "plain duty." It is a decoy, with which to cover up the tricks of political bunco-steerers. It is possibly susceptible of other similar definitions.

We will try to place the Springfield ticket on the ballot in Illinois by petition, and thus provide a home for the orphans which are to be found in both of the twins.

I believe the independent vote of the republican and democratic parties will align themselves with the only party that represents "the plain people." They have succeeded in "eliminating populism" from the democratic platform and in doing so, have eliminated democracy also. Hurrah for Watson and Tibbles. D. L. BRAUCHER, Lincoln, Ill.

A Michigan Democrat's View.

Bryan's attitude appears elsewhere. We do not share his conclusions, as to the duty democrats owe to this nomination. Bryan is so much more of a man, than the trust ridden, and money bought politicians of the Parker, Cleveland stripe, that he is ready

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to support that nomination, because of a sense of duty. He thinks the platform better than that of republicans. We think that no democrat can point to his platform, and then shut his eyes to the fact that his candidate kicks the platform over the fence, and pays no heed thereto, but is a sort of law to himself. We refuse to follow Bryan, or Parker, or Hill, or Taggart, into the approval of the gold standard. No loyal democrat will for a minute, surrender his democracy.—W. Stearns in The Weekly Press, Adrian, Mich.

No Guess Work.

The people's party has not been "re-organized" nor is it considered "safe"

and "sane" but it held its national convention at Springfield, Ill., last week and, after reaffirming adherence to the grand basic truths of the Omaha platform of 1892 and of the subsequent platforms of 1896 and 1900, nominated Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, for president and Thomas H. Tibbles, of Nebraska, for vice president. There is no guess work as to whose interests this party stands for. After the last few years of old party corruption in Kansas another populist state administration should be welcomed by the honest people of the state.—John E. Cook in Oswego (Kan.) Blade.

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