

These Men Want the Democratic Party to Be the Party of the People

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the day is coming when politics will be considered, and when the voice of the people will be heard in the matter of government of the country. The democratic party ought to direct special attention to the preparation of the party for work when statehood arrives, and we ought to have had statehood long ago. We are in a condition not known to have existed before under the United States government on the North American continent. Continue to do what you can to revive democracy in the Indian Territory. The democrats ought to have a majority in the new state, and they will have a majority if the party is sufficiently organized.

Riley Hatfield, Horntown, Ky.—I enclose you herewith two pledges, that of myself and brother. Had we the proper blanks it would be no trouble to get every democrat in this precinct to sign. We have never had any other "brand" of democrats here except "Bryan democrats." All the rank and file of the party approve of your primary pledge plan.

Earl Patten, Notary Public, Shelburn, Ind.—Enclosed find my signed pledge with three others. The plan meets with my hearty approval. "Back to the People" should be the slogan from now till the polls close in 1908. With the party back to the people we expect to put old Sullivan county up into the 1800 democratic majority mark where it always was when the platform meant something. Yours for the Jeffersonian democracy.

W. J. Bell, Cave Springs, Kans.—This is a move in the right direction. Now with a candidate true to our principles, a long pull and a strong pull we can not fail to land our candidate in the White House in 1908.

P. W. Forman, Gilbert, La.—I wish a part in this good work, so I enclose my pledge. I join hands with the great common people through the columns of The Commoner, hoping the laboring men of our nation may all get in the democratic fold.

G. W. Wait, Olney, Ill.—I enclose my primary pledge with three others that do not take the paper. It is no trouble to get them to sign it if you show it to them. I think it a good thing and hope they will all live up to it.

Dr. W. J. Kirkpatrick, Farmington, Ia.—Some time ago I sent you my personal pledge. Today I send names of thirty-two others. I am heartily in favor of your plan and will attend all primaries and will do all I

can to get others to do the same.

Dr. W. T. Knox, Manchester, Ill.—Enclosed herewith list of twenty names to the primary pledge, among them several who are not in the habit of attending the primary and who failed to vote at the last national election. The democratic party must be democratic, it must mean something more than the label and to this end the voters must be aroused to the necessity of attending the primaries and thereby get an expression from the people and in this way, we will not have another repetition in Illinois of the disgraceful and lawless methods which characterized the conduct of those who were in control of the party organization at the last state convention. This same element still dominates the state committee, and the people through the primary should see to it that the desires of the majority shall prevail, at least, the privilege of being heard in next convention. All signers commend your plan.

Roy C. Traber, Parker, Colo.—Your idea is certainly a good one. The more good democrats we have that turn out to the primaries, the more democrats of the true stamp we will have shaping our policies and platforms. Yours ever on the guard.

J. H. Halle, San Antonio, Tex.—I take pleasure in mailing you my primary pledge duly signed. If the rank and file had turned out and sent representative men to the national convention last year Parker would not have been nominated and we would not have met such an ignominious defeat. The rank and file did not want Parker, but failed to get their protest in in time. This step will cause the voters to have some say in nominating a candidate and promulgating a platform. Best wishes for the success of The Commoner and the cause it advocates.

W. F. Wright, Maitland, Mo.—Enclosed I send you my pledge; also those of couple of my neighbors. One takes The Commoner, the other does not, but it is only because he has not the dollar to sign for it. You are all right. I hear good republicans say they really believe you are all right, only you are about twenty years ahead of the people.

C. C. Westmoreland, Carroll county, Va.—I am a Virginia reader of The Commoner, and cast my first vote for president for Tilden, and have voted punctually every since, but my brightest election day was in 1896 when I voted for the man and platform that I most dearly loved, and the darkest

day was in 1904 when I considered we had no real ticket and would not have gone to the election had I not felt duty bound to vote for our congressman, Hon. Claud A. Swanson of the Fifth district of Virginia, and in my opinion the great mass of voters was carried to the election in the same way, or Judge Parker would have fallen short of the one hundred thousand votes his ticket received in 1896. I trust I may see the election day of 1908 when we will have our party organized, with the right man and platform again, and a glorious victory.

J. L. Epperly, Floyd, Va.—Having carefully read the plan of organization suggested by your valuable paper, I wish to join hand with the great mass of common people to wrest the government from the grasp of predoting wealth.

Louis Obuchon, Coffman, Mo.—I am in favor of the primary organization and will do all I can in its favor. I was 70 years old the second day of May. You will find the primary pledge signed and enclosed. I may not live to see the next presidential election, but hope I will and be able to go and cast my vote for the democratic nominee. I wish The Commoner success.

W. N. Wylie, Union, W. Va.—Find enclosed the pledge duly signed. I approve of your plan and am in favor of nominating all of our candidates at the primary, and all the delegates to both state and national convention.

A. B. Wagor, Blue Rapids, Kas.—Enclosed find primary pledge of which I heartily endorse and will use my influence to advance the interests of The Commoner's plans for the campaign of 1908.

E. G. Fry, Alderman, West Plains, Mo.—Please find enclosed primary pledge signed which I most heartily endorse, as I do believe one of the greatest mistakes we make as citizens is staying away from the primaries.

J. T. Wornock, Coleman, Tex.—I believe the people in this (Coleman) county, would all sign the primary pledge. I got these twenty-seven signers in a few minutes.

John M. Wickizer, farmer, Argos, Ind.—Find enclosed my signed pledge. I am but agreeing to do my duty as an American citizen and a democrat. The democracy of our county is decidedly democratic. Let the good work go on.

S. I. Stormer, Willows, Calif.—Enclosed find primary pledge duly signed by myself and four more good demo-

crats. I subscribed for The Commoner before the first issue was printed, and am taking it yet. Success to Bryan and The Commoner.

I. P. Woolverton, Arthur, Neb.—I herewith send a few primary pledges and we all think it the proper thing to preserve true democratic principles and stand ready to help in the good work at any and all times.

S. Flickinger, Homerville, Ohio.—Congratulations. Enclosed find pledge.

D. C. Joslin, Lawyer, Jonesboro, Ark.—I send you herewith primary pledge duly signed, and my promise to attend all primaries of the democratic party, and do all I can to further its interest. The plan to "get back to the people" is all right. Wishing the grand old faithful party success, I am yours to command.

Luciens Kitchen, Milligan, Mont.—I enclose you primary pledge and will stand firm by it in the future, as I have done in the past. Very best wishes for the success of our party.

A. E. Rains.—I hereby enclose to you my pledge and will from this on do all in my power for the democratic party. I would like to see every American citizen sign such a pledge.

John Carmody, Hillsboro, N. D.—Enclosed find primary pledge. I have been voting for twenty-nine years and have never missed attending primaries. Have always taken great interest in politics until last fall, when I took no part in the campaign. The recent election in Chicago shows what the democratic party can do when it has an issue. I trust that the democratic party will, in the words of some great man, "return to sane democracy," that is to the democracy of Jefferson, Jackson, Bryan, Altgeld and other great men who have battled for the rights of the people.

A. E. Isley, Lawyer, Newton, Ill.—This plan of organization I consider a good one, and am more than gratified to see so many true democrats aid in the movement to promote genuine democracy and secure the nomination of candidates who represent democratic principles. I am ready to do all in my power to carry out this

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