

**The Progress of Populism**

The Maryland state committee of the people's party has been reorganized with the following officers: Chairman, Joseph A. Thalheimer, 919 North Calhoun street, Baltimore; secretary, Thomas O. Clark, 1008 West Lafayette avenue, Baltimore; treasurer, James E. Brady, 216 West Biddle street, Baltimore. The electoral ticket has been agreed upon and printed petitions are now ready for circulation. The electors are as follows: James E. Brady, Chas. R. Forman, Henry F. Magness, Thomas O. Clark, Joseph A. Thalheimer, Frank H. Jones, Henry F. Stowell, Jonah S. Kelley.

**TENNESSEE.**

Hon. H. J. Mullens will address the people on national political issues, and in support of the candidacy of Hon. Thos. E. Watson of Georgia, for the presidency, at the following times and places. The local friends are requested to publish these appointments as extensively as possible, and arrange the place for speaking: Gallatin, Monday, October 10; Ashland City, Tuesday, October 11; Clarksville, Wednesday, October 12; Paris, Thursday, October 13; Huntingdon, Friday, October 14; Camden, Saturday, October 15.

**MONTANA.**

National Committeeman Calderhead of Montana reports that the populist convention September 20 nominated Watson and Tibbles electors.

The convention then endorsed the democratic state ticket nominated several days before.

Mr. Calderhead reports that many democrats are in open rebellion against Parker and he predicts a heavy vote for Watson and Tibbles.

**ARIZONA.**

National Committeeman Way of Arizona reports the name of Albert L. Henshaw, Phoenix, Maricopa county, for appointment as national committeeman. He says that Mr. Henshaw some eight years ago in a three-cornered race for sheriff, received nearly 1,000 votes out of a total of 3,500, and is a thorough populist. Mr. Henshaw has been appointed.

**NEW YORK.**

Hon. Peter Hamilton of Brooklyn reports that the county committee of the people's party in Kings county is being organized and preparations made to roll up a big vote for Watson and Tibbles.

**ARKANSAS.**

State Chairman Files reports that the electoral ticket for Watson and Tibbles has been nominated in Arkansas.

Tom Watson spoke at Prescott the 21st," writes Chairman Files, "and set the political woods on fire. Enthusiasm is the rule in Arkansas. Indications point to the refusal of many Bryan democrats to be delivered to the Wall street trust combination."

**FUNDS NEEDED.**

Editor Independent: Your readers are doubtless aware that our committee undertook and successfully carried out the work of supplying seventy-five newspapers with a two-page supplement containing Mr. Watson's Lincoln speech. These seventy-five papers circulated 95,300 copies of the supplement. We prepaid express charges and all expenses for printing, wrapping packages, etc., so that none of the seventy-five papers was out anything except the labor of inserting the supplement and the additional postage which its circulation entailed.

All the bills for the Lincoln speech supplement are paid.

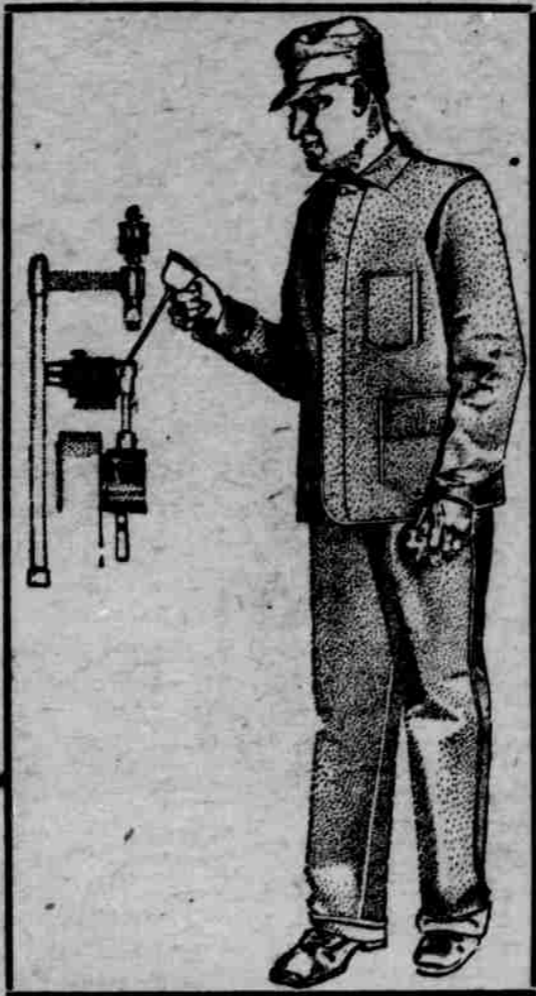
Believing that the Cooper Union speech should have similar distribution we contracted to have it furnished the newspapers in like manner. This time eighty-six papers have taken nearly 120,000 copies; and committees and individuals have bought nearly 20,000 more for hand to hand distribution. Part of the bill is paid, but on September 24, we still owed \$203.28 which should be fully paid by October 1.

If forty of The Independent's readers will each contribute a \$5 bill, this claim can be paid promptly. Isn't it possible that out of your hundred thousand readers, there are forty who will give \$5 each to settle the printer's bill? On the average, three persons read each supplement, more than 400,000 persons were entertained and instructed by Mr. Watson's matchless oratory and logic. With an average audience of 5,000, it would require eighty meetings to equal in effectiveness this work on which we owe two hundred dollars. Even a very ordinary meeting would cost that amount.

The question is, Will the populists of the United States help pay for the Cooper Union supplement—or will they let the burden be borne by the chairman and secretary?

CHARLES Q. DE FRANCE.

Secretary



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**Letter of Acceptance**

Editor Independent: I have just finished reading your letter of acceptance. My heartiest congratulations. Very much pleased with the entire document. It fully justifies the impressions I derived during our "midnight session" at Springfield, and which were the leading reasons for my suggesting the vice presidential nomination to you on the following day. It has been a continuous self-congratulation for the part I had in "springing" your name.

With gallant Tom Watson pounding away at the "enemy in his somewhat impetuous "hammer and tongs" fashion, the ticket is most admirably "balanced" with one who can resist all temptations to indulge in personal allusions, but calmly and philosophically

discusses the situation in the broad, deep, yet ever-clear and practical vein so wisely followed in your letter. I feel satisfied that the cause of populism will be greatly strengthened in the public judgment by your manner of treating the situation, especially in the humanitarian aspects of the movement. Amen to Quinby's editorial comment. JAMES A. FULTON. McKeesport, Penn.