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New York Wakes Up.

The people's party has at last got a hearing in the New York papers, not in the great dailies but in the weekly press all over the state. The following is clipped from the *Yonkers Gazette*, but editorials of a similar character have appeared in a great many of them. The *Gazette* says:

"The radical and anti-Hill element up the state are going to oppose Parker in the coming presidential election. The people's party in 1892 polled more than 16,000 votes in the state of New York for Weaver, their candidate. In 1896, they fused with the democratic party, but polled nearly 7,000 votes for Watson, the candidate on their ticket for vice-president. The entire strength of the people's party was thus thrown to Bryan, and became a part of the democratic party.

"It is now well assured that this element will break away, and in connection with the anti-Hill element up the state will refuse to support Judge Parker. The candidate of the people's party, Thomas Watson of Georgia, when a candidate on the ticket in 1896, with Bryan, polled upwards of 1,500,000 votes in the country. The managers of the people's party in the coming election confidently expect this vote will be largely increased.

"For the purpose of making an aggressive campaign in the state, thereby preventing the carrying of the state by Judge Parker, the people's party expects to inform Mr. Watson and Mr. Tibbles, their candidates, of their nomination at Cooper Union in August. Arrangements have been completed by which the People's party candidates will appear on the official ballot, and a full state ticket will be nominated. An aggressive campaign will be waged throughout the state. The effect of this, according to the party's leaders, unquestionably will be the defection from Judge Parker of many thousand votes which in 1896 and 1900 were cast for Bryan."

Will Command Votes.

White haired, but sturdy, strong of body and commanding of spirit, a born leader of a certain sort of men—such is Thomas H. Tibbles, the real apostle of populism, the actual feature of the ticket. He will command a good many votes in his and neighboring states. He is a good example of the sort of man who is always seeking to get outside the beaten paths of politics. They make campaigns interesting, but it is well for the republic that they are not likely to have any controlling vote in the country.—New London (Conn.) Telegram.

Our Platform.

Our platform bristles with remedies for the wrongs with which we are afflicted. Republicanism, nakedly, "stands pat," and offers nothing. Democracy (?)—as Bryan admits—upon most important economic issues, parades a little bunch of meaningless platitudes. If I may indulge an undignified quotation, I can illustrate with a crude negro rhyme: "De raccoon's tail am bushy, de 'possum's tail am bar, De rabbit had no tail at all—just little bunch of har."

Democracy (?) is the rabbit and has the show of a rabbit in this contest. The world-embracing gold-constrictor has the country in its deadly folds, and whether Roosevelt or Parker wins, will retire the green back without any preliminary debate before the people, and thus contract the currency to the extent of \$346,000,000, and the dear people, the farmers and the workers will sweat blood, while the shining monster squeezes the life out of labor. Republicans invented the green-back with which to beat the south to death in war, and now conspire with Wall street democracy (?) to strangle her industry by a constantly contracting currency. The loyally partisan and long-suffering south is expected to contribute to her own immolation because she is a "democrat." It is the evident design to make a monkey of the south, that she may pull chestnuts out of the fire for eastern plutocrats of the Elkins-Davis-Cleveland ilk.

She is to be frightened into line by the cry of negro equality because Roosevelt had Booker T. to dinner. Social folly or offense in our accidental chief magistrate in nowise affects statecraft. If Booker T. cares to sit down with Teddy, isn't that Booker's business? Social equality is not made by law; unwritten law is stronger than statutes if it were, and all the howl, however well justified from the social standpoint, is merely political fustian with which to anger and mislead the solid south into the support of a candidate whose success—if success were possible—would mean disaster to the mass of people, and the

overthrow of genuine democratic principles.

Hearst and a Hearst platform would have been inviting, and a Hearst house would doubtless have meant the overthrow of trust dominance, but Hearst went down with Bryan, and both Bryan and Hearst are committed to the support of that which they have denounced; we are left to keep the faith and we have a sacred duty to perform with resolution and fidelity to principle as disclosed in our incomparable platform, approved by the advanced thinkers and advocated by our thoroughly capable leaders.

T. J. M'INN.

San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Cantrell's Appeal.

Fellow Populists: Editor Independent offers to send his paper to seven different names till after the campaign for \$1. This requires a sacrifice on his part. Now, are we populists going to continue indifferent and not sacrifice either time or money? If we are then we needn't expect to build our party up to the point of success. Our party would have passed into oblivion years ago if it hadn't been for the sacrifice of our noble and heroic editors.

If we could work ourselves up to the point of sacrificing, by brooding over the oppression of the laboring people by the idle rich, we could flood this country with papers and literature. We could bring about such an indignation against the rich for their outrages against the poor, that a hurricane of reform would pass over this country and sweep every tool of the corporation from power, and grace his office with a reformer.

Now, brother populists, let me beg you to make just a little sacrifice today, not tomorrow, lay your paper aside and get your pencil and write down the names of seven populists that you believe are susceptible of reason and argument, and send them to the editor with a dollar. Do this if you have to borrow the dollar. Then go to work to get up as big a club as you can.

It ought not to be very difficult to get democrats and republicans to subscribe at a rate of fifteen cents. I am sending a dollar today and will now set about to get up a club. We must first send our own dollar then go to work to get as many to subscribe as we can. Any of us can afford to contribute one dollar to circulate such a paper as *The Independent*, when we can get it to make weekly visits to seven different parties till after the campaign for such a small sum.

Now hoping that every one that reads this will do at least as much as I have done, I remain yours for action.
J. S. CANTRELL.

Northview, Mo.

Holds The Key.

The lines are now drawn, the die is cast, and plutocracy has taken possession of its own. Both old parties are now bowing down worshipping the golden calf. Our road is no longer through the miry bogs of fusion and confusion. The mistakes of the past must point the way for the future.

A friendly greeting and hearty welcome to all who will assist us, but, entangling alliances with no other party.

Our platform is sound and broad enough for all to stand on.

Our ticket headed by the grandest and best men ever presented to the people, men who have been tested and proven to be good and true.

The people's party is the only party that can open the way for better conditions.

The socialist party wants to govern everything and everybody.

The demo-republican party holds the people in subjection while plutocracy robs them. The people's party holds the key to the situation and says: "Away with all laws granting special privileges," and that the least governed are the best-governed people.

The home of the Jeffersonian democrat is in the people's party.

The house of refuge for every Lincoln republican is the people's party.

If any better conditions ever prevail, through political action, they must come through the principles as laid down in the people's party platform.

The first to receive benefits, in better conditions, under the demands of the people's party, will be the producers of the wealth of the nation.

To your tents fellow populists. Let every one do all he can to help the cause along.
S. A. WRIGHT.

Springfield, Mo.

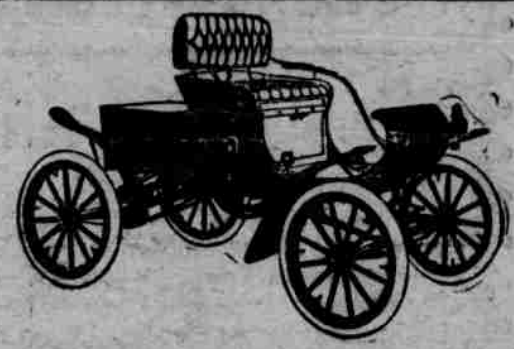
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