

THE PEOPLE HAVE A

C. E. Cook, Greenville, Ill.—I enclose herewith my pledge. I am a little late as I overlooked the matter. The people have a remedy for every wrong, at the ballot box, and every wrong will be remedied as soon as the people get right. This is a step in the right direction.

J. K. Havelly, Portland, Ore.—Decidedly the best sentiment appearing in your issue of 21st inst. was: "I am for democracy because democracy is for me." I take great pleasure in filling out and returning to you the primary pledge and will interest my neighbors in same so far as possible, though a very busy man.

B. F. Klingler, Herring, Ohio.—I hope that every true democrat may have a pledge on file with you by January 1, 1908. May the good work go on.

A. B. Snyder, Felks Station, Ohio.—I agree with Mr. Bryan in the importance of the democrats who believe in the principles enunciated in the democratic platform of 1896 and 1900, attending the primaries and seeing to it that real democrats only are selected as delegates to all conventions.

O. B. Cortright, Hurleyville.—Enclosed find list of signers to primary pledge. I could have gotten more if I had the time, but have to work ten hours each day to keep up this prosperity, but will do all I can to help the cause. I think it the right plan and will be approved by all honest voters.

J. M. Whittaker, Falls City, Neb.—I have carefully read your editorial in The Commoner relative to the primary pledge and heartily concur in this your plan of giving the members of the democratic party an impartial hearing in all their conventions.

A. B. Colburn, Memphis, Tenn.—In signing this pledge I desire to say that, in this movement, you are beginning at exactly the right place to purify politics and you will have my heartiest support.

William S. Bourne, Nogal, N. Mex.—I heartily endorse the primary pledge and I think it's the road to the control of the next democratic national convention. I herewith enclose primary pledge signed by twenty voters of this precinct.

N. W. Marshall, San Diego, Calif.—Herewith I send you three primary pledges. There will be a list sent from the court house soon. Your plan is approved by democrats here as elsewhere, as being the proper thing to do, especially in view of the fact that the half-breeds are nosing in again already with their safe and sane schemes of reorganization. But in my opinion they have captured their last national convention and that democrats who stand for democratic principles will conduct conventions in the future on a platform of principles that will appeal to the honest everywhere.

J. A. W. Drummond, Exeter, Calif.—Herewith I send primary pledge. I have been slow to sign but when I read Judge Parker's Jefferson day speech I realized that it was time that something was being done.

C. M. Brown, merchant, Ithaca, Mich.—Like many who have and thousands who will, I enclose my primary pledge, which is an easy pledge for me to keep as I always attend the primaries of my party. Hope all the democratic papers will take up the work laid out by The Commoner, and assist in securing a perfect organization for the future.

A. B. Black, deputy sheriff, Columbia county, Bloomsburg, Pa.—Enclosed find eighty signatures to primary election pledge, which is a good one and should have the endorsement of every democrat who has the best interests

of his party and government at heart.

Charles Bamford, Morton, —Enclosed herewith find primary pledge duly signed. I think the time has come for the people to write the platforms of their parties.

F. S. Brong, Saylorsburg, Pa.—I enclose herewith my primary pledge properly signed. Give us an honest expression of the rank and file.

Lewis S. Long, Midland, Md.—Enclosed find my primary pledge. I am for democratic democracy and for all that democracy implies.

John Andress, Rockford, Ohio.—Please accept my primary pledge.

Clement L. Bassert, Brookville, Ind.—The primary pledge suggested by The Commoner is a good plan whereby the voters may be encouraged to go to the primaries and dictate the policies and platforms of their parties.

J. W. Booker, Baileyton, Tenn.—I have secured twenty signatures to the primary pledge and am going to get lots more, as soon as I can get to see them. We hope these pledges will be instrumental in securing a national platform in 1908 embodying the essential features of the platform of 1896. Government ownership or control of public utilities, initiative and referendum, election of senators, judges and postmasters by the people. Boys, let's all get to work and make our grand old party what it ought to be, and our efforts, sooner or later will be crowned with victory.

J. A. Stuart, Oak Cliffe, Tex.—Enclosed please find primary pledge with twenty names. My time is so taken up with my business I haven't had time to do much in the way of getting signatures. But I shall continue to do what I can to get our people to take an interest in the primaries as I believe it is the only hope for the party. I would be glad to have fifteen to twenty extra copies of your paper. If I can only get the people to read a few copies of The Commoner it will have more influence than I can possibly have in arousing an interest.

John McGrane, Romulus, Ala.—Your plan of organizing the democratic party is all right. The place to discuss what the people want is in the primaries and nominate men who are in sympathy with the people.

J. B. Thawley, merchant, Summitville, Ind.—I heartily approve of the primary pledge and herewith mail it with my name attached. I am willing to do what I can to bring the democratic party back to the ever-living principles of true democracy which is equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

William F. Schrader, Whiteford Center, Mich.—I am for democracy first, last and all of the time. It is with pleasure I sign the primary pledge. Believe me interested in your every move. From the start yours has been a battle for the uplifting of humanity. I have been a reader of your paper since the first issue. While it is hardly necessary for me to obligate myself by signing a pledge to attend the primaries and assist in perpetuating the principles of democracy, I am willing to have my name enrolled, hoping it will encourage others to do likewise.

C. O. Stewart, Mohamet, Tex.—By the next election I will be 72 years old, but while I live I will do what I can for the party represented by Jefferson, Jackson and Bryan. Something must be done to change back to the people and away from the bosses. I enclose pledge.

J. M. Collier, Fresno, Calif.—Your plan, while simple, is the keynote to party success. Indifference and neglect by the majority to attend primaries is in a very large measure responsible for dissension and jealousy

in party organization, and as Mr. Tom L. Johnson very truthfully says, "misrepresentation in conventions." If your plan is only half carried out, democratic success and the reforms advocated by Mr. Bryan, is assured four years hence.

B. C. Howard, Morlow, N. H.—Enclosed find pledge. I endorse the plan most heartily, but think Mr. Bryan is mistaken in saying that it is not necessary to write the platform in advance. People do not respond to a trumpet of uncertain sound.

C. S. Essex, lawyer, Pueblo, Colo.—In over twenty years I have never missed a primary, a convention or an election. We hope and have reason to believe that the dark days of political anarchy in Colorado are drawing to the close of a dark chapter. The disregard of the will of the people as expressed at the polls and the theft of the governorship is bearing such fruit as will forever consign to public contempt and political oblivion in this state every political pirate connected with it. Evidence the late election in Pueblo, Leadville, Colorado Springs, etc. Partisan politics and machines will be no barrier to the determination of the people of this state to right this crime against free government and send Alva Adams to the United States senate in 1906. Colorado can and will purify herself. May her efforts be exemplified throughout the country to which end The Commoner and Bryan must be important factors.

Walter H. Heaslet, Decatur, Ark.—Find enclosed primary pledge. I certainly want to do my part in this grand and glorious work.

J. R. Bernower, lumber dealer, Canton, Ohio.—I enclose you primary pledge and wish to congratulate you on the stand you have taken for primary elections which should be the only method of nominating any ticket, city, county, state and national. Had we had a primary to nominate our national ticket in 1904 we certainly would not have had a ticket or a platform named and made by Wall street.

Jesse Bailey, Birdseye, Ind.—Enclosed find six primary pledges. We fully endorse your way or plan of organization and are glad we are on the side of the common people. If we all stand firm to our pledge we are sure to win.

John C. Sauner, Redding, Calif.—I herewith enclose primary pledge. I have been watching the movement in your paper and have been much gratified at the number and character of the responses.

T. J. B. Montgomery, Buffalo, Mo.—Please find my signature to the primary pledge which I hope all true democrats will sign and live up to. I am 66 years old, was born a democrat and have ever lived a democrat, and by the blessings of God I mean to die a democrat. Long live The Commoner.

J. W. Montague, Madera, Calif.—I most heartily endorse your plan and hope and trust every good and loyal democrat will come forward in this good cause you so ably and faithfully defend.

E. J. Cantwell, New Boston, Mo.—Enclosed you will find my primary pledge. I am ready to do anything that is honorable and in the bounds of reason for the good of democracy. I believe it would be a good thing if every democrat in the United States would sign the pledge.

I. N. Jacobs, Lake City, Calif.—It is a great pleasure to send you my primary pledge and hope that all lovers of a government of the people, etc., will do the same, and by doing all we can we can surely dispense with a gold telegram in our next presidential platform and carry our party to a grand victory. I am, to say the least, greatly

encouraged. Will do all I can.

Jas. Conger, Eagle Grove, Iowa.—Enclosed find list of sixty names signed to the primary pledge.

H. H. Bailey, Lula, Chester county, Tenn.—I send herewith seven pledges. I am in line with the principles of true democracy as exemplified in the platforms of 1896 and 1900. As a Jeffersonian democrat I believe in majority rule in the party and in the government. We need a platform for the people and by the people. "Back to the people" should be our slogan and let Wall street politicians slide.

J. A. Hewitt, Dover, O. T.—You may enroll my name on your list as one of the many who believe in democracy. I recognize that the voice and vote of the people at the primaries is the first step of the initiative.

Millard F. Osborne, New Canaan, Conn.—I heartily endorse the plan. I will do what I can to get others to sign it. There is much need of some plan to induce the people to attend the primaries in this town. I have frequently been to the caucus as we call it when there were not a score present, and at the last one to elect delegates to the state convention, which was to elect a delegate to the St. Louis national convention, there were but thirteen votes cast.

J. S. Kauffman, Homer City, Pa.—Please find enclosed my pledge. I believe in true democracy as represented by Jefferson, Lincoln and Bryan. I was born 1860 of republican parents. Bryan was my first democratic vote, in 1896.

Omer Summers, Huntington, Ind.—My hearty approval of your movement. Let us every democrat profit by our last year's experience and not carelessly wait until those "self-appointed" leaders have made our platform and nominated our ticket and then only give it our nominal support, but let us wake up to our duty before it is too late to again accomplish any movement toward the reforms that the people so much stand in need of.

A. T. Belphey, merchant, Collinsville, Tex.—I have been contenting myself by reading your paper, but as I could see the true gospel of democracy you have been preaching fast taking hold of the people I feel that it is about time to say amen to the good work as it progresses. There is a big work to be done and it is not right to sit idly by and let just a few do it all. Every one believing as you do can do something, no matter how humble a position he occupies, and he should not only be willing to do it but anxious to do it. I am chairman of our precinct and am going to have a meeting called at which time we will have some good speeches and try and wake up the boys.

Virgil V. Skeen, Kentuck, W. Va.—Enclosed three primary pledges which have been signed with great pleasure. Heartily agree with you upon this important matter and am ready at all times to render any assistance possible to advance the true and noble principles which you have so eloquently and faithfully advocated.

H. B. Hopkins, San Francisco, Calif.—Enclosed please find seven primary pledges. If democrats throughout the country were half as zealous in putting Jeffersonian principles into effect which are brought to their attention by Mr. Bryan, as he is in formulating such principles, there would be such an awakening, that in 1908, democrats would win such a victory that the rights of the people would be fully respected for many years to come.

S. C. Vetter, French Gulch, Shasta county, Calif.—I heartily endorse the plan believing that it will work for universal good in helping to solidify the democratic forces in all parts of