**Populism**

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The more \_\_\_**grain**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ farmers hauled to market, the more grain

prices fell. Farmers were producing a \_\_**surplus**\_\_\_\_ or crops. \_\_**Small**\_\_\_\_\_

farmers were hit the hardest by low grain prices. Many had burrowed

\_\_\_\_**money**\_\_\_\_\_ for land and machinery. As prices, fell Plains farmers could not repay their \_\_\_\_\_**loans**\_\_\_\_\_ and lost their land.

A group called the Farmers Alliance formed in the late 1870’s and set up farm cooperatives. This group of\_\_\_**farmers**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who pooled their \_\_\_\_\_**money**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_together to purchase tools, supplies, etc. Both African Americans and Whites joined this alliance.

In 1892, unhappy farmers joined with members of \_\_\_\_\_**labor unions**\_\_\_\_\_to form the \_\_\_\_\_**Populist**\_\_ Party. This was a political party that pushed for \_\_\_**social**\_\_\_ reforms. Populists wanted to use \_\_\_\_\_**silver\_**\_ in addition to gold as a basis for the money supply. Populists hoped to see \_\_\_\_\_\_**inflation**\_\_\_\_\_ or a general rise in prices including grain prices.

In the presidential election of 1896, Populists supported\_\_**William Jennings Bryan**\_\_\_\_\_, known as the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Great Commoner**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

He won the votes of \_\_\_**farmers**\_\_\_ because he supported the use of

\_\_**silver**\_\_ to raise prices. Bankers and business owners claimed rising prices would \_\_\_\_**ruin**\_\_\_ the economy. They backed \_\_\_**William McKinley**\_ and his gold alone standard. \_**McKinley**\_\_\_\_ won the presidency. The Republicans took both the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**White House**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**Congress**\_\_\_\_ for the first time in decades. The \_\_\_\_**Populist**\_\_\_\_ movement began to fade.