

Letter of E. Kroner

To National Chairman Hon. Marion Butler
Setting Forth the Affairs of the People's Party in Oregon.

Under the date of Portland, February 15, Mr. E. Kroner, secretary of the executive committee of the People's party, has addressed the following letter to Hon. Marion Butler:
"The letter of Mr. J. C. Young, state chairman of the People's party of Oregon, dated January 28, replying to your request for information about the political situation in Oregon, has had quite a general circulation in the journals of this state and particularly in the Republican papers. Considering the official position of the writer, you will agree that Mr. Young's is somewhat remarkable, and the fact of its ready publication in the gold standard press is even more remarkable, as it is double's safe to assume that this letter was not given out for publication by yourself. The importance of this matter must serve as my excuse for coming before you with this somewhat lengthy communication. Mr. Young had occasion to publish his views upon what he made the subject matter of his letter to you in the morning Oregonian of January 24, published in Portland, and there seemed no necessity of any further promulgation of his rancorous sentiments in the gold standard press. Everything that occurred to me at the time as answering his objection to a Union of the Elements is embodied in a letter answering his, which appeared in the same paper on January 27, and as the question is really not germane to your inquiry, I discuss it with this passing mention, being informed that the above papers have been mailed to you. Owing to the great importance to you of correct information, I present you here a synopsis of the situation in the state referring to Mr. Young and his letter, when it appears necessary to qualify or contradict his statements.

The Bryan and Watson votes shows as you are doubtless aware to a material decrease from the voting strength of two parties, except in a few instances, the most notable and the only important one being Multnomah county (city of Portland), outside of this 3000. In Portland Mr. Young's intimate friend Jonathan Bourne, and a man who had been elected to the Oregon legislature by a "fusion" arranged at the instigation and under the direction of Mr. Young in June 1896, was in charge of the campaign. The mayor of Portland had given him entire control of the police department to prevent fraudulent voting but the Cleveland office holders combined with the self-styled "respectable classes" formed a so-called law and order league, and paraded the streets on election day with a pompous display of broadcloth coats white ribbons and stove pipe hats, repeating ad libitum Mr. Young's field marshal proved unable with the entire police force of Portland to prevent these men at all, presumably on account of their social prominence. This, together with the customary intimidation of employees resulted in reducing the Bryan votes about 400 and increasing the McKinley vote about 4000. Thus it was that McKinley carried Oregon. But this does not show that any dissatisfaction existed in Oregon. It rather shows that the Populists supported Bryan loyally and I think more loyally than the Democrats and a careful scrutiny of the vote by precincts supports that conclusion in a general way.

I have never found a single expression of dissatisfaction in the many communications that constantly pour into our papers and surely the dissatisfaction which Mr. Young speaks of could not have escaped the notice of vigilant perennial correspondent from the country whenever a populist in that part of the country is dissatisfied you generally hear from him. Mr. Young's case, I think, illustrates that sufficiently.

Mr. Young's declaration that the Debs organization will not become active in Oregon, unless a fusion is had and that it then will absorb at once 15000 population amounts to saying, that the Debsists propose to

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run the People's party of Oregon, or break it up. As chairman, Mr. Young cannot decently assist in either, but whether he does or not, no 15000 voters, I assure you will ever join any proposed exodus out of the People's party in this state, nor will one-tenth that number, when they can vote a reform ticket representing the leading Populist doctrines.

In the June election in 1896 a "middle-of-the-road" ticket, support by those who came to Oregon against the protest of Mr. Young, which had the support and was conducted under the management of the extreme socialistic members of the party in Multnomah county secured from 48 to 250 votes out of a total of about 17000. The People's party vote being approximately 5000, Democrats 1500. This shows that the more thoughtful and less clamorous socialists have been in the past and are now willing to bide their time and adopt the desirable features of their doctrine through direct legislation (which all reform parties in the state favor) as soon as they have succeeded in educating the public mind to the point where their adoption is feasible, and these will support a Union ticket. This declaration of about 15000 socialists in Oregon is the rankest bluster, showing how fatally Mr. Young's political perception is distorted by his idiosyncrasy. There is no question whatever that there will be an abundant majority in favor of a Union at our state convention and only an unreasonable stand taken by the other parties could possibly prevent it and Mr. Young is almost alone among the prominent Populists in the state in the position which he occupies.

Notwithstanding the unnecessary acridity which Mr. Young employs against every one who differs with him and the liberal use of terms like pie-hunter (Mr. Young was one of the first men who ever held office "as a Populist in the state of Oregon) or party boss" we, of the common voters of the Peoples' Party of Oregon who had the audacity to express an opinion upon this at variance with his, have always treated Mr. Young with proper respect.

We never address him without prefacing our remarks with expressions of confidence in his integrity and compliment for his judgment and laterly we have followed him around holding out our ear of corn in one hand like a rancher after an obstreperous cayuse, but he is still running loose in the barnyard. But to be accused of being "bosses" by Mr. Young is a joke that no one away from Oregon can appreciate. No man certainly no Populist, ever enjoyed the untrammeled scope of autonomy or exercised and displayed the dazzling genius for unceremonious execution of our state chairman. It ought never to be forgotten that the "middle-of-the-road" enjoy the fostering care of the Gold Standard Republican, in a noticeable degree. In Multnomah county the county judge has in every instance ignored, after requesting, the recommendation of People's party committee for judges and clerks of election and has appointed men who, though less competent, were known to be advocates of a straight Populist ticket. These same persons served the Republican party two years ago by getting up of middle-of-the-road Populist ticket against the peoples ticket put up by our convention.

Their efforts were of no consequence. Let me say at first that the people will have nothing but a united front against the McKinley-Gage financial theories, that the sentiment in favor of this union is gaining strength daily. This (Multnomah) county, will go for union 10 to 1 at the convention, some counties have already declared, others will in the near future. Everybody realizes that any other course would result in the annihilation of the party in Oregon. Can we win? I say that if every professed reformer, everybody this side of the McKinley plan of national happiness, will help, we cannot lose. I have endeavored to give a fair account of the conditions, based upon observation of our men since the organization of the party in this state, conscious of the importance of correct information. I have felt it a duty to address you spontaneously and shall esteem it a duty as well as a distinguished privilege to respond should you desire any further information which I might be able to supply.

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A double outrage on the public schools—to elect two political party chairmen for directors. But it hasn't been done yet.

Pendleton Republican on Harvey Scott: Strange as it may seem, many of Pendleton's leading citizens meet the famous editor for the first time on his Tuesday. Some of them were actually surprised to find him without horns or in any respect resembling a monstrosity. He is a very pleasant gentleman to meet. His grasp of the hand is as cordial as that of any old man. He is entirely free from affectation or a desire to court notoriety, by aping the solemn taciturnity too often worn as a mask of greatness, so common among many of our literary men and women of to day who adopt this and other means to put the craze of genius on their sleeve, by affecting this or that particular style, which strikes them as "loud" enough in the way of display to make the people think them great. There is none of the long-haired biographer about Mr. Scott. If you don't like the way he runs the Oregonian, you are at liberty to tell him so and you run no risk of anything worse than perhaps an argument in which you will probably come out second best.

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A. D. Griffin, editor of the New Age, Portland, and Republican camp speaker, is also a theologian. Here is his latest: Bishop H. M. Turner, of the A. M. E. church says that God is a negro. We have never given the matter a thought, but can see no reason why Bishop Turner's assertion should not be just as valid as the assertion of the white man that God is a white man. No one knows what color God is, and the only reason the American people has for believing that God is a white man with blue eyes and straight hair is because a white man says so.

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