

MANY DEMOCRATS SIGN THE PRIMARY PLEDGE

Primary pledges, accompanied by encouraging letters continue to reach The Commoner office in a gratifying way. There are hundreds of thousands of democrats who have not been enrolled. The field is a large one and in order to cover it effectually every one who believes in this plan of organization must do his part.

Don't withhold your pledge because you always attend primaries. You can help the work by setting a good example to your careless colleague. Send in your own pledge. Then ask your neighbor to sign. 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.

Extracts from letters received at The Commoner office follow:

John J. McCowary, Wilmington, Del.—Enclosed find seventeen signatures to primary pledge, two on the list being republicans.

J. S. Carmichael, Franklin, Pa.—I enclose primary pledge with 27 signatures.

Robert Barclay, Effingham, Ill.—Enclosed find primary pledge with 80 signatures.

Wm. P. Gregg, Port Jarvis, N. Y.—Please find enclosed 14 signatures to the pledge.

J. Z. Cochran, Ellsworth, Wis.—I enclose 10 signatures to the primary pledge.

J. M. Queen, Carbondale, Ill.—I send primary pledge with 7 signatures.

B. Wolf, Norman, Okla.—Enclosed find 30 signatures to the primary pledge.

R. P. Page, Cauthron, Ark.—I will circulate the primary pledge list as soon as I get time. I am glad to do that much for my party. I will send the list as soon as I get it ready. Success to The Commoner and Mr. Bryan.

S. C. Scott, Antlers, I. T.—I enclose herewith 23 signatures to the primary pledge.

J. M. Crutchley, Catlin, Ill.—Find enclosed 12 signatures to the primary pledge.

D. W. McCullough, Windsor, Mo.—I enclose 35 names signed to the primary pledge.

Frank Cogswell, Sunfield, Mich.—Enclosed find primary pledge. I take great pleasure in reading The Commoner. Some of the articles it contains are alone worth the subscription price. I believe in honest money, therefore am a bimetalist. I believe Mr. Bryan advocates true democratic principles. Success to The Commoner.

D. C. Shaffer, White Cloud, Ind.—You will find enclosed three primary pledges. I have always attended the primary in the past, and expect to in the future.

W. H. Faulkner, Fountain Run, Ky.—I have had the enclosed primary pledge blank filled without any trouble, and if you wish you can send me another blank. Also send one blank to Ben Hendrickson, Chappel Hill, Ky. Success to The Commoner.

Clarence Mallott, Valparaiso, Ind.—I am greatly interested in your plan for the uniting the democratic party into one great and effective body so that in the near future we may be able to accomplish something.

A. E. Wagner, Sand Creek, W. Va.—Enclosed find thirty-five signatures to your primary pledge. I think it is a good idea for democrats to unite and work together for the purpose of overpowering monopolies, trusts, etc.

P. T. Brookshire, Boaz, Tex.—I sign and enclose primary pledge. I fully endorse it. I have always made it a point to attend democratic primaries. I voted for W. J. Bryan in 1896 and 1900, could not go Parker last fall, 1904—the only time I did not vote democratic national ticket at national election. W. J. Bryan's democracy is good enough for me and I firmly believe we are going to win on it if every democrat will do his duty. Success to The Commoner.

M. J. Warner, Whitehall, Wis.—I think the primary pledge plan is the best yet devised to unite our party. It points out the right road to success. If you will send me about a hundred blank pledges, I think I can procure, with little labor, that many signatures. Best wishes for the success of The Commoner and the democratic party.

R. O. Parsons, Rock Castle, W. Va.—Find enclosed primary pledges. Please excuse the

delay. I want to make up a club for The Commoner in the near future. Yours for the success of democracy.

J. D. Bowman, Nevada, Mo.—Enclosed please find primary pledge signed by one hundred democrats. We all wish to have our names placed on the roll of honor. I will try to send you another list soon, and I hope that every reader of The Commoner will go to work and get every democrat in his voting precinct to sign the primary pledge. I hope to be able to push the work in my township from this on. Success to the democratic party.

R. A. Lee, McKenzie, Ala.—Enclosed find primary pledge. I want to do all I can to help Mr. Bryan in his work of educating the people.

J. D. Perkins, Cynthiana, Ky.—Enclosed find primary pledge signed by twelve democrats. Am a little slow in the work, yet am trying to help the cause. The Commoner is a power for the right. I have been a subscriber for two years. After reading your paper, I hand it to some man who I believe is glad of the opportunity to read it. Please send some sample copies, and also primary pledge blanks, to T. J. Kerns, Cynthiana, Ky.

Ben A. Bouldin, Millsville, Okla.—Enclosed please find pledge signed by twenty-one democrats. W. H. Wilson is seventy-three years old, and has always been a true democrat. He says that his infirmities, due to old age, may at times prevent attendance at the primaries, but he will do all he can toward building the Temple of Democracy, and making it the embodiment of our nation's laws. Many others have expressed like views. And I am persuaded to believe that ere another campaign arrives, our entire country will be democratized. (I mean western Oklahoma). We have tried in vain, two republican delegates to congress for statehood. They go to Washington and juggle with the republican bosses, come back with money enough to buy a controlling interest in several banks and leave us all under the baleful rule by appointment from republican ranks. Republican bossism has been prolific in bearing its fruits; such as high taxes, extortionate freight rates, usurious interest rates and all manner of gambling. We are very, very tired of any such rules. We are honest, intelligent, moral people here, and all we need to make us the happiest people over whom the stars and stripes wave is to give us statehood, that we may express the democratic sentiments glowing in our bosoms, and reap its most glorious rewards.

J. W. Lynch, Weston, W. Va.—I send you primary pledge, signed. These signers are among the leading men of the town of Weston. It affords me great pleasure to send you a list of true democrats. One was a republican, but he declares he will never cast a republican vote again. He signed the primary pledge, and said he would support the democratic party. Success to The Commoner.

Boyd Fackler, Shiloh, Ohio—Please excuse me for being late. I send you primary pledge, signed. The Commoner is doing good work in the way of enlightening the people. There are a lot of good democrats in old Richland county.

W. W. Faragher, Argentine, Colo.—I am glad

to say that the primary pledge is still gathering in the sheaves, and that there will be a fine stack. I have several signatures to the pledge, but won't send it in yet, as I intend to give it to John E. Bauden of Argentine, who comes in contact with most of the people of this place. My heart is with The Commoner in its battle for honesty among those in power.

Numa Poche, Ponchatoula, La.—Success to the framer of the primary pledge plan. God bless the right. Enclosed find my primary pledge duly signed, with thirty-five names attached to it. All good democrats, who are willing to make the fight, bravely, energetically and honestly for their country, their government and democracy. Yes, our country the mother and the great grand mother of the American people, bequeathed to us by our forefathers as a sacred gift in the hands of the American people a donation that has been bought at the dear price of precious blood by heroes and patriotic men such as Washington and his brave comrades today exposed to a shameful monarchical government and a scandalous wreck. Our government, the greatest, the noblest and the broadest of all, so well administered during half of a century, by great and incorruptible statesmen such as Jefferson and Jackson, is becoming the refuge of hoodlums, grafters and frauds. A real disease, and the disease is spreading rapidly like yellow fever in our state. Each disease has its remedy and each cure its medicine. What is going to be the medicine to cure a political disease of that kind? To sign the democratic pledge so well handled by The Commoner. Who'll lead us to victory in 1908? Hoisting the democratic banner anon, on which we'll read: "Government of the people a new era of declaration of independence." So sign the democratic pledge fellow citizens without distinction of party affiliation, sign the pledge and vote the ticket. (I do not speak for myself too old for that, sixty-eight years on my shoulders, but I do speak for our little ones.) Do not allow plutocracy and Wall street to dictate to you any longer with its greedy magnates and aliens who are controlling our legislation calling daily on myriad and tens of myriad of emigrants to invade our country, ravishing our territories and making out of them a new Italy, where we are apt to see sooner or later a second Russia.

Henry C. Assche, Sunman, Ind.—I deem it my duty to write to tell you that I enjoy very much reading your valuable paper, The Commoner. It is surely fighting for right, the common people and justice. I like the way in which your paper is unfolding the doings of men in places of high trust and the corruption of some of the departments of our government, corporations and trust companies. I am a young democrat, cast my first presidential vote for William J. Bryan. I heartily endorse your primary pledge plan. Enclosed you will please find primary pledge duly signed, also subscription blank coupon. I shall try to get some subscribers for your paper, because I think it will enlighten the people on all vital subjects, and because I think it is about the only paper that isn't under obligations to the bosses and corporations. I believe it contains editorials and comments which other papers would not dare to publish. Please send me a few primary pledge blanks.

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Signed _____

Street _____ Postoffice _____ State _____

County _____ Voting precinct or ward _____

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