

Results of Referendum Vote

What Populists Should Do

The referendum taken by The Independent, at 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday stood:

For People's Party organization	3,872
For co-operation with Democrats	251

What to Do

Editor Independent: Fuse or not to fuse seems to be a question with some, but I can not see any room for any difference on that subject. The following taken from the editorial columns of the St. Louis Republic of March, 1896, ought to help us all to satisfactorily settle that matter forever: "The silver leaders in the democratic party propose to wipe the people's party off the map this fall, whether right or wrong in these surmises they intend to carry out the campaign on these lines." I am firmly convinced that Mr. Bryan was in on the ground floor, with the silver leaders, to betray and destroy the people's party, and most emphatically vote no more fusion forever.

By the action of those silver leaders the great giant of reform was shorn of his strength for many weary years, and the beneficiaries of special privilege were given a new life to plunder the weak and helpless. The two old parties are carrion parties and each lives on the corruption of the other, kill one and you kill both. Missouri did not go republican because there was any virtue, or merit, in the republican party, but because the stench from the putrid carcass of the democratic party had become unbearable, and Roosevelt did not get his majority in the nation because his party had any merit, but because the stench from the last Cleveland administration killed the sensitive voter off when he came into contact with Parker and his environments carrying as it must the malodorous smell of the last democratic administration.

I can not believe that any man that went into that conspiracy in 1896 to wipe the people's party off the map that fall was an honest man and I believe that Mr. Bryan was in on the ground floor of that conspiracy to destroy the only party that was then menacing the citadel of plutocracy. The conspiracy was formed, the plan carried out and the crime of the age was committed by those silver leaders. Let us raise our banner high and let it be known by deeds that we will not under any circumstances or conditions, in any place or places, condone the wrongs of either of the old parties by fusing or co-operating with them, but will welcome all to our ranks who will help us in our fight. For any northern section to fuse with the democrats is demoralizing to all southern sections where we have to submit to the crimes of the democratic party, and for the people's party to fuse with the republicans in any southern section, is destructive to our party in northern sections, besides fusing with either gives the lie to our contention that both are wrong. Let us stand true to ourselves and we can stand true to all. Let us organize under the precinct plan and give all power into the keeping of the people. Clip the wings of committees to make deals and sell out the movement and our course will be onward and upward.

Springfield, Mo. S. A. WRIGHT.

Wait and See

Editor Independent: Answering your people's party referendum ballot:

"If the Bryan democracy is again in control to make the nominations of 1908, there will be no need of a people's party." In the meantime, I believe the people's party should hold its organization together, for should the conservatives be in possession there is no likelihood of Bryan and his following again finding warrant for being regular; they would bolt and join the populists, which I think they should have done this year.

The leaders of the people's party ought now to know to their complete satisfaction that the mass of independents of this country will not cast their votes for a third party.

It was a question with the many whether a genuine or imitation republican was to be elected, and they would take no chances of Parker's election.

I voted for Watson and Tibbles, but had I believed that Roosevelt needed my vote in this state I should have voted for him.

DANIEL KIEFER.

Cincinnati, Ohio.

Let Them Stay There

Editor Independent: I see in the Independent of November 10 you ask for a referendum vote of the subscribers in regard to fusion with the Bryan democrats. We have no way of judging of the future but by the past, the people's party fused with the Bryan democrats and we all know the result. They are not to be trusted. If a party fools us once they are to blame, but if they fool us twice we can blame ourselves. If Mr. Bryan and his followers must stay in the democratic party, let them stay there. If they can not come to us and adopt our platform and name we can not go to them. Bryan, as a leader in the party, has proved a failure. So I think we had better let him alone as long as he remains where he is, he can not do us any harm. It will take us some years yet to get back to where we were before fusion. I always will be opposed to fusion with any party. If the people's party can not get along without fusion, I go to the socialists.

JACOB RICKEY.

Beechgrove, W. Va.

Afraid of Populists

Just at present the great dailies and the Associated Press are engaged in boosting the socialists. Every item of information that will accelerate that movement is given prominence while everything connected with the people's party or the vote for Tom Watson is suppressed. They know that they have nothing to fear from the socialists. No information at all is attainable by this office concerning the total vote of the people's party. A great many letters like the following have been received, but these United States cover a vast part of the globe, and no conclusion can be formed of the total vote from letters that have been received, although they are very numerous. Most of the writers got their information in the same manner that Mr. Nichols did:

Editor Independent: I enclose the vote of Suffolk county, N. Y., or as much as I can get, as no paper would give it. These were obtained through a friend in the county clerk's office. Prohibition vote 200 less than last vote:

Watson	82
Roosevelt	9934
People's party state ticket—	
Parker	6788
Boulton	62
Spaulding	61
Drew	64
Manz	64
Rose	64
Gaffeny	64
Levy	65
Republican gain over 1,000.	

FRANK E. NICHOLS.

Brentwood, L. I., N. Y.

The Referendum

Editor Independent: I see by your paper that you are submitting to your readers a referendum for or against fusion.

Permit me to say a few words as to what I consider a real referendum. There may be a number of ways of dealing with a subject under discussion and the ordinary referendum permits us to say yes or not on a given question, but suppose a voter does not agree with either side of the question, but believes he has a decidedly better idea as to how the matter should be dealt with. He has an undoubted right to express his opinion, but the present referendum will not permit him. In order that a majority of the voters may get as near to what they want, through a free choice, as possible, suppose that a referendum is made up as follows:

For absolute refusal of fusion with all parties.

For refusal to fuse except with free coinage democrats and silver republicans.

For avoiding fusion except with free coinage democrats, silver republicans and republicans of the LaFollette stamp.

For avoiding fusion except with free coinage democrats, silver and LaFollette republicans and prohibitionists.

For fusion with silver democrats, silver republicans, La Follette republicans, Folk democrats, single taxers and prohibitionists, but absolutely opposed to fusion with strict partisans of the two old parties.

Let the voter mark (1) at the left of the proposition which best suits him, (2) at the proposition which is next nearest his choice, (3) next, etc., when those ballots are collected by you eliminate first the proposition receiving least first choice votes, next the proposition next lowest, until only two remain. I need not explain the method further, as Mr. De France last spring conducted a similar experiment with success and explained in full the method of transfers, when by a straw vote Watson came out in the lead. He had a dozen candidates besides scattering and many to eliminate, but did it satisfactorily, while in the present case from four to seven propositions is the most the populists would want presented to them.

The proposition in itself may be of

little importance as so many express themselves through The Independent that you will be at no loss to know what they want, but the educational value of such an experiment will be inestimable. The fact that a lot of people do not see it at once, matters not.

Suppose a question of electing senators were up to be voted on. Place the question on the ballot thus:

For the election of United States senators by the legislatures.

For the election of United States senators by the people.

For the abolition of the United States senate.

On the liquor question to be put thus:

For high license.

For low license.

For free saloons.

For state ownership.

For prohibition.

JAMES CRAIG.

Beecher, Ill.

A Sure Foundation

Editor Independent: I enclose my vote in regard to the people's party, I am opposed to any further fusion, as I think the people's party, and its principles are on a sure foundation, and there will be thousands with us if we do not mix with other parties. Let them come to us, is my motto.

M. W.

Lincoln, Neb.

Yankee Degenerates

We have heard a great deal about the purchase of votes in Delaware, but nothing at all has been told in the dailies about the Yankee degeneracy in Connecticut. The New Milford Gazette of that state says:

The extensive buying of votes in Litchfield county at the recent national election was, judging from reports from different parts of the country, only a sample of what was general on that day. Many "floaters" are said to have received as high as \$25 apiece for their votes. What is the end? Every third or fourth legal voter in the rural towns of Connecticut, at least, now sells his vote provided sufficient inducements are offered. How long will it be before one-half or more of the voters can be corrupted if only purchase money continues to be lavishly spent? Shall this republic proceed in its proud

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