

investigation proposed is conducted thoroughly it will result in giving immunity from criminal prosecution to all persons who are called and sworn as witnesses. He said that considerable money should be provided to carry on the investigation, and he thinks that congress should consider whether \$50,000 should be placed at the disposal of the commission to defray the expenses.

In one of the bills to be passed by congress is a provision requiring that all government clerks reaching the age of seventy years shall be dismissed from the service.

The Ohio state senate, by a vote of twenty-three to thirteen, has adopted a resolution providing for the submission to the people of a constitutional amendment permitting the people to initiate and to vote on legislation. To initiate a law petitions for the same must be signed by at least 5 per cent of the voters of the state.

The case of William R. Hearst against the anthracite coal carrying roads has been ordered re-opened by the interstate commerce commission. It will be re-argued March 29. Mr. Hearst expects, in view of a recent decision of the United States supreme court, to establish his point before the commission.

PRIMARY PLEDGE PLAN

As this copy of The Commoner may be read by some one not familiar with the details of the primary pledge plan, it is necessary to say that according to the terms of this plan every democrat is asked to pledge himself to attend all 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 straightforward 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 page 14.

The following letters are self-explanatory:
J. S. Morgan, Darlow, Kans.—If every one would sign and keep the pledge we would soon have a government of the whole people. Enclosed find the pledge with twenty-one signatures.

Thomas Harmeson, Clarks Hill, Ind.—Enclosed find pledges of thirty-five voters in this vicinity. I have had no trouble in filling the primary pledges that I have submitted to you in the last few weeks, in fact, the only burden of the work rests in the time required to present the list for the signatures of the loyal democrats.

The writer has been in the service of the principles of democracy every since the awakening of my duty to citizenship and throughout my whole life I have ever been found ardently advocating the principles that have given such great impetus to civilization, and all along the journey of my life I have seen those brilliant stars blaze out in their truest brilliancy, the brilliancy generated by the sacrifice of self-interest to champion the cause of others, but I have never yet seen a time when the load seemed so heavy or the sacrifice greater than the one now being imposed upon the shoulders of our few young champions. A life of seventy-seven years permits me in a reminiscent way to review the careers of many young men, and their works but the work of Mr. Bryan with his foresight and force surpasses all that have gone before. As I have now grown old and have led out in the past few years the works of the champion of The Commoner, I feel that you might desire some one in the community who is younger and who can push the work of organization to higher standards than I now have brought it. Trusting I may ever be able to stand with that unconquerable host that determines to lead our cause to success and that I may live to see the principles of a republic prevail.

Milton Stowers, Peck, W. Va.—I will do all I can to help our party. I enclose a primary pledge bearing thirty-five signatures.

Willie White, Hewett, W. Va.—I enclose a pledge signed by thirty-five true democrats. This precinct is almost democratic.

Phillip M. Deal, Marengo, Ind.—Please find enclosed a list of twenty-two faithful democrats who are supporting democracy as outlined by The Commoner.

E. Semler, Dorchester, Nebr.—Enclosed find a list of democrats in this precinct. We have a good many populists here who would sign a fusion, but not a straight democratic pledge. Our democratic party is small, but it won't surrender.

Frank Donate, Verdigrass, Neb.—I enclose my primary pledge. I would try to get others to sign the pledge, but I am not acquainted with the democrats, having lived here about a year or a little over.

J. Warner Wiggs, Winslow, Ind.—I enclose a primary pledge with nine signatures.

George W. Reeves, Munday, Texas—Find herewith my pledge to attend the party primaries.

John Vail, De Land, Ill.—Enclosed find primary pledge signed by fifty-one loyal democrats who approve of Mr. Bryan's plan of organizing the democratic party and will give a good account of themselves at all elections. I hope to be able to send you a large list in the near future. Every democrat so far to whom I have presented the pledge (with three exceptions) was proud to have the opportunity of I will soon be sixty-four years of age and I have been a democrat all my life. Let the good work go on.

W. W. Jones, Sheridan, Ind.—I send the pledge duly signed. I want to see the Chicago and Kansas City platform reaffirmed.

Anna Feedback, Dodd City, Tex.—Enclosed find six pledges. I will send subscriptions in a few days.

F. J. C. Walker, Shackelford, Mo.—I sign the primary pledge with pleasure, and would be glad if I could help you more. I have always voted the democratic ticket and have been voting since 1848. I might do more for the paper, but have been housed up for the last four months so I could not do anything but will talk all I can for The Commoner.

Thomas Harmison, Clarks Hill, Ind.—Accept herewith a list of staunch

signing it. This precinct is largely republican—about two to one. But what democrats there are in the township are old fighters from away back and each election the republicans find that they have something to do to keep the democratic minority from shoving in a township candidate ahead of them.

A. F. Asbury, New Labanon, Mo.—Enclosed you will find fifteen signa-

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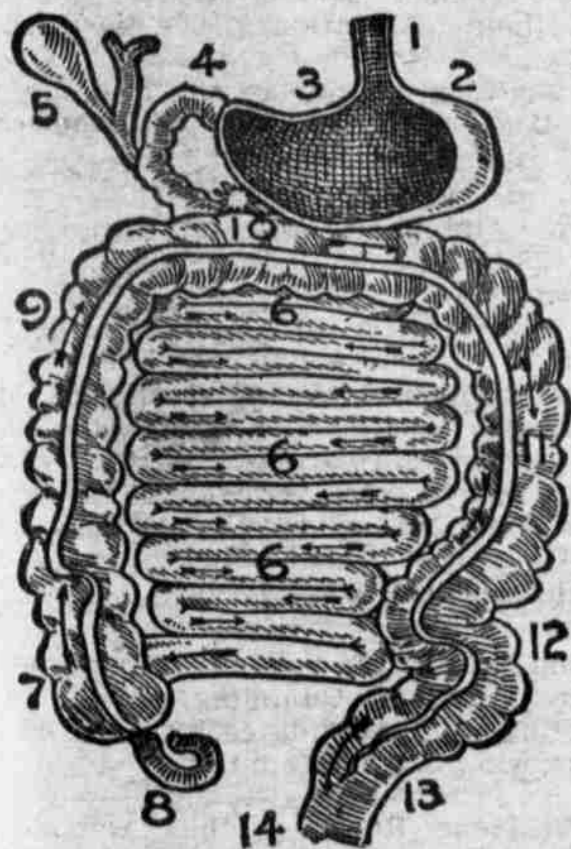
A large tract of valuable agricultural land is to be thrown open for settlement on Mar. 20th, 1906. This land has been in litigation for twelve years and on the twentieth of January the United States Land Office handed down an opinion which will open this land for settlement on the 20th of March.

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In order to avoid a rush the facts are not made public at this time but full information can be had by applying at the Illinois Central City Ticket Office, 1402 Farnam Street, or addressing, SAMUEL NORTH, District Passenger Agent, Omaha, Neb.

Your Thirty Feet of Bowels



THE ALIMENTARY CANAL. 1. Lower end of esophagus (meat-pipe) which conveys the food from the throat to the stomach; 2. Cardiac end of stomach; 3. Pyloric end of stomach; 4. Duodenum; 5. Gall bladder; 6, 6, 6. Small Intestines; 7. Cecum; 8. Vermiform appendix; 9. Ascending colon; 10. Transverse colon; 11. Descending colon; 12. Sigmoid flexure; 13. Rectum; 14. Anus. The duodenum is continuous with the small intestine. The small intestine empties into the large intestine or colon at the caecum. The arrows indicate the direction which the contents of the bowels must take in passing through the alimentary canal.

YOU have thirty feet of Intestines! What makes food travel through them?

A set of Muscles that line the walls of these Intestines or Bowels.

When a piece of Food rubs the walls of the Intestines these Muscles tighten behind it, and thus it starts a Muscle-wave which drives it through the whole length of the Bowels.

It should take about 12 hours to do this properly, so that nutritious parts of the food may have time to be digested and absorbed.

But,—if it takes twice or three times that period the food spoils in passing, and becomes as poisonous as if it had decayed before being eaten.

Now, the cause of delay (Constipation)

is simply Weakness, or Laziness of the Bowel-Muscles.

Want of Exercise, Indoor Employment, weakens these Bowel-Muscles, just as it weakens Arm and Leg Muscles.

Castor Oil, or Glycerine, will grease the passages for one load of Food at a time, but these lubricants can't help the Cause of Delay.

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"Physic" like Salts, Calomel, Jalap, Phosphate of Soda, Mineral Waters, simply flush-out the Bowels for the one occasion only.

They do not remove the Cause of Constipation.

Moreover, they waste so much of the precious Digestive Fluids, in the flushing process, that it takes a bigger dose every succeeding time to move the Bowel load.

But it is different with Cascarets.

Cascarets act on the Muscles of the Bowels and Intestines. They act just as Cold Water, or Exercise act on a Lazy man.

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