

## PROGRESS of POPULISM

Joliet, Ill., Sept. 14.—A special telegram to the Chicago Chronicle, dated at Omaha, the 8th, says:

"This morning a committee of democratic leaders served formal notice on the populist state committee at Lincoln that unless they ceased their attacks on Judge Parker the friends of the democratic candidate for the presidency would retaliate by attacking Berge, the populist candidate for governor on the fusion ticket and do their best to defeat him."

An intelligent expression of opinion as to the merits of this "formal notice" by so-called "democratic leaders" would necessitate a knowledge of their names—which the dispatch does not give. It may have been "served" by certain self-styled "democratic leaders" of Nebraska's metropolis, who in the past have never failed to support the corporation candidates for state office—whether nominated by the republicans or the democrats; and if so, deserves no attention whatever, for these men will knife Berge anyway. But if it comes from men of character, who have any prominence in the democratic councils of Nebraska, there would seem to be but one honorable course open to the populists: For every populist candidate for state office to file with the secretary of state his declination of the democratic nomination, and for the populist state committee to withdraw from the people's independent ticket the names of the three democrats thereon, fill the vacancies thus created with tried and true populists, and make a straightforward fight for populism all along the line.

Many of the Nebraska populists are bitterly opposed to the fusion on state officers, believing that the net effect would be to cut down Watson's vote and increase Judge Parker's. The Chronicle dispatch, if true, would indicate that the democrats understand the situation and are working to accomplish just such result.

Chairman Ferriss delivered an address at the county fair, Burlingame, Kan., September 9, and from there went to Wichita to attend the populist conference, at which it will be determined whether the populists of Kansas will try to hold another convention and put up a state ticket to appear under the people's party head, immediately following the Watson and Tibbles electors; or whether they will abide by the decision of the convention held August 3, whereat a fusion ticket was agreed upon to appear under the democratic head following the Parker and Davis electors.

The situation in Kansas is different from that in Nebraska owing to a statute enacted by the republican legislature in 1902, designed to prevent cooperation between two separate parties. Its intended effect was to eliminate the people's party—and the democratic state senators made no effort to stop its passage. Foolishly, too, because the people's party is the only real opposition to the republicans in the republicans, the former scene of John Brown's struggles is always safely republican—except in rare instances, perhaps, where something like the old prohibition-whiskey fight can be raised.

A letter from Leland M. Guice, Longstreet, La., under date of September 2, conveys the sad news that Hon.

T. J. Guice, a member of the national committee for that state, was stricken with paralysis on Friday night, August 26, after having made a lengthy speech to the people of the southern part of De Soto parish. Notwithstanding he had the best medical attendance he passed away Monday night, August 29. As his son truly says: "He died in the harness working for the cause."

This will be a severe blow to the movement in Louisiana because Mr. Guice was a beloved leader among the populist forces of northern Louisiana, and there seems to be no one who can fill his place. Leland M. Guice expresses his intention to do all in his power to aid the cause of populism, and it is to be hoped that he may develop the same qualities of leadership which his father possessed. He has been chosen to fill the vacancy in the Louisiana members of the national committee.

National Committeeman W. F. Woodford of Farmdale, Fla., writes that he is sending copies of Mr. Watson's Lincoln speech all over his section of Florida. The Missouri World has printed this speech in the form of a pamphlet, and is selling it at the rate of 10 for 10c. A great many populists over the country are taking advantage of this opportunity for scattering the siege of populism. Mr. Woodford says that he believes Watson and Tibbles will poll a big vote in Florida. He reports that at the present time there is not a paper published in Florida that prints anything along the line of populism.

A J. Jones of Parlier, Cal., desires sample copies of all the reform papers for general circulation. He says there is no populist paper published in Fresno county, and he thinks he could do considerable good in the way of securing subscriptions.

### C. Q. DE FRANCE.

(The "formal notice," referred to by Mr. De France, was a pure fabrication—a mere republican campaign fake. No such formal notice was given to the populist committee by any democrats at all. It goes without saying that should any such notice be served upon the populist committee, Mr. De France's suggestion would very likely be followed by the populist candidates and the committee. For the populists of Nebraska, reinforced by thousands of solid reform democrats, are not at all likely to allow a handful of Parker democrats to dictate what they should do regarding the national ticket. The populists of this state as well as thousands of unmuzzled democrats are bent upon the defeat of Parker, and they desire the world to know it.—Associate Editor Q.)

Gossip: James Hogan, the populist nominee for governor of Illinois, was one of the men who were imprisoned with Eugene V. Debs, the socialist nominee for president—back in the days of the A. R. U. strike. A. M. Coleman, nominee for congress in the Second Colorado, formerly ran a paper in Nebraska. W. B. Wolfe, nominee for treasurer in Indiana, is a brother of our "Uncle Jake" Wolfe of Lincoln, Neb., former land commissioner. S. M. Holcomb, whom the Indiana populists nominated for attorney general, is an uncle of Judge Silas A. Holcomb, now on the supreme bench of Nebraska. John B. Howarth, one of the people's party electors for New York, is editor of the single tax magazine, "What's The Use."

stead of 19, and the place of meeting at Helena, instead of Butte.

### GREENCASTLE, IND.

By authority vested in me I make this call for a mass convention to meet at the court house in the city of Brazil, Ind., at 11 o'clock a. m. on Friday, September 23, 1904, to nominate a candidate for congress for the Fifth district. All who desire to affiliate with the people's party are invited to attend and participate.

A. T. KEIGHTLEY,

Chairman.

People's party papers please copy.

### Farmer's Alliance Ox Roast

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### People's Party Conventions KNOX COUNTY, IND.

Populists, and all others who intend to support Watson and Tibbles, are requested to meet at the court house in Vincennes, Knox county, Ind., on Saturday, Sept. 24, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of organization and nominating a people's party county ticket and to ratify the action of the state convention of August 31.

GEO. C. CONRAD, Chairman.

Oaktown, Ind.

### ARKANSAS.

Hon. Thos. E. Watson, nominee of the people's party for president, will address the public at Prescott, Ark., on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1904. Believing the time, place and occasion opportune, I hereby call a mass convention of the people's party of Arkansas to meet at Prescott, Ark., on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for presidential electors, and such other business as may be deemed proper.

A. W. FILES,  
Ch'm. State Ex. Com.

### MONTANA.

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