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LETTER FROM THE POPS.

Manifesto Issued by Jones and His Advisers.

Chicago, Oct. 13 —A meeting of the executive committee of the people's party was held at the Sherman House today. After hearing reports from members present, and especially from H. W. Reed, 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 national convention in subordinating the interests of party to the success of the vital issue involved in this campaign would be met by equally unselfish devotion to a common interest on the part of the democratic party, and that all the friends of silver would present a solid front against the millions of greed by supporting one ticket, that truly co-operative ticket, Bryan and Watson. But this hope being disappointed, there were but two courses left. First, to run a straight Bryan and Watson electoral ticket in every state, which, on account of failure of the democratic party to support this ticket would have effected 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 even to a greater extent than ourselves for such a result, but to permit evil to triumph on such grounds would convict us as well as them 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, proven ourselves false to our own teachings and repudiated our own motto of country first and men and party second. Brave, enlightened voters, who constitute the rank and file of the people's party, are incapable of such base betrayal of their country as would result from division in the ranks of those opposing the machinations of the consolidated money power of the two continents against homes and liberties of the American people, and would repudiate any action 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 to the action of the convention in nominating Mr. Bryan was to do everything in their power to unite the voters of the country against McKinley and to overcome the obstacles and embarrassments which, if the democratic party had put the cause first and party second, we would not have encountered. This could be accomplished only by arranging for a division of the electoral vote in every state possible, securing so many electors for Bryan and Watson, and conceding so many to Bryan and Sewall. At the opening of the campaign this, under the circumstances, seemed the wisest course for your committee, and it is clearer today than ever that it was the only safe and wise course if our votes were to be cast and made effective for the relief for an oppressed and outraged 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 arrangements in all of the states. By perfecting this arrangement, and every sincere opponent of the gold standard giving loyal support to these joint electoral tickets, the people's party will not only secure in the electoral college for Bryan and Watson several times as many votes as we could 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 of true republicanism as represented by Abraham Lincoln.

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