New Jersey Populists

The eastern populists send greeting to their compatriots of the west. While we have just enlisted under the people's party banner, having until this time believed that we could get relief by working through one or the other of the old parties, we are no less determined to fight plutocracy and its agents, represented by such men as Rockefeller, Stillman, Rodgers, Belmont, Dave Hill, Sheehan and Wall street generally, than the men of the Old Guard who have been so long in the ranks. The people's party everywhere can count on us hereafter. Watch the election returns next November and you will not be dissatisfied with the fight that we have made.

The people's democratic convention met at Atlantic City, New Jersey, September 10. It was the most enthusiastic and fighting convention, ever held in this state of New Jersey. Nearly every county in the state was represented by full delegations of true-blue, Jeffersonian democrats, who refused to follow Jim Smith and his gang into the Wall street camp. Hon. John J. Honnecker of Hudson county called the convention to order. A temporary organization was effected by the election of Edward Concrow of Burlington

The chairman entertained a motion that a committee of five on platform be appointed which carried and the following gentlemen were named: J. A. Edgerton of Essex county, John Wright of Camden county, Paul Breen of Pasaic county, J. B. Cleaver of Samoset county and Samuel Wabasco of Warren county. When the committee returned, Mr. Edgerton read the platform which endorsed all the principles of the national people's party platform and further declared "we decline to follow the lead of commercial politicians into the camp of Wall street and refuse to recognize the Hills, the Sheehans and the Belmonts as proper exponents of popular rights."

Concerning the democratic candidate and the platform upon which he stands the platform says: "That it was the deliberate intent of the managers of the St. Louis convention to deceive the people is proven by the fact that in no essential particular do the platforms of the dominant parties differ, nor do we find heroism in the act of a candidate, who by concealment of principles for months prior to the convention, and for twenty-four hours after the platform was announced, secures a nomination which he would have lost had they been known ear-

After this had been read the first trouble started. William Pintard of Monmouth county, which he said was surely going democratic, got the floor. He declared that he favored everything in the platform except the indorsement of Watson and Tibbles.

"If you desire to get democratic support," he said, "you must not indorse populists,"

Hisses and catgalls followed this declaration and much confusion resulted. But his statement was backed up by Irving E. Salmon, son of ex-Congressman Salmon, of Morristown, who declared that, if carried out, the work of the convention would be a sad and ruinous mistake.

In a second the convention was on its feet. John Kierans of Lambertville, advanced toward Salmon, who still held the floor, shaking his fists in the Morristown man's face.

"Salmon is playing into the hands of the republicans!" cried some one in the room. Half a dozen delegates cried for the floor at this juncture, and John T. Wright of Camden, having the best staying power, was recognized. Mr. Wright was twice defeated for congress by Henry C. Loudenstager of Camden.

"I am here to protest against the rascality of the Parkerites," Mr. Wright asserted. "I left the republican party because of its rascality. We are a lot of beauties, cursing Cleveland eight years ago, and now getting down on our knees to do his bidding."

By this time things began to look threatening, so Mr. Dulin, the master hand of the proceedings, interfered. His getting to his feet was a signal for quiet.

"Remember," he said, "we are in a fight for principle and we must not quarrel. Also remember that under the present democratic leadership the

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put up a three-card monte scheme and A. Edgerton of Essex county. labeled it democracy.

"As a matter of fact," Mr. Crandall cried, "it is a sham and a trick, Our only answer to this sort of democracy is 'Shut up!' We won't be followers of 'Jim' Smith, who sold out Seymour. We want to give this Parker fraud its doom. I don't care whether we elect Roosevelt or a yellow dog. Tom Watson deserves the vote of every decent democrat."

After further remarks in a similar vein, a motion to strike out the indorsement of Watson was put, and it

was lost. Mr. Honnecker was placed in nomination by Joseph E. Keim of Hudson. Mr. Honnecker accepted the nomination, and read a speech denouncing plutocracy, and deploring a system that allowed men of only mediocre intelligence to amass large fortunes, wrung from the pockets of the poor man, Following Mr. Honnecker, a speech, the last of the day, was made by Arthur Gray of Jersey City. He created somewhat of a sensation by saying that he could prove that Patrick McCarren, the Brooklyn democratic leader, was in the pay of the Standard Oil company, and that his yearly wage was \$30,000.

On motion of Mr. Dulin the convention was declared adjourned by Edgar Conrow of Burlington, who acted as permanent chairman. The committee

money of the Pennsylvania railroad is on organization, which will name the electors, consists of Mr. Dulin, chair-Dulin was followed by John J. Cran- man; Mr. Honnecker, the gubernatorial dall, an Atlantic City lawyer. He de- nominee; Adward A. Whittier of Newclared that the democratic party had ark; John Rauch, of Camden, and J.

> Among other democrats present were Congressman Hughes of Paterson, former Chief of Police Haggerty of Newark, James Cooper of Morris county, A. Morgenroth of Essex and R. B. Shaeffer and Samuel Warbasse of Warren county.

After the convention Mr. Honnecker said: "I am proud to know that I have been nominated for governor. The attempt to break up the convention was a sign of weakness of the Parker-Belmont-Rothschild-Rockefeller -Wall street crowd. I can not say what my plans are further than to tell you that I intend to stump the state and make a winning fight.'

Mr. Honnecker is one of the leading men of the state of New Jersey. A man of considerable wealth and has the respect and confidence of all classes of citizens.



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