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LINCOLN HAS DEMOCRATIC MAYOR

Hon. F. W. Brown, the democratic candidate, was elected mayor of Lincoln last week by more than six hundred majority. He is the first person to be elected on a straight democratic ticket in many years. Two of his associates on the ticket came within three hundred of election, and the largest majority cast for anyone on the republican ticket this year was about twelve hundred. This is a very considerable democratic gain. During the past eight years the republican papers have been in the habit of adding "This is Mr. Bryan's home" to the announcement of republican success in the city; it is to be hoped that the election of a democratic mayor will not cause the republican editors to forget that Mr. Bryan still receives his mail at Lincoln.

A MONUMENT TO JACKSON

Colonel A. S. Colyar, to whose "Life of Jackson" reference has been made in the columns of The Commoner, writes an article for the Memphis Commercial Appeal suggesting that Tennessee should erect a monument to Andrew Jackson. The position is well taken. Jackson has given prestige to Tennessee. He loved his state and the state holds now all that was mortal of him. Monuments testify to the worth of the living as well as to the merits of the dead, and the state of Tennessee would do itself honor in honoring her greatest son.



The saddest words that have been written in this generation were spoken before Brown University by a young man who is to inherit one of the greatest fortunes in this country. They were spoken in defense of the trusts. Listen to them:

"The American Beauty rose can be produced in all its splendor only by sacrificing the early buds that grow up around it." The rose has 1,000 buds and

in order to produce the American Beauty the gardener goes around it with a knife and snips 999 in order that all the strength and beauty may be forced into one bloom. In his economic argument, this young man brutally tells the working classes that 999 small business men must be snuffed out of existence in order that his American Beauty, the trust, may be produced.—Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis.

EDITORIALS BY "THE COMMONER'S" READERS

Some of the best editorials that have ever been written are to be found in the responses to The Commoner's primary pledge plan.

It would be well if every American citizen could read the extracts from letters as printed on pages 3, 5 and 7 of this issue. They show that democrats are determined to keep their party worthy of its name and to make it a forceful instrument, in the hands of the people, to be used in the public welfare.

One democratic editor in an Illinois town writes to say that he approves the primary pledge plan, but he adds:

This plan is hardly necessary in this county as our democrats are with William J. Bryan heart and soul and will cheerfully endorse and subscribe to any plan that he suggests. They will be there with the votes when

the time comes. They are Jeffersonian and Bryan democrats and do not want any more reorganization business—not in a thousand years.

This letter is quoted for the purpose of impressing not only upon this writer but upon democrats everywhere that no matter how strong they may be in the faith, no matter how regularly they may have participated in democratic primaries, it is important that they sign the primary pledge and lend their best efforts in this plan of bringing the rank and file of the party to the primaries. Many of the letters so far received have been written by men who have never failed to attend the primaries of their party; but they understand that which The Commoner seeks to impress upon democrats everywhere, that if those who have not heretofore neglected their duties

will set the good example of signing the primary pledge they will not only influence those who have neglected their duty in this respect but they will insure a continuance of their own good record. If this movement is to succeed it must have the formal endorsement of every democrat who believes that the rank and file should control, because if he who has been so faithful that formal endorsement seems unnecessary fails to act and another withhold his public sanction because his position in life is, in his opinion, so humble that he could not give weight to the cause, then other men will withhold their support for other reasons. The result will be that we will fail to obtain that general and widespread effort to organize the democratic party so that it will be in a position to serve the people. Every democrat who believes that the rank and file of the