

The Unity Which Does Not Depend on the Multitude is Tyranny

Mo.—Enclosed find pledge duly signed. I do so because I believe it to be my duty and is in my way of thinking necessary. Let young democracy rule in this work and in 1908, we will win.

F. G. Hawkins, Bowie, Tex.—I send you primary pledge with 20 signatures.

C. M. Shackelford, Clarence, Mo.—Enclosed find primary pledge signed by 20 democrats.

J. L. Riddle, Assessor's Office San Jose, Calif.—I enclose 15 signatures to the primary pledge.

H. V. Best, Gloversville, Ill.—I enclose primary pledge signed by 20.

Colvin Smith, Kitchen, Ohio.—Enclosed find primary pledge signed by ten democrats.

L. Toagle Truitt, Pittsville, Ind.—Find enclosed primary pledge duly signed. I am only too glad to assist in any way I can in holding up the hands of the editor of The Commoner. I believe Mr. Bryan to be fighting the cause of the masses in this country and unless the principles he advocates can be made soon to prevail, I am seriously afraid we will have dire results as a nation.

E. E. Seyler, Ford City, Pa.—I intend to get a lot of names for the primary pledge. I do hope the time will come when we can have an honest ballot in this state.

Rev. L. D. Ferguson, Jewettville, N. Y.—Am sending you 35 signatures to the primary pledge.

M. R. Parks, Burgettstown, Pa.—Enclosed please find primary pledge signed by men who believe in the principles of democracy and hope to see the day these principles will control in our nation. I trust you will live to see the principles you have advocated for the last nine years, put in force in our beloved land.

W. R. Vineyard, Lees Summit, Mo.—I send you 18 signatures to the primary pledge.

Steven G. Preisser, Albany, N. Y.—I heartily approve of the plan proposed. I stand first, last and all the time for true democratic principles as enacted in the Chicago and Kansas City platforms. I would suggest the adoption of a primary pledge button to be worn by every signer.

J. T. Hardy, Ionia, Va.—I send you 20 names to primary pledge and hope much good will result.

John V. Barr, Hunt, W. Va.—Find enclosed primary pledge signed by about one half of the democrats in this precinct, and one signer from Roan county. We do not want any more gold telegram politicians to feel ashamed of. We want a democratic candidate and platform in 1908 and no compromise with Mammon.

D. A. Webster, Grand Island, Neb.—I was born a democrat and I have lived a democrat. I have voted the democratic ticket for fifty years and I expect to die a democrat. I hope we will have the privilege of voting for a true democrat in 1908. Find enclosed primary pledge.

David A. Derryberry, Hartshorn, Mo.—In regard to the democratic primary, I will do all that is in my power to bring about the success of party, that is by fair means and anything that is honorable. I will work from now to the close of the election day for success.

J. T. Franklin, Springfield, Mo.—I have been reading The Commoner for a long time and find it the best democratic paper I ever read. I wish you success in your good work. I will do all I can for what I believe to be right. You may add my name to your army of workers.

J. P. Colvin, Unionville, La.—Find enclosed pledge which I always have kept and intend to keep always.

Lizzie-Castle Pratt, Linden, Mich.—I enclose my husband's pledge with his

best wishes for the success of the plan and the deep appreciation of your labors in behalf of the common people.

Geo. J. Menger, Palmyra, Mo.—I sign this pledge because I think the democratic party will in that way bring its true democratic democrats to the front. The trouble with the party has been that we pushed a man to the front because he had money or was a big landlord, but a change is coming. Some of our big brainy men have more than money. They have convictions of justice. May God grant you health and truth shall prevail.

Wm. Wright, Alto Pass Pine Fork, Union County, Ill.—Find enclosed my pledge. I would have sent it long ago, but have been waiting, hoping that some one would call a democratic rally so that we could send a carload of pledges at one time. I will not wait any longer so here is my pledge. I have always been a democrat. I have voted for every democratic candidate from Douglass down to Parker, but Horace Greeley and Parker were the bitterest pills I ever swallowed. I suggest that every democrat who has sent in pledge, wear a button with the names of Thomas Jefferson on one side and Andrew Jackson on the other. Said button to have a silver rim and a gold center, which would represent our standard of legal money. Also to have these words engraved on either side "Absolute free trade with all the republics of the world," or something like that. By wearing such a button, members of this army would know one another. Let us hear from some one else. By wearing such a button we would let the world know what we stood for.

John Walsh, Chelan, Wash.—I am with you to win. I would sooner be defeated a hundred times with a democratic democrat than win once with a candidate of the other stripe. I think they found out last fall that "we were safe" if "we were not sane."

P. W. Moore, Fayette, Miss.—Enclosed find pledge. I consider it a capital idea. Hope each and every democrat will sign this pledge and stick to it.

John S. Hogshead, Laytonville, Calif.—I enclose list of 20 names to primary pledge. None refused to sign and all are encouraged with the work. I hope you will continue to get names.

E. A. Brown, Chairman Democratic County Com., Rice Lake, Barron Co., Wis.—You will find enclosed my pledge and if you want 50 of them from Rice Lake, I can get them. (Send them in. The field is a large one and it is The Commoner's intention to give every democrat in the United States an opportunity to enroll himself in this good work.—The Commoner.)

A. W. McFadin, Forkners Hill, Mo.—Enclosed find primary pledge. Success to The Commoner.

H. S. Taylor, London, Ark, R. R. 1.—Enclosed please find 20 names for the primary pledge. Push the good work and in 1908 victory will be ours.

J. H. Donaldson, Honey Grove, Tex.—Please find 41 signatures to the primary pledge. There are a few people who are afraid to sign anything. I wish that every democrat read The Commoner. The dailies do not explain to the people as does The Commoner.

W. B. Littler, East Monroe, Highland Co., Ohio.—I sign this pledge with pleasure. Not that it is new to me, for I have attended thirty-nine primaries and helped to make thirty-nine county tickets and attended three or four state conventions. I voted for Franklin Pierce for president and have never missed an election. I think your plan will unite that grand old democratic party.

B. F. Barr, Kearney, Neb.—I cast my vote in 1876 for Samuel J. Tilden,

who lost out through a Colorado deal. I am a Jeffersonian democrat from the principles that made Thomas Jefferson famous. I have voted at each and every election for twenty-nine years and have never so much as scratched my ticket but once, that being in a local election. Now let each and every democrat whether he signs the primary pledge or not, attend all primaries and nominate men who are not in sympathy with the trust corporations. Then we will have the greatest victory that was ever known in the United States. Find pledge enclosed.

E. E. Keeler, Rural Valley, Pa.—Find enclosed pledge of Geo. S. Hosick, H. H. Oaks, O. S. Marshall, John McKinney, S. A. Jewell, D. F. Stoops, E. H. Brown, T. E. Stoops, J. W. Kennerdell, S. P. Ebaugh, L. F. Huber, G. W. Huber and C. A. Boarts. These with my own sent you before make fourteen I have sent you. Please remember these fourteen are in a republican borough, in a republican county, in a republican state. Honest primaries are the essential essence of good government. Success to good government and democracy.

John Walter Tench, Gainesville, Fla.—I send herein the list filled out with signatures. Send me half dozen more blanks. This county will follow the editor of The Commoner in all things so long as he continues his disinterested struggle for the rights of the masses. Our people are not opposed to the classes save when the natural law of self preservation is involved and some day when oppression is pushed too far they will strike and strike hard. The American people are a hopeful people and their forbearance under ill usage is one of their most striking characteristics, but when forbearance ceases to be a virtue, then before you know it they begin to shell the woods. Only honest leaders can avert the shelling. I suppose the trusts would call me an anarchist.

J. O. Wasson, Mobley, Ark.—You will find enclosed my primary pledge signed. I am only a boy. I will be 21 soon. I have lived on a farm all my life and am working for the support of my aged mother. I was taught the principles of democracy in my early youth by revered lips that now speak no more. I have adopted them as the conviction of riper years. The pledge plan is a good one in my belief. It will keep the corporations from writing our next platform and naming the ticket. Regnant Populi is the motto of my state and I believe is the motto of every man that desires a just government. As long as the people rule we are in no danger but when thievish corporations get charge of the government it is time for the people to assert themselves. If every democrat will sign the primary pledge democracy will triumph at the next election. I have read The Commoner for three years and have learned much from it.

J. T. Sluder, Waco, Tex.—I enclose you ten names to the primary pledge. This, however, is not to be taken as an indication of the few loyal democrats in the city of Waco, but only as an indication of a lack of time on my part to circulate the pledge. Waco has two or three thousand voters who would sign the pledge if presented to them. I was the only man in our city primary convention last year opposed to instructing for Parker, but now so far as I know, I am the only man not ashamed of the action of the convention. Texas surprised the country in sending a Parker delegation to the St. Louis convention, but it is to be hoped the same element will not control the next conventions in Texas. However, we have not a united party in Texas. The

convention last year that sent the delegation to St. Louis was presided over by the president of a lumber trust, and then an attorney of the corporations and trusts was selected chairman of the state committee. It will take a fight from the people up to regain control of the party by the next national convention, and place it in the hands of the true democracy of the state. This we expect to do. No man who has any interest in genuine democracy will refuse to sign the pledge. With best wishes.

W. W. Fields, Haskell, Texas.—Herewith I send primary pledge duly signed. I never miss a democratic primary; have voted in every election since 1855, and twice only have I voted for the successful candidate for the presidency. I heartily approve of your primary pledge plan, which promises to restore pure and undefiled democracy to our country, if democrats throughout our land will speak out and lend a helping hand. It offers great hopes for the democracy in 1908. Let each democrat be faithful and success will be assured.

Joseph White, St. Louis, Mo.—I take pleasure in signing the primary pledge. If Mr. Bryan shall inspire in the minds and hearts of his fellow men a desire to be guided, in political affairs, by the conscience rather than by the pocketbook, he will have accomplished something, the good effects of which will be felt for all time. I am pleased to note that the wills of an ever increasing number are formed by moral consideration rather than by self-interest. I believe the declaration that "all men are created equal" is the great fundamental principle upon which our free institutions rest. The struggle is on between those who so believe, and those others who believe that a superior class have the natural right to enslave an inferior class, "to eat the bread another's toil has earned." That is the issue. To quote our immortal Lincoln, "The fight must go on. The cause of civil liberty must not be surrendered at the end of one or even one hundred defeats. No ingenuity can keep these antagonistic elements in harmony long. Another explosion will soon come." I believe that explosion is coming in 1908, when the party of "protection," plunder and plutocracy will be swept from power.

B. W. Russell, Rushville.—Enclosed your will find the primary pledge signed, an act that every democrat ought to be proud to do. I believe that the democratic party has got to be sifted, and so called democrats thrown out into the brush pile, or the republican ranks. Then we will know where we are at. And then with our base line drawn, we can give them a fight like the fight of 1896 when every democrat except one in the town of Potter walked up to the polls with a firm step. We carried our district with a three majority. But how was it last fall? A majority of over fifty for Teddy. I tell you you can't marshal the common people under the guise of a New York World and have it win. You can never get me to vote for a man that don't represent my interests. Give us pure democracy and then we will pull.

Edward J. Chess, San Francisco, Calif.—I enclose primary pledge. I also promise to take a more active part in the coming campaigns and elections than in the past. I was one of the two million democrats who "stayed at home" rather than vote for a Wall street candidate at the last election. If the primary pledge plan is faithfully carried out, democrats will not be ashamed to be seen at the polls next time.

A. B. Canfield, Secretary Democratic

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