

**NEW THIRD PARTY LAUNCHED.**

**A REFUGE FOR ALL DISSATISFIED VOTERS.**

Plans formed at a Conference Attended by Populists, Free Silver Republicans, Socialists, Single-Taxers and Bryan Democrats.

Kansas City, June 19.—The allied third party movement, which its promoters hope will result before 1904 in a national organization strong enough to name a presidential nominee, was launched here today. It was the outcome of a conference of reformers from the ranks of the old parties and its principles are said by some to have been adopted with a view of meeting the views of W. J. Bryan. The conference was called by Lee Merriwether, of St. Louis, who, with 22 other St. Louis leaders in the Public Ownership party of that city, came to Kansas City yesterday from a visit to Mr. Bryan, at Lincoln, whether the intentions of the delegation had been laid before the Nebraska statesman. Mr. Bryan, it was stated, had expressed sympathy with the movement if he had not gone as far as to support it. At the conference there were represented Populists of all persuasions, public ownership was advocated, and Free Silver Republicans, Socialists, single-taxers and Bryan Democrats were in attendance. It was stated that it was proposed to form a third party in Missouri, which would finally be taken up by the dissatisfied interests in the old parties from other States. A committee on organization was appointed. The committee, which represented each element present, today submitted the following as the new party's principles, and they were adopted:

Public ownership of public utilities, such as railroads, telegraphs, etc., while awaiting the legislation necessary to secure public ownership rigid control of freight and passenger rates and severe penalties for rebates and taxation of railroads and public utility corporations in the same proportion as the value of farm and other property; direct legislation by the initiative and referendum to the end that the people may initiate good legislation and veto bad legislation; graduated income tax to the end that wealth, which receives government protection, bear its just share of the cost of the government; that whatever is used as money shall be all legal tender, issued by the general government in sufficient volume for business purposes and that volume fixed in proportion to population; just election laws throughout the States; home rule for cities and abolition of the present system of using the police as a standing army to carry primary elections in the interest of dishonest special privilege corporations; election of United States Senators by popular vote.

The meeting organized by electing J. H. Cook, fusion Populist, chairman; J. H. Willis, middle-of-the-road Populist, vice president, and F. S. Kowalski, Public Ownership member, secretary. The committee, besides deciding on the new name for the movement, will call a State convention for some time next month. In the meantime the members will prepare an address to the people. Headquarters will be established both at Carthage and St. Louis and the committee will appoint a chairman of each county in the State, whose duty it will be to enlist members and organize into county clubs. Mr. Merriwether this afternoon, at the conclusion of the conference, was asked:

"Will not your movement only result in turning the State over to the Republicans?"

"I do not know, but I would a little rather the Republicans should win than the present organization of Democrats. As Mr. Bryan said to me last Monday, 'I like an enemy under his own colors better than one who steals my colors.'"

Atlanta, June 19.—The Atlanta Constitution tonight in response to a telegram of inquiry, received a dispatch from W. J. Bryan denying that he was affiliated with the third party movement. Mr. Bryan's telegram reads: "Iowa City, Iowa, June 19.—Telegram received. No truth in report."

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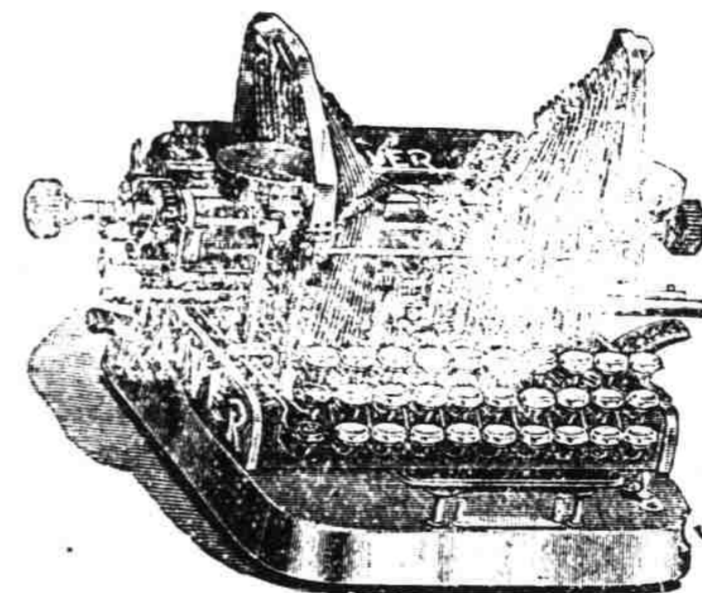
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