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## PUBLIC OWNERSHIP PARTY.

### NEW RIVAL FOR THE OLD PARTIES.

It is to be organized at present only in Missouri, where its effort must be to help the Republicans at the expense of the Democrats—As far as can be judged by the Platform of Principles Adopted it is only a New Phase of Populism.

Christian News and Courier.

Kansas City, June 16.—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 this afternoon. It was the outcome of a conference of reformers from the rank of the old parties, and its principles are said by some to have been adopted with a view to fitting the views of William J. Bryan. The conference was called by Lee Meriwether, of St. Louis, who, with twenty-two other St. Louis leaders in the Public Ownership party of that city, came to Kansas City yesterday from a visit with Mr. Bryan, at Lincoln, where 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 in the old parties from other States. A committee on organization was appointed and instructed to report to-day. The committee, which represented each element present, submitted the following as the new party's principles and they were adopted:

Public ownership of all public utilities, as railroads, telegraphs, etc. While awaiting the action necessary to secure public ownership, rigid control of freight and passenger rates and severe penalties for rebates and other discriminations by railroads.

Taxation on railroads and other 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, shall bear its just share of the cost of Government.

That whatever is used as money shall be full legal tender, issued by the Government, in sufficient volume for business purposes, and that volume fixed in proportion to population.

Just election laws throughout the State.

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 politicians representing still more dishonest special privilege corporations.

Abolition of United States Senators by popular vote.

The meeting was organized by electing J. H. Cook, Fusion Populist, chairman; J. H. Hillis, Middle-of-the-road Populist, vice-president, and F. K. Kashi, Public Ownership member, secretary.

The committee, besides deciding on the new name for the movement, will call a State Convention for some time next fall. In the meantime the members will prepare an address to the people of the State.

Headquarters will be established here at J. H. Hillis 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 them into local clubs.

The time for holding the Convention will be fixed later.

Mr. Meriwether 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.'"

## TARIFFS COMING TO FRONT.

### A GEORGIAN GIVES SOME ADVICE.

Representative Livingston thinks the Democrats have an opportunity to regain control of Affairs if they will desert Dead Issues.

Washington, June 20.—Nearly every Senator and Representative who has visited Washington since the adjournment of Congress has expressed the opinion that during the coming session they will be called upon to consider the tariff question.

Representative Livingston, of Georgia, who headed the minority on the appropriations committee of the last House and who took a conspicuous part in the campaign last year, said this morning that the tariff question would surely come before Congress next December. "If it does not come in a single form," said he, "it will come up for consideration in the guise of trust legislation." Mr. Livingston is a member of the Industrial Commission and has followed closely the hearings before that body, which has in its possession important and valuable evidence, tending to show that the Dingley tariff has not only created trusts, but has fostered them, and that many, very many, of the necessities of life are sold abroad much cheaper than to the home-consumers.

Mr. Livingston has a vast quantity of indisputable data which will use on the floor of the House at the proper time.

"No one, in my opinion, can deny," said Mr. Livingston, "that protection in many instances promotes and creates trusts. The sale of many products abroad at lower prices than offered to home-consumers has angered and aroused our people and Congress will have to consider a remedy for this evil. A discussion of the tariff will develop this fact and make it clear that it is the protection given that enables trusts to sell goods cheaper abroad than at home. Those in favor of the Hepburn remedy to place trust made articles on the free list are increasing in numbers daily. The assertion that the Sherman anti-trust law did or can what we mean about trusts, with all the dilatory environments, State rights, 'specific and vested rights,' organized as corporations under State laws, etc., the fact remains that power to control and fix prices without regard to supply and demand, placing consumers simply at the mercy of those who thus act, must be regulated in some way. And if the State cannot or will not, then the general government must do so. The leadership of the Republican party in the past," continued Mr. Livingston, "are determined, if possible, to prevent consideration or discussion of the tariff. The Western Republicans are aware of the fact that the success of the party in that section depends upon a modification of the tariff. This coalition will give the Democrats a fine opportunity to regain control of Congress next year, provided we do not founder over dead issues and impractical questions in our campaign. Say what you will in my opinion the tariff and trusts will be the paramount issue of the campaign of the national Democratic committee to the contrary notwithstanding. If the campaign, on our part, is thus planned and executed we will go before the people on issues in which they are directly and immediately interested and can be enlisted to an active participation. We must catch the public interest, and to do this we must touch their interests, and not depend upon a lot of vagaries of which they know nothing and care less."

"Every Man Has His Price," A False Doctrine.

Monroe Equivoc.

"The devil told God that Job had been bought. The devil in this day and time tells that every man has his price, that you can buy any man, that is false. I would not say every man has his price: I would not make that declaration anywhere, no not if I were alone in a windowless cellar at midnight on the dark of the moon, and if I did say such a thing I would fry to death in my own blazes." The foregoing are some of the pointed sayings of the original speaker and insurance life speaker, Dr. R. T. Vance, who said in a splendid sermon in the First Baptist church last Sunday night that is truth forcibly put. The men who says that all men can be bought.

"Takes the measure of his own small soul and thinks the world no larger." If you would hear that there is no temptation and that everybody drinks, go into the barroom; if you would hear that there is no purity and no virtue, go into the lavatories where the moral lepers herd and you will hear that statement made. The dishonest man accuses the world of dishonesty and the unclean man accuses the world of uncleanness.

The Charlotte Observer's Washington correspondent writes under the date of the 20th: Congressman Blackburn and Captain Tamm, who arrived here late yesterday, left for home to night. So far as can be ascertained their trip here accomplished nothing for Capt. Tamm and he must pay his internal revenue taxes to Collector Watkins for the next four years.

Seven Years in Bed.

"Will wonders ever cease?" inquires the friends of Mrs. L. Fesse, of Lawrence, Kan. They L. Fesse had been unable to leave her bed in seven years on account of kidney and liver trouble, nervous prostration and general debility; but, "Three bottles of Electric Bitters enabled me to walk," she writes, "and in three months I felt like a new person." Women suffering from Headache, Backache, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Headaches, Fainting and Dizziness will find it a priceless blessing. Try it. Satisfaction is guaranteed. Sold by J. R. Curry & Co. Only 50c.

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BILL ARP IS 76.  
AND HE STOPS TO RUMIANT.

Says He Does Not Feel Old—He Likes Many Things and Loves to See the Children Grow.

Bill ARP in Atlanta Convention.

To-day is the seventy-fifth anniversary of my advent into this world—say coming into this mysterious, wonderful condition that we call life. It is a fitting time for meditation, contemplation, cogitation and rumination. An aged process played double with herself and said:

Life! I've been long together. Through pleasures and through cloudy weather; Say not "good night," give little warning. And in some letter came bid me "good morning."

She didn't care to linger and languish on her last bed. The doctors hadn't invented or discovered heart failure then but that's the way she wished to go. I do not. I would have some little time for the last loving words, and looks—some time for tears and sorrow on the faces of those who love me. The death of the aged is only a change—a parting, a beginning of another life. It is no calamity, no horror, no shock, no unreasonable thing. It is the law of our being and the old are not far ahead of the young. How kind it is! Providence to reconcile us to it as we near the goal. I remember when I thought it was an awful thing to die. I dared not think of it, much less to ponder it, and it seemed to me that there was some escape from it and I might not really die. But as we near the allotted age and realize the symptoms of decay we become less reluctant, less alarmed and like Job are ready to exclaim, "I would not live always; I ask not to stay."

But somehow I do not feel old—not very old—not infirm. My eyes are weak and my hearing impaired, and when I stoop long at work in the garden or pick strawberries my back aches and my knees become weak and I get a little stiff, but I soon get over it. I love work—easy work—and it keeps me in good health but I don't like to work by the day or the job for somebody else. I don't like to have a master or a boss except my wife, who waxes me right now to transplant her peppers. I gently hinted that they should be planted by a high tempered woman to do well, and she said she thought an impatient man would do just as well and I had better attend to it at once. Sometimes I think I have worked enough, for the poet says we should crown—"A tooth of labor with an age of ease."

and so I like to work when I feel like it and quit when I please. I have never distressed myself about the work that the toilers have to do. Work has its hardships and its dangers too. The law of compensation governs every trade or calling or condition in life. There are good sides and bad sides. Work is nature's law. "By the sweat of thy brow shalt thou earn bread," and no idle man is happy. "The sleep of a laboring man is sweet" saith Solomon, and the doctor tells us that bodily exercise promotes good digestion. Work brings contentment. The wealthy who don't work and don't have to are always longing for something they haven't got. Something that money can't buy for it will not buy good health nor good children, nor make the home happy. The peace and gratitude of the cotter's Saturday night is unknown to the rich. The toilers as a class are the happiest people I know. They enjoy their food and their rest, and their Sundays. I had rather take the chance for happiness on earth and a home in heaven of the working man

than those of the millionaire. Byron says: "The many must always labor for the few," and Cole says "The good Lord made poor men just to keep rich men in money," but the good lord says a poor man can squeeze through the eye of a needle and a rich man can't." Cole is a good Confederate veteran and enjoys his record and his religion and his tobacco. This is all he has and is content.

One of the greatest comforts of old age is in contemplating the happiness of children. It delights me to sit in the shade of my veranda and watch for two little girls who are four and six years old, coming up the avenue hand in hand and waving a welcome and a smile at me. It rejoices me to watch larger ones as they play cricket on the tennis court nearby and to hear their merry voices and unconsciously I breathe a prayer that they may always be happy and to calamity or affliction befall them in years to come. If I ever get to heaven and St. Peter asks me what vocation I would choose I would say, "Please send Saint, make me a guardian angel of the little child who I left behind me, and give me power to shield them from all harm." I think I would like that—I think that I would. It is a privilege and a delight to an old man to make other people happy. Time was when my chief concern was for myself and wife and our children, but as age comes on the heart enlarges and softens. The vanities and ambitions and selfishness of our youth disappear and we recall the lines of Robert:

"Gentle the day lost, if the descending sun Views from thy hand a generous action done."

Lost—a day lost! How many days have we all lost in our brief lives. How many days in which we made no one happy not even with a smile. But these reflections are too gloomy for the day. They remind us of Hervey's meditations among the tombs, or Gray's "Elegy in a Country Churchyard." I am old, I know; but I do not feel old nor sad. My desire is to grow old gracefully—and for

"An age that melts in unperceived days And glides in modest innocence away."

Wanted: A Frictionless Rotary Engine. Everybody's Machine.

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Last week's Newton Enterprise says that quite a lively scrap occurred on Snow Hill Friday night. The negroes were holding a protracted meeting. When the call went out for converts, one came up who was not satisfactory to the elders. Whereupon two of the elders "went after him," one with a razor and the other with knooks.

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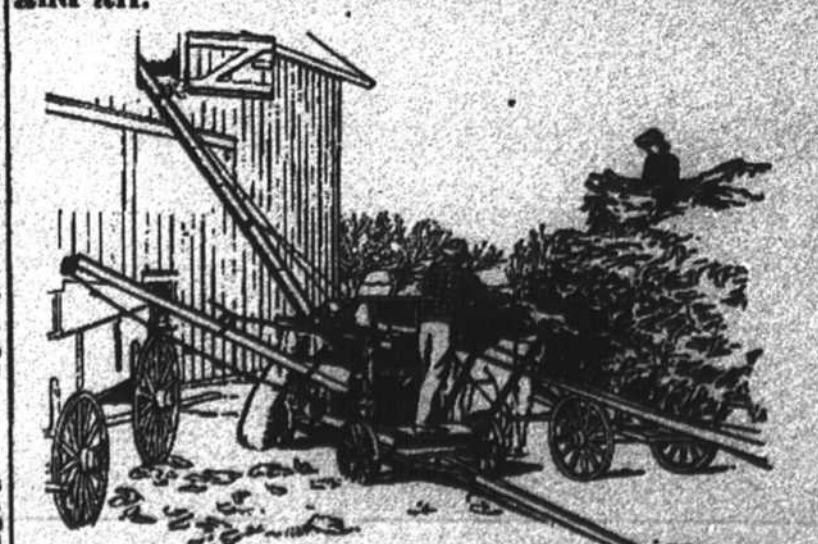
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CRAIG & WILSON

A Maine dispatch says: It is estimated that 40 insurgents were killed or wounded during the recent engagements which have occurred in Albany and Saratoga provinces. Many insurgents are returning to their homes.

John Gray Foster, announced on his plantation in Rowan parish, La., was engaged to be married in February next to Miss Bessie Marshall Fuller whose father was until recently pastor of the First Baptist church of Asheville but who now lives in Louisville.