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The Peoples Party Nominces.

NATIONAL TICKET. FOR PRESIDENT, WILLIAM JENNING BRYAN, Of Nebraska. FOR VICE PRESIDENT, THOMAS E. WATSON, Of Georgia.

THE PEOPLES PARTY CONVENTION.

The Peoples Party State convention meets in Raleigh this week. While this issue of the paper is being printed, delegates are arriving from every section of the State.

It is impossible to conceive that a convention inspired by such sentiment and determination will omit any action that will forward the interests of the people, or fail to do that which will look to such a reformation of systems as will insure the freedom and prosperity of the country.

The St. Louis convention rose to a higher and nobler plane of patriotism than had ever before shown in America. It is true that when it convened it was confronted by perplexing problems.

The action of that convention has compelled the admiration and commanded the respect of fair minded and honest men the nation over, and the Peoples Party stands before them as the recognized exponent and defender of pure and unselfish patriotism.

The State convention which meets to-day will probably face conditions difficult as those which faced the national convention. There will be some differences of opinion as to methods.

But under all this there will rest the conviction that they are here representing the people and the people's interests. They will realize all the while that they are sent here to make every honorable effort to carry to success an issue which has split every party except the Peoples Party in two—and they may confidently be relied upon to do that which will firmly cement all our forces and give their united power to an effort to accomplish the greatest good for the greatest number.

INSURANCE COMPANIES MAKING MCKINLEY AND THE GOLD STANDARD.

The great insurance companies are now sending out circular letters to their policy holders, telling them that if we have free coinage of silver their widows and orphans, after they are dead, will have their policies paid in fifty cent dollars.

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ing. The gold standard has almost entirely robbed the farmer of this opportunity, but forces him to see clearly that each year conditions will grow worse, and that his children will be left in a condition of serfdom unless there is a change.

Under the gold standard, a majority of the policy holders of this State and the nation are not able to keep up their policies. This is just the kind of business that the great insurance companies want now. Unless the gold standard is changed, over half of the men who now own life insurance policies will be forced to surrender them because they die on account of their inability to meet their annual premiums.

In the past, insurance companies have taken but little interest in politics, because the candidates of both the Democratic and Republican parties have been for the gold standard, and no matter which one was elected, they got what they wanted.

Now, we want to know what has become of those who have made professions that Tom Watson was put up for trading purposes, and the airy predictions that he would come down. Not a single Populist State convention has failed to endorse the action of the St. Louis convention.

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We further hope that the farmers will do everything they can to see the "cotton tie trust" manipulators in hell before purchasing a single tie at the robber price named. We confess we do not know how the farmers can or will manage to throttle this trust at this time; but we know they did throttle the jute trust, and we hope they will find a way to destroy this second Cleveland Democratic administration legalized horde of trust thieves.

EDITORIAL COMMENT. Mr. C. Watson, Democratic nominee for Governor, is reported to be scoring and denouncing the trusts. Well, what good does that do? What's new about it? Democrats will denounce anything on the stump.

There is little sense and less decency in the yelps that Democrats are making over the Alabama election. It is just like two former elections. There is no man acquainted with the situation but who knows that it was as fraudulent as these two former elections.

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a good investment of capital for the stockholders, and for the State. It also proved to be, unlooked for, a valuable fund to be managed and manipulated by unscrupulous politicians.

The following were the officers of the Company appointed by Governor Holden: William A. Smith, of Johnston County, President; Major-General W. B. Jones, and John R. Harrison of Wake county; Rev. G. W. Walker and W. R. Albright, of Guilford; and William H. Henderson, of Davidson county, Directors.

The road was leased for thirty years by Smith and the Directors to the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company on the 12th of September, 1871. The terms were that the latter Company should pay the North Carolina Railroad Company \$260,000 per annum.

This lease was prepared by the attorneys of the Richmond and Danville railroad, (a fact proven by the testimony of Smith himself) and brought to the meeting of the Directors of the North Carolina road, General W. B. Jones, Holt, Davis, Shaver and Haywood, and Smith, G. W. Walker, John McDonald, W. R. Albright, and W. F. Henderson, represented the interest of the State of North Carolina.

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the State and company have been taken care of." The committee state the case mildly, but their meaning is unmistakable, viz: that the lease was prepared by Seberry. Mr. Albright stated that the board of directors—those appointed by the Governor to represent the State, as the principal stockholder—all voted as Smith told them.

IN MARTIN COUNTY. The Populists Here Want All Parties to Share in Good County Government. DANMARK, N. C., Aug. 7.—The Populist county convention met in the court-house in Williamston, Martin county, August 6th, and named the following delegates to the State convention: J. R. Mobley, T. E. McCaskey, J. R. Smith, J. O. Keel, C. C. Fagan, Reuben Smith.

Second, That the election law and county government bill are all good laws, and if the last legislature had passed no other laws, we could say they have performed their duty, and we hereby declare that the perpetuity of said laws are vitally necessary to preserve the blessings of a FREE NATION and a FREE COURT.

Third, That we favor a non-partisan board of county commissioners to be elected by the people in the coming election, for the reason that we would obviate the necessity of having appointed minority boards by the minority party, and for the further reason of showing the taxpayers of this county that their property rights and interests shall in this way be managed entirely by such a board as would have the confidence of all the people, regardless of party influence or party manipulation.

Fourth, That we point with pride to the work of our representatives in Congress, especially the Hon. Marion Butler and the Hon. Harry Skinner, and especially endorse the work of our State Senator, the Hon. T. E. McCaskey, and pledge the delegates to the Senatorial caucus to perfect the organization yesterday, and listened to Thomas H. Watson's address last night, settled down to business at this morning's session.

HON. GEO. E. HUNT FOR CONGRESS. This is the year of all years when no man should be elected to the House of Representatives who is not placed on guard. With a resident and Senator for free silver, there must be a House of Representatives of the people.

Galveston, Tex., Aug. 6.—A telegram to the Populist State convention was read from the Populists of Nebraska, sending greeting and stating Nebraska endorsed the action of the St. Louis convention. Jerome Kearby, of Dallas, was nominated for Governor, and P. Ashby, of Smithville, Tarrant county, for Lieut.-Governor.

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election ticket. If the Democratic refusal the committee will name a full list of electors. The convention then adjourned.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 5.—In the Populist Convention convened at 10 o'clock. Much enthusiasm is manifested over Bryan and free silver. The main question in controversy in the extent of recognition that is to be accorded the Democrats. C. J. Smythe and C. H. Brown, of Omaha, representing the Democratic State Central Committee, arrived last night.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., August 6.—The Populist State Executive committee has issued a manifesto to voters. The nomination of Bryan is endorsed, but Sewall is opposed and Watson is favored for Vice-President.

VERMONT. The platform of the Vermont Populist convention indorses that of the Peoples Party passed at St. Louis. The new idea embodied in the State platform is to declare that bribe giving and bribe taking should be a felony.

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