

People's Party and Democratic State Committees, box one

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This manuscript collection consists of assembled materials regarding the People's Party and the Democratic State Committees in Kansas. It includes political correspondence between state and local committees, legal documents, newspaper clippings, lists of local voters and their political affiliations, and other such materials. The correspondence largely concerns organizing and discussing meetings and organizing for and watching election campaigns. Much of the collection is organized alphabetically by county, and most of the materials date from 1902.

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JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS.

Sept. 30 - 02.

Mr. J. W. Harrington,
Joseph, Kan.

Friend Harrington:

Yours of 25th

Duly received. Was glad to hear
from you. The secretary of our
local campaign committee says he sent
full list of our committee to Curran.
If this is not all right, let me
know.

Don't know whether I shall be
elected or not. We have a big
majority to overcome in this county.

Possibly you can do something
to help out here & will confer
with you later &

Yours truly

Jas. V. Humphrey.

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W. P. Harrington,
Proprietor of
INDIAN SPRINGS CATTLE RANCH.

Gove City, Kansas, Sept 24 1902

My Dear Grant:

The Demo. Pop county convention was held Saturday and a full ticket put up headed by J. B. Beal of Grainfield for representative. It was a one roof affair and the ticket will go on the ballot as Democratic though nothing was said on that point at the convention. I resigned my office as chairman of the Pop cen. com. and have done all I could to kill the party and clear the rubbish out of the way. If you find it necessary during the campaign to correspond with the Pop managers write to George Smith, Grainfield, who I understand is now the Pop chairman. I am going to vote for every man on our county ticket so far as I know and it may be some of them will be elected. I don't think Beal can win, though he may think different when you hear from him. He is not a very satisfactory candidate and it took half a dozen ballots to nominate him.

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I think I could have had that nomination myself if I had been willing to accept it and I got seven votes in the informal ballot in spite of my screams. I am glad that Beal got the nomination, for one reason. The Democrats of this county are treacherous. They traded off our man Prother two years ago after we had him elected and they would have done the same with any other Pop this year. Now maybe they will take fair when one of their own men is the nominee and if they will Beal has a good show.

I note carefully what you say about the political situation, but I do not feel that your points are well taken. I can see that the Socialist movement is not being taken seriously, but it never will be taken seriously if it has to await the pleasure of those who like yourself and Pearl have hastened to flop into the Democratic party and are hustling for front seats ~~at~~ in the band wagon. It will never be taken seriously till it grows, which is all the more reason why I and others should get to work to make it grow. There is nothing



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about the Democratic party to make me feel at home there. Some time, maybe, it may get right but I am not going to waste the best years of my life voting for it in hopes that it will get right in the end. Its campaign this year will have to be fought out on the copperhead record made by the Democrats in Congress, then next time it will be free trade and the next time something else. It never will get to sound doctrine till it is forced by the growing Socialist party. I know the Democratic party has it in its power to knock the props out from any third party organization whenever it chooses and the time may come when it will absorb the Socialist party; but when it takes up with Socialist ideas it will have need for the men who have been trained in the advocacy of those ideas and I'll have a chance to get into the party then if I want to.

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I do not feel at home in the Democratic party and it would be political hypocrisy for me to join it. There is nothing for me in the Democratic party, all it offers me is a chance to lose myself in an uncongenial crowd, but I can cut some ice in the Socialist party. It is probably good policy for you to turn Democratic but your situation and mine are different and what is good for you doesn't fit my case at all. In all the Democratic argument there is only one thing that cuts much ice with me - the possibility that Tom L. Johnson may be the next nominee for president. But when I once get into the work for Socialism I will not let even Tom Johnson pull me back. I note what the press clippings say about John Q. Royce manipulating that congressional convention and I don't doubt it, but I know that Jim Fike got in his work at the convention that nominated Cole, and the same Fike is treasurer of the Dem. Congressional committee. No doubt Royce and Albaugh are encouraging the movement; it may serve their purpose now but they will live to be sorry for it. I think your candidate for governor is a false alarm. He draws his salary from the joints and prostitutes of K.C., Kan., and his "to do right" talk gives me a pain in the ear. He promises us to tax the corporations and then your party runs Bailey Waggoner for the legislature in Atchison county against old John Seaton who gave us the state twice.

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plant. Your man Beal in this county is a U.P. land agent and rides to Democratic conventions on affairs. It is foolishness to expect reform from such people. Your whole campaign is a hollow sham and you are going to get licked so badly that you won't know yourselves after election. The Good Book says that "he who would save his life shall lose it" and this text I commend to the careful consideration of those who try to discourage Socialism and tie up with Maggeners, Fike, et al, for "practical" reasons.

I don't know whether my talk has any effect on you or not; presume it is all lost on you. I don't know how much political work I shall do this fall; maybe I can do nothing except try to get some of my Populist friends in this county to vote the Socialist ticket. This is a busy year with me on the farm and as the Socialists seem to have no organization and are

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not making a campaign maybe we can
do no better than to lie low this year
and begin looking ahead to the next
campaign.

Yours
W.P.
Love

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Aug. 11th., 1902.

W.P. Harrington, Esq.,
Gove City, Kansas,

Dear Wynne:-

I see by Trimmer's paper that your friend Jones ^{wants}
another term in the Legislature. Is there any chance to skin him?

The State Committees have decided to make a special fight
for the Legislature this year, and at Senator Harris's request I have
been put in charge of the Bureau, and of course have something to say
about where and in what districts the fight shall be made. We don't want
to butt any stone walls just for the fun of doing it, but if there is
any way to get Mr. Jones's hide we want to take it.

The outlook over the State is exceptionally good; the
Republicans are fighting each other like cats and dogs in one-half of
the districts of the State. There is little doubt but what we can control
the next Legislature; the only question is whether we will be strong
enough to overcome the big hold-over majority in the Senate.

Write me what the situation is and what you know about the
outlook in surrounding Counties.

Very truly,

D. C. W. H.

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The Democrat.



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I. N. CARVER,
County Clerk.

ARMINDA B. CARVER,
Deputy.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
GOVE COUNTY.

Gove City, Kansas, Aug 27th 1903

Govr
Hon Grant W Harrington

Topeka Kans.

Dear sir: In reply to yours of the 23rd inst. will say that I think the election of members of the legislature in this county is rather a tough proposition. as it looks now as though Mr Jones would be renominated. and if he should be he has a combination with the politicians of the county that is very hard to break. though should we succeed in getting the right man against him we can defeat him.

The Republicans here are in a beautiful little row now but we cannot tell what it will amount to until after their convention which will be Sept 1st.

The Fusion convention will be held in Gove Sept 20th.

Very truly yours

I N Carver

Carver

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Sept. 25, 1902.

Hon. I. N. Carver,
Grave City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I have urged with a good deal of interest for a report from your county Convention, but as yet have heard nothing from it. I wish you would write me what the situation is and send me the list of the new County Central Committee and your ticket together with the addresses of the nominees.

What do you think of the outlook by this time? Is there a prospect to elect a member of the legislature in your county?

I have a meeting with Senator Harris Monday and we will go over the situation together and I will be pleased to hear from you before that time.

Yours very truly,

H. G.



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County Clerk.

ARMINDA B. CARVER,
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COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
GOVE COUNTY.

Gove City, Kansas, *Sept. 26* 190*2*

Hon Grant W Harrington

Topeka Kans.

Dear Sir: In reply to yours of the 25th, will say that we never had such a chance to make a killing all along the line as we have this year: if our own people stay by us as they should we will beat the whole ticket from Representative down: There is a great many republicans that are sore on their representatives.

Very truly yours

I. N. Carver.

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(Gov)

Granfield Kans Oct 3rd 1902

J H Cusman Secy

Dear Sir

Your favor at hand in reply will say
I didnt attend the county convention
and recd notice of my selection as chair
in the same mail. Enclosed please find list
of committe also candidates

Geo. W. Smith, chairman	Granfield Kan
J H Carver	Gov City
E. C. Prayther	Oakly
W. J. Lanning	Orion
W. H. Benson	Coins
W. M. Dennis	Orion
A. B. Hoff	Park
T. W. Aldridge	Atwater (Orion)
M. E. Wilkerson	Catalpa
Representative J. B. Bral	Granfield
County clerk J H Carver	Gov City
Treasurer Wm Wrigington	Orion
Register Wm H A Spiller	Gov
Clerk of the comt M E Wilkerson	Catalpa (Orion)

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Gove Co.

Probate Judge J. D. Jones	Grainfield
Sheriff A. B. Hoff	Park
County Superintendent J. W. Moulding	Winterset
" Attorney W. T. Sherman	Grimmell
Coroner & Surveyor left Blank	

I have not been able to find out who the
Democratic committee is the candidates of
course are the same

Yours Truly
Geo. W. Smith

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Gore

Grainfield, Kansas.

Oct 18 1902

Mr Grant. W. Harrington.

Topeka Kansas.

Friend Harrington.

I have your favor of the 16th inst at hand. Contents of letter completely noted etc. And in reply will say, that a personal letter from Senator Harris to some of our people will undoubtedly do me some good. "Therefore" I will furnish you a few names
J. S. Reynolds. P. O. Grainfield.

Geo Peterson " Grinnell.

Wm Ritchie, Jacob Austin. &

A. Rickerson P. O. Gore City.

Have him mail the letter. "Personal" and Confidential. And so worded that there will be no suspicion

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on me as authority for the same.
There is more or less friction in the
Republican ranks over their Convention
and with the proper manipulating
I think I can win. I am sure I
could win by putting \$200. dollars
into the campaign. And I think I
could make our Judicial ticket 50
more votes in the County by spending
this amount of money in the right
way. I will do anything I can
of course in the interest of Senator
Harries. But I must not ruin
myself for a little glory.

Very Truly Yours.

J. B. Beale

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Wail City, Kansas, 7/21 1902

Grant Harrington, Esq.

Hawatha, Kas.

Dear Sir When at Eureka Springs, you remember discussing the representative election in my county, and you told me that part of the campaign work had been assigned to you. A difference of 40 votes would have changed the complexion of our present representative, from republican to a Republican. It was the use of a \$400 purse put up in a Russian township that won the election to the Republican. This township holds the elective vote and brood is what will win here. I believe \$500 placed judiciously in this township this year, on representative candidate exclusively, will hold the vote to our nominee. For, nominally, this vote is Democratic, but moreover they are anxious to "get the coon." Senator Harris should be made

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Grant Harrington

Toil City, Kansas. 7/24 1902

Hiawatha, Ks.

Dear Sir Replying to your favor
I will say that the goods will
be delivered or no pay. This has
been worked before by both sides
and, it only a question, as to which
side, it can make the best negotiation.
This Russian crowd does the
electing. The Sept. 11 Rally will be
Political, the Republicans have one
day and Fusionists one. Craddock
will be with us. Wish Senator
Harris could be with us. upwards
of 8000 people are expected to be in
attendance. Twelve counties be-
long to the Association, many will
attend from other parts of the
state. Bailey will be with us Aug 11.

Yours for success
M C Inlow

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Wells City, Kansas, 7/24 1909

Grant Harsington, Esq.

Thompson, Kans

Dear Sir I have been looking over the
field for available candidates for Repre-
sentative for our County, and after con-
sulting with prominent township workers
over the county, we have settled on
Jerome Thompson, Sheriff of this county
for 4 years and representative one term.
But we cannot prevail upon him to make

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Toil City, Kansas. _____ 1909

the race. He is afraid of the Republican
slush fund, and whoop and hurrah
campaign. We can elect Mr. Shoup and
seem to be the available man. Now I
want you to write to Mr. Shoup, and if possi-
ble have Senator Harris do so, pledg-
ing him plenty of speakers and assistance
in his campaign. I believe if you do this, he
will stand for the nomination.

Yours for success M. C. Inlow, Am.

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Wells City, Kansas, 8/11 1899

Hon. Earl Herrington

Dear Sir,

You have not indicated whether or not you would be with us on Sept. 11th at Log Rolling. But the Com. took the liberty to bill you for a speech on M. W. A. Fraternal Insurance in the afternoon and at night. The flood-gates of politics will be thrown open to fusion speakers. On Sept 10th the Republicans

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Toill City, Kansas, 1892

hold forth. ~~As~~ try and be with us on 11".
Craddock is coming. We estimate the crowd
will be from 3 to 5,000. Our G. Con. will be held
Aug 30. Cannot persuade Throp to stand for
Rep., but we have second choice, a strong
man whom we are confident of elec-
ting.

Your truly M C Islow

The Democrat.

Aug. 13th., 1902.

M. C. Inlow, Esq.,
Hill City, Kansas,

Friend Inlow:-

Your favor is at hand and I note what you say about my being with you on September 11th. I meant to have said in my last letter that I would be there.

I note that you have me billed and I will try not to disappoint you.

I am getting in touch with the situation over the State and can assure you that the outlook for the election of the legislature is exceedingly bright. We must not let Graham County get away from us this time.

Very truly ,

D.-G.W.H.

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Grabam

Topeka, Kansas, 9/4 1899

Hon Grant Harrington

Hiawatha Ks.

Dear Sir A letter from Senter requests that we do not ask Craddock to make a fraternal address at our WWA Log Rolling according to printed program you will have to fill this vacancy. The Republicans talk fraternal in. on the 10th and you will hold the board on the 11th all by yourself, so please don't disappoint me. Craddock will

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Toill City, Kansas.

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Cognizant of that fact and govern himself accordingly.

As Co. Chairman, I have called our committee together, July 26, to call an early county convention. Sept. 9-10-11. The North-west Kansas M.W.A. Log Rolling Assoc. holds forth in Hills. City. Upwards of 1000 people probably will be in attendance. Can't you come out and give us a speech on politics last day. This will be political day and Republican moguls will be here en masse. If you can, let me know, and will put you on big bill.

Yours for political success
Yours truly
M C Inlow

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We here to make his political speech
in the evening, along with you. Do
let's give them hot shot. We have nominated
a strong man for Representative and I think there
can be no question of his election, but it
will require hard work. Emmons was
nominated for C. Supt.

Yours for the right

M C Inlow

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Graham

Sept. 6th., 1902.

Hon. M. C. Inlow,

Hill City, Kansas,

My Dear Inlow:-

I am in receipt of your favor and will be on hand the 11th. I understand that Craddock is billed for a speech at Colby on the 12th. How is he going to be able to speak at Hill City at night, and still make his Colby date ?

Very truly ,

GWH.-LJD.

Commercial Binding,
Saint Louis.

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Office of
R. B. Gornett, County Clerk,
Graham County.

County Commissioners:
W. D. TURNER, District No. 1,
A. E. KERN, District No. 2,
A. W. McVEY, District No. 3.

Regular Meetings:
First Monday in January, April and
October.

Well City, Kan., 1902.

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	Irwin	Bryan	Slater	Good	Law	Prichard	
Allodrum	38	65	41	61	44	58	129 Henry - 180000
Bryant	22	69	22	72	44	48	* Cy Garrison 3
Gelystown	43	55	44	54	41	55	One Selzer - W. C. Brown 100000
Graham	42	61	39	61	54	51	John Bales
Haply.	24	39	24	37	36	26	John Latham - Staller
Hill City	110	92	113	94	123	87	25650 W. A. Hill (Recorder)
Indiana	34	77	34	76	35	75	
Millbrook	21	29	23	25	25	25	John Bales
Novlan	82	55	31	53	41	47	August Low (S. W. P.) John Selzer
Nicodemus	63	16	61	18	58	19	Black Lewis
Pioneer	50	48	50	50	57	43	J. S. Spicer 126000
Solomon	44	46	43	39	49	35	Chas. W. Morgan - Jesse Clark
Wild Horse	38	42	35	44	41	39	Pete Mink 100000
	561	694	560	684	648	608	