

pledge plan gave me a chance to do a great deal more. I have read The Commoner since its first issue and shall continue to do so as long as it or I exist.

D. C. Moore, Sunfield, Michigan—Enclosed find pledge signed by fifteen democrats.

D. E. Denpre, Ivanhoe, Texas—Enclosed find a few names signed to the primary pledge. We will have a hot time in Texas this year, as we have to elect all officers from governor to constable. And thanks (mainly) to The Commoner the issues will be drawn sharply between the two forces of democracy and plutocracy. When this is the case there is never any doubt as to the result in Texas. Democracy will win. Success to The Commoner—and that means success and happiness to all.

M. H. Tallman, Joseph Mills, W. V.—Find herewith primary pledge with twenty-four signatures.

Henry W. Schlechling, Sheboygan Falls, Wis.—I send a primary pledge signed by six good democrats.

E. Flaughen, Ripley, Ohio—I wish to write to you and your paper in appreciation of sound, old-fashioned democracy, and to apologize for stating that I am an ex-member of the Sixty-second session of the Ohio legislature, and that I am an "Andrew Jackson" democrat—having voted for every one of our candidates from James K. Polk down to this date. Herewith I send the pledge, and have done my best to help along. I am now over eighty-three years of age, but I feel that the true and honest principles of democracy and right will prevail in the long run.

M. L. Tippit, Olney, Ill.—Enclosed find pledge with twenty-eight signatures.

J. A. Watson, Weston, W. V.—I hand you herewith ten signatures to the primary pledge.

Theodore Dahlman, Benton Harbor, Mich.—Enclosed find three primary pledges signed by voters who believe in the movement. Also the names of democrats with whom you may correspond about the plan.

Amos Niehaus, Holland, Ind.—Enclosed find primary pledge signed by thirty-eight good democrats. Twenty-two of these, including myself, are young voters. I am but twenty-five years old, and am, no doubt, the youngest justice of the peace in Indiana, being only twenty-one years old when elected in 1902. From boyhood up I have always taken a keen interest in politics and observed closely all current political doings. I firmly believe that The Commoner will yet stand forth in the history of our nation in its relation to the struggle between the money power and the people as a great element of influence as did William Lloyd Garrison's "Liberator" in relation to the struggle between the slave power and the people in its day. Success to The

Commoner and the primary pledge movement.

C. C. Fogle, Caldwell, Ohio—I enclose a pledge with twenty-seven signatures.

J. C. Glasgow, Courtland, Kans.—I enclose the names of nineteen who are in sympathy with the principles The Commoner advocates.

James A. Martin, Lewisburg, Pa.—Find herewith six signatures to the primary pledge.

E. J. Singhaus, Osmond, Nebr.—Enclosed find primary pledge with twenty-one names. This makes thirty-two pledges I have secured and sent to you. Please send sample copies of The Commoner to those signing the pledge.

W. S. Hanger, Marengo, Ind.—Enclosed find primary pledge signed by nineteen good democrats.

E. E. Ellis, Beatrice, Nebr.—The fact that Nebraska stands fifteenth among the states and territories in the number of primary pledges returned to your office is not a very pleasing one to me, for it reflects uncomplimentary on the state's democracy. Having that kind of feeling, I have decided to make a faithful effort, even in this republican stronghold, to help you to move the old state nearer the front. Enclosed find fifteen primary pledges signed and the names of twenty-six good democrats who desire to be enrolled with them, making in all forty-one. I shall try to send many more in the near future. There can be no question about the importance of attending to this light duty at once, and it would be an easy matter to secure some good brother in every precinct who would volunteer his services for this purpose. It must be admitted that our forces as we find them at present are not in a condition to make a winning fight

owing to our lack of organization. The first step is the process of re-organization is for every one of us to re-enlist and pledge anew our allegiance and devotion to the living principles of our party, with a strong determination to support every organized movement which may help to advance those principles. I see our state chairman has suggested the calling of a conference of democratic workers. Let it be done at an early date. We need to come together to devise some means for promoting a stronger and healthier organization and to formulate a plan of action for future guidance. We are anxiously looking forward in anticipation of the possibilities of 1908. We believe that the signs of the time portend a victory to our cause about the end of that year. I pray "May our faith be well founded." Let us not forget, however, that a very important preliminary battle must be fought this year and that we should get into training at once, so as to be prepared for the fray.

A. M. Pardew, Koshkohon, Mo.—I enclose primary pledge with thirty-five signatures. I think The Commoner is a fine paper and to the point on every proposition. I have had no luck selling cards, as we have had a very hard winter here and most men—or at least it seems that all democrats are hard up, as work here has been shut down all winter.

The following named gentlemen have sent in primary pledges in number as follows: W. L. Turrentine, Windsor, Ill., 24; Samuel B. Smallwood, Ewing, Ind., 20; A. A. McQuiston, Richmond, Mo., 27; W. H. Woods, Beaver, W. Va., 10; David Sang, Duluth, Minn., 10; W. A. Combs, Humboldt, Ill., 16; Andrew Shiell, Brown Valley, Minn., 4; H. C. Sewell, Columbus Junction, Iowa, 18.

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.....

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- R. J. Knotts, Euclid, W. Va., 9; T. E. Moore, Lexington, Ky., 10; John L. Karns, Ridgeway, Ill., 6; J. R. Hargis, Taylor, Texas, 8; John W. Kerr, Clintwood, Va., 11; David Sang, Duluth, Minn., 8; L. J. Melson, Accomac, Va., 7; Elder H. H. Dubaway, Mentor, Kan., 6; E. F. Vermillion, Golden, Ill., 6; Perry H. Peters, Davison, Mich., 6; Barna Horton, Warren, Pa., 6; J. Thad Ray, Hannibal, Mo., 7; G. L. Kirk, Platte, S. D., 7; Granville, Allen, Rolla, Mo., 6; R. O. Bailey, Emerson, Mo., 6; James Stewart, Elsinore, Cal., 6; J. W. Hamilton, Seymour, Texas, 20; Lewis Straight, Gallia, Ohio, 8; David Grubb, Princeton, Ind., 6; Robert Nesbitt, Saltsburg, Pa., 7; O. E. Root, O'Brien, Wash., 6; S. B. Kirtley, Union Star, Mo., 6; Conrad Reigelman, Kremis, Pa., 15; A. H. Kassens,

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