

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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E. J. Westgate - W. J. Babb

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Taylor Riddle, Chairman, Marion Kansas.

J. H. Curran, Secretary, Parsons, Kansas.

C. B. Hoffman, Treasurer, Enterprise, Kansas

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SPEAKER'S BUREAU:
Bert Logan, Chairman
Pierce Butler - S. M. Crook
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Parsons, Kansas, Feb. 19th, 1900.

Mr. J. C. Ruppenthal,
Russell, Kans.

My Dear Sir:-

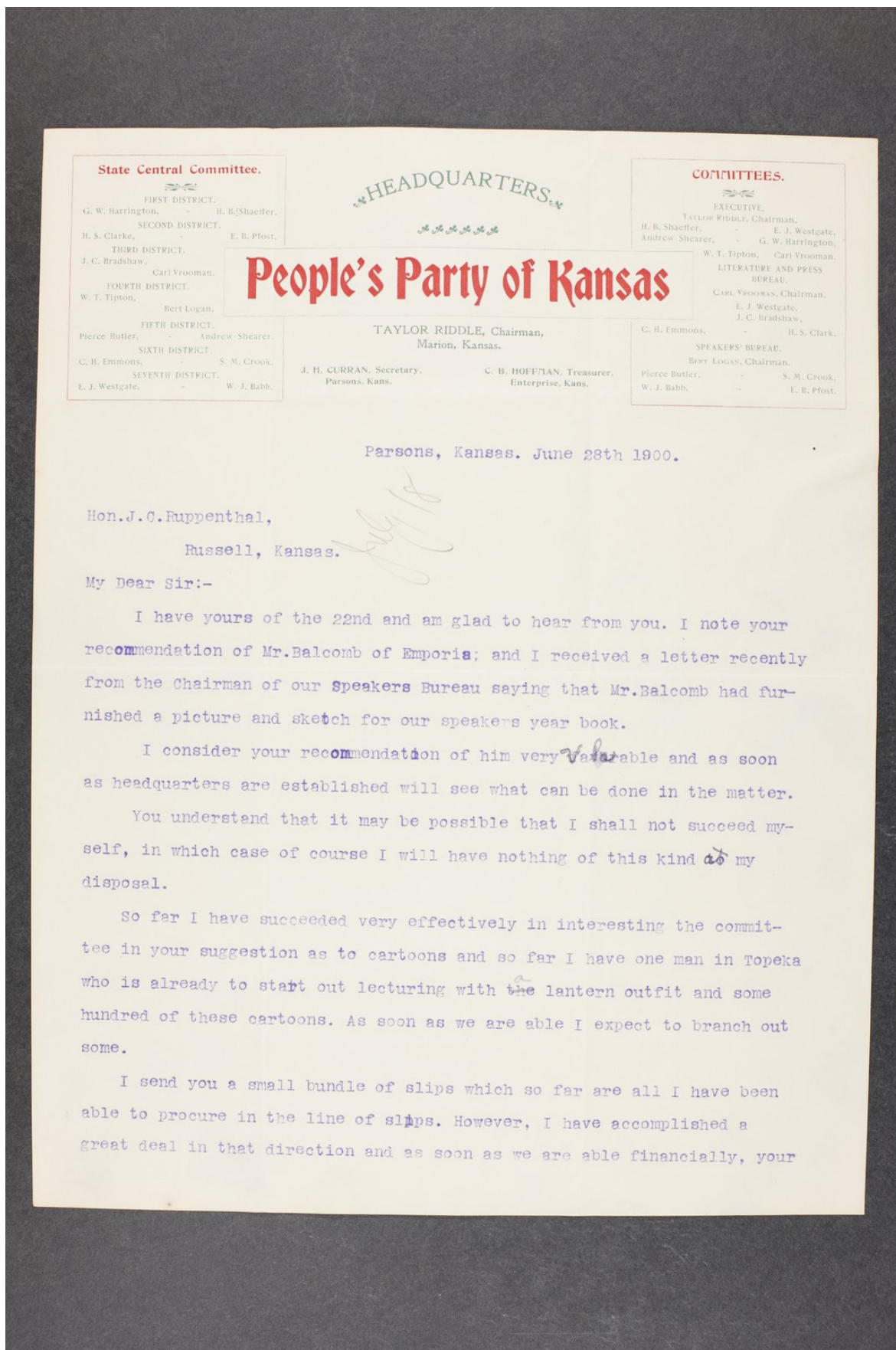
I have yours of the 15th, and will say that I highly appreciate the suggestions which you were so kind as to make. I have written the National committee for information regarding the stereoptican views and if it possible we will certainly have something like this for the campaign. I have also written for several thousand speeches by different congressmen, and as soon as they arrive, will send you some. I regret as much as you the seemingly ill-advised action of the committee in placing the convention at Ft. Scott, but I verily believe that after the convention is over, we will have small cause to regret it. There are many reasons which will appear only when the convention meets, why this was not so regrettable, and I hope there will be no lasting feeling upon the matter.

I prize more than I can tell, the feeling of good fellowship and co-operation, which you and others of our workers in the west have displayed, and I see in it an earnest of a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether for our ticket and principles, next fall.

Do you know R. S. Kellogg of Fay? The National Library Association has been in correspondence with him regarding an agency, and have asked me for some information regarding him. Is he allright? We are endorsing this association and its work. Let me hear from you often.

Yours truly,
J. H. Curran

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suggestion, which I consider very valuable, will be carried out to the full.

Your list of Germans is next to the largest one I have received in the state and I am very glad to add it to our roster. The facts which you state regarding them are very interesting. I have received word to-day of 5,000 of Carl Schurz speeches in German. I will mail to your list direct. Sample copies of the ^{Telegraph} ~~anyone~~ will go to them soon. If you would like a few bunches of the German speeches I can send them to you under frank. I will also send you some English speeches in a few days.

I think your idea to nominate a county ticket by popular vote a good one. I am sorry to hear the outlook is dark in your county. If what Otten-dorfer of the Statte Zeitung says is true, we will get most of the German votes this fall and if we do it ought to be easy for you to carry your county.

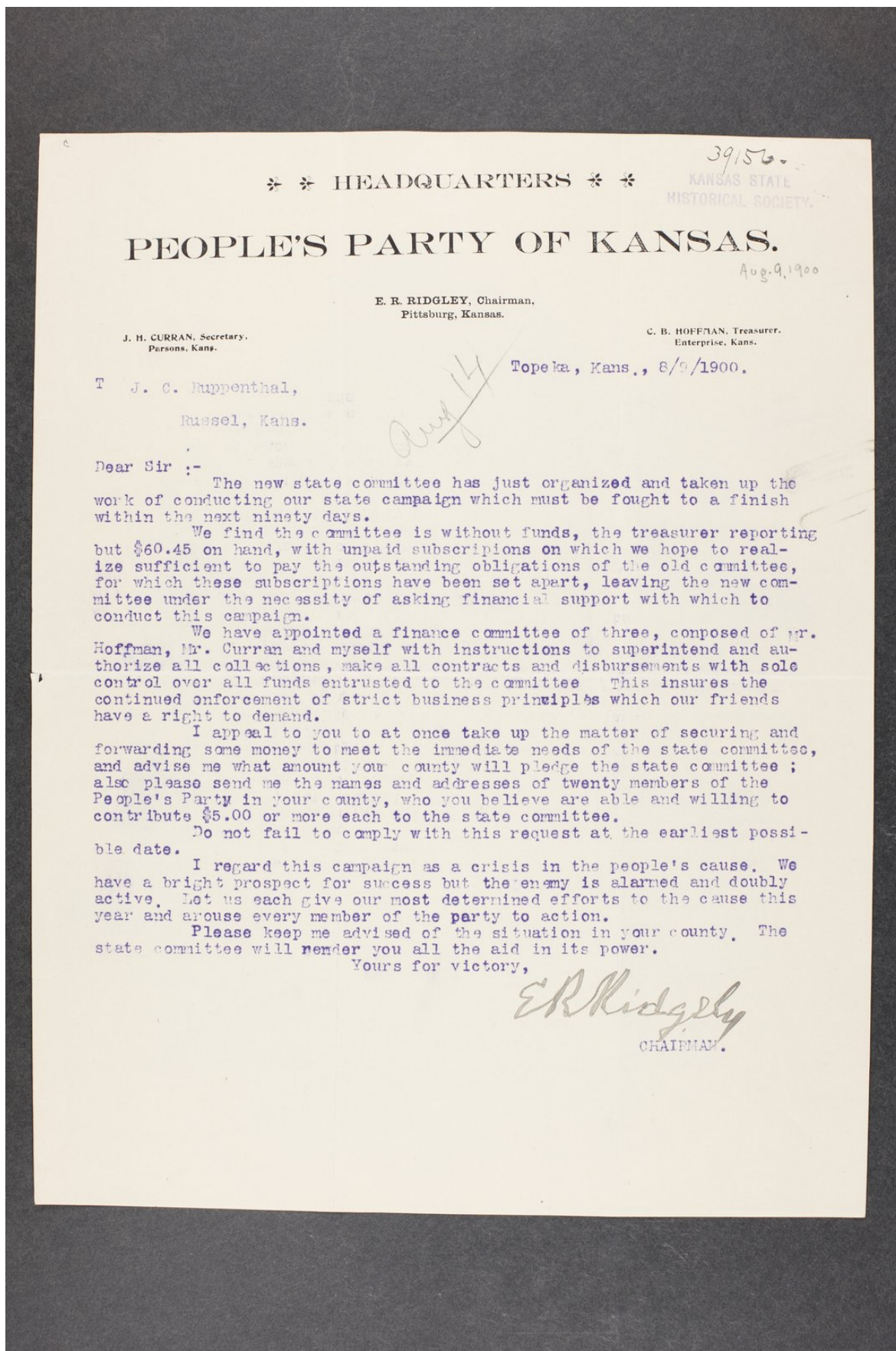
I hope you succeed in landing the County Attorneyship nomination. If you do I will bet on your election. I like your manly attitude in this and I believe you are strong enough in your county to get it even against the odds, from what I can hear.

I hope to see you at K.C. but if not, then at Ft. Scott.

Yours truly,
J. H. Curran
Sec'y.



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KANSAS STATE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PEOPLE'S PARTY OF KANSAS.

Aug. 9, 1900

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Pittsburg, Kansas.

J. H. CURRAN, Secretary,
Persons, Kans.

C. B. HOFFMAN, Treasurer,
Enterprise, Kans.

T J. C. Ruppenthal,
Russel, Kans.

Topeka, Kans., 8/9/1900.

Dear Sir :-

The new state committee has just organized and taken up the work of conducting our state campaign which must be fought to a finish within the next ninety days.

We find the committee is without funds, the treasurer reporting but \$60.45 on hand, with unpaid subscriptions on which we hope to realize sufficient to pay the outstanding obligations of the old committee, for which these subscriptions have been set apart, leaving the new committee under the necessity of asking financial support with which to conduct this campaign.

We have appointed a finance committee of three, composed of Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Curran and myself with instructions to superintend and authorize all collections, make all contracts and disbursements with sole control over all funds entrusted to the committee. This insures the continued enforcement of strict business principles which our friends have a right to demand.

I appeal to you to at once take up the matter of securing and forwarding some money to meet the immediate needs of the state committee, and advise me what amount your county will pledge the state committee; also please send me the names and addresses of twenty members of the People's Party in your county, who you believe are able and willing to contribute \$5.00 or more each to the state committee.

Do not fail to comply with this request at the earliest possible date.

I regard this campaign as a crisis in the people's cause. We have a bright prospect for success but the enemy is alarmed and doubly active. Let us each give our most determined efforts to the cause this year and arouse every member of the party to action.

Please keep me advised of the situation in your county. The state committee will render you all the aid in its power.

Yours for victory,

E. R. Ridgely
CHAIRMAN.

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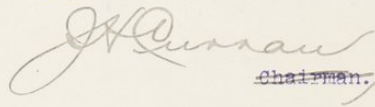
My dear Sir:

Yours of the 2d has been on the desk for some days, but owing to a chaotic condition of affairs, I have been unable to get to it.

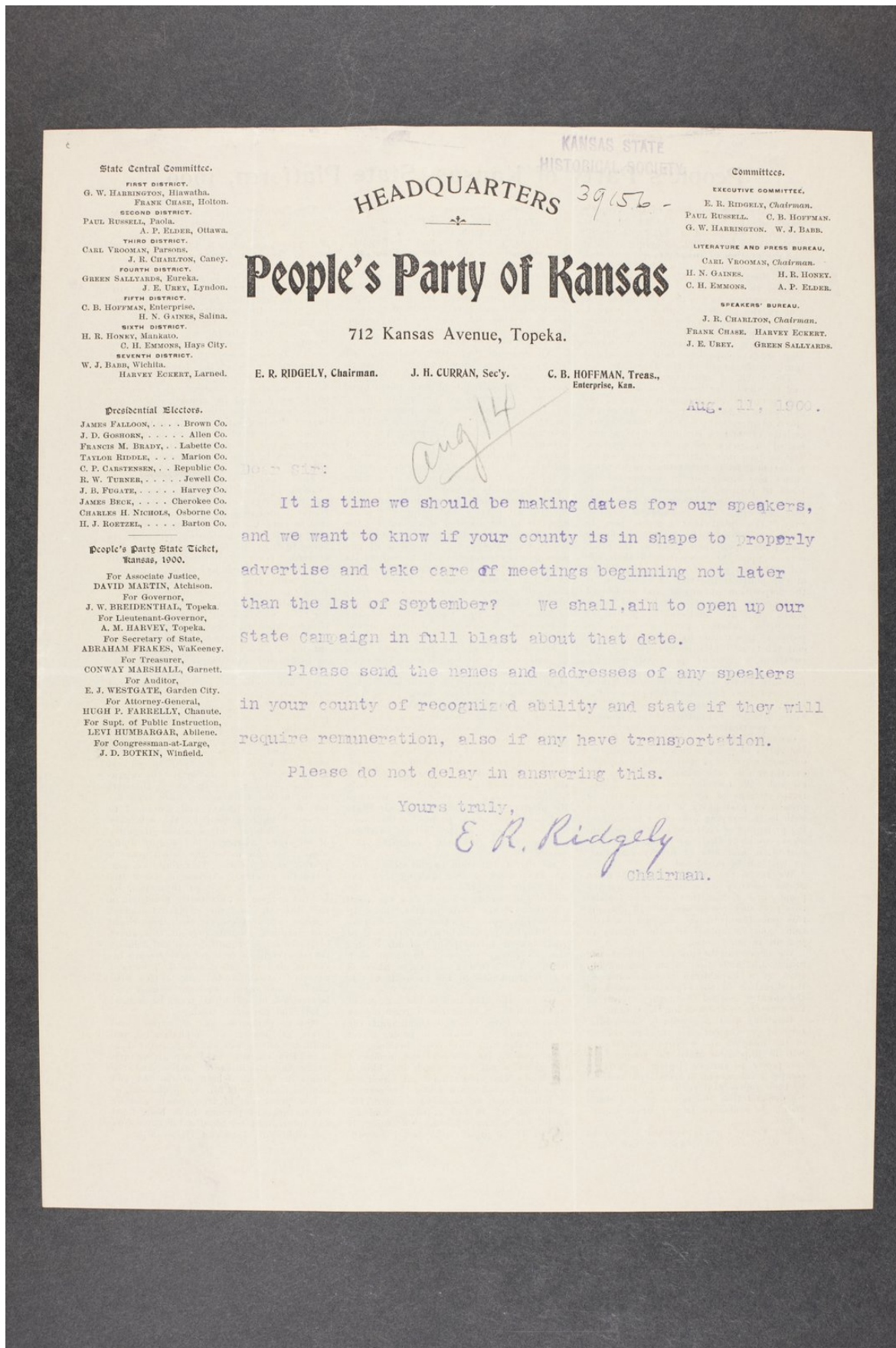
I saw in the newspaper, with much chagrin, that you had not been nominated for County Attorney, and feared that the condition you wrote me about in a former letter had prevailed and that we would be weakened in the senatorial matter. I hope, however, this may be prevented and I await anxiously a letter from you giving your view of the matter clearly as you always have. I must depend upon you in the future, as I have in the past for a review of the conditions as they come up.

Am glad that you received the German speeches, and will soon be in a position to send you more, kindly let me know what you require in either language. I will send, in a few days, a German Talker for your county to help you out with your German voters. Let me hear from you soon.

Yours truly,


Chairman. Rec

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People's Party of Kansas, State Platform, 1900.

We, the representatives of the People's party of the State of Kansas, in State convention assembled in Fort Scott, on the 25th day of July, 1900, do hereby reaffirm the declaration of principles promulgated by our national convention held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, May 9th, 1900, and indorse the nominees of that convention.

We commend to the favorable consideration of the people of Kansas a comparison between the last Populist administration and preceding and succeeding Republican State administrations, believing that such comparison will everywhere inure to the credit of the Populists.

The spirit of militarism, imperialism and the desire for foreign conquest which now pervades the dominant political organization is the direct outgrowth of the spirit of greed, which is the chief characteristic of modern commercialism as embodied in trusts and private monopolies. The modern industrial commercial transportation trust is monarchical in its tendencies, and absolutism in commercial life leads to political absolutism and imperialism. There is no affinity between political democracy and commercial aristocracy. The spirit that compels men to accept the price which a private monopoly may place upon their labor or its products or upon the necessities of their life will utter no protest at the despoilment of our political liberties at home nor at the imposition of unjust and undesired governments upon the people of other lands. We are unalterably opposed to absolutism, whether practiced upon the people of this nation by imperial commercial trusts and private monopolistic corporations, or whether practiced upon political subjects either of Queen Victoria in South Africa, or by William McKinley in Porto Rico and the Philippines. The spirit of imperialism is everywhere the same, whether exhibited in the commercial or political world, and is inimical to a democratic form of government. Either the spirit of greed which now dominates our commercial and national life must be overthrown or the republic will be destroyed. We therefore call upon all patriotic citizens of Kansas, irrespective of present or past party affiliations, to join with us in carrying into effect the following principles of civil and political government, confident that our reliance on their patriotism and love of liberty and justice will not be misplaced.

We favor the election of the United States senators by a direct vote of the people, and we ask that our next legislature pass such resolutions as will promote this amendment to our national constitution; and we appeal to other States to join us in such action.

We denounce the present illiberal and unjust administration of the pension bureau by a Republican commissioner at the dictation of the organized wealth of the country instead of in the interest of the veterans of the war for the Union.

Believing that a genuinely democratic form of government, free from the control of the lobbyist and corruptionist, is and will be impossible until the people have the power to initiate legislation and to compel a submission of legislation enacted by their representatives to a popular vote, we demand that the initiative and referendum be embodied in our State constitution.

The People's party enacted a railroad law to protect the people of this State

against the extortions of the transportation corporations. A Republican State administration made that law of no effect by failing to enforce it, and the Republican majority of the Supreme Court followed this up by destroying it. We are in favor of further legislation to control these corporations as far as possible, but we regard the conflict between incorporated wealth and the interests of the people as irrepressible, and we look for no permanent relief except in government ownership of railroads.

We demand the withdrawal of all special privileges now granted by law to corporations or individuals and the application of the principle of government ownership as a remedy for monopolies of every kind. Believing the public work ought to be done by the people in their own interest, we favor the municipal ownership and operation for the supply of water, light, heat and power and also of all street car lines and telephone systems.

We congratulate the people of Kansas upon the steady spread of Populist principles along these lines which are now leveling all parties, and point with gratification to the erection of a plant for the manufacture of binding twine by the State which has checked the extortions of one monopoly by compelling it to reduce its prices and has already saved thousands of dollars to the farmers of Kansas. We also call attention to the successful operation of the State law reducing the price of school books and the resultant saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the people.

We believe that the people can with advantage take further steps in the same direction, and that our State constitution ought to be amended so as to permit the establishment of State stock yards and markets, to provide for State insurance and to permit the people as a whole to carry on any business or industry by which they can promote their own welfare. We would especially favor the development of our oil resources by the State and the relief of our people from the exactions of the Standard oil monopoly by the erection of a State refinery to refine the products of the oil fields of our State and supply oil to our people for their own use at the cost of production, without paying tribute to that overgrown monopoly.

We direct attention to the stock yards act, the insurance and banking laws, the corporation law, the laws regulating the salaries of county officers, and the compensation of the State printer, the scrip and screen laws, and other acts passed by the People's party which have proved of great benefit to the people of our State; and we pledge ourselves to enact such further legislation along these lines as may be demanded by the interests of our citizens.

We call the attention to the farmers of Kansas to the combination of grain buyers extending from Chicago throughout the West, which by means of pools, secret freight rates and other trust methods, appropriates to its members the profits of the great wheat crop which has blessed our land. This combination, to which the local millers and grain dealers are certain to fall victims, exists in violation of the anti-trust law in our statutes; and we pledge the nominees of this convention, if elected, to do all in their power to suppress it.

The State authorizes banking corporations and individual bankers to perform a public function by the receipt of the money of the citizen for safe-keeping, and at the same time permits such corporations and individuals to loan all but a small percentage of these funds for their own profit; the national banking law protects the banknote holder from possible loss in case the bank issuing the note becomes insolvent—a security which has been, however, diminished by the gold standard law enacted by the last Congress. To supplement this protection and insure the funds of the depositor whose money is in the bank, as well as the note holder which is in most cases another bank, we demand an amendment to our State banking law which will provide for taxing the banks to create a fund, to be under the control of the State banking commissioner and to be used to reimburse depositors in banks which become insolvent.

The scandalous conduct of Governor Stanley in illegally expelling regents of the State Agricultural College, and the frequent unsavory condition of our State institutions under all parties, condemn the practice of bestowing positions in these institutions for party service. We therefore favor a civil service that will put these institutions upon a business basis, alike free from the spoilsman and from the danger that employees may become careless and indifferent or unskilled for other vocations in life and permanent charges upon the State.

The flagrant violation by wealthy corporations of our present tax law impels us to demand that its provisions be more rigidly enforced. To accomplish this we urge that additional penalties be enacted for its violation.

We favor the graduated taxation of property, incomes and inheritances.

During the last decade the power of federal judges has grown to an alarming extent, and that power has been used especially to destroy liberty of speech and to destroy or render ineffective the organizations of labor. By the use of the writ of injunction workingmen have been deprived of their liberty and sentenced to terms of imprisonment by the arbitrary action of federal judges, although guilty of no crime whatever, but simply doing what they had under the constitution a perfect right to do. Therefore, we condemn the arbitrary exercise of power and the abuse of the writ of injunction by federal judges, so universally practiced in the interest of the capitalistic class against labor. We favor such laws, State and national, as will prevent this abuse of power for all time to come and demand that the right of trial by jury remain inviolate, and its safeguards be preserved to every citizen, so that, no matter with what offense of misdemeanor a man may be charged, he will at all times be assured a fair and impartial trial.

Not as partisans, but as citizens and lovers of justice, we emphatically condemn the outrageous and disgraceful state of affairs existing in Doniphan county, where the tribunals of justice and the forms of law have been prostituted and used as instruments for the suppression of a free press and of free speech, and by which innocent persons have been fined and imprisoned for months for exercising the rights of American citizenship.

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39156. June 23, 1904
KANSAS STATE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Topek, Kansas, 6-23-04.

J. C. Ruppenthal,
Russell, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

The time of our convention is near and I would like much to hear from you as to whether you can meet us at Kansas City and go with the crowd.

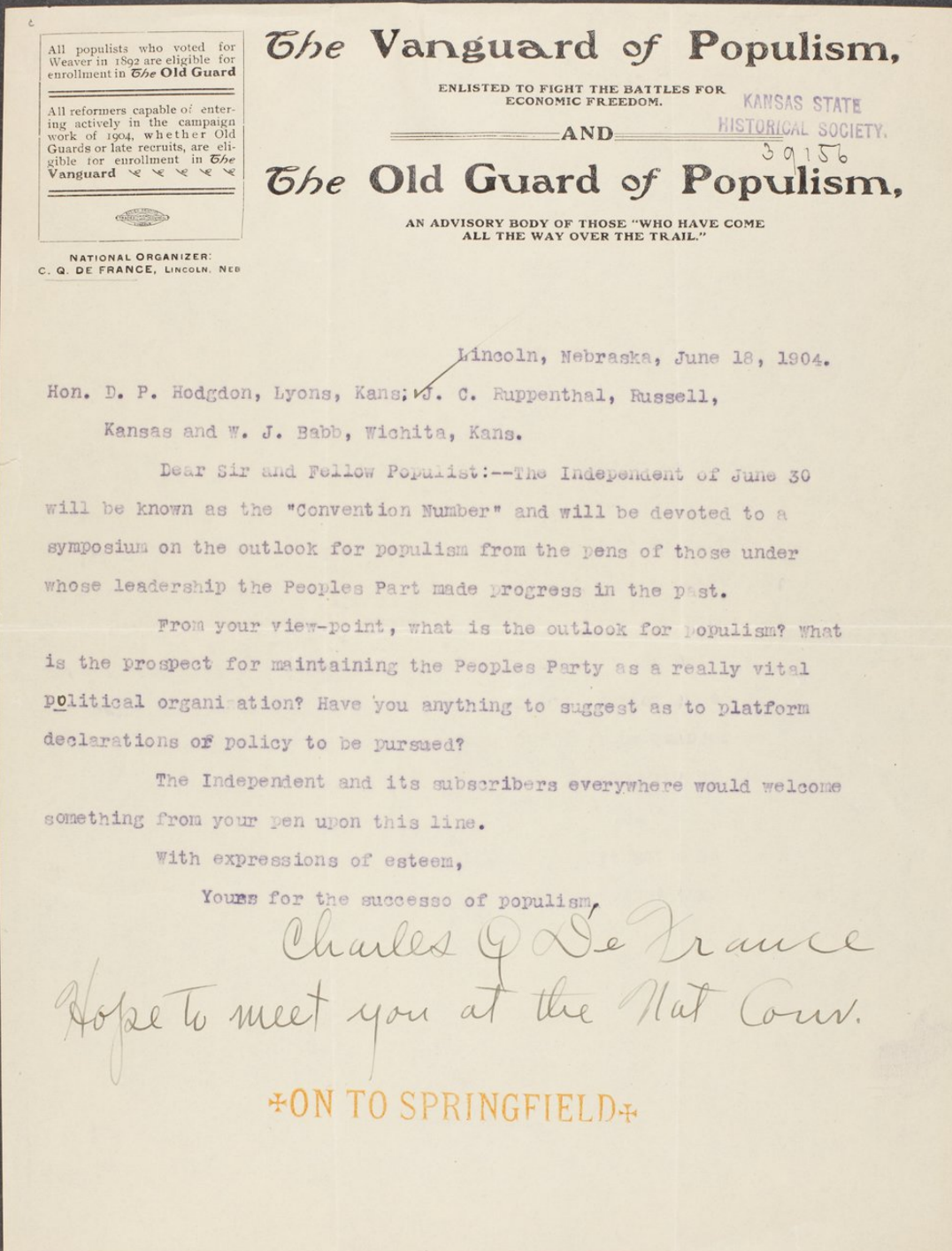
Attached please find letter sent to a large number of the "Old Guard". If you can come, merely sign the slip on the bottom and send to me quick.

Hoping to see you there, I am,

Yours truly,
H. M. B.
Secy.

H.M.B.

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W. J. BABB, Chairman
Wichita, Kansas

J. H. GURRAN, Secretary
Topeka, Kansas

Seal
E. C. FOWLER, Treasurer
Topeka, Kansas

PEOPLE'S PARTY STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

TOPEKA, KANSAS,

May 5/1906

Mr J E Rupenthal
Dear Sir

Russell Ks

May 11/1906

Enclosed find call for the Peoples
Party State convention. Kindly take
action in your county as per the
enclosed call to the end that you may be
fully represented at the convention $\frac{1}{2}$
fare Rail Road Rates will be in from all
points in the State.

Yours truly

W J Bobb

Chairman

E C Fowler

Secy

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KANSAS STATE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

39156 -

W. F. Dapp

*November
1904*

To the County Chairman or Secretary:

NOTE---I am informed that the county clerks in some counties have printed a bogus ballot. They have put on it the words, "No nomination", and put a square place after the words "No nomination", opposite the railroad commissioner Robinson. This is done with fraudulent intent.

You will see that they reprint that ballot in conformity with the law of 1903, as found in the Session Laws. It is done for the purpose of making fraudulent ballots, and a scheme to rob us at the polls.

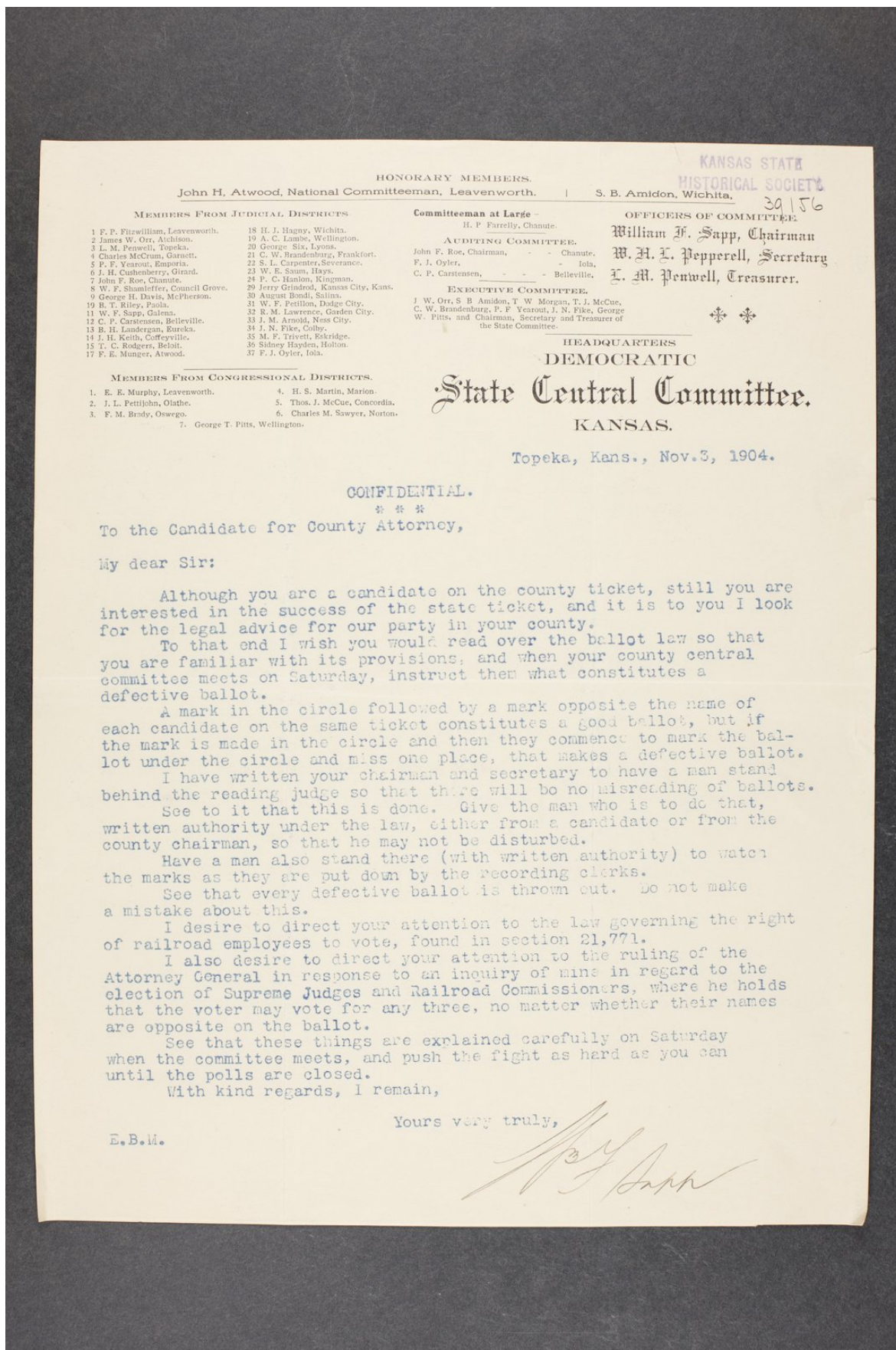
The law is: (See Session Laws 1903, page 394.)

"When no nomination has been made by a political party for an office to be filled at the election, or if a nomination has been made, but under the provisions of this act the name of the nominee cannot be printed on the official ballot, the title of such office shall be printed in such party column, and underneath such title shall be printed in upper capital and lower-case type, the words "No nomination", but no voting square shall be placed after the words "No nomination."

In the event you are in the short grass country where the ballot cannot be reprinted, insist that such ballots be counted, if marked at that place, because they should not be permitted to profit by their fraudulent acts.

This comes to me from J. I. Shepherd, Chairman of the County Central Committee of Bourbon county, and I get this out without signature.

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Aug. 19th., 1902.

Hon. Pratt Williamson,
Topeka, Kansas,

Dear Sir:-

I note from Chris. Ritter's paper that you are the nominee for the Legislature from Allen County. At a recent meeting of the State Committees it was decided to put in a Legislative Bureau to look especially after the Legislature, and at the request of Senator Harris, I was placed in charge of it. I wish you would advise me what, if anything, this Committee can do to help in your County, and what the prospects are for your election.

Very truly,

D*-C.W.H.

Allen

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JOHN F. THOMPSON
EX-JUDGE BEND DISTRICT

WILLIAM H. THOMPSON
EX-CLERK COURT OF APPEALS

THOMPSON & THOMPSON

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

ROOMS 4 AND 5
NORTHERN NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
TELEPHONE 142

IOLA, KANSAS, Aug. 26th, 1902.

Grant W. Harrington, Esq.,
Manager Legislative Bureau,
People's Party & Democratic State Committees,
Topeka Kas.

Dear Friend Harrington:

Your letter concerning Legislative situation in this county just received, and in reply will say, that our candidate is Hon. Pratt Williamson, the head of the combined Labor organizations in this county, and in my judgment, and in the judgment of those more experienced in politics, there is a chance to win in this county if the proper work is done. Our candidate, while not a very good "spell binder," yet he is a good vote getter, having been elected Councilman of the 1st Ward in this city, which is strong Republican. He is a Populist, having been a Democrat, and has Democratic proclivities. This county is nominally between 400 and 500 against us, but many of us believe that two to one of the new comers, who are quite numerous, are Democrats, coming from Missouri, and other Democratic states, and that the Republicans can't now count on more than 350 majority against the combined opposition, and perhaps even less. The labor vote is also very heavy in this county, and Williamson ought to poll two-thirds of it. Our large manufacturing establishments are mostly in the hands of Democrats, and while we can't expect much active work from the management, yet they will not use Republican tactics of coercion against us. Williamson will hardly be able to poll his party vote in the country, owing to the larger personal acquaintance and former following of Francis by reason of his long residence and service in this county. Extra work in the country school districts ought to be done to keep our fellows "in line." Francis

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opposed the building of a new court-house here, which makes him popular in the country, and decidedly unpopular in Iola. This could be worked to advantage quietly here, but as it "cuts both ways" couldn't be made too much of an issue. Francis also voted for, and favored the law permitting condemnation proceedings, similar to such proceedings by railroads, to condemn land for piping of gas out of the county. This can be used to advantage against him everywhere in the county.

So, as I said before, we have a chance to win in this county, depending upon the amount, nature, and character of work done. If Harris himself could come down here during the campaign and give us a good talk, he could do more than anybody else in this city. Could also make votes by staying here a couple of days handshaking.

Hoping that the foregoing information will serve your purpose, and wishing you success, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



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The Friend-Democrat

"THE PAPER OF THE PEOPLE"



Allen

IOLA, KANSAS, Aug. 26 1902.

Grant W. Harrington,

Hiawatha, Kansas.

Dear sir:-- Your favor asking for information concerning the fusion candidate for the Legislature from Allen county at hand. Our nominee is Pratt Williamson of this city. He is a radical populist, but we have fusion on the c-ounty ticket and he is working in harmony with the rest of the candidates. Mr Williamson is prominent in labor circles here and it is for that reason that we nominated him instead of a farmer. He is a carpenter. There are over 1500 members of labor organizations in his county representing 15 branches of organized labor. These Unions have all been organized since the election of 1900 so we do not know how they will vote. They have the votes to elect Williamson if they will do it. There is a great deal of dissatisfaction with John Francis among the republicans. It is wide spread and for various causes. Some of them are:-- The county convention endorsed Long for Senator: Francis says he is for Curtis. The old soldiers are against him on account of some action of his in the last legislature. The proposed new tax bill is believed to be his work and certain influential republicans are against him on that account. The farmers are down on him on account of general principles. I regard the chances of Williamson's election as exceptionally good and am of the opinion that it will be worth while to make the effort. Our campaign will open right away after Labor Day. We are helping the Labor folk out on a big demonstration. Williamson is president of the Committee.

Yours truly,

Chris Ritter

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Allen

Oct. 6th., 1902.

Hon. Chris Ritter,
Iola, Kansas.

Friend Ritter:-

In looking over Senator Harris's Pension Docket, I find that he has had Pension cases for the following citizens of Allen County:-

Peter W. Jury,	Humboldt.	Jas. Bliss,	Iola.
Allen Bryant,	Iola.	Maggie Duncan,	"
Jas. Madison,	"	E.J. Ross,	"
Rebecca Gilbert,	"	Geo. D. Christian,	Carlyle.
Norman S. Smith,	"	Jno. F. Thompson,	Iola.
Jno. Boyd,	Humboldt.	C.E. Birdsall,	"
Lydia Chase,	Iola.	Olive J. Martin,	"
Mrs. J. W. Mattoon,	"	Jackson Ross,	"
Jno. H. Harris,	"	Geo. A. Boullis,	"

It occurs to me that if the matter is presented in the proper shape to some of these parties they might be induced to use their efforts to elect Pratt Williamson to the Legislature in order to secure a vote for the Senator's return. Kindly write me what you think these people could do and I will write them a letter in the Senator's behalf.

Very truly,

GWH:LEJ.

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IOLA, KANSAS. October 11th, 1902.

Grant Harrington,

Hiwatha, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

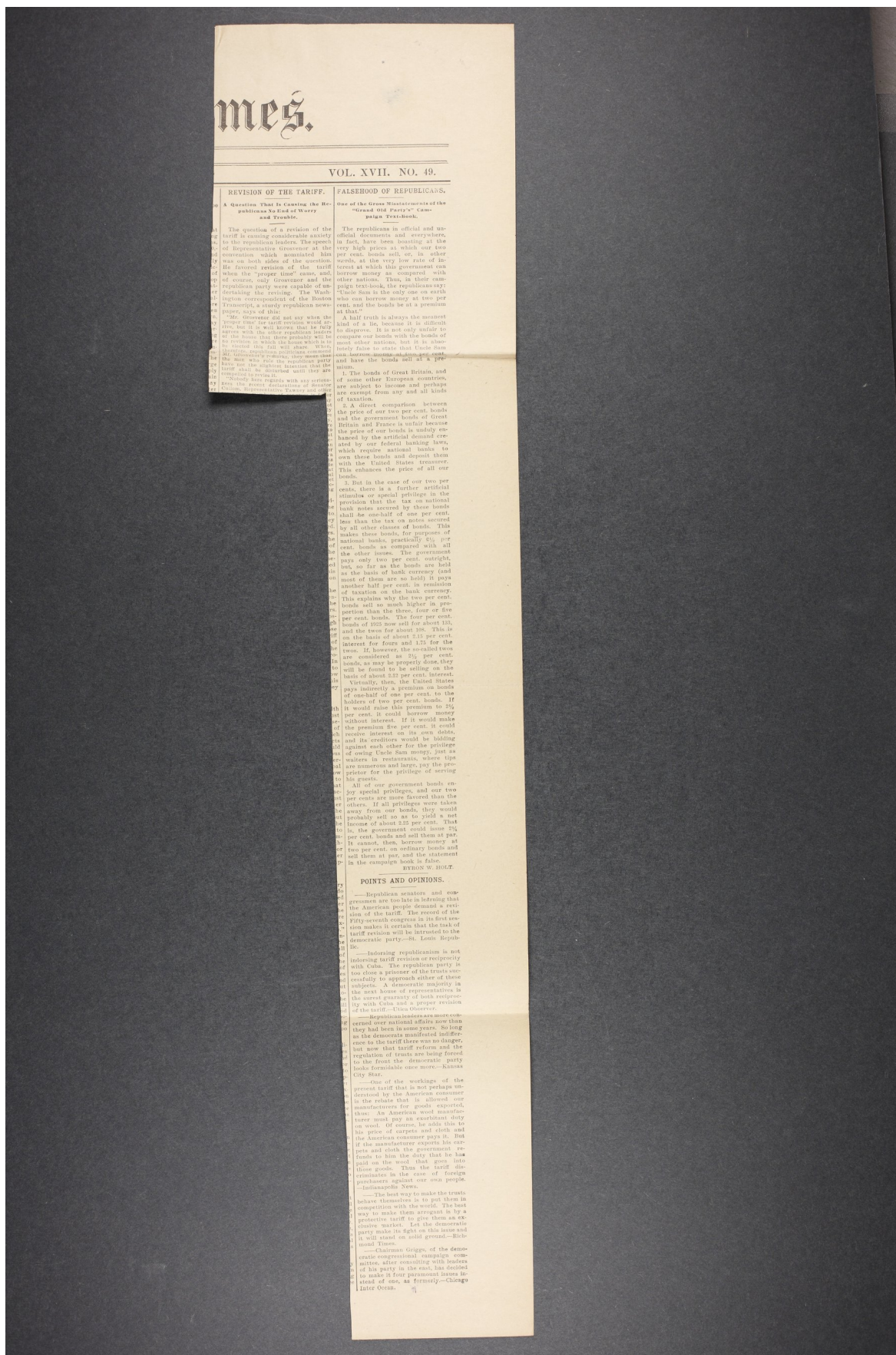
Your favor containing names for whom Senator Harris has had pension matters in this county at hand. Most of them are persons who wrote the senator at my instigation. One or two of them are persons whom I do not know but I will look after the matter and get what good out of it I can. The labor organizations, through their leaders are working for Williamson. I believe he will be elected. If he is not I will hereafter be obliged to say that when a labor man says he will vote a certain way he don't mean it.

We are making this fight on the quiet to keep the republicans from stampedeing *our men*

Yours truly,

Allen Ritter

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VOL. XVII. NO. 49.

REVISION OF THE TARIFF.

One of the Great Mistakes of the
"Grand Old Party's" Cam-
paign Treat-ment.

The question of a revision of the tariff is causing considerable anxiety among the republicans. The speech of Representative Grosvenor at the convention which nominated him was on both sides of the question. He favored revision of the tariff of course, only Grosvenor and the republicans were capable of un-derstanding the revision. The Wash-ington correspondent of the Union Transcript, a sturdy republican news-
paper, says of this:

"Mr. Grosvenor did not say when the tariff was revised it would be fairer, but it is well known that he had agreed with the other republican leaders of the house that there generally will be a revision in which the house which is to amend this bill will share. When the tariff is revised, there must be a new vote and the republican party will be the biggest loser in the country. Nobody has regrets with any certainty from the recent declaration of Gro-
svenor, that the tariff is to be revised."

The republicans in official and un-official documents, and everywhere, in fact, have been boasting at the very high prices at which our two per cent. bonds sell, or, in other words, at the very low rate of in-terest at which this government can borrow money as compared with other nations. Thus, in their cam-paign treat-book, the republicans say "Uncle Sam is the only one on earth who can borrow money at two per cent. and the bonds be at a premium at that."

A half truth is always the most dangerous kind of a lie, because it is difficult to disprove. It is not only unfair to compare our bonds with the bonds of most other nations, but it is abso-lutely false to state that Uncle Sam can borrow money at two per cent. and have the bonds sell at a pre-mium.

1. The bonds of Great Britain, and of some other European countries, are subject to income and perhaps are exempt from any and all kinds of taxation.

2. A direct comparison between the price of our two per cent. bonds and the government bonds of Great Britain and France is unfair because the price of our bonds is unduly en-hanced by the artificial demand cre-ated by our federal banking laws, which require national banks to own these bonds and deposit them with the United States treasury. This enhances the price of all our bonds.

3. But in the case of our two per cents, there is a further artificial stimulus or special privilege in the provision that the tax on national bank notes, covered by these bonds shall be one-half of one per cent. less than the tax on notes secured by all other classes of bonds. This makes these bonds for purposes of national banks, practically 50 per cent. bonds as compared with all the other issues. The government pays only two per cent. outright, but, so far as the bonds are held on the basis of bank currency (and most of them are so held) it pays another half per cent. in remission of taxation on the bank currency. This explains why the two per cent. bonds sell so much higher in pro-portion than the three, four or five per cent. bonds. The four per cent. bonds of 1902 now sell for about 110, and the two per cent. for about 105. This is on the basis of about 2.1 per cent. interest for four and 1.55 for the two. If, however, the so-called two per cent. bonds are considered as 2 1/2 per cent. bonds, as may be properly done, they will be found to be selling on the basis of about 3.25 per cent. interest.

Obviously, then, the United States pays indirectly a premium on bonds of one-half of one per cent. to the holders of two per cent. bonds. If it would raise this premium to 50 per cent. it could borrow money without interest. If it would make the premium five per cent. it could receive interest on its own debt, and its creditors would be holding against each other for the privilege of owing Uncle Sam money, just as waiters in restaurants, where tips are numerous and large, pay the proprietor for the privilege of serving to his guests.

All of our government bonds en-joy special privileges, and our two per cents are more favored than the others. If all privileges were taken away from our bonds, they would probably sell so as to yield a net income of about 3.25 per cent. That is, the government could loan 50 per cent. bonds and sell them at par. It cannot, then, borrow money at two per cent. on ordinary bonds and sell them at par, and the statement in the campaign book is false.

BYRON W. ROUSE.

POINTS AND OPINIONS.

—Republican senators and con-gressmen are too late in learning that the American people demand a re-vision of the tariff. The record of the Fifty-seventh congress in its first ses-sion makes it certain that the task of tariff revision will be entrusted to the democratic party—St. Louis Repub-lic.

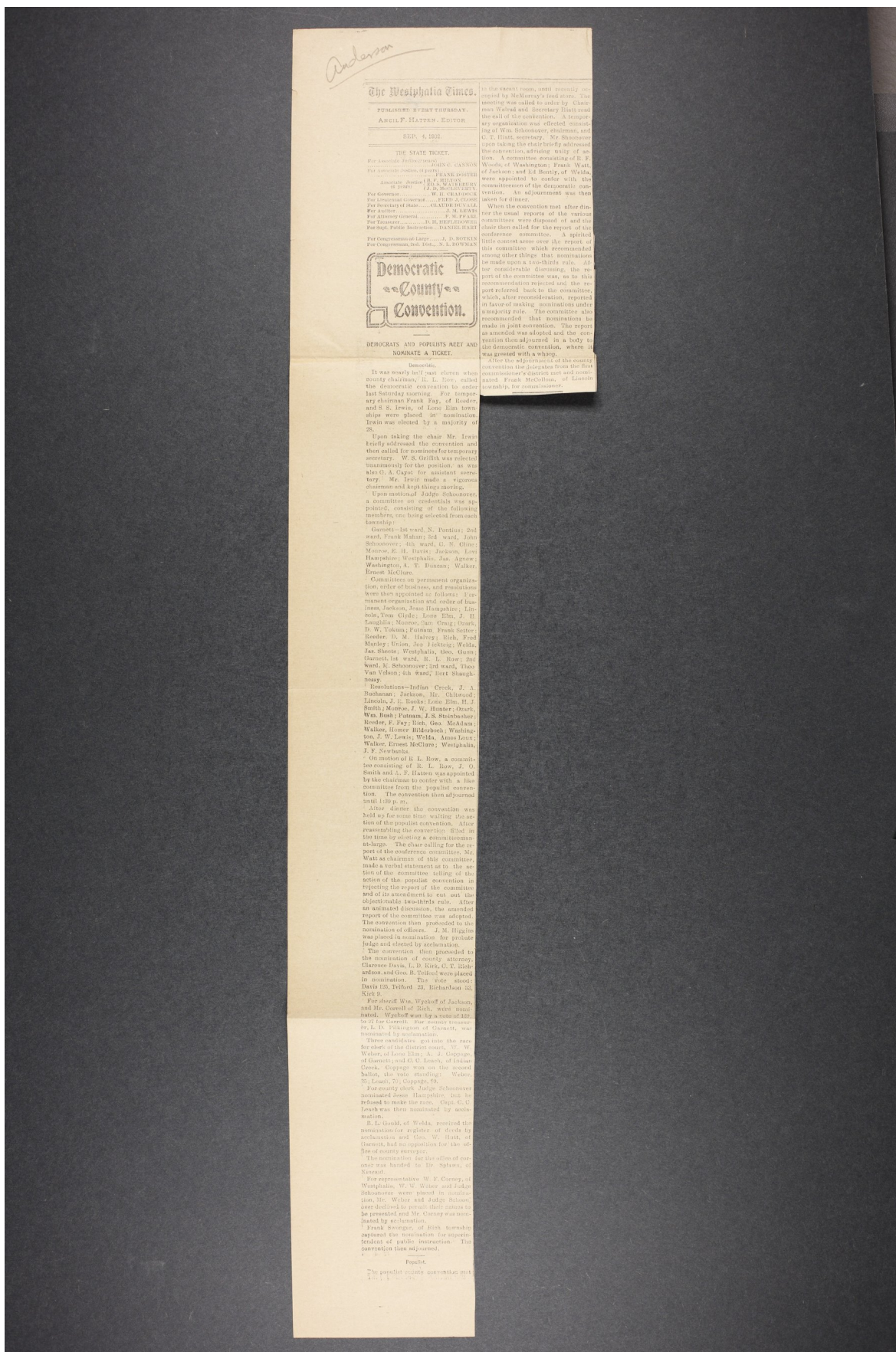
—Insisting republicanism is not insinuating tariff revision or reciprocity with Cuba. The republicans are too close a prisoner of the trusts suc-cessfully to approach either of those subjects. A democratic majority in the next house of representatives is the surest guaranty of both reciprocity with Cuba and a proper revision of the tariff.—Union Observer.

—Negotiations between our people and other nations are more con-cerned over national affairs now than they had been in some years. So long as the democrats manifested indiffer-ence to the tariff there was no danger, but now that tariff reform and the regulation of trusts are being forced to the front the democratic party looks formidable once more.—Kansas City Star.

—One of the workings of the present tariff that is not perhaps un-derstood by the American consumer is the result that it allows our manufacturers for goods exported, then, as American goods, to never more pay an exorbitant duty on them. Of course, he sells this to the price of carpets and cloth and the American consumer pays it. But if the manufacturer exports his car-pets and cloth the government re-fuses to him the duty that he has paid on the goods that goes into those goods. Thus the tariff dis-criminates in the case of foreign manufacturers against our own people.—Indianapolis News.

—The best way to make the trusts behave themselves is to put them in competition with the world. The best way to make them arrogant is to give them a protective tariff to give them an ex-clusive market. Let the democratic party make its fight on this issue and it will stand on solid ground.—Rich-mond Times.

—Chairman Griggs, of the demo-cratic congressional campaign com-mittee, after consulting with leaders of his party in the east, has decided to make it four permanent issues in-stead of one, as formerly—Chicago Inter Ocean.



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Manford Schoonover.
GARNETT, KANSAS.

Answer

Garnett, Kansas, August 26, 1902.

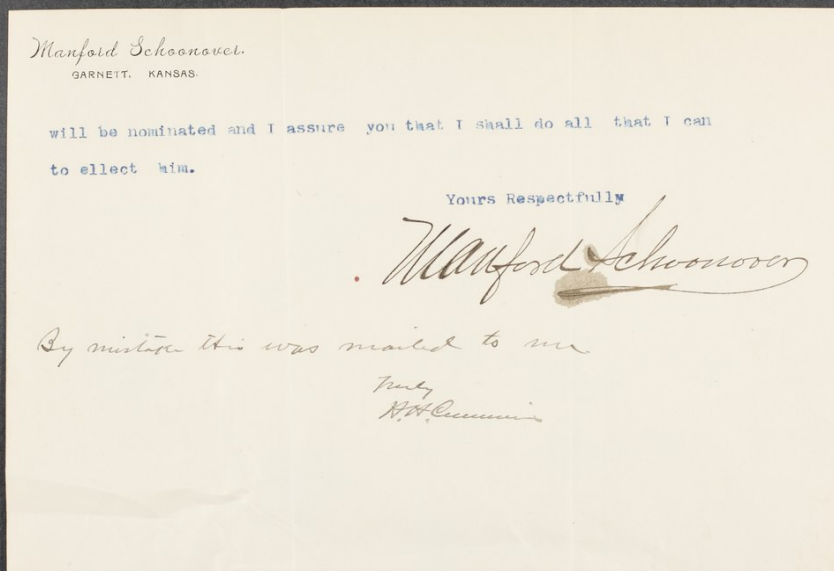
Grant W. Harrington.

Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Friend:-

Your letter of August 23rd. asking me to accept the nomination for the Legislature received. I note what you say about the election of Senator Harris, and I must confess that your words appeal to me. I have always been a strong supporter and admirer of Senator Harris, and would willingly do anything, consistent with my duty to promote his interests, I think he and his friends fully understand this. I regret to say that it will be impossible for me to accept the nomination for Representative in this County at this time. However I anticipate a good man

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Anderson

August 23, 1902.

Judge Manford Schonover,
Barnett, Kansas.

My dear Judge:--

At a recent meeting of the State Central Committee it was decided to put in a Legislative Bureau, to look after the Legislative fight over the State, and at Senator Harris' request I was put in charge of it. I have been getting in touch with the sentiment generally, and I find that the Legislative ticket everywhere is stronger than our State ticket. There are many Republicans who want to see Harris return for another term and this on top of the factional fights among the Republicans themselves gives us every promise of electing a Legislature.

The question with us now is to make it big enough to overcome the hold-over majority that the Republicans have in the Senate. I am advised that if you will accept the nomination for the Legislature, that it puts Anderson County into the safe list of safe Harris Counties, and as the personal representative of Senator Harris I want to urge upon you that take this nomination and help us in our efforts to elect the Senator.

His record is certainly one that ought to appeal to every Kansan, and I feel assured that if each one of us make the proper effort, we can succeed in making his re-election certain.

Trusting that you will aid us in this work, I am.

Very truly yours,

R.

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Anderson

Sept. 25, 1902.

W. H. Corney,

Westphalia, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I note that you are the fusion candidate for the legislature in Anderson County, and am told that your prospects for election are very flattering. It looks very much now as if we would be able to control the lower house, but we want to have enough members to overcome the hold-over majority in the Senate.

I look for Senator Harris here Sunday and I want to go over the situation with him by districts and then we will pick out the places where it is considered that the greatest need of work is. I wish you would write me before that time what the situation is in your county and let us know what if anything, we can do to aid in your election.

I note too that the People's Party for your county has not filed its county Central Committee with this office. I need this list as there is some matter I want to send out direct to the committeemen, and wish you would kindly fill out the inclosed blank and return with your letter.

Hoping to hear from you before Sunday, I am

Very truly yours,

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Wichita, Kan
Sept 28 - 1902
Mr. Grant W. Harrington,
Dear Sir,
The Union Candidates
have a bright future. The Rep.
have badly divided and we are
getting ample support from
the said party. The Candidates
are making a quiet canvass
and not wanting to cause any ex-
citement thinking it is to good
politics at the same time &
hoping a sheep look out for
the weak spots.
Yours Respectful,
W. L. Conway
Representative Candidate
19 District.

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Garnett, Kansas, *Sept 30th* 1902.

Hon. Grant W. Harrington
Hiawatha Kas.

Dear Sir

I just had a letter from
Hon. Mr. A. Harris and he referred me to you.
We are going to have a big rally on
Saturday, Nov 1st 1902. and our people want
to hear Mr Harris. and I hope you will so
arrange that you can have him here on
that date. If the weather permits we will
have a big crowd & if Harris comes will
have the crowd regardless of the weather.
Hoping that you can accommodate
us in this

I am

Yours Truly
R. L. Row

People's Party and Democratic State Committees, box one

Oct. 5, 1902.

Hon. W. M. Corney,
Westphalia, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor of recent date, and note that the feeling along the candidates is to run a still-munt campaign. I am afraid of this kind of a campaign; we always get the worst of it, especially in a year like this where we are of the aggressive. Mr. Craddock has made the issue and is making friends for the ticket wherever he gets a hearing, and we cannot afford to present the proposition in a half-hearted way.

Things are coming along nicely and unless something happens to stop the drift of public sentiment, Craddock will be elected, and we will have a good, safe majority in the Legislature.

We cannot afford to lose Anderson County, and if there is anything this Committee can do to help you in your race do not hesitate to call on us. In some localities they are making up lists of lukewarm Populists, and we are bombarding them with personal letters from Senator Harris, urging them to come out and help the ticket. Are there any such in your county? If so, send me the list and I will see that they are written to.

Very truly yours,

People's Party and Democratic State Committees, box one

October 5, 1902.

Hon. R. L. Rows,
Garnett, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor relative to a meeting of Senator Harris in your County. Our plan in billing Senator Harris has been to put him in counties that were on the doubtful list; we have not supposed that Anderson County would come in this category. Every date is taken for the Senator up to election.

We are getting the best kinds of reports relative to the Legislative situation and the outlook now is that we will control the next House without any question. We confidently count on Anderson County as furnishing us one of the majority.

Trusting that we will not be disappointed, I remain

Yours very truly,

People's Party and Democratic State Committees, box one

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C. E. GLASS, Treasurer.

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Union, Dan Pea, Greeley.
Lincoln, Phil Rooks, Haskell.
Rich, J. P. Swonger, Kincaid.
Lone Elm, S. S. Irwin, Lone Elm.
Jackson, Jesse Hampshire, Garnett.
Putnam, L. J. Fierborn, Scipio.
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Ozark, D. W. Yokum, Colony.
Welda, C. H. Dodge, Welda.
E. Washington, Mark Thompson, Garnett.
W. Washington, Will Hampshire, Garnett.
At Large, K. E. Durall, Kincaid.

Headquarters

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E. Washington, J. M. Collins, Welda.
W. Washington, W. H. Wilson, Mont Ida.
At Large, L. D. Walrad, Garnett.

Garnett, Kansas, Oct 6th 1902.

Hon. G. M. Harrington
Appeka Zoo
Dear Sir

Yours of the 5th
at hand and am sorry that we have missed
Harris for our rally on the 1st of Nov.

Am trying to get Atwood for that date
and if you can help us any in the matter
do so. I think that our Co will send to
the Legislature one who will help out our cause
by working & doing for Mr Harris

We don't know about being in the doubtful
Column we have a straight republican May of 200 to
back against & I want say that we are always
after them & generally have one or two Democrats in
some of the Co offices. And from what I know now
if the election was to come off tomorrow we would
win out on the ticket. but they are returning & we
are paying for them. & will get our share

I don't see any possible chance for them to elect
their man for the Legislature. Yours Truly
R. L. Row

People's Party and Democratic State Committees, box one

Anderson

October 6th., 1902.

Hon. E. L. Howe,
Garnett, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

In looking over Senator Harris's Pension Docket, I find that he has had pension cases for the following citizens of Anderson County:

Mrs. Hannah Moore, Garnett.	Jas. J. McKeney, Garnett.
Nancy J. Pates, "	Christopher Bouck, Greeley.
Olive Crocker, Haskell.	Jane Canton, Garnett.
Henry D. Drury, Selma.	Luther J. Fuller, "
Bradford A. Gehr, Greeley.	Jonathan G. Hiatt, "
Joe. H. Hiner, Garnett.	Sarah S. Johnson, Greeley.
Lester K. Kirk, "	Anthony Maile, "
Thos. Means, "	Dice Vandyke, "
Matilda E. Walker, Greeley.	Martha E. Walker, Garnett.
Jno. G. McLaughlin, Garnett.	Jno. Post, "
Ardis B. Seiss, "	L. L. Sutton, Welda.
Sarah B. Burdham, "	Louisa Cullison, Garnett.
Sarah S. Doll, "	Jas. H. Hay, Colony.
Angelina Gregg, "	Amanda Horn, Garnett.
Joe. Harvey, "	Geo. H. Jones, Colony.
Catherine R. Lindsay, "	Julius C. Miller, Garnett.
Delish E. A. Wait, "	Jan. L. Wilson, "

It occurs to me that if the matter is presented in the proper shape to some of these people they might be induced to use their efforts to elect W. F. Corney to the Legislature in order to secure a vote for the Senator's return. Kindly write me what these people could do and I will write them a letter in the Senator's behalf.

Very truly,

GWH-LJD.