

Big Stick or Stuffed Club

Populism in White House

The Council Bluffs Nonpareil of last Monday contained the following interview:

Populists of the United States are in line for President Roosevelt on the program he has laid down, according to the declaration of Thomas H. Tibbles of Lincoln, recent candidate for vice president on the third party ticket. The statement was made unreservedly yesterday to a reporter for the Nonpareil, and Mr. Tibbles asserted further that every populist in the country would help to hold up the president's hands in his effort to secure remedial legislation along interstate commerce and other lines.

"Roosevelt is right and I am for him," said Mr. Tibbles in an emphatic manner. "I endorse his position on the revision of the tariff, but most of all I am ready to back him up in the demand that the interstate commerce commission be given authority to fix railroad rates. Though I do not think anything short of government ownership will settle the question, President Roosevelt's plan is a long step forward, and it will meet the approbation of populists everywhere."

Mr. Tibbles is editor of the Nebraska Independent, a weekly newspaper at Council Bluffs, one of the leading populist organs of the United States. Every week he preaches to a good many thousand readers, and he is telling them through the columns of his paper that Roosevelt's policies are what the country needs. Mr. Tibbles came to Council Bluffs yesterday to visit his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Barris, who resides at 627 First avenue.

"The whole country is adopting populist ideas," said Mr. Tibbles. "I believe if the question of government ownership were put to a vote of the people now it would carry. Of course, I don't believe the voters would favor taking over all the roads at once, and no populist wants that, but on a proposition to acquire one transcontinental line, say from New York to San Francisco, I think there would be no doubt as to its acceptance. The people are tired of railroad domination, rebates and excessive rates."

"New political alignments are in store, and I believe the next great reform movement is going to come from the rank and file of the republican party. The necessity and the reason for this is in the crisis of the day which are coming to be recognized. Here in Iowa the party has maintained its ascendancy, while other states have gone off to populism at times. Why is this? Simply because the republican leaders of Iowa had sense enough to hold the railroads in restraint. They adopted the ideas of the grange and alliance and made them republican policy."

"It is certainly gratifying to us long-haired, wild-eyed anarchists to see populism roosting in the white house. The fact is, this government must come to populism, and we are on the road there already. The govern-

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ment owns one railroad now—the one across the isthmus of Panama—and it also owns two telegraph lines, one paralleling the isthmian railroad, the other consisting of 4,000 miles of ocean cable and land wires in Alaska. Besides these, the government has taken absolute control of wireless telegraphy along the coast.

"What the populists want to find out is whether Roosevelt has a big stick or a stuffed club. If they are satisfied that it is a stick and that he means to apply it to the railroads, they will say 'Go ahead, Teddy; we're with you.' The whole party will support him with as much vehemence as it ever supported Bryan when he was advocating the same things. Populists are independent and they don't care what label a man has, just so he does what is right. It is the principle they look at."

"I look for the biggest uproar in congress within a short time that there has been since the days of Andy Johnson over an attempt of President Roosevelt to secure the regulation of railroad rates. Washington is swarming with railroad magnates and attorneys. Some congressmen and senators may honestly endeavor to secure such legislation, but the majority were elected by railroads and can't be depended on to carry out the president's recommendation. Steve Elkins of West Virginia, the chairman of the senate committee on railroads, is the biggest railroad owner in his state."

"Populist leaders feel pretty well satisfied over the result of the election. They were interested in seeing Parker defeated on account of the hypocrisy with which his campaign was conducted. The democratic party is thoroughly disorganized. Bryan's position destroyed confidence in him, and he can't rally his followers as he used to. I get letters from hundreds of democrats who say they are dissatisfied with the course he took during the campaign. There will be no more fusion between populists and the democratic party, at least so long as it remains in the hands of Wall street."

"The populists are looking ahead already to 1908, and the present feeling is that Thomas E. Watson of Georgia, our late presidential candidate, should again be the standard bearer, though there is some sentiment for ex-Senator Allen of Nebraska. While the party polled only 124,000 votes last year, its organization is in better shape than ever before. The national committee has the names of workers in every state. The campaign left a debt of \$2,000, but that has nearly all been paid off."

Mr. Tibbles said that he had heard of "lots of deviltry" going on at Washington and expected to go there in a week or two and see for himself what congress is doing. He declared that eastern newspapers were suppressing important information and that there were no journals any more with courage to oppose congress on such matters as the ship subsidy, asset currency measures and the river and harbor appropriations, which he characterized as a "steal."

South Dakota Populists

At the request of populists from different parts of the state, we, the undersigned national committeemen, do hereby call a meeting of the state central committee of the people's party of the state of South Dakota and a conference of members of said party. Said committee to meet at the city of Mitchell, S. D., on the first day of February, 1905, at the office of Dr. R. C. Warne in said city of Mitchell at 1 o'clock p. m., of that day for the purpose

1. Of affecting a better organization of the state central committee.
2. Of making arrangements for an effective campaign for 1906 and 1908, and
3. Of transacting such other business as may properly be brought before said committee.

All populists interested in this meeting and conference are invited to attend.

Dated this 14th day of January, 1905.
JOHN CAMPBELL,
W. C. BUDERUS,
National Committeemen.

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