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#### OLD GUARD POPULISTS CLUBS

##### Active Efforts to Organize Them Will Be Made in Texas

Ablene, Texas.—To the Editor of The Independent: Will you kindly say to Texas populists, readers of your paper, that, on or about June 5, State Chairman Eager of the populist party state executive committee of this state will issue his first call on them to assemble in their respective school districts and organize themselves into the Old Guard Populist clubs. He will name the precise date for the simultaneous organization of each club. He has not yet definitely determined as to the best time for this club work for the reason that most of the populists of the state are farmers and they are still very closely confined on their farms, and are asking that they shall not be called on to lose even one day from their crops just at this time.

In the meantime I am still reaching out for the names and addresses of populists in school districts with which I have not as yet been able to correspond. I have gotten in touch with some of our friends in each of 112 counties of the state, embracing quite two-thirds of the population of the state and from each county I have pledge or pledges to organize club of clubs. The work in which I am engaged is not "lagging," but on the contrary is being persistently, if quietly pushed, and Chairman Eager and I are very hopeful, in fact confident, that in response to the call soon to be made for club organization work several hundred clubs will be secured. With one to two or more such clubs organized and at work in each of said 112 counties, it is practically certain that a great many more will be secured in response to the second call to be made later by Chairman Eager. Indeed, with 500 clubs actively engaged in the work it is practically certain that, in good time, every neighborhood in every county in Texas will have its Old Guard Club as a rallying point for those who sincerely believe in the principles represented by the Peoples Party.

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In this connection let me add that populists in many other states are taking a deep interest in the re-organization work going on in this state, and I have letters from leading men of our party pledging co-operation for themselves and their people in Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania. This means that if Texas populists shall show themselves willing and ready to get back in line for populism, our comrades in every other state in the United States will "take heart" and will also get in line for the campaigns of 1906 and 1908.

Permit me also to say that I particularly wish to have sent to me at once, the names and postoffice addresses of one to three or more earnest, reliable populists in and for each school district in this state that I may send to them full particulars as to the work already done and to be done in the interest of the special reforms advocated by the Peoples' Party. If you, in your editorial columns, will ask our friends in Texas to forward to me promptly the special information herein called for, I will thank you very much.

H. L. BENTLEY,  
President Texas Federation of  
Populist Clubs.

#### HAIL INSURANCE

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