

True Democrats Should Vote at Party Primaries

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mary pledge enclosed with 123 names. This is the work of one afternoon. Only two democrats refused to sign and that percent was run all the way through. I think the people want your plan pushed.

A. G. Crumley, Wet Glaze, Mo.—I feel the great need of more education in politics and believe The Commoner is the best educator along that line.

S. A. Walker, North Yakima.—Here is my pledge; also my son's. I believe it is a move in the right direction. Now is the time to get busy and prepare for the future to work for the rights of the people, and give to them what they demand. Best wishes for the success of your paper.

J. L. Moon, Jeromville, Ohio.—You will find enclosed pledge duly signed. I will do what I can to promote the principles which are set forth in The Commoner.

Bert E. Woodberry, Union City, Ind.—Find enclosed my pledge which I sign gladly. It insures government by the consent of the governed. It gives freedom and having freedom is only having what we ought to have to be what we ought to be and possess what we ought to possess. Yours has been a fight for the people and that insures ultimate success.

John W. Kilsby, Guy, Ft. Bend Co., Texas.—Back to those who by nature's right are the government, "the people." Grand and noble words "Back to the people." Despise not the day of small things for from such will come victories for true democracy. Please record primary pledge for me.

J. H. Calloway, Clinton, Mo.—I received the blank primary pledge this morning. In reply will say, I went out on the streets and in a few minutes got it filled with signers. Most all democrats in this county are democratic democrats, and we all stand with W. J. Bryan and will be ready to do for him. I have other blanks I will continue to have them signed and forward.

C. D. McMay, Deepwater, Texas.—I enclose herewith pledge. I have long claimed that the mischief done in politics is at the primaries. "The wicked are like the troubled sea, casting up mire and dirt." They never cease their efforts, knowing that the triumph of wrong depends wholly upon effort, whilst the righteous depend upon right triumphing as it will ultimately, with its innate force. If the good element would only put forth the same effort as do the vicious portion of society, right would ever be triumphant.

J. S. King, Editor Texas County Star, Houston, Mo.—Your plan of organization meets with my hearty approval. I consider it the only effectual way to obtain a fair and honest party expression.

E. W. Maxey, Holdrege, Neb.—I enclose herewith my primary pledge. I expect to stay by the democratic party so long as it stays by the people, whether it is successful or not.

Charles R. Sharp, Aurora, Neb.—Enclosed find primary pledge.

Sam Bertran, Little Crab, Tenn.—Enclosed you will find the primary pledge with the names of twenty-six democrats attached to it. Every one of these men is well pleased with the plan of organization. Please send me about twenty copies of the pledge. They can be returned in a short time filled.

M. C. Miller, Eustace, Henderson Co., Texas.—I sign your pledge with pleasure. I am a native of Texas and have been a voter for thirty-one years. Never voted anything but a democratic ticket yet and I hope to always vote that way.

W. R. Talbott, Ara, Ill.—Find enclosed three pledges. I think your plan of organizing is all right, so let the good work go on.

C. L. Ball, Arapahoe, Okla.—Enclosed please find pledge. This is a step in the right direction. If every democrat will act on this suggestion they can soon have any condition they desire.

Brainard Shearer, Ida Grove, Ia.—Thoroughly believing in the principles for which you are contending I esteem it a privilege to sign the primary pledge. The people must win in 1908.

A. H. Bell, Ft. Lupton, Colo.—The democratic principles in full force, will unite the hands of the millions and give them a fighting show with the world. If it were right to be shackled by the special privilege barons we could lay no claim to justice. I hand you herewith my primary pledge.

C. Cheeley, Payette, Idaho.—I heartily en-

dorse the primary pledge plan, and will endeavor to do my part in helping the democratic party on to victory in 1908. I am only in Idaho temporarily, and will in the not very distant future be back at my home at Ramey, Minn.

J. H. Donaldson, Honey Grove, Texas.—Please find enclosed two pledges, my own and that of my son. We have always been democrats and think you are in harmony with all good democrats. Everybody approves of your plan. Hope you have great success in this enterprise.

W. R. Vineyard, Lee's Summit, Mo.—I am glad to have the privilege of signing the primary pledge. It is the right step in the right direction.

Geo. Hall, 1663 Van Buren street, St. Paul, Minn.—I enclose primary pledge signed. It is such an easy thing to do, that it seems to me that every man calling himself a democrat, ought to do it at once. I am almost afraid it is too late to win out against the organized trusts and corporations, but if we all stand together we can give them the scare of their lives and thereby check them somewhat. Yours for success.

A. D. Burch, Paul's Valley, Ind. Ter.—Enclosed find the primary pledge signed. I do hope the true democrats of the country will answer the call and may God help the tried, the true and the brave.

Marion Plummer, McCook, Neb.—Enclosed find primary pledge signed. I was in hearty accord with the primary plan from the first, or in fact any plan whereby the democratic party could be organized for the 1908 election, so the plain people of the party would have a voice in the selection of men and platform. At first thought it unnecessary to sign a pledge, but after thinking it over, believe to go on record, sign and faithfully keep this pledge is a duty every democrat owes to the thousands of justice loving democrats who take and will sign and keep this pledge.

C. Wickterman, County Treasurer Monroe County, Woodfield, Ohio.—With pleasure I cooperate with you in securing a clear, honest declaration of the party's position on the great questions which we are to contend for in the future. Being a democrat of the Jefferson, Jackson and Bryan stripe, I approve your plan and enclose my primary pledge.

John T. Callaway.—I herewith hand you a primary pledge filled with signers. I am well pleased with the plan and I hope that the democrats all over this nation will take hold of this plan to organize and build up the party. I will lend my influence to aid the primary plan.

O. P. Holm, Northome, Minn.—I believe in honest principles in a government by the people and for the people, therefore I gladly sign the primary pledge.

M. L. Norton, Benkleman, Neb.—Please find enclosed two primary pledges signed and I will get more to sign the pledge as fast as I get to see them. It seems to suit all of the democrats around here, so we will help to keep it going and do all we can to help it.

John Jordan, Baton Rouge, La.—It affords me pleasure to sign this primary pledge, which I herewith enclose, and I want to add that I heartily approve all the reforms advocated by The Commoner and its editor.

Daniel Brummett, Hughesville, Mo.—Enclosed please find primary pledge signed cheerfully. I am fully in accord with the democracy of The Commoner. It is all the democracy that stands for anything of value to the people and will do all I can to have others sign also.

Julius R. Edwards, Centralia, Mo.—The pledge is a promise to stand for principles. Organization under the pledge means victory for those principles. Let us build for the future, our foundation the sturdy commoners of Jefferson's republic.

G. D. Kelly, Columbia, Mo.—Enclosed you will find signed a primary pledge and I am glad to have influence in this and other ways for such principles advocated by Mr. Bryan. Great success I hope will be his, for he deserves it.

N. G. Rand, merchant, Smithfield, N. C.—I herewith enclose primary pledge and agree to do all in my power to get the democratic party back to the doctrine of Jefferson. Go right ahead with the work. I am sure the rank and file are with you.

W. M. Pogue, carriage builder, Rising Sun, Md.—Enclosed find pledge, which gives me great pleasure in signing and sincerely hope that every democrat in the country will sign same.

E. G. Hall, Bible Grove, Ill.—I am glad to sign the primary pledge and hope every live

democrat will sign it. When the primaries are controlled by men who want honest government instead of spoils, the boodler will cease to infest our legislatures and municipal councils.

A. L. Treat, Gilbert, Ark.—Enclosed find pledge; think plan excellent. We had no chance to express ourselves last year. We had no primary. I don't know of a democrat that favored Parker, though the state went for him. So you see we were not represented in the selection of a candidate nor a platform, consequently several didn't vote. Let us try to bring the national convention as near to the people as possible.

L. Rumbret, Dixon.—Enclosed find pledge signed by me. I am thirty years old and have never missed a primary and never expect to. Am a democrat and always will be.

John T. Dow, real estate, Duluth, Minn.—I was formerly a radical abolitionist, an enthusiastic lover of the equality of rights for all people. Voted the republican ticket from the organization of that party to 1896. Am still devoted to the same noble principles, but find them most ably and honestly supported by the Bryan democracy; and will train in that company as long as they stand with you.

W. G. Needham, Teutopolis, Ind.—Enclosed you will find the primary pledge signed. I always attend the primaries of the democratic party. I am 68 years old, and never voted any other ticket, but the democratic and what I can do for the success of the principles of democracy I intend to do. Go on in the good work and success will be yours.

H. B. Chilton, stock raiser, Louisiana, Mo.—You may enroll my name as one who takes the pledge. I have always attended primaries and used my influence to have the best men in positions of trust or honor. I heartily endorse your proposition, believing it to be the only way the people can control and keep pure and true the party organization. Had all true democrats gone out and seen after their interests the politicians would not have been able to control the convention and cause our late humiliation.

E. C. Gaines, lawyer, Comanche, Texas.—Enclosed you will find my primary pledge. I have always acted on the idea suggested by this pledge; however, I am glad to see this simple direct method of impressing a political duty; and the hearty response that I see from The Commoner is coming from all parts of the country, is a happy omen for the future.

W. B. Snyder, Cherry, Ariz.—Within you will find my name affixed to the primary pledge. I am an old man, but have been a democrat all my life, and hope our territory will have a chance to cast a solid democratic vote next election.

F. W. Carswell, merchant, Hephzibah, Ga.—I heartily endorse your plan of organizing the democratic party.

J. C. McLaughlin, St. Marys, W. Va.—Enclosed find primary pledge signed. I endorse the plan and I think it will have a good effect in getting the will of the people represented. I believe in the principles of democracy of Jefferson, Jackson and our uncorrupted leaders, who dare stand by the truth while others are controlled by the trusts body and soul.

R. D. Henderson, merchant, Midland City, Ala.—It is with great pleasure that I send you herewith my primary pledge. I have always done all I could for democracy and expect to do my best to get every other lover of liberty to do likewise. I have always said that Mr. Bryan was a second Thomas Jefferson and I say so yet, because he practices what he preaches and will continue to do so as long as he lives.

Homer Duty, Humboldt, Kans.—I enclose primary pledge signed; let the good work go on, for when the masses hold the primaries we will not have trust made representatives, but truly democratic platforms with pure democrats upon them, which means success. Turn the traitors out; yours for democracy that represents.

John H. McGory, Maple Plain, Minn. I am for right and justice to my fellow man regardless of trusts, combines or corporations. I am for the good old democratic principles as laid down by our early fathers, and now being followed up by W. J. Bryan. If we ever expect to win, we must have a clean cut ticket based upon good old democratic doctrine, no compromise with the gold standard or trust organization. There must come a general house cleaning before long or the future if not the present generation will suffer. The constitution of the United States and the declaration of independence must be the key to our political faith; if these will not carry us through we are lost as a party.