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Another Recruit.

Editor Independent: The fact that the plutocratic element has throttled the spirit of democracy, or in other words, has succeeded in overthrowing the better element of the democratic party, is sufficient reasons for those who love principle to leave it. Because those who are moved by the mighty impulse to seek justice, will not stay with those who rear on the altars of freedom, idols of gold. Because the party which does not build for future stability, or seeks present victory rather than honor, will fail to hold the respect of the common people. Plutocracy has become so vicious that it is not only sapping the vitality of parties but is undermining the foundation of our government. The assassins of liberty seem to think that the world is for the few. The Morgans, the Hills, the Hopkins are as damnable a set of political cut-throats as God ever put breath in. But their days are numbered. In November, the people will resent Parkerism as rank insult to those who are true to principle.

The fact that the writer gladly supported the Chicago and Kansas City platforms is sufficient evidence that the vital principles of liberty is what makes one seek those parties which know only the temples of justice.

The stability of nations depends on

the respect the people have for its government. So the stability of parties depends on the reverence the common people have for the principles on which they are founded.

The prestige of any party is maintained only where the due reverence is given to the will of the majority. No party can sell itself to the Morgans, or snuggle itself with Wall street gold, and command the respect of the people.

There is only one thing for a fearless citizen to do, and that is to stand for justice and right, even if it leads him to forsake his beloved party. Parties are not principles. Nor do they forward the cause of humanity unless they stand for what is just and right. And to support a party, right or wrong, is the vilest kind of political bigotry. Such a base fealty to party has brought to the people, all those ills which naturally accrue to corrupt politics.

To support the Chicago platform, as enthusiastically as many did, and then turn around and follow Parkerism, would be to give the lie to our acts in the last two campaigns. When the democratic democrats are asked to put their stamp of approval on Parkerism, they should resent it as the rankest insult. The democratic party, with its Parker-Hill-Morgan leadership, have assaulted the sanctuary of democracy and today her temple is torn asunder and from her altars ascend the stifling fumes of greed.

The cry of the "Parkerites" is, "meet fire with fire." That means that the party will hold up Parker as a stool-pigeon worthy of the homage of Wall street money kings. It means that the plutocratic harlot has traduced the democratic virgin, till she thinks that victory, though bought with Morgan's gold, is a fair exchange for honor and stability.

When a party exchanges honor for the homage of money kings, it drives from its ranks those who paid tribute only to principle. A party must stand for noble ideals, if it wishes to command respect. For a party to gain victory without justice is to enjoy the bitter fruit of inglorious defeat.

To one who is imbued with a lofty purpose and who believes that the rights of all men are the backbone of free government, it is hard to see the ravages that greed has made. But there is a consolation that one can fight just as hard under populist leaders as under the flag of democracy. In fact, it is the only democracy that is left. The only home for the democratic democrat. To every citizen, who loves the temples of liberty, who loves the sanctuaries of freedom and who is ready to guard the altars of justice, and who is ready to pay an humble homage to the rights of all men, we say, support the populist platform.

The reason we thought that the Chicago platform was a profound declaration of human rights, it declared that the sovereignty of the citizen should be supreme. And it further declared, that to obtain this power the citizen should have a direct power such as the initiative and referendum. That one plank was the keystone to political progress. The fact that that was a mighty power, if placed in the hands of the voter, is what made the plutocrats denounce it as populist.

Without the direct legislation plank, the cry for political progress was throttled. Without it the people would be helpless. And any intelligent citizen knows that if the people are to rule they must have the power. And the only power that will make the voter sovereign, is the initiative and referendum.

I wish to say to the populists that, though am a new recruit, I will, none the less, enjoy a chance to hurl defiance at plutocracy. For it is begotten of hell, born of the harlot, greed, that has mothered the most debased doctrines of the present age. The vile curse of being money-mad has loosened a lot of vicious politicians, who know no honor, who would bring forth the goddess of liberty to the shambles of greed. These political assassins dig for the unsuspecting people, pitfalls, that rob them of their just rights.

The question is, will we allow the overly rich to chain us to the god of gold? Shall the shrine of liberty be defiled by the worshippers of mammon? Or shall we seek the paths of peace? Which shall triumph, greed for gold or love of justice?

I am, sir, yours sincerely,
PERRY D. PLAIN.

Atwater, Ill.

Texas Populists

The Associated Press reports Thursday say:
"The state populist convention met here today and named a partial state ticket. The executive committee was empowered to complete the ticket. There were only thirty-five counties

represented.

"Dr. Pat B. Clark was nominated for governor, Clarence Nugent for lieutenant governor, E. P. Alsbury for comptroller, Samuel Evans for treasurer, S. C. Granbury for land commissioner, H. P. Jones for railroad commissioner and George Todd for attorney general.

Missouri Populists

To the Populists of Greene County, Mo.: You are hereby called upon to come to our county convention, Saturday, Aug. 20, 1904, at the court house Springfield, Mo., and urgently requested to bring every man you can get to come, who is ready and willing to help in this great battle of the people against the hordes of plutocracy entrenched in the two old parties. Work from now until the day of the convention to get our forces out at this time.

Come and let us reorganize our forces and get into the arena.
S. A. WRIGHT, Chairman Co. Com.
Springfield, Mo.; July 30, 1904.

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.

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FRED J. S. ROBINSON,
Attest: State Chairman.
J. C. SMITH,
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