

## For People's Party Organization

Populists are Full of  
Fight and will Continue  
the War against  
Plutocracy

Responding to the Independent's referendum as to the future course of the People's Party many communications advocating the maintaining of the party organization intact. The following are samples:

### Don't Give up the Ship

I fully endorse the views of Brother Wright in regard to holding the people's party organization intact. Don't give up the ship just because a tidal wave swayed her to one side. Commence to right her now and she will spread her sails and be able to sweep the political sea and carry crew to victory.  
GARRETT GIBSON.  
Cedarville, Kan.

### Neither Democracy Nor Socialism

I wish to say in regard to the course to be pursued by the people's party in the future that I am heartily in favor of continuing the organization as my ballot indicates, and unalterably opposed to a further fusion, local, state or national with the democratic party. I think I have kept company with that old party long enough. Mr. Bryan, though a very able, brilliant and honest man is altogether too much of a partisan and hence not a safe leader. He has done more, be it intentionally or unintentionally, to disorganize the people's party, than any living man, and even during this last campaign kept more men from rallying to the standard of Tom Watson than all other democrats combined.

As for the rest of the great democratic leaders, they are about as rotten and faithless set of fellows as one might imagine. The democratic party, as a whole, has repudiated principle after principle. It has betrayed the voters time and again until it has become a stench so foul and unbearable that millions have turned from it in disgust. For the populists to affiliate with such a party any longer would be the rankest kind of insanity, and neither have we, a few principles excepted—anything in common with socialistic hallucinations; nor would it be anything short of idiocy to attempt the organization of a new party since the people's party stands for a government of, for, and by the people as laid down by our forefathers. Therefore let us keep up our organization by all means, put our shoulders in the wheel with renewed vigor, never stand back but spread the truth whenever opportunity presents itself and success will crown our efforts. Yours for a populist president after March 4, 1909.

FRED G. BOELTS.

Central City, Neb.

### "Idiosyncratic"

Enclosed please find my vote on the question submitted to subscribers of The Independent in the people's party referendum ballot. You will notice that my vote is cast in favor of maintaining the people's party national organization. Mr. Bryan and Mr. Hearst have went upon the record. No man, in my estimation can be a true reformer who proclaims, as did Mr. Hearst, that he would vote for and support the candidates nominated at the St. Louis convention regardless of whom they might be. Secondly, Mr. Bryan in the Commoner published to the world that he would vote for Parker and Davis.

Mr. Bryan had taught his followers for eight long years, that the single gold standard was the consolidation, the crowning sum of all villainies, the concentrated quintessence of all political evils; and then to come out, after that telegram "irrevocably fixed the gold standard" and proclaim in his first issue of the Commoner after the convention that he was going to vote for Parker and Davis. That move, in my estimation, should "irrevocably fix" Mr. Bryan as a reformer. Again, if Mr. Hearst supported the nominees of that St. Louis monstrosity, according to his proclamation, then he also voted for Parker and Davis and that kills the coon for me, with him. These two "democratic reformers," to my mind, are rather idiosyncratic than democratic and not to be depended upon. It might be objected that these two men do not constitute the whole body of democratic reformers. True enough, but please call to mind any one or all democratic leaders, in the last forty years and name one who has remained steadfast to true Jeffersonian democracy. I voted and delivered speeches for Mr. Bryan's cause in 1896 and 1900 and the Lord forgives me for this

misplaced confidence, I promise that any kind of "fusion" with any political party outside of the people's party has had its last vote and advocacy from me. I am a people's party man, first last and all the time. I am like that Alabama man—No more fusion for me and consequently no more confusion, refusal or diffusion.

D. A. DILTZ.

Parkman, Wyo.

### "To Arms" for Populism

With the experience of the last campaign I am surprised to see you asking your readers to vote whether they should fuse with Bryan for another whitewash of the stinking democratic party or not.

We the populists are good enough to vote for democrats to put them in office, but when the democratic party turns completely around the same fellows with only a few exceptions will vote their "yellow dog" or turn and help republicans rather than vote for the d-d pops. One of the most pronounced Bryan democrats in this vicinity told me in the spring that he would not vote for no d-d goldbug for president. Before the election he said to me he would not vote for Watson. After I reminded him of what he said before he replied that Parker is not for gold and when I sweated him more he refused to answer. Yes, he voted for Parker or Roosevelt but he would not vote for a Jeffersonian democrat. In Silver Lake township, where I vote, only Bohemians voted for Watson. They were not afraid of throwing their votes away. Other Bryan democrats voted for Parker or Roosevelt and with such you would have us co-operate? No, I will never co-operate with such partisan lunatics, never! If this campaign had driven all the Parkerites into the republican ranks it would be different. But they are all there yet. Parker and Bryan will have the same fight to go over and who guarantees us that Parker or some one of his brand will not win again. The democrats have been on all sides of all questions and still they don't know where they are at. They have tried greenbacks, hard money, free silver, gold standard and the last thing before they swell like a toad and burst is to try "prohibition." I will never follow such cowardly leaders that can eat all kinds of crow like Bryan did. If the reform democrats want a party that stands up by its guns with the same flag unfurled in victory or defeat let them join the people's party permanently and help to build it up. That's the only way to get rid of hypocrites and dead weight in their party by leaving it behind.

By all means let us stand alone. By all means hold up the banner of populism in victory or defeat.

If our gallant Watson is willing to make the sacrifice let us keep him in leadership and renominate him as our standard bearer in 1908. Brother populists to arms, to arms! Don't get discouraged, the battle has only begun. Don't forget to continue to contribute to Ferris and De France, they are \$1,000 behind. Don't be stingy. Look at the socialists and see what sacrifices they make. To arms, to arms, ye brave! Three cheers for John S. De Hart; his last letter has the right ring.

ANTHONY DOLEZELIK.

Silver Lake, Kan.

### Populists Voted for Roosevelt

I am requested by some of our most active populist workers, who fairly represent the sentiment of our people in this county, to say that we have had all the fusion with the democrats that we want, and then some.

Fusion with them this year was repudiated by us and we so notified the state committee and warned them of the disastrous effect it would have the election returns more than verify our predictions. McKinley beat Bryan 200 here in 1900. Roosevelt beat Parker 1,123 and has 900 more than both Parker and Watson. Mickey's plurality increased from 111, two years ago, to 553 and Congressman Kinkaid's from 195 to 648 and the legislative candidates made similar gains. Think of Watson getting only 223 in this

county, where had there been no fusion he would have received from 900 to 1,000.

Mr. Bryan's course in placing partisanship as paramount to patriotism and, as Mr. Watson says, "submitting to what was wrong, because, although it was wrong, it was regular," and we will add, by supporting what he knew to be wrong and had declared he never would support, had much to do with causing the landslide out in this section and settles beyond dispute that he can never again become the bell-wether of the populist flock. We endorse what you say of him as having the worst case of partisan insanity of which we have any record.

We endorse the manly stand taken by our invincible leader, Thomas E. Watson, in his published statement of his plans for rebuilding the people's party and think Nebraska populists owe it to him and to humanity to give him all the assistance in their power.

A. F. PARSONS.

North Platte, Neb.

### Texas for Populism

Am for the people's party organization and Tom Watson every time and says all Texas. We have been swindled by the democrats in this state again and our vote suppressed, but that only makes us more determined than ever. I have made arrangements to take the field for reform and shall remain at work until 1908. I have no wife or family and I can well afford to give my time to the cause. I have returned from a month's trip for the cause and I can truthfully say that there never was a better time for us to get in our work than now. Our people are wide awake and the democrats are ready for anything.

TAYLOR McRAE.

Fort Worth, Texas.

### Would Split Plutocratic Vote

Inclosed find my vote for the people's party. So far as I have talked with other populists all would vote as I have.

It is impossible to take all populists into the democratic party.

There is room in the populist camp for all true reformers.

To keep up the populist organization and a reform democratic party splits the reform vote. With the reform vote split it is easy for the plutocrats to rule. To surrender the democratic party to Wall street splits the plutocratic vote. The split vote stands a poor show to win.

SIGNATURE WITHHELD BY REQUEST.

### We Will Never Know

Editor Independent: The election is over. We will never know how many votes were put in for Watson and Tibbles, but we do know one thing that there has been one of the most powerful fights waged against the two old parties that ever was made in these United States, and we can say one thing, the people's party has killed the democrats. They will never be known to elect a president again. The people's party must stand solid on the foundation as it is now laid by yourself and Watson. It is not for love and respect that the people have voted for Roosevelt, but because they hate the democrats. They have acted so bad at home and abroad is the reason the people don't expect anything of the republicans. They know them. The democratic party has changed so much, stolen populist principles and then lied. Now let us all stand in line, force the democrats to come and be one of us, and be honest, change their election laws and people will have respect for the law makers of the south. I don't know but I think Bryan is a dead duck, though not as dead as his party. He may name the next president and the issue, but if it is as a democrat he will be defeated. What I say, is, if Bryan would come and unite all reform forces, that would drive the goldbug democrats into the republican party. May God grant the day may soon come when all can unite. I want all of Watson and Tibbles speeches and the platforms when they are put in pamphlet form. I want to put out all I can among the people for the future.

J. A. WEATHERAN.

Miles Station, Texas.

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