

POPULISTS AND SOCIALISM.

George C. Clemens of Kansas Advocates Radical Ideas for the

TOPEKA, Nov. 18.—George C. Clemens, one of the recognized Populist leaders of Kansas and famous as an Anarchist, says the People's party must accept socialism as a part of its doctrine of life, and that the apostles of the party must begin at once to make every school house and hall in Kansas resound with lectures on the subject which he calls "teaching the people the sublime truth and hope of socialism." He says a good share of the adherents of the People's party believe in socialism, but most of them do not, and they must be educated. They have talked too much on finance, and not enough on the real causes of unhappiness and discontent. He classes Governor Lewelling as a Nationalist, and John W. Breidenbach as a Socialist. As for himself Clemens says that he is more than a Socialist—he is an Anarchist. He says, however, that the people so misunderstand the term "Anarchist" that he prefers the word "Socialist." Anarchism, he explains, is only voluntary socialism. All Anarchists are Socialists, but not all Socialists are Anarchists. "All that anarchism means," he declares, "is that the people may live as Bellamy points out, but without compulsion. I am just as confident of what is called anarchism and just as determined to have it as ever, but we must pass through socialism to reach it."

Referring to the result of the recent elections in Kansas Clemens says: "For two years we have been politicians instead of apostles and we have had a friendly warning to return to our proper work. That is the true meaning of this election. If we heed that warning our party shall live. If we neglect to profit by that warning our party will die and it ought to die. Our campaigns ought to be conducted in the future on the line of socialism and if the People's party won't do it there will be another party that will take it up and the party that has the courage to do it will be victorious."