

DOUGLAS COUNTY POPULISTS

Fearful at last of the overwhelming defeat of the nominees for the legislature and county commissioner on the democratic ticket of Douglas county, the defunct democratic convention that nominated them is again called to meet in Omaha Saturday, October 1, to "reconsider some things." It is reported that most of the several reputable nominees on the ticket have refused to run with the rest, and that the pressure has been so great among those in Douglas county who desire clean government that some of the hoodlums and huns on the ticket are to withdraw. The convention is called to consider these things. There is no aspersion here intended against James P. English, nominee for county attorney, who is well liked as a clean and able official.

In the meantime the populists are getting quite busy. Their four conventions—county, congressional, school board and judicial—are called to meet at Omaha, Saturday, October 8. There will be something doing that will interest many. The war horse of the Douglas county populists, Elmer E. Thomas, who has just returned from a trip to Europe, promises to be present at the convention and make a speech that will make the welkin ring with old-time populist enthusiasm. The populists of that county, at last freed from contaminating alliances with about as miserable a bunch of political tricksters as ever infested an outraged public, are talking on a renewed vigor that is inspiring. There will be a vital organization of populists in Douglas county henceforth that will be heard from in all quarters.

It is safe to say that the populists there will forcefully repudiate the proposal to nominate the Cleveland democrat talked of for district judge, but will gladly support Gilbert M. Hitchcock for congress.

WATSON'S SPEECHES

It would seem from the demand for extra copies of The Independent containing the speeches of Mr. Watson that the demand for them could not become exhausted even though The Independent were issued daily, with a fresh speech every day. Every speech that he makes is eagerly read. He has taken the position that Mr. Bryan occupied in 1896. Then the country was aflame with eagerness to read every reported speech of Bryan's. The same is true this year of Mr. Watson's great speeches. The daily papers throughout the land are being forced to give space to them. The revival is gathering fresh recruits every day.

Many letters to The Independent indicate the interest that the letters of Hon. Henry M. McDonald are awakening everywhere. Populists in the west can not understand how it is that that old New York and the east generally could be so aroused to the principles of populism. But the tide of populism is swelling in the east flow with the same force and volume that swept the western states years ago. The old Guard everywhere are feeling the pulsations of renewed life and vigor. God speed the great work. Spread the joyful news.

WATSON HIS BEST LOVE HIM MOST

The scores of letters received at the office of The Independent from Georgia every day, indicate beyond question that Mr. Watson will carry his own state. The hundreds of letters that have been received from all over the state of Georgia attest the general esteem in which Mr. Watson is held and regarded by those nearest his home and who know him best. And Georgia is not alone. Everywhere the protest against plutocracy becomes more vigorous as the campaign progresses. The only outlet for this vigorous protest is in voting the people's party ticket. And the people everywhere are not slow in seeing this point. The friends of the people are becoming more potent every day. Rise and join the vanguard.

Ohio seems to be waking up at last. A postal card from Reemelin says: "Ohio petition is filling up. John Seitz has the honor of sending in the first petition, 119 names. Hurrah for Seitz."

No man not in this office can imagine the pressure for space made upon The Independent during this campaign. The result is that matter of vast public interest both to this state and the whole union has to be filed away. At the opening exercises of the university, Chancellor Andrews delivered an address that was of surpassing interest to the whole nation. The great dailies gave it scant attention, and The Independent, being a national organ of a great party, with only sixteen small

pages, could not find space for it. The chancellor draws attention to the fact that for the last twenty-five years all the nations of the earth, instead of trying to create conditions favorable to their own subjects and looking out for their advancement, seem to have bent all their energies to grabbing territory from other nations. The statement will not be denied by any intelligent man. What the result of such a policy will be if it continues, should engage the serious thought of every well-wisher of mankind.

The meat trust in order to break the strike rushed into Chicago some hundreds of criminals to take the strikers' places, and when the fight was over, set them loose in the streets of Chicago. The result is that during the month of September there were three murders, fourteen persons wounded by hold-up men, seventy-four robbed by highwaymen and twenty-five burglaries committed in that city. That is simply one of the things that the people must endure if they insist on having a meat trust, or accept of the strike breaking system inaugurated by Parry. Wherever these strike breakers have been used the same results have followed.

W. S. Morgan of Hardy, Ark., is going to start his Buzz-Saw to ripping up things again. At one time it was one of the most popular populist papers in the United States. Mr. Morgan has recently published a political novel, "The Red Light," which in this case is used as the railroad men use it, to mean a "danger signal." The book is not only the history of a crime but a story of love, devotion and patriotism.

The way that the people's party and its national candidates are treated by the Associated Press, which is now, and always has been, a republican, Wall street affair, is a complete answer to the charge that the republicans are assisting the populist party. Every time that Parker takes a bath or his dog catches a skunk, the thing is telegraphed to every paper in the United States, while the most important things in connection with the people's party are totally ignored. Only such things as it is impossible to ignore, by making its bias too apparent, is reported at all. When the election is over we will have to wait for weeks to learn the populist vote. The Associated Press will not send populist returns over the wires.

According to the testimony that Lawson is furnishing, Rockefeller, Rodgers and Addicks are each and all thieves, liars and swindlers. The Independent has made some remarks of that kind itself during the last four or five years.

The republican papers are printing many of the things from The Independent that are damaging to Parker, and the democratic papers all those items that they think will help them. That's all right. We are "agin 'em both."

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Watson is going to New York to make some more speeches. He will deliver addresses in Buffalo, Rochester, Brooklyn and New York. Lettigrue and Darrow will also take the stump in that state. Palliser, the manager of the populist campaign in New York city, is after that old Arkansas pumpkin, Jones, who is now drawing a salary of \$100 a week at the national democratic headquarters. Palliser tells Jones that if Bryan had thrown him overboard in 1896 as Bryan's friends advised, the result of that election would have been different. Palliser says that he don't want to dignify Jones' slanders with a denial, but that he knows where all the funds come from and how they have been spent, "and not a cent has come from the republicans."

Judge England sent Governor Mickey a letter asking him if he believed in using passes on the railroads, whether he had used such passes and what he thought about passing a law to forbid the issuing of passes. Mickey replied that he had been riding on passes and said if the legislature should pass a bill prohibiting them, he would sign it, but in agreeing to the latter proposition he put in two "ifs" and one "provide."

The Prussian government owns many coal mines and is trying to purchase more. They have a coal trust over there almost equal to Baer's. Recently the government has been selling coal to the farmers much below the trust price, which makes the Agrarian party most enthusiastic supporters of the government, and in return there is talk among the government party of

taking over the trust mines under the act of eminent domain. Our government is the only one on earth that never legislates in the interest of the farmer. All that it has ever done for him was to make him sell everything he has to sell in a free trade market and buy everything that he buys in a high tariff market.

It is said in the financial papers that there is a demand far greater than the supply can furnish in New York for the despised silver dollars, coming mostly from the south and the west. Perhaps the bankers down there who "scratched" or slightly mutilated thousands of these dollars and then refused to receive them at the banks, will now ship them off to supply this demand.

Can two walk together except they be agreed?—Amos III:3. It is very evident that those who think that they can get populists to walk with Parker democrats never read their Bibles very much.

It seems that the Wall street democrats are losing to both the republicans and populists in the east. Robert Treat Paine, who has been one of the shining lights of democracy in Massachusetts, has gone over to the republicans while the democrats who have announced that they will support Watson can not be kept track of because they are so numerous. The fact is that the real Simon-pure gold democrats prefer Roosevelt and the Kansas City platform democrats prefer Watson. Only those are left who prefer nothing, their whole ambition being summed up in voting the ticket labelled "democratic."