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All delinquent subscribers are hereby notified that unless their subscriptions are paid at an early date, their names will be dropped from our subscription list.

We have managed to live on pump-water and wind-pudding up to date, but when the well goes dry and the wind ceases to blow, we must raise some cash.

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People's Party National Ticket.

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FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,
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Of Georgia.

The democracy should show us some courtesy by inducing Sewall to withdraw from the race for vice-president.

Certain sections of this State, the hill portions especially, have suffered so much from the drouth that the people will be compelled to ask for help. Crops are ruined; no corn, none of the smaller crops such as potatoes, fruit, vegetable, etc., which is a large part of their sustenance. Truly, the drouth stricken district is in a deplorable condition. A rain now would do nothing more than furnish water, and help pasturage.

The Hon. B. W. Marston, of ice water fame, as yet has not commenced his campaign in this parish as a candidate for Democratic nomination for congress. Ice is scarce and water scarcer, and as both form an important plank in his platform, he should stay at home until it rains.

The People's party State Convention was held at Alexandria on the 4th and 5th inst.

The convention was well attended and enthusiastic. A full set of electors were named for the support of Bryan and Watson.

Parties were on hand purporting to represent the Democrat party in the interest of fusion, but the Pops told them that our party had gone as far at St. Louis as it cared to go toward fusion, and that when the Democrats took Mr. Sewall down in favor of Watson, we would then be ready to accept a division of electors with them.

Full proceedings next week.

We have a board of election supervisors composed of three men who are said to be responsible, we have a hundred white men in ward 3 who are as equally reliable as the aforesaid supervisors. The board declared no election in that ward, the hundred white men declared there was. And yet with three against a hundred, a minority report was adopted. What are we coming to anyway.

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Patriotism Tested.

Many times have the Populists been denounced by the old parties as demagogues, office seekers and insincere upon the principles they advocate.

Following up these slanders the Democrats of the South have applied political, social and financial oppression to force back if possible those who dared leave their party in obedience to principle and conscience.

Though used in all ages by partisan fools to strengthen their own organizations, persecution has never yet failed to help the cause against which it was directed and to destroy its own originators.

So the People's party has flourished in the South by reason of its oppressions. Witness the Hon. Amazon Murphy, of Atlanta, Ga., who says "I was made a Populist when I, as a Democrat, was forced to protect Tom Watson from being rotten-egged in the city of Atlanta." "It was the intolerance of the Democratic party that forced me into the People's party."

But this is not the worst feature of the situation. Overcoming all this oppression, intolerance and mountain obstacles by unexampled patience, self-denials and heroism of brave men and true women, the People's party have won battle after battle, election after election, only to have the fruits of their hard-earned victory STOLEN under cover of darkness, fraud and highway robbery, as black as hell itself.

As much as one may urge that the Democratic party has reformed itself and cast off its corrupt leaders in nominating the young hero of the West, it can be shown that the men who ran the machine at Chicago and placed the Westerner in nomination, are the same men who have steeped the party in its blackest frauds in the South for the past 20 years.

Imagine then the patriotism, the deep devotion to the cause of free silver which must have actuated the Populists of the South at the St. Louis convention, when more than 2-thirds of them voted for the Democratic nominee for President, Wm. J. Bryan.

Nor can it be attributed to the supposed desire of new Populists to return to the Democratic fold, for the delegate from New York who placed Col. S. F. Norton in nomination was perhaps the youngest Populist in the convention, while Judge Gunby, the "newest" Populist in the Louisiana's delegation, was its most ardent "middle-of-the-roader."

Nor yet can it be ascribed to an imaginary desire of the old liners to give up the fight for party and rest their tired limbs in the cavernous maw of the D. O. P., for there in the serried phalanx for Bryan and Watson, stood the men who first lifted their voices against the old parties—the men like Peffer and Simpson, who first dangled Republican scalps at their belts, and like Howard and Butler, who first laughed at the Democratic hoodlum of the South. In the Louisiana delegation stood Brian and Mills, who represented their State in the Cincinnati conference in 1891, at the birth and christening of the People's party, who have borne the charge of Lottery, Republican, and every other kind of boodle ever since then.

This action of the Southern Populists in accepting the Democratic nominee at St. Louis to save the cause of free silver which was distinctively a Populist issue, but is now claimed by the Democratic party, has but one parallel, and that in sacred history.

When Solomon called for a sword that he might divide the child in half between its mother and the false claimant, the mother said nay my lord, give it to this woman rather than destroy its life, Solomon perceived a mother's love and gave it its own.

An impartial future will be no less wise or just than Solomon, and will see in the patriotic action of the Populists at St. Louis the mother's love that prompted them to yield to others an honor which was their own, in order to save an issue they had protected when all the world beside were its enemies—FREE SILVER.

Against the Drouth.

"Hard times" is the cry now and the Fall and Winter is looked forward to with dread by many in the drouth stricken region of North Louisiana. Crops are reduced over 50 per cent in every part of this section, and in the worst districts the crops are a total failure, and stock are dying for the want of grass and water.

There is nothing that can completely repair this serious damage, but absolute want and suffering can be avoided by following the rains, which must and will come in a few days, with the many Autumn crops which can be grown to perfection in this climate.

Irish potatoes, turnips, radishes, onions and other esculents, will mature to perfection planted any time in August, or even to 15th of September, and will do much toward feeding hungry people, or piecing out supplies that may be bought or saved from the drouth.

Then oats, rye and peas, will make excellent pasture and forage for stock, while the two first named will ripen a crop of grain so early in the Spring that the short crop of corn will hardly be missed.

So the energetic farmer—the most independent and self-reliant person on earth—will not despair, but will tighten up his belt, take another hitch in his "gallus" and go patiently on with his task of feeding himself and the nations of the earth, and if he continues educating himself on political economy—will in a few more years, RULE the nations of earth as well as feed them.

Then a drouth will not be such a serious matter as now.

Correction.

We notice in the Peoples Party Paper and some others, the vote of the St. Louis Populist convention on the minority report of the committee on rules and order of business, which was the selection of the Vice-Presidential candidate first, and the winning move of the "middle-of-the-roaders." In this vote Louisiana is recorded 2 yeas and 26 nays, which is not correct. Louisiana had 32 votes in the convention, and on this question cast 28 for the minority and 4 for the majority report.

On the vote for Vice-President Louisiana gave Watson 30, and Sewall 2, and about the same proportion in favor of all other "Middle-of-the-Road" actions.

But for the sake of the great People's party of the West, and to show our sincerity for free coinage of silver and to secure it at this election, we gave Bryan 30 votes for President, to 2 not voting.

We took this position in the face of the abuse, ridicule and swindling we have received at the hands of the Democrats of this State, in the face of the fact that the Republicans had offered us one-half the electors on a combine ticket to vote for whom we liked, and in the face of the fact that palm-itching Democrats had already charged that McKinley's boodle would control us against Bryan and in favor of a combine ticket.

Now if the Democrats know anything about such patriotism and will exercise just a little of it by taking down Mr. Sewall, Watson and Bryan will march to a glorious victory.

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A Dramatic Episode.

(Monroe Bulletin.)

The repeated outbreaks of enthusiasm at St. Louis showed how earnest the delegates were. Of all the scenes in that convention none were more thrilling than that which followed Judge Gunby's nomination of Tom Watson on Friday night. Ex-Congressman Pence of New York had made a strong appeal for the nomination of Sewall and had challenged any delegate to answer his arguments. The friends of Watson felt depressed and yearned for some one to answer Pence. When Louisiana was called Judge Gunby stood in his chair and spoke for five minutes with such effect that the whole audience, including delegates and galleries, rose to their feet and engaged in a perfect ovation of applause which lasted for several minutes during which Judge Gunby was carried around the hall on the shoulders of the enthusiastic Georgians. From that time on Watson swept the field and was declared the unanimous nominee of that great convention. The following is a brief sketch of Judge Gunby's speech:

"Mr. Chairman—Louisiana joins the throng of states that are rallying under the banner of gallant Tom Watson. Sir, no impartial observer of this convention can deny that the People's party has within its own ranks plenty of material to fill the highest offices with honor. It has broad statesmen, deep thinkers, noble patriots, and imperial orators among whom I will mention but one, the brave, the true, the uncompromising Tom Watson, the plumed knight of populism who never deserted a friend or compromised a principle, the foremost living patriot.

Nobody ever accused him of trying to put the new wine of populism into old democratic bottles.

"Mr. Chairman, I do not wish to attack any other man placed in nomination here, but the defiant tone of the gentleman from New York demands reply. I do not understand why this convention should nominate a president of a national bank in order to put down banks. I do not understand, and the gentleman from New York has not enlightened me, why we should nominate a railroad magnate to check the oppressions and monopolies of railroads. Nor can I conceive how sensible men could select the greatest corporationist of New England in order to destroy the encroachments of organized corporate greed. I nominate a man who can stand on the platform we have adopted with both feet. I nominate a man who will never withdraw, never waver, never pause in the battle for the people's cause.

"Mr. Chairman, this is the first convention since the war in which the South can hope to be heard. The old parties since the war have not dared to place a southern man on their presidential ticket. The People's party alone has truly wiped out sectional lines and today the South comes into this convention as equals among equals, friends among friends and dares to claim the highest honors for her favorite sons.

"The man I nominate typifies the highest and noblest political element in the South. He has been a martyr and a hero in the fight for free speech and honest elections in the South and he should be honored for it. "He jests at scars who never felt a wound." Louisiana has felt in her quivering flesh the red-hot sear of democratic fraud and crime and she knows how to worship the man who has stood like the Spartans at Thermopylae against the invasions of the sanctity of the ballot box.

"I nominate a man of glowing zeal and pre-eminent ability, one of the foremost sons of Georgia, the empire State of the old and the new South, the land of genius, goobers and glory.

"Sir, the chief needs of the democratic party, as shown by the last four years, are brains and honesty and I say if the democrats will swallow Tom Watson they will have more brains and more honesty in their stomachs than they ever had in their heads." (Tremendous applause.)

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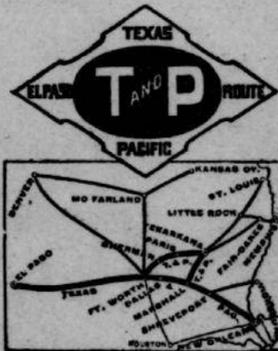
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