

EDITORIALS BY COMMONER READERS

H. M. Allen, Los Angeles, Cal.—It is high time that our national and municipal governments should stop the sale of indulgences. We are justly indignant when we think of the horrible and blasphemous sale of indulgences in Europe some four hundred years ago, but are not we doing the same thing in its worst form? viz., granting, for a consideration, immunity beforehand for crimes to be afterward committed. Our lawmakers and city officials know perfectly well that saloons are crime-breeder and producers, and when for dollars they make it possible for them to exist, what is it but practically selling indulgences in the worst form and on a stupendous scale? Again, when our cities sell vile creatures not worthy the name of men the privilege of conducting theatres in which indecency in act or dress or word is allowed, what do they do but sell permission to do that which they know will tend to make corrupt and vicious and criminal those who attend, and especially the young? Why should these reptiles be allowed to parade indecency more than persons on the street or in other public assemblies throughout the city? Many of the plays even where matinees are not conspicuously in evidence are of a blood and thunder love story type, which with their abductions, or shooting, stabbing escapades are well calculated to sow and develop the seeds of crime in the weak minds of the foolish youth and others who attend them. While all good citizens are working for the general welfare that the youth of the country may grow up to be clean, moral, intelligent, upright citizens for their own good and the stability of the republic, these vampires are constantly corrupting all that they can reach. This proposition applies also to horse races, the foul moving-picture concerns, the pool rooms and billiard halls, where young men associate with criminals and licensed vice of all kinds. But to bring this down closer and to where it belongs; every senator and congressman and mayor and councilman and supervisor who, knowing that these things are crime producers, votes, or in any way gives his influence in their favor is an abettor of crime. Our truly noble and worthy president (for whom, of course, I voted) seems to have a distinct liking for big game. The liquor business with its associate vices, is one of the very biggest and most ferocious "varmints" now loose on American soil. Here at least is one citizen who would like very much to see Teddy and the beast lock horns.

F. A. English, Farmington, Wash.—It took us fully ten years to purify the democratic party and one campaign of 1904 to convince our plutocratic element that there is only room for one Wall Street party in these United States. Since that time the worshippers of Mammon have went where they always belonged, to the party of Mark Hanna, Rockefeller, Gould, etc., leaving the true democracy purified and we trust in a position to fulfill our promises to the people and live up to ideals of its founder, one Thomas Jefferson, and the true disciples and tribesmen, Andrew Jackson, Tilden and Bryan. The Bryanite is coming to his own, and as the said Bryanite truly represents the people, the people will come to their own. No doubt the near future will see the reformers of the trust-ridden and corrupt to the core g. o. p. allied to the truly renovated democratic party, and the final struggle whether the people and the constitution, or the trust and combine oligarchy will or shall rule. It is about dawning in the minds of our patriotic republican friends that their old party is beyond redemption and that the political, social, economic and moral

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I have been abused in the past for stating facts as they are now being shown up to the public. I am one of the victims from congress, courts, Standard Oil down. The Commoner is a Godsend to the American people. It is showing up the land pirates in a masterly way, and states nothing but facts. All who put the dollar above principle will steal if they do belong to a church. A true Christian is one of the noble works of God. The scoundrels have run our country into a hotbed of corruption.

Augustus Griffin, Bellingham, Wash.—I heartily agree with Mr. Bryan's way of bringing the people together. Sign the pledge and organize by all means so as to elect to office men who are not for sale to the highest bidder. Elect men who will annihilate the thriving trusts and robber tariff, also regulate railroad rates. Tom Scott, Vanderbilt and Jewett created the Standard Oil company by giving rebates. They were far more to blame than Rockefeller is. Elect men who will place silver back where it belongs, as God intended it to be, and crush out the asset currency bill.

Dr. B. A. Colomb, Union, La.—What the common people are up against: 1.—Every article of necessity, such as fuel, clothing, food, in the hands of some tariff-sheltered trust, and its price augmented, ad libitum. 2.—Every article of produce, with a few exceptions, controlled by a trust, and its selling price for the farmer decreased, such as beef, sugar, truck, fruit, etc. 3.—Every farm product that is marketed at a distance at the mercy of railroad combinations, and the cost of transportation almost prohibitory. 4.—The few staple articles not controlled by trusts and not influenced by the tariff, such as cotton, corn, wheat, etc., are manipulated by the government employes through the bureau of statistics at Washington, for the benefit of Wall Street specu-

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