# TELEGRAPHIC.

## TO THE POPULISTS.

### Manifesto Issued by the Executive Committee.

A RESCUE TO THOMAS WATSON.

Mr. Bryan Said that the Statement Will Bring Many Votes to the People's Party.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—A meeting of the executive committee of the People's Party was held at the Sherman house today. All members were present with the exception of John S. Dore of California. After hearing reports from members present and especially from H. W. Bord of Georgia, who spent several days with Thomas E. Watson, the committee decided to issue the following manifesto:

To the People's Party voters of the United States—Your national committee indulged the hope that the patriotic action of the People's Party in nominating Bryan, in subordinating the interests of party to the success of the vital issue involved in this campaign, would be met by equally noble devotion to a common interest on the part of the Democratic party, and that all the friends of silver should present a solid front against the minions of greed by supporting one ticket, the truly conservative ticket, Bryan and Watson. But this hope being disappointed, there were but two courses left, one of which must be adopted.

The first is to run a straight Bryan and Watson electoral ticket in every state, which, on account of the failure of the Democratic party to support this ticket, would have exploded the same result in this campaign that would have followed the nomination of a straight Populist ticket at St. Louis, namely the election of McKinley and the triumph of the gold standard. It is true the Democratic party would be responsible, when it is greater except than ever for such a result, but to permit evil to triumph on such grounds would contract as well as that of a lack of patriotism and a narrow partisanship that would deservedly forfeit to us the confidence of the American people. Remember that two wrongs never make a right. When our devotion to the welfare of the people falters because of any failure on the part of the Democratic or any other party, then indeed will we have lowered our standard and proven ourselves false to our own teachings and repudiated our motto of country first and then and party second. Brave, enlightened voters, who constitute the rank and file of the People's party, we appeal to your patriotism, to your love of your country as well result from division in the ranks of those opposing the monstrous ones of the money power and the power of the two continents against the homes and liberties of the American people, and would explosively react on the part of their leaders opposed to united effort at this time, as they repudiated the old parties for their treachery to their interests.

The other course left open to your committee that was consistent with the action of the convention in nominating Mr. Bryan, was to do everything in their power to unite the votes of the country against McKinley and to overcome the treason and sectarian opposition which, if the Democratic party had put the cause first and party second, would not have occurred.

This could be accomplished only by arranging for a division of the electoral vote in every state possible, securing as many electors for Bryan and Watson and remaining as many for Bryan and Sewall. At the opening of the campaign this, under the circumstances, seemed the wisest course for your committee, and it is clear today that it was the only sure and wise course, if our votes were to be cast and made effective for the relief of an oppressed and suffered people. Following this line of policy your committee has arranged electoral tickets in three-fourths of the states and will do all in its power to make the same arrangement in all of the states. By perfecting this arrangement and every sincere opponent of the gold standard giving their support to these joint electoral tickets, the People's party will see only success in the election of Bryan and Watson where we have no many votes as we would have possibly secured by making a straight fight, but we will secure the defeat of McKinley and the gold standard, which should now be the greatest desire of every citizen who believes in the principles of true Democracy as taught by Jefferson and Northern Lincoln.

By his arrangement we can unite a large majority of the voters of America on one joint electoral ticket, therefore the only hope of the money power and trusts is to divide and conquer. The Democratic conspiracy and their gold Democrats allies fearing this, and are putting forth every effort to accomplish this end. They have held conferences on hand everywhere, trying to prevent joint electoral tickets from being arranged. Failing in this, they try to fool Populists and Silver Democrats who can be induced on one pretext or another to refuse against the joint electoral tickets. They either have surrender or will secure the services of every man that money can command, to breed dissensions and divisions. The danger lies in the possibility of a certain portion of the rank and file of the People's party being misled by specious reasons, when, for reasons best known to themselves, or for want of reach, are advising voters to vote against the joint electoral tickets and put up separate electoral tickets, or to withhold their support from the joint electoral tickets. Some of the Democrats of the revenue strike who are not yet wanted from the fleshpots of Egypt, but are going for regularity and are nominally supporting Mr. Bryan, while secretly and in every underhanded way trying to secure votes for electors pledged against the joint electoral tickets, are arriving on the joint electoral tickets, and failing in this they advise Democrats to remain People's party electors, and already a few months ago Populists who are advising the rank and file of our party to strike back by refusing to support the Democratic electors of the joint electoral tickets. This is a trap set by the goldbugs, who are rejoicing that a few honest men have taken the bait. Therefore we appeal to every Populist who may have been misled by such mistaken or false pleas of principle or loyalty to the People's party not to refusing support to such joint electoral tickets, to stop and consider the results of such conduct and refuse to be influenced by other misguided or designing men.

There are but two sides in the contest that is being waged in this country today. On the one side are the united hosts of monopolies, the money power, great trusts and railway corporations, who have the assurance of laws to benefit them and impoverish the people. On the other side are the farmers, laborers, merchants and all others who produce wealth and bear the burden of taxation. The one represents the wealthy and powerful classes who want the control of the government to plunder the people. The other represents the people contending for equality before the law and the rights of man. Between these two there is no middle ground.

The one and only hope of the Republican party to win in this contrasting and home the gold standard upon this country is the corrupt use of an unlimited supply of money to intimidate and bribe. The patriotic action of the Populist party in bringing and supporting these joint electoral tickets has shattered that hope. Already are they alarmed at the impotency of a bootle campaign, when all of the great moral forces of the people are solidly united in the cause of American institutions. The revolution of the American people against this bootle campaign during the last ten days has so unsettled them that victory is now assured. The Populists participants this revolution possible. Let everyone do his duty and fall not. Let our hand be that we are American citizens and that American citizens are more than partisans.

This done, the reform of domestic and foreign creed will be driven from our legislative halls and the destruction of American institutions. This done, are the betrayed republic will be redeemed and American prosperity restored. The success of the party that achieves such great and patriotic results in this crisis will be the men and the party of the future. It has devolved on the People's party and the silver Republicans to make the party sacrifice and to do the party work necessary to accomplish this result. The People's party must do it, for no other party will; the People's party will do it. Therefore the People's party will be the party of the future. The American people will recognize it as the agency that saved the day when their interests were at stake. The American people will duly reward its honor as the party to contend against the money of good government in the hour of peril. Every man to his post and the victory is ours.

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