

The Commoner
ISSUED WEEKLY

WILLIAM J. BRYAN Editor and Proprietor. CHARLES W. BRYAN Publisher.
RICHARD L. METCALFE Associate Editor. Editorial Rooms and Business Office 324-330 So. 12th Street.

Entered at the postoffice at Lincoln, Nebraska, as second-class mail matter.

One Year.....\$1.00
Six Months.....50c
In Clubs of 5 or more per Year75c
Three Months.....25c
Single Copy.....5c
Sample Copies Free
Foreign Postage 52c Extra.

SUBSCRIPTIONS can be sent direct to The Commoner. They can also be sent through newspapers which have advertised a clubbing rate, or through local agents, where sub-agents have been appointed. All remittances should be sent by postoffice money order, express order, or by bank draft on New York or Chicago. Do not send individual checks, stamps or money.

DISCONTINUANCES.—It is found that a large majority of our subscribers prefer not to have their subscriptions interrupted and their files broken in case they fail to remit before expiration. It is therefore assumed that continuance is desired unless subscribers order discontinuance, either when subscribing or at any time during the year. PRESENTATION COPIES: Many persons subscribe for friends, intending that the paper shall stop at the end of the year. If instructions are given to this effect they will receive attention at the proper time.

RENEWALS.—The date on your wrapper shows when your subscription will expire. Thus, Jan. 31, '06, means that payment has been received to and including the last issue of January, 1906. Two weeks are required after money has been received before the date on wrapper can be changed.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Subscribers requesting a change of address must give OLD as well as the NEW address.

ADVERTISING—rates furnished upon application. Address all communications to THE COMMONER, Lincoln, Neb

Senator Beveridge has hauled "manifest destiny" out again.

It is quite evident that Mr. Taft did not do his Cuban campaigning in a hammock.

The reported earthquake in Havana turns out to have been only Secretary Taft taking hold.

Doubtless Mr. Gompers had made note of the fact that the political bull-dozers are not observing the eight hour day.

Of course the mere matter of "national honor" does not appeal to the gentlemen who have figured on the Cuban grab for a number of years.

Jacob Riis calls the president's spelling reform idea "rot." And you can not simplify the spelling nor the meaning of that very expressive word.

The beard of the republican candidate for governor of New York is a forceful reminder that populists are not the only ones who wear 'em that way.

Senator Beveridge says it was a blunder to haul down our flag in Cuba. Is the senator admitting that the keeping of a republican pledge is always a blunder?

"What's he running for?" queried Speaker Cannon when Samuel Gompers was mentioned. Mr. Gompers isn't running, Mr. Speaker. He is coming to meet you.

Secretary Shaw, while a tariff "standpatter," is and must be very agile on his feet, else his own logic would smite him. As it is it keeps him dodging at a rapid rate.

The war department's report that there is no hazing at West Point does not prove that there is no hazing. It merely proves that the war department doesn't know.

Convict Stensland will be put to work making brooms. They will be good brooms, too, if they sweep as clean as Stensland swept the Milwaukee Avenue State bank.

Comptroller Ridgeley says the bank directors are to blame when a bank fails. Bank inspectors who will perform their duties might help us to locate the negligent directors.

Mr. Hughes stopped short of compelling Mr. Bliss and Mr. Cortelyou to testify to the disposition made of a lot of stockholders' money by the insurance magnates he investigated.

There is a growing suspicion that a lot of Russian police officers are forming plots against the czar merely for the purpose of gaining glory and extra pay by exposing and frustrating them.

Railway accidents were responsible for an average of twenty-six deaths daily during 1905. Block signals and safety appliances would reduce dividends even more than the damage suits do.

Speaker Cannon would have us understand that President Roosevelt needs standing by, and proposes having the people elect such eminent supporters as Foraker, Dick, Aldrich, et al, to do it.

The Globe-Democrat of St. Louis has resumed its regular task of trying to make its readers believe that a heavy protective tariff will increase the growth of wool on the backs of hydraulic rams.

Sir Oliver Lodge says the sun will be cold in twenty million years. The friends of the tariff will have to accelerate their speed if they get the tariff revised before the chill strikes them.

Bishop Berry declares that the primary or caucus comes first and the prayer meeting second in the line of duties of a churchman. The clergy is growing wise on the question of clean civil government.

Several sections of the civilized world have long since been taught to respect the soldier or marine wearing the uniform of this republic. It should not be difficult to teach the owner of an Atlantic coast resort the same lesson.

One or two New York democratic officeholders who declare they will "take off their coats and work for Hughes" would do well to take off their coats and work a little in return for the material the capitalists are paying them.

The centennial of the discovery of Pike's Peak was celebrated recently. The genial discoverer who said the peak could not be climbed was highly eulogized by thousands of people who rode to the top in comfortable cars.

The report that the abolition of football has caused a big decrease in the enrollment of students at the university of Wisconsin may not be well founded. Perhaps it has resulted only in a decrease of the enrollment of attendants.

The president of a Middleport, Ohio, bank is missing. So is a little bunch of money amounting to \$115,000. The bank examiners are greatly surprised, and the directors are absolutely dumbfounded. In the meanwhile the depositors foot the bill.

The postoffice is about to abolish the plan of "backstamping." This means that husbands who carry for weeks the letters their wives give them to mail need have no fear of being detected if they only manage to mail them before their wives have to repair their pockets.

The eminent gentlemen who were so strenuously defending "national honor" in 1896, and have not been exposed yet, are likely to be very careful about defending the "honor of the Empire state." The people have grown suspicious of the men who prate so loudly about "defending honor."

The Kansas City Journal says: "Winston Churchill won a 'moral victory' in New Hampshire and Samuel Gompers bagged one of the same kind in Maine, but the other fellows got the offices." Getting the offices is about the sum total of the Kansas City Journal's conception of politics.

"I would like to see war declared against the sultan of Turkey," shouted Bishop McCabe at the Michigan conference, "and I would like to participate in it!" It was Josh Billings who remarked that "eny man kin whip a elefant when thar ain't no elefants around." Bishop McCabe seems to be forgetful of his mission occasionally.

The Kansas City Journal says a democrat "is a man who is compelled to vote against his party every few years because it is captured by a wild man and committed to a platform of lunacy." The Kansas City Journal has proved its republicanism by embracing even worse things than wild men and lunacy.

SPECIAL OFFER

J. B. Liston, Carlinville, Ill.—You will find enclosed draft for \$21 to pay for The Commoner for one year each year for the enclosed names.

J. E. Young, Downs, Kan.—Find enclosed check for \$15.60, for which you will please send The Commoner to the enclosed list of twenty-six names, and in this list there are some of our good "standpatters." I send you this list and will begin another one right away. I want to see every true democrat in our county take the paper, and will not stop until I have worked every man in the county. Success to The Commoner.

The following have each sent in five yearly subscriptions: A. C. Ogburn, Pawnee, Okla.; T. O. Young Millgrove, Mo.; S. O. Vandever, Lebanon, Ind.; N. A. Boggess, Oakvale, W. Va.; Simpson Bros., Watertown, N. Y.; A. J. Gibbons, Edina, Mo.; Wylie Austin, Newfain, Ohio; S. E. Darrock, Livingston, Mont.; J. B. Churchill, Copan, I. T.; Forrest L. Davis, Tecumseh, Okla.; William W. Steel, St. Louis, Mo.; A. J. McBride, Paterson, N. J.; Lewis Clemctson, Troy, Kan.; A. D. Hinkle, Angels Camp, Cal.; D. M. Swaim, Judson, Ind.; Clarence Martin, Maysville, Ky.; J. E. Sutton, Whittier, Cal.; James Lucas, Hillsboro, Ohio; J. S. Barnes, Danville, Ill.; L. Stahl, Rochester, Ind.; W. P. Horner, Danville, Va.; H. O. Thompson, Vernon Center, Minn.; H. A. Johnson, Perry, Okla.; Calvin Turner, Bangor, Me.; E. Downey, West Side, Iowa; A. J. McGovern, Hebronville, Texas; J. H. Eakin, Litchfield, Ill.; George N. Myers, Butterfield, Mich.; D. H. Thompson, De Lassus, Mo.; H. G. Clayton, Waynesburg, Pa.; George Buzza, Marion, Ia.; J. M. Rolston, Washington, Pa.; Thomas L. Dunn, Martinsburg, W. Va.; T. W. Frost, Goshen, Ark.; B. F. Kimler, Laura, Ill.; G. Brewer, Glencoe, Okla.; B. P. Willingham, Wingo, Ky.; F. A. McClure, Indianola, Ia.; F. H. Kidd, Burnsville, W. Va.; B. M. Boyd, Hanger, Va.; Charles Hayward, Unionville, Mo.; D. C. St. John, Clarendon, N. Y.; L. A. Lucas, Pierce City, Mo.; W. W. Goodall, Jefferson City, Mo.; C. D. O'Neil, Harlan, Ia.; D. M. May, Emporia, Kan.; J. Roop, Frankfort, Ind.; Thomas Campbell, Zella, Kan.; George J. Quinn, Philadelphia, Pa.; James Gahagan, Hudson, Mich.

Everyone who approves the work The Commoner is doing is invited to co-operate along the lines of the special subscription offer. According to the terms of this offer cards each good for one year's subscription to The Commoner will be furnished in lots of five, at the rate of \$3 per lot. This places the yearly subscription rate at 60 cents.

Any one ordering these cards may sell them for \$1 each, thus earning a commission of \$2 on each lot sold, or he may sell them at the cost price and find compensation in the fact that he has contributed to the educational campaign.

These cards may be paid for when ordered, or they may be ordered and remittance made after they have been sold. A coupon is printed below for the convenience of those who desire to participate in this effort to increase The Commoner's circulation:

THE COMMONER'S SPECIAL OFFER
Application for Subscription Cards

5	Publisher Commoner: I am interested in increasing The Commoner's circulation, and desire you to send me a supply of subscription cards. I agree to use my utmost endeavor to sell the cards, and will remit for them at the rate of 60 cents each, when sold.	
10		
15		
20		
25		
50		
75		
100		
NAME.....		
BOX, OR STREET NO		
P. O..... STATE.....		

Indicate the number of cards wanted by marking X opposite one of the numbers printed on end of this blank.

If you believe the paper is doing a work that merits encouragement, fill out the above coupon and mail it to THE COMMONER, Lincoln, Neb.