

No Prospects for Hearst's Independence Party (July 31, 1908)

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The Independence Party is not likely to be an appreciable factor in the present campaign. It seems perfectly clear that the Independence Party was brought into existence from motives of pique and revenge, and not of principle. Had Bryan supported Hearst for the nomination for the presidency four year ago there would not now be an Independence Party in the field.

Mr. Hearst supported Bryan heartily eight years ago, in spite of the reasons he now urges against him. Every objection Hearst makes to Bryan now could have been made with equal reason eight years ago, so there must be some other cause for the formation of a new party to defeat Mr. Bryan.

As the Independence Party has no prospects, not even the remotest, of electing anybody, it is not probable that the patriots will flock to its standard in overwhelming numbers.

And yet, here in Indiana, where the election may be close, the Independence Party may have some influence in determining results. To what extent this may prove is purely problematical.

The truly radical and progressive Democrats who have become disgusted with the Bryan-Murphy-Connors-"Train Robber" Sullivan-Bathhouse John-Hinky Dink aggregation of reformers are now heading straight for socialism and will not be halted by Mr. Hearst and his personal "Independence" Party.

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