

"GOOD WORK AT THE PRIMARIES BEST ASSURANCE OF SUCCESS AT BALLOT BOX"

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scriber since the first edition of your paper, and will do all I can to help the good cause along.

W. T. Bland, Bourbon, Ind.—Enclosed you will find two primary pledges. The plan suits me. I think that all true democrats can heartily subscribe to such a plan. I bid you God speed in your grand undertaking. The sooner we get thoroughly organized, the better.

Frank S. Culp, Justice of the Peace, Butler, Ohio.—Enclosed find primary pledge with sixty-four signatures. I have not had time to get out to see very many voters, but could get more signatures if I had time.

J. K. McCluny, Jackson, Ohio.—Herewith find the primary pledge, signed. I wish every man in the United States fully realized the significance, to him personally, wrapped up in the simple words of that pledge.

Howard T. Colvin, Secretary Alexandria Trades Council, Alexandria, Va.—Your primary pledge plan is the best possible means of securing an honest declaration of the principles of the party. If all those who are true to the real principles of the party will take hold of this plan, and push it as it ought to be pushed, there can be little doubt of its effect upon the next national convention.

E. S. Seyler, Ford City, Pa.—Please find enclosed a pledge. I heartily endorse the movement, and would like to see every democrat do the same.

D. S. MacDonald, Student Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.—Enclosed you will find a primary pledge, which I have signed, and trust that I may be able to help the democratic cause in my capacity as one of the "first voters" of 1908.

George W. Savage, Sewickley, Pa.—Please find enclosed pledge, which I most cheerfully sign.

J. J. O'Toole, Pittsburg, Pa.—Enclosed please find my promise to perform one of my duties as an adopted citizen of this country.

S. L. Wallingford, Sheridan, Ind.—I herewith enclose primary pledge. I have signed with great pleasure. "Back to the People" is the right principle, for from the people all good government has come and will come.

H. W. Risley, Editor The Herald, Fremont, Neb.—The Commoner's plan of bringing together the voters of the democratic party in the primaries has appealed to me as being the only effective means yet devised of committing the party definitely to the promulgation of truly democratic principles. That this plan so appeals to others is evidenced by the unanimity with which genuine democrats all over the land are responding to the call for enrollment on the primary pledge. It has given me pleasure to print the pledge in The Herald, and to give the plan editorial endorsement, and the favor with which it meets here is encouraging.

E. D. Whittington, Clay City, Ill.—I endorse your plan of organization. I am exceedingly glad that it has been commenced in time, and I shall do what I can for the good of democracy.

William Geise, Perrysburg, N. Y.—I heartily approve of Mr. Bryan's primary pledge plan. Every democrat who desires honest government and equal rights to all must attend the primaries.

Salem D. Clark, Attorney, Indianapolis.—Enclosed you will find primary pledges of the democrats of the seventh floor of the Law building. They are all lawyers, and are ready to close the doors of their offices long enough to help their party frame a policy to get back closer to the people.

W. M. Haseltine, Olney, Ill.—I enclose this pledge, and trust to be able to comply with it in every particular.

Hiram Greene and Son, Mabel, N. C.—We are heartily in accord with your plan of organization, therefore we give our pledges.

C. C. Miller, Peryear, Tenn.—It is with pleasure that I sign the primary pledge. It is something I have always done. If we could get more men to attend the primaries and conventions, platforms would have principles in them, and the country would be far better off.

Edwin A. Newman, President Democratic Association, Washington, D. C.—With pleasure I enclose my primary pledge, and hope that you will receive one from every democratic voter in the United States, and I believe you will if the matter is properly brought to their attention.

E. B. Sheldon, Maryville, Mo.—Enclosed find primary pledge, with my signature. I want to see the democrats come to the front in 1908.

Edgar Ham, Buchanan, Mich.—At heart Mich-

igan democracy is a radical democracy. It was through the lack of organization on the part of the rank and file of this state that she sent a "conservative," or what would be better termed a nondescript, delegation to St. Louis last year. With such organization as Mr. Bryan proposes, that fraud could not have been perpetrated. I heartily approve of and sign the primary pledge, and enclose it herewith.

Mr. C. E. Doty, Alva, Okla.—Enclosed find primary pledge. This is the proper course to pursue, as it will again put the party where it belongs—in the hands of democrats—and insure a platform which all voters who are working for a better government, can approve.

Jesse R. Gulick, attorney, Champaign, Ill.—It affords me much pleasure to join in the grand procession of loyal Jeffersonian democracy marching to victory in 1908. Every democrat ought to be willing to sign and keep this pledge. No good democrat should remain at home on primary day and then find fault with primary results—all fault-finding and protests should be made at the primary.

H. L. Freeman, Newtonia, Mo.—I take pleasure in signing the pledge. I always attend all primaries of the democratic party. I and my three sons will vote the democratic ticket—none of us ever voted any other ticket. Please enroll our names on the list.

John M. O'Brien, Jr., Muscatine, Ia.—No man exercises his right of suffrage unless he goes to the primaries.

Howard Knappenberges, Allentown.—Please find enclosed my primary pledge. I firmly believe that the only way true democracy can be duly represented in national conventions is to attend the local primaries and see that only "democrats" are elected to the state conventions.

Mr. J. B. Pasley, Princeton, Neb.—I am glad to co-operate with you and all other democrats to promote true democratic principles. I believe the primary pledge will save our country, just as we old soldiers did in the Civil war.

W. H. T. Wakefield, Mound City, Kans.—I most heartily commend your primary pledge movement. The 1200 democratic voters of this (Linn) county are all in sympathy with it and will be found on the firing line in the battle for human rights. I am seventy years of age, a Civil war veteran of five years' service, and have never yet neglected a primary or general election—nor ceased working for just government between campaigns.

Aaron Smith, Weatherford, Texas.—I do not require a pledge to remind me of my duty as a citizen to attend the primaries and conventions of my party, for I have always observed that it is when the people remain at home and leave the conventions and primaries in the hands of professional place-hunters, that the country suffers. But we need to organize as well as pledge, and for that reason I sign and return the primary pledge.

J. H. Moore, M. D., San Antonio, Texas.—I take great pleasure in handing you herewith the names of twenty Simon-pure Jefferson-Bryan democrats. I believe the primary pledge is becoming very popular throughout the country. Not one of my friends hesitated to sign the pledge, but on the contrary gave the movement their unqualified endorsement.

E. P. Searle, President Monarch Mfg. Co., Council Bluffs, Ia.—Permit me to say that in my opinion you have struck the "key note" in adopting the primary pledge plan, for it can not help but work for good in our party and also for the best interests of all of the people who believe in a government of, for and by the people. Corporations would not have the power which they have today if voters had always attended the primaries as they should have done.

Fred Meyers, Prentice, Wis.—Right is bound to win. Here's my primary pledge.

J. P. Coon, attorney, Terrell, Texas.—I enclose primary pledge, signed. If the democratic press and the individual members of the democratic party will take up the work so nobly begun by The Commoner, as they have indicated they will do, nothing can prevent a democratic landslide in 1908.

S. M. Shafer, Muncie, Ind.—It affords me great pleasure to sign this pledge. Everybody that knows me, knows how I stand.

B. M. Olena, Chamberlain, N. Y.—While the primary pledge plan may not work so well in this trust ridden state as in the west and south, it is bound to be a great help and stimulus to the rank and file of our party in this state, and may eventually be the means of restoring the democracy of New York to the proud position it once occupied.

J. T. Hayes, St. Louis.—I take great pleasure in signing and forwarding the primary pledge in today's Commoner.

George Burbon, Deer Grove, Ill.—I think your organization plan is a fine one, and will pledge myself to attend the primaries.

W. T. Wolcott, Monroe, Iowa.—Enclosed find my primary pledge, more than willingly given.

N. Campbell, Crookston, Minn.—Enclosed you will find my signature to the party pledge. By faithfully and persistently pursuing the course suggested by this pledge, the rank and file of the party can make its influence felt.

Perry G. Alfred, Weston, W. Va.—I think it is absolutely necessary that every good citizen interest himself in the government of his country. He should have some voice in shaping the policy of his party, and it is of vital importance that he be heard in choosing men as candidates who will truly represent his party. In any country the party which is nearest the people is the most useful, and will live the longest. To keep the party near the people, the people must interest themselves in the party. The democratic party is, and must be, the people's party or it will be a failure. It must be democratic, or forever perish and be forgotten. To keep it true to the faith of its founders, and true to the best interests of all the people, every democrat must be vigilant. I heartily endorse the primary pledge plan, and believe it will prove a great aid in the fight for true democracy.

J. H. Callaway, Clinton.—Enclosed you will find the pledge outlined by The Commoner, and signed by myself and others. We are democrats of the Bryan stripe and will at all times be ready to work for democracy.

C. W. Ludtke, Dartford, Wis.—I enclose a sheet of paper with the primary pledge pasted at the top, with thirteen names from Dartford and one from Berlin below. I only had to explain the object of the pledge to secure these names. They all said with one accord that "it represents the only true democracy." I know that if the plan is persisted in we shall have better government soon, so let the good work take its course.

Horace B. Williams, Dallas, Texas.—I take pleasure in enclosing the primary pledge. Good government depends upon the alertness of voters generally. The voters rarely watch carefully the record of a public officer, unless he be elected upon an issue demanded and understood by them. The true leader is he who stimulates intelligent inquiry into pending issues, seeking to lead and educate instead of misleading and confusing. Your plan will induce men to think, because the average American will not participate blindly in the primary. He may follow his party blindly, but if he undertake to assist in the formation of the party platform, he will be found to have sought in his own mind for the right. The signing of this pledge adds no strength to my already existing determination to participate in democratic primaries. I sign it to express my approval of your plan.

George Lutkemyer, Beardstown, Ill.—You will find enclosed my pledge. I will do all I can for the good old democratic party.

Jesse Le Gette, Sequin, Texas.—Please find enclosed signed primary pledge. I am pleased to see the plan of organization as detailed in The Commoner. By this pledge and its movement, each democrat will have a voice in the making of the issues of the campaign, and by this method we will get principles that will interest all for the good of the party, and there will not be so many who will stay at home and take no interest in the matter.

August Schumacher, Rhineland, Texas.—Enclosed please find two primary pledge blanks, filled with signatures.

William Fry, Cisne, Ill.—Enclosed please find our pledge. We heartily approve of The Commoner's course and will do all we can to forward the good work. B. A. Cornwell and Wm. Fry.

B. S. Russell, Mt. Gilead, O.—Enclosed find my primary pledge.

James A. Stevens, Burnet, Texas.—Enclosed find my pledge signed. I believe that an organized (not re-organized), unanimous democracy is the only hope of the country, and your plan is a long step in that direction.

H. E. Petty, Maverick, Texas.—I enclose signed pledge cut from your paper. It is with great pleasure that I do so, and hope that I may be of service to the great cause of democracy.

O. P. Poe, Denton, Texas.—Your primary pledge is a step in the right direction, and I gladly sign the same.

H. Sycamore, St. Louis, Mo.—I have advocated the attendance at primaries for many years. It is there that the candidates and platforms are put up. The carelessness of the voters about attending the primaries has brought on the conditions of today, and I was very glad when I saw The Commoner get this thing going, as it is one of the best and most essential steps that has been taken for many years.