

BY AN 84-YEAR-OLD DEMOCRAT

honest democratic principles, and if we stand by them and him, success will crown our work in the end. If the republicans can adopt democratic principles in few cases, and they are popular with the people, then will they not be more popular when all democratic principles are put into effect by democrats?

C. W. Garrison, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Enclosed please find thirty-five primary pledges. Am always willing to do anything I can for the democratic party. Please send primary pledges to each of the enclosed names.

I. W. Boyle, Wayne, W. Va.—Enclosed find thirty-five signatures to the primary pledge. I do not take much stock in primaries, but I do in Jeffersonian principles. I think they would be good for us at this time.

John Tally, Sellersburg, Ind.—I enclose eight signatures to primary pledge.

W. E. Pore, Purdy, Mo.—Enclosed find a few names to the primary pledge. If I were able I could get 500. I live near the line of Barry and Newton counties. Hardly a man has refused to sign the pledge. A neighbor of mine will soon start getting pledges.

James S. Pierce, Logansport, Ind.—Enclosed find primary pledge bearing the signatures of democrats who are favorably impressed with your plan of organization.

Lafayette Lewis, Anderson, Mo.—Enclosed find primary pledge. I would be pleased to have a few sample copies of The Commoner. I wish you the best of success in organizing the party.

E. H. Speer, No. Belle Vernon, Pa.—I send thirty-five signatures to the primary pledge.

J. M. American, Forks, Pa.—Enclosed herewith find fourteen names signed to the primary pledge.

F. M. Cloud, New Palestine, Ind.—Herewith I send the primary pledge signed by thirty-five democrats.

H. P. Nelson, Farmersville, Tex.—I send six signatures to the primary pledge.

Bruce B. Bradford, Farmington, Ia.—Enclosed find the names of a few democrats from this locality. I am myself only a young democrat. I have only voted twice. I have missed one primary since I became of age, but sincerely hope I shall miss none in the future. I trust I shall always have just cause to be loyal to the democratic party and shall certainly be loyal as long as it remains a party of true democracy. In other words I am of the Jefferson, Jackson and Bryan stripe of democracy. I am very much pleased indeed to note how our principles are being advocated by LaFollette, Cummins and others.

M. V. Axley, Merrimac, Ill.—I send you forty-nine signers to the primary pledge plan. I feel sure that it will do a great deal of good toward uniting the democratic democrats of the country. Mr. Charles Morrison, of Waterloo, Colonel Morrison's brother, thinks that it would be a good plan to have such a petition in every precinct in the county.

Wm. Isaac, Jr., Sheridan, W. Va.—Enclosed find a pledge signed by twenty-one democrats.

B. F. Kister, Millheim, Penn.—A few days ago a friend handed to me one of your valuable papers. In reading the same I found on page 9 blank primary pledge. Having from the time I attained my majority, attended all primary elections with the exception of very few, yet I concluded to show my appreciation of your untiring efforts to once more place the grand old democratic party and its everlasting principles upon a sound footing, to fill out the pledge which you will find enclosed herewith. With best wishes for success.

Sol. E. Nelson, Finley, I. T.—Find enclosed the pledge signed by six loyal democrats.

W. P. Hawkins, Amsterdam, Mo.—Please find enclosed the primary pledge duly signed. Can say I heartily endorse this plan of getting a fair and honest expression of the people as to who shall make and execute our laws. I for one am growing tired of entrusting the affairs of our government to trust magnates or their hirelings, men from whom we can expect no relief, but on whom we can depend to squeeze us a little tighter. Will say that I am one of the Missouri democrats that helped to decrease Judge Parker's vote in this state.

C. A. Wheeler, Boston, Tex.—I send herewith enclosed eight primary pledges.

J. W. Keodle, Warford, W. Va.—I enclose the primary pledge signed by twenty-two good democrats.

Fred Moyers, Cave, W. Va.—Please find enclosed primary pledge with twenty names attached. But one man refused to sign it and he was a republican. I hope that your efforts will result in great good in your plan. Push it on.

John Curran, Leesburg, O.—Enclosed please find thirty-five signatures to the pledge.

J. E. Wilson, Kirkwood, Mo.—Enclosed please find the primary pledge with twenty signatures.

C. W. Eads, Thermopolis, Wyo.—Find enclosed the primary pledge. It is a little for me, but I have been watching The Commoner and I see the democrats are all falling in line, and I think it the grandest move ever made.

Richard Hawes, Esperance, N. Y.—Enclosed find twenty-eight signatures of good democrats. It's the right thing to do. It is something every democrat seems willing to do. The one who hesitates or passes by is no good.

W. J. Icates, Knoxville, Tenn.—I enclose a primary pledge with seventeen signatures.

H. W. Haskins, Boon, Ark.—Enclosed you will find twenty-eight signatures of good democrats. I think your plan a good one.

John Kincannon, Granby, Mo.—I enclose the primary pledge with seventeen signatures.

A. W. Purdin, Leverton, Mo.—This, with the list I have already sent, makes twenty that signed the pledge. I believe that the press which stands for reform and good government should advocate this system.

J. O. Levander, Goff, Idaho.—I enclose primary pledge signed by ten democrats.

A. S. Johnston, editor and publisher Monroe Watchman, Union, W. Va.—I enclose primary pledge with my signature, though in my particular case it is not needed. I have never failed to attend a democratic primary since I came of age. God grant that events may ultimately vindicate your confidence in the integrity and high patriotism of the American people.

Joseph Donovan, San Francisco, Cal.—Find herewith the pledge with twelve signatures.

W. H. Willard, Patrick, W. Va.—I enclose a pledge signed by thirty-five good democrats.

N. Wiles, Pierce City, Mo.—I herewith send my primary pledge, which is very much to my liking. It is certainly very much needed. You have done a noble work in putting it before the people. I cannot always attend the primaries on account of poor health, but I want to do what I can for the advancement of true democracy.

Ben A. Bouldin, Millsville, Okla.—As there are so many men who are in favor of popular government, yet fear to pledge themselves to our party, I deem it best to work easy with them until they see for themselves that our principles embrace the logical trend of the political situation in the United States government today, and that ours is the only party consistent with a peaceful adjustment of capital and labor and that upon our principles hinge the destinies of this nation. The republican party finds itself in a dilemma from which it cannot extricate itself, and is running wildly rampant in paths forbidden by

constitution, God and man. The laboring man is restless over the future outlook, ready to use extreme measures for redress. Send me fifty copies to Millsville, O. T., and I will use my time and influence to further the upbuilding of our cause and the destruction of every opposing force. We are right, Mr. Bryan, and we must make the common people feel that we are right. In this list of names I am forced to cut out the pledge in order to get the names. We have many republicans and socialists here, who can, by proper persuasion, be induced to fight in our ranks. They want what they want, but in event they cannot get what they want, will take next best—to them, democracy. The names herein contained are old-time democrats, a number of whom have backslidden into socialism. I am pleading gradual reformation and have met with success. I think The Commoner and local treatment will gain them back to the cause of common sense, right and justice. I am fighting democracy's battles because democracy is founded upon truth and right and will stand the test of time and has the sanction of eternity.

It is hoped that every other Commoner reader who has not exerted some effort for the primary pledge will lend a hand at the earliest opportunity. Even though you make it a practice to attend primaries, don't withhold your pledge. By signing you will set a good example for your careless neighbor. This is not to be the work of a day nor of several days. It is to be the work of months and of years. The field is a large one and to cover it time and effort will be required, but if democrats co-operate the desired result will be accomplished. Every democrat is asked to pledge himself to attend all of the primaries of his party to be held between now and the next democratic national convention, unless unavoidably prevented, and to secure a clear, honest and straight-forward declaration of the party's position on every question upon which the voters of the party desire to speak. Those desiring to be enrolled can either write to The Commoner approving the object of the organization and asking to have their names entered on the roll, or they can fill out and mail the blank pledge, which is printed on this page.

W. A. Moody, of Moody Commission Co., National Stock Yards, Ill.—Please find enclosed primary pledge with fourteen signatures. This includes our entire office force, as I have not asked anyone on the outside to sign same.

The Gunnison, (Colorado) News-Champion, edited by H. F. Lake, Jr., reproduces the primary pledge form and calls upon its readers to co-operate in the work of organization.

George A. Mohler, editor of the Noblesville, (Ind.) Enterprise, writes: "Enclosed I hand you my primary pledge. I have been a true democrat all my life, and intend to continue one, let come what may. Let all good democrats sign that primary pledge, and we will surely do some good, and win a noble victory."

THE PRIMARY PLEDGE

I promise to attend all the primaries of my party to be held between now and the next Democratic National Convention, unless unavoidably prevented, and to use my influence to secure a clear, honest and straightforward declaration of the party's position on every question upon which the voters of the party desire to speak.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Postoffice \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Voting precinct or ward \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out Blanks and mail to Commoner Office, Lincoln, Nebraska.