

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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Office of
Dr. J. L. Hamilton.

Douglas, Kansas, 190

are far better than Betts and
I think the vote will leave me
out in my statement. I think Mr
Betts over estimate his vote but
Mr Seaton knowing just what he has
to over come. The Ball does not
show the district over 75 republicans
if that and the county is 82.00
But we will have to do what
we can with this late date.
Again let me thank you for
your reply

Yours in hope

J. L. Hamilton

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August 19th., 1902.

Hon. Thomas Gresham ,
Cottonwood Falls, Kansas,

Friend Gresham:-
How is Chase County this year. Can we skin 'em,
and elect a member of the Legislature?

Kindly advise me as to when and where the
Convention will be held and what the outlook is in the County.

We are taking advantage of the Republican feuds
everywhere and we believe that it is going to result in giving us
a Legislature that will send Senator Harris back to Washington.

Hoping to hear from you often and to see you at
Topeka on the 23rd., I am,

Yours very truly,

L.J. P.

Chase



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City of Cottonwood Falls, Kansas.

COUNCIL
H. A. McDANIEL, Pres.
THOMAS BUTLER
H. S. FRITZ
JOHN DOERING
R. B. HARRIS

Mayor's Office,

Thos. H. Grisham, Mayor.

Council Meets First Monday Night of Each Month.

WM. FORNEY, City Clerk
M. M. KUHLE, Treasurer
J. W. McWILLIAMS, Police Judge
THORN BRANDLEY, Marshal
JOS. GRAY, Street Commissioner
E. P. GOGAN, Poundmaster.

Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, Aug 20 1902

Spent Harrington
Dear Ad Soldier
Chase is all OK
we will win out
I am in much of a
hurry to get off on train
Will see you in Topeka 23rd
your Truly

J. W. Williams

Chase

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Chase

Sept. 25, 1902.

J. F. Dougherty,
Strong City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I note that you are the fusion nominee for the legislature in Case County, and I wish you would write me fully what the situation is and what your prospects are for election.

We have arranged to give you Senator Harris for one meeting in your county and I want to write each member of the two county Central Committees about this meeting urging them to see that it is well advertised.

I note however, that the People's Party Committee is not on file at this office. I inclose herewith a blank which I wish you would kindly fill out and return to me.

I expect to see Senator Harris about Sunday when we will go over the situation together. And I will be pleased to hear from you before that time.

Very truly yours,

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Grant W. Harrington
Topeka Kan

Dear Sir

am in receipt of yours of
20th in which you ask me what
I think the prospects are for my
election. I do not consider
them very good. If there is any
fight among the Republicans over
the senatorial situation in this
party in this County I have failed
to find it out. Before their
Legislative nomination was made
there was ~~they~~ trouble among them
but since that time they seem to
have come to an understanding
among themselves. If the fusion
forces would all vote
right there would be no question
of my election. The Republican
nominee has all the money at his
command that he wishes to use
and I am sorry to say that in our
county where we have quite a floating
vote that is used to corrupt politics.
Hoping we will win out from here.
Strong City Sep 27 02 W. L. Daugherty

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Will send you names of
Central Com in a few days

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Oct. 5, 1902.

Hon. W. L. Daugherty,
Strong City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

You say in your recent favor that if the Fusionists would all vote right there would be no question of your election. What is the matter with them? And what, if anything, can we do from this end of the line to line them up? Put Senator Harris on to the situation when he comes to Cottonwood Falls this week and possibly he can say or do something that will help the situation.

Yours very truly,

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October 6th., 1902.

Hon. J. F. Dougherty,
Strong City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

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

Geo. Madden, Bazaar. Eliza E. Oldenburgh, Cottonwood Falls
Andrew J. Bolander, Hymar.

It occurs to me that if the matter is presented in the proper shape these people might be induced to use their efforts to help your candidacy for the Legislature, in order to secure a vote for the return of Senator Harris. Kindly let me know what you think these people would do and I will write them a letter in the Senator's behalf.

Very truly,

GWH-LTD.

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August 23, 1902.

Hon. G. V. Johnson,
Sedan, Kansas.

Friend Johnson:-

What is the outlook in your county this year? We have heard nothing from you at headquarters yet. Kindly advise me when and where your county conventions are to be held and who the probable nominee for the legislature will be. Also give us a complete list of your County Central Committee, both Democratic and People's Party. I want to get in touch with the local organization as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEEMEN:		
TOWNSHIP	CHAIRMAN	P.O. ADDRESS
Salt Creek	E. E. SHIRCLIFF	Hale
Lafayette	W. G. PALMER	Center
Center	JAS. CHAMBER	Moline
Caneyville	JASON HILMICK	Cloverdale
Jefferson	J. W. WELLS	Cedar Vale
Summit	FLANK COME	Lowe
Sedan	CHAS. GILMAN	Sedan
Washington	E. S. HANFORD	Monett
Little Caney	J. A. HENDERSON	Niotaze
Belleville	J. W. DIXON	Peru
Hendricks	C. R. RAYNOR	Elgin
Harrison	LEE HARBUR	Hewins

G. V. JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN.
D. E. RATHBUN, SECRETARY.

Executive Committee:
JAS. NEILL,
SUMNER HOOPER,
G. V. JOHNSON,
D. E. RATHBUN.

....HEADQUARTERS....

People's Party Central Committee,

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY.

Sedan, Kansas, 1900.

chairmen. The county chair-
man is G. V. Johnson; secre-
tary, D. E. Rathbun; I treas-
urer, Jas Neill. All address Sedan

2d Enclosed is a clipping giving
names of candidates on county
ticket. Two men who were
nominated have declined the
nomination and their places
have not yet been filled by the
committee.

3d The ticket will be printed
under the democratic names.

4th answered

5th We have no speakers who
would go outside of the county to speak

6th. The fusion seems satisfactory.
There seems to be an inclin-

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People's Party Central Committee,

CHAUTAUGUA COUNTY.

Sedan, Kansas, 1900.

ation to vote for the men on
The county ticket, ^{regardless of party} more than
heretofore. We haven't got
much show, but may elect
two or three men on the
ticket. These are treasurer,
county attorney and probate
judge. One of our com.
missioners go out this year
and he has given it out
all the time that he would not
run again. However he was
nominated while not at
home. He may be induced
to accept the nomination and
if so we probably can
elect him.

Respect Geo. Johnson

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CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY.

G. V. Johnson, Sedan, Chairman.

Secretary.

J. A. Barnes, Hale.
W. G. Palmer, Center
John Morgan, Moline
W. H. Helmick, Cloverdale
Frank Mansfield, Cedar Vale
David Call, Lowe
H. W. Loomis, Sedan
I. S. Cobb, Niotaze
J. A. Henderson, Niotaze
J. W. Dixon, Peru
C. R. Raynor, Elgin
Lee Harbur, Hewins

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<p>THE PEOPLE'S POPULAR PAPER.</p>	<p>Kansas Democrat. GRANT W. HARRINGTON, Editor. 33 HIAWATHA, KANSAS. 66</p>
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Hiawatha, Kansas, 5/11/02.

W. L. Burke,

Galena, Kansas,

Dear Sir:-

I have watched with considerable interest the gallant fight you have been making in your paper for a fusion of the anti Republican forces this year. I have always been a fusionist. I have believed, and do yet, that the mass of the voters want to get together and that they would get together if given a chance. I came away from the meeting of the two central committees at Topeka feeling that the fellows who were running the Democratic party in Kansas wanted to cut loose from the Populists; that they had made up their minds that the reorganizers would control the party nationally and that they wanted to get themselves in position to control the national patronage in case of success of 1904. I felt that they were perfectly willing to sacrifice the chances of reelecting Harris to the senate and Jackson to congress and the possible chance of gaining two or three more congressman for the prospective loaves and fishes. I had the feeling, that the rank and file of the Democratic party was too indifferent to turn down the party leaders and that there was nothing left for us to do but to go it alone.

Since then I have noted with pleasure the action of the many Democratic conventions which have demanded the postponement of your convention. This to my mind is the only possible chance left for us to get together this year but I am afraid you will throw it away. When you get to Wichita you will be carried away with the idea that the bulk of the populists will vote

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Hiawatha, Kansas

you ticket any how and you will attempt to bull matters through. You will adopt a radical platform and fill half or more of the places on your ticket with populists and then commence an agitation for its endorsement by the populist convention. A good many influential populists, chairman Riggley among them, will advise us to take the dose. And by the way let me say ~~tha~~ that Ridgley deserves all the good things you Democrats are saying about him for he has labored faithfully, earnestly and conscientiously to iron out our difficulties and bring the forces together on a common ticket. The effort to endorse the ticket might succeed but I doubt it. The anti fusion element in our party will fight it hard and if they are licked the stay at home vote will make all chances of success imposible. Your average populist will not enthuse over a ticket he has had no hand in making and a populist without enthusiasm is no good.

It seems to me that there is one plan by which we can still get together. Both the conventions have the same number of delegates. Let the Democratic convention adjourn to Topeka at the time of the populist convention and invite the populist to join with them in a union convention to nominate a ticket which ticket shall go unto the official ballot under whatever head shall be selected by a two thirds vote of the joint convention the populist cannot refuse to accept the invitation. A satisfactory ticket can be nominated and in the tug of war over the name you Democrats are bound to win because a great many of our populists are perfectly willing to concede the same to you. Let this joint convention select a state central committee to manage the campaign. A ticket made under such circumstances ought to command

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stances ought to command the support of every fusion ticket. It would be a Populist ticket as well as a Democratic ticket and both would be morally bound to support it.

To accomplish fusion this year you Democrats must take the initiative. A simple adjournment to meet at Topeka precipitates the same kind of a fight they had out in the seventh district the other day where the conference committees quarreled and finally failed to reason ~~an~~ agreement. An adjournment which carries with it an invitation to join in a joint convention offers a plan and the thirty days agitation that will follow will bring us together in good shape. It will be like the famous Throop Hotel agreement of two years ago. It will be cussed and discussed and then followed. Hoping against hope that we may get together.

I am Very Truly Yours,

D.-----H.

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THE DAILY AND WEEKLY TIMES.
BY W. L. BURKE.

GALENA, KANSAS.

May 12, 1902.

Hon. Grant Harrington,
Hiawatha, Kas.

My Dear Sir:--

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed favor of recent date and was glad to hear from you. I am much impressed with the ideas expressed in your letter and will be inclined to follow them. I have always maintained that the Populists will never support a ticket which they have had no part in making. I had hoped that our committee would see the ~~wisdom~~ wisdom of postponing the convention, but as they have not, I think it devolves itself on the delegates to take the matter in their own hands. Our county convention will be held tomorrow and I feel there is little doubt we will pass a resolution favoring adjournment and instruct our delegates to work for it. Of course, Mr. Sapp, who is a member of the committee, will ask the county convention to hold up the hands of the committee, but we will be able to beat him. There is only one thing to do as I see it, and that is get together in one big convention, as you suggest, and nominate one ticket under the Democratic head. Every county in the Third district has passed a resolution favoring postponement as far as conventions have been held, and I am sure Cowley and Wilson will be in line. I was in Wilson county a few days ago and know the sentiment there, and I assume Mr. Jackson will be able to take care of Cowley. Mr. J., by the way, will be at the Wichita convention. I was very glad to hear from you and will be glad to receive suggestions at any time.

Yours very truly,

W. L. Burke

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August 19th., 1902.

Hon. W. B. Lowry,
Columbus, Kansas,

Friend Lowrey:-

Who are the nominees for the Legislature in your
County and what are their addresses ? Who are the officers of the
County Central Committees, and what is the outlook for the
election of a couple of members of the Legislature from the County?

Yours very truly,

D.-G.W.H.

Cherokee

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Aug. 19th., 1902.

Hon. W. L. Burke,
Galena, Kansas,

Dear Sir:-

Who are our nominees for the Legislature from your County, and what are their addresses? Who are the officers of the two County Central Committees, and what are the prospects of electing a couple of members of the Legislature from the County?

Hoping for an early reply, I am,

Yours very truly,

D.-G.W.H.

Cherokee

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<p>DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE. H. P. FARRELLY, <i>Chairman</i>. CHAS. McCURUM, <i>Secretary</i>. F. S. THOMAS, <i>Treasurer</i>.</p>	<p>PEOPLE'S PARTY COMMITTEE W. J. BABB, <i>Chairman</i>. J. H. CURRAN, <i>Secretary</i>. A. M. HARVEY, <i>Treasurer</i>.</p>
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LEGISLATIVE BUREAU, GRANT W. HARRINGTON, MANAGER.

Topeka, Kansas, August 19th., 1902.

Cherokee

Hon. W. B. Lowry,
Columbus, Kansas,

Friend Lowry:-

Who are the nominees for the Legislature in your County and what are their addresses? Who are the officers of the County Central Committees, and what is the outlook for the election of a couple of members of the Legislature from the County?

Yours very truly,

Grant W. Harrington

John G. McLaughlin

Charles Stephens

Scammon Ks.

Columbus Ks.

Good chance for first named fighting chance, and a fighter, for the second

Populist Committee

Jas H. Ellist chairman Columbus Ks.

W. B. Lowry Secy "

Democrats have only perfected temporary organization

W. B. Lowry

Spencer

D.-G.W.H.

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THE DAILY AND WEEKLY TIMES.
BY W. L. BURKE.

GALENA, KANSAS.

Cherokee

August 20, 1902.

Hon. Grant Harrington,

Hiawatha, Kas.

Dear Sir:--

Replying to your inquiry received this morning. Our representative candidates are: 25th district, John McLaughlin, Scammon, Kas. 26th district, Chas. Stephens, Columbus, Kas. McLaughlin will be elected without a doubt, as the last legislature redistricted this county, making the 25th stronger fusion than ever and cutting down our majority in this ^(26th) district. On Secretary of State in 1900 the precincts which now constitute the 25th district gave the Reps. 1626 and the fusionists 2452. So you see there is no guessing about one representative down here. The 26th district (the south part of the county) in 1900 gave Reps. 2735 and fusionists 2757, on Sec. of State. The Reps. meet next month. If they nominate E. B. Schermerhorn, of Galena, which seems likely, we will have a fight. He made the race against Weiler two years ago, and though defeated was able to keep a little ahead of his ticket everywhere. He is a banker, money loaner, merchant and mine operator--one of the wealthiest men in the county, if in fact any have as many "rocks" as he, but he is a poor spender. He is new at politics, though believed to have an ambition to go to Congress. He has some opposition from a Baxter Springs man in the convention, but owing to the big delegation from this

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GALENA, KANSAS.

town, I think he will land. His opponents in his own party say he wants to go to the legislature to ^{defeat} ~~repeat~~ ^{proposed} the new tax law and they are using it among the farmers and others. Chas. Stephens, our candidate, was four years county attorney, a young man, and one of the best campaigners we have. Our chances are only fair, though the district is worth trying for.

Neither the Democratic or Populist committees have organized yet. They had a meeting the other day, or rather tried to have, but adjourned to meet in a few days. I feel deeply interested in the Senatorial matter. I learned to admire Senator Harris during my brief stay at Washington. I shall be glad to hear from you at any time on any matters you care to write.

Yours very truly,

W. L. Burke



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CHAS. STEPHENS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.

DISTRICT COURT CONVENES
At Columbus, 1st Monday in January, May and October.
At Galena, 1st Monday in March
and September, and the 2nd Wednesday in November.

Columbus, Kansas, Sept. 1st 1902. 190

John Curran, Secretary,
People's Party State Gen. Comty.,
Topeka, Kansas.

Friend John:-After several days absence from home looking after Court business, I find your letter and hasten to reply. In the first place, I do not believe that the Socialist ticket will cut any great figure here this fall. I am reliably informed that the fact can be established to the satisfaction of the average man that with us here it is simply a Republican scheme. This County was so divided between the two legislative districts two years ago that the north, or 25th district is absolutely without doubt a fusion, and we will easily elect our nominee. In the south district it has been made Republican by a good safe majority and if I am elected it will be considered by all as a great victory. While I am not saying much about it for the reason I would rather explain to you verbally, I know that I can overcome considerable of the Majority against me and if I am not elected I assure you it will frighten them when the returns are coming in on the night of election. It is my desire to have a talk with Gov. Craddock and this I will do in the near future. Jackson will make several speeches in this County this week and when once it is started we expect to keep the ball rolling.

I want one of the Congressional Committee Company books the moment it is published and will send you the money for same by return mail.

Very truly yours,

Chas. Stephens.

Per E. L. L.

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Cherokee

Columbus, Kansas, Sept. 7, 1902. 190

Mr. John H. Curran,
Sect. Peoples Party,
Topeka, Kans.

Friend Curran:-

I just received an inquiry from the Democratic Headquarters in the form of a circular letter, which asked with reference to conditions existing here. I think there is no question but what we will carry this county for every thing except the 26th District wherein I am the nominee. That District is Republican by a good majority, caused by the change made by the last election and the dull times in Galena and vicinity compelling many to move to Chittwood Mo. and other places in order to secure employment. I do not really think I can be elected in the South District although there is no question in the minds of any of the fellows but that I will go ahead of my ticket.

At Weir City the Republicans have lost considerable of their colored vote, while we also lost by our fellows moving out. Governor Craddock will lead the ticket in this county without a doubt. I know of at least twenty-five or thirty negroes in one town in this county that are talking for him and will vote for him for the reason that he stands upon a resubmission platform. Being near the line of Missouri where all their roads are graded, graveled and in first class condition, many of our Darkies here think that with high license and local option there would be more money to spend upon the roads and therefore more work for them to do. We have only held three meeting in this county and from what I have seen at these meetings, it is very evident that work this year is going to accomplish some good. The Trust and Taxation problem is going to stagger a great many men and we will gain votes

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rather than loose them during the campaign. By the way I wrote the Democratic Headquarters at Topeka also Congressman Griggs, asking for a copy of the Democratic Campaign book and I have just received one which I suppose is direct from Mr. Griggs.

Mr. Jackson's misfortune in breaking his leg will necessitate lots of extra work in this District in order to elect him.

Hoping to hear from you at any time you have anything to say, I remain,

DIC.

Yours respectfully,

Chas. Stephens.

By CSM

P.S. The socialists will cut some figure, but just how much it is hard to tell.

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Cherokee

Sept. 25, 1902.

M. A. Householder,
Columbus, Kansas.

Friend Householder:-

I note that neither your committee nor the Democratic Committee of your county are on file at this office, and I inclose herewith a couple of blanks which I wish you would fill out and return to me, as there is some matter that I want to mail out to the members of the Committees.

I expect to have a meeting with Senator Harris Monday when we will go over the situation by districts. I wish you would write me and let me know what the outlook is in your county. I am told we are sure of one member and there is a fighting chance for the other. Is this correct?

Things are looking very bright for us at the present time and I believe we will control the next House without any difficulty. The only question is whether we can get it big enough to overcome the holdover majority in the Senate or not.

Yours very truly,

People's Party and Democratic State Committees, box one

Cherokee

October 6th., 1902.

Hon. M.A. Householder,
Columbus, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

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

Wm. Masters,	Columbus.	Horace R. Gault,	Galena.
Aaron L. Hallett,	Galena.	S. S. Butler,	Columbus.
Edward C. Welles,	" "	Dan'l Swan,	Galena.

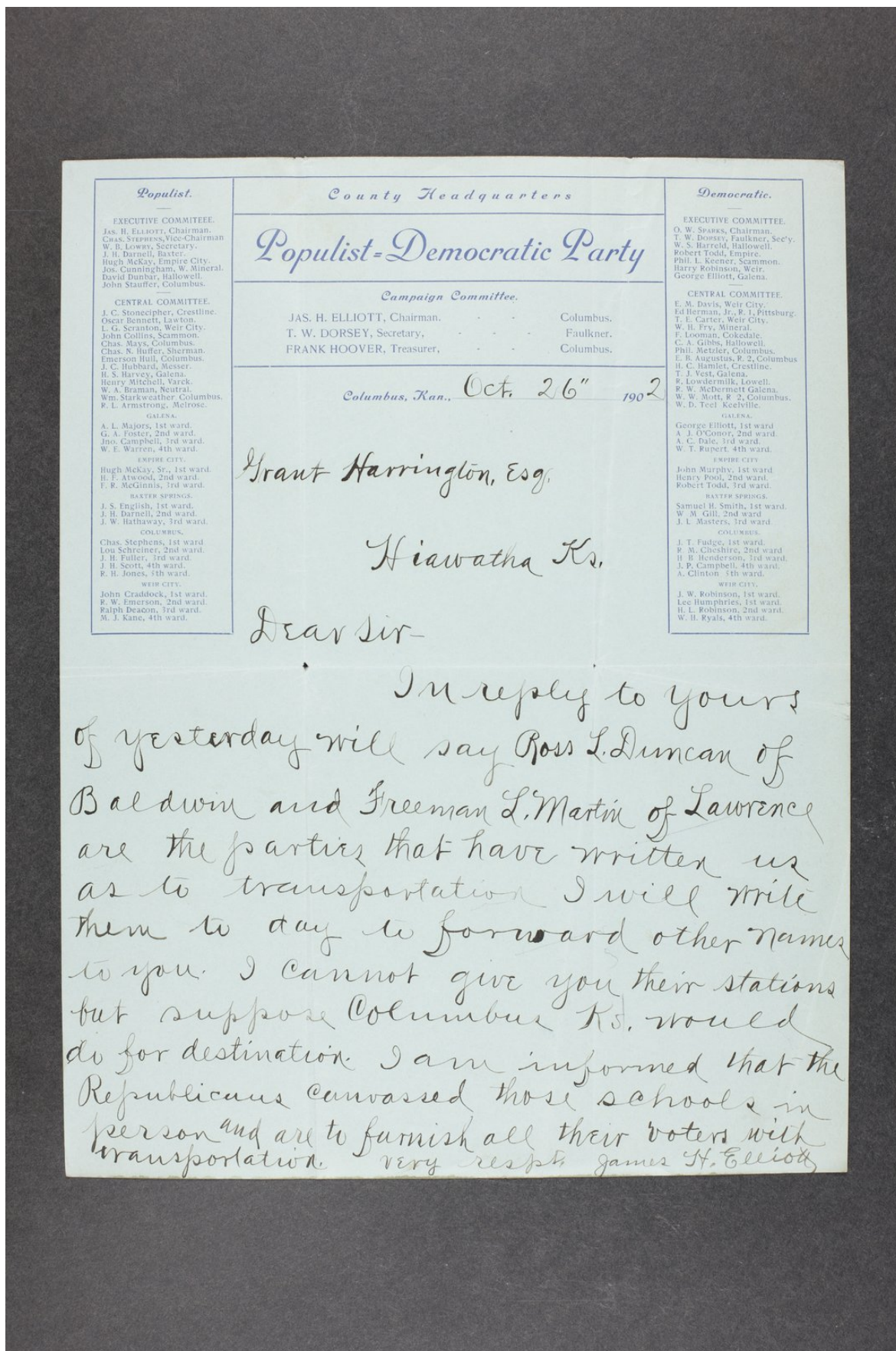
It occurs to me that if the matter is presented in the proper shape that these people might be induced to use their efforts to help your candidates for the Legislature, in order to secure Senator Harris's return to the Senate. Kindly write me what you think these people would do, and I will write them a letter in the Senator's behalf.

Very truly,

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DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.		PEOPLE'S PARTY COMMITTEE.	
H. P. FARRELLY, CHAIRMAN.	CHAS. MCCRUM, SECRETARY.	W. J. HADD, CHAIRMAN.	J. H. CURRAN, SECRETARY.
F. S. THOMAS, TREASURER.		A. M. HARVEY, TREASURER.	
People's Party and Democratic State Committees.			
LEGISLATIVE BUREAU, GRANT W. HARRINGTON, MANAGER.			
Topeka, Kansas,			
Galena	Stevens	Shimmer	
Garden P.O.	23-		
Lowell	20		
Spring R.	30		
Lyons	25-		
Keosauqua	20		
Brantford	10		120
Dawson			65-
Columbus	50		
Empire	180		185
<div>Cherokee Sept 25/</div>			

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Cheyenne

August 18th., 1902.

Hon. Josiah Crosby,
St. Francis, Kansas,

Dear Sir:-

We have heard nothing at Headquarters this year from Cheyenne. We are figuring confidently that it will give us a Fusion member of the Legislature as usual. I trust you will be a candidate again, as long experience has shown that you are a winner.

I wish you would write me what the situation is in your County, and what, if anything, this Committee can do to help matters. Who is the Chairman and Secretary of the Democratic and Peoples Party Central Committees?

Will you be at Topeka on the 23rd, to the big blow-out? If so, I would be pleased to see you and talk over the situation with you.

Very truly,

D.-C.W.H.

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Josiah Crosby.
DEALER IN
Broom Corn and Hay. *Cheyenne*

St. Francis, Kans. Aug 28 1902

Mr. Grant H. Harrington
Hiawatha Kans.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 18 to hand
note all you say. And in
reply will say that I will
not be a Candidate this year
experience has taught me that
being a member of the Legislature
Requires a man with an income
which I have not. Sorry to
say. I am afraid it will
be impossible to send
a Republican member from
this County this year as the
Republicans have a majority
of 60 according to the last
vote on President people's
party central com is Geo.
Lawless Sec. & J. N. Taylor Chair
(over)