

"Hew to the Line, Let the Chips Fall Where They May"

No man who is financially connected with a corporation that is seeking privileges ought to act as a member of a political organization, because he can not represent his corporation and the people at the same time. He can not serve the party while he is seeking to promote the financial interests of the corporation with which he is connected.

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The senatorial explanation department is again working overtime.

The president has talked so much about the "fighting edge" that his peace proclivities have become somewhat dulled.

It seems that in the Northern Securities case Uncle Sam got the decision while the stockholders were getting their big profits.

The convening of congress merely emphasizes the situation New York finds itself in with regard to its senatorial representation.

Count Boni says he was highly insulted by the offer of a job as head waiter. Of course! The idea of Boni spending money honestly earned.

The shortening of a lot of words by the reformed spelling thereof does not seem to have made any appreciable difference in the length of the message.

Republican newspapers that want to oppose President Roosevelt's income tax policy would save time by clipping from their editorial columns of twelve years ago.

If the farmers of America would refuse to haul their grain to market for a few months they might be in a position to demand a "shipping subsidy" of their own.

A lot of republican organs that are now commending the president's message would hardly like to reprint their remarks on the income tax made ten or twelve years ago.

As we understand it, Secretary Root is quite sure that the South American trade would be profitable, therefore it would be wise and just to subsidize a number of already wealthy men in order to induce them to engage in a profitable business.

River improvement will be a costly experiment as long as the money is spent by politicians on favorites instead of by skilled men on the rivers.

"Beware of false prophets," warns President Baer of the coal trust. That's all very well, but what hurts this country is the extortionate profit demanded by Mr. Baer.

While pondering on what to buy for a Christmas present do not forget the fact that a year's subscription to The Commoner would be appreciated by a lot of men and women.

There are enough bankers in the Ohio penitentiary to finance a prison newspaper, but unfortunately for the scheme there are no printers in the penitentiary to do the mechanical work.

Some of the gentlemen who are applauding President Roosevelt's income tax idea are the same gentlemen who were fierce in their denunciations of the "income taxers" a few years ago.

Despite the experience of Anna Gould the chances are that the supply of titled scoundrels will hold out just as long as there are heiresses willing to exchange their millions for the tainted titles.

"The condition of the finances of Pennsylvania is unprecedented!" shouts the Harrisburg Telegraph. We should think that a state able to condone a graft of \$9,000,000 must be in a good way financially.

That portion of the president's message relating to labor may mean much or it may mean little. No one knows just which, unless it be the president, and he was careful to conceal the meaning in a lot of words.

A French paper is discussing the duration of a lightning flash. It lasts about as long as the republican party's position on every question save that of preserving the tariff for the benefit of the men who pay the campaign expenses.

The statisticians of the government are able to prove by figures that the cost of living has not increased faster than the increase in wages, but the average housewife is prepared to prove the controversy by receipted bills and salary envelopes. The statisticians will have to try another tack.

The ice dealers who held up the people last summer are now being fined trivial amounts. The coal dealers who are bilking the people now will be fined the price of a ton or two of coal next summer. We are a great people to do everything with a rush save the one thing of protecting ourselves against trust extortion.

THE PRIMARY PLEDGE

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 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 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 15.

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Ralph M. Safford, Cherry Creek, N. Y.—Enclosed find money order for \$9.60 in subscriptions to The Commoner. This is the largest club sent from Cherry Creek, but we hope to better it next year. Success in your fight for the people.

A. J. Cox, Green Forest, Ark.—Enclosed you will find check for \$6.60 for which send eleven copies of The Commoner to the enclosed names. I was not more than twenty minutes getting this list and think I will make another club soon.

Perry Craig, Pleasant Hill, Mo.—Enclosed find draft for \$15 to pay for twenty-five subscriptions to The Commoner as per enclosed list.

John Reilly, Brookville, Pa.—Enclosed find money order for \$10.20 for seventeen new subscriptions to The Commoner. I beat your 16 to 1 idea by one point and did it without any very great effort. There are four republicans on this list.

William M. Weiser, M. D., South Bend, Ind.—Add five more subscribers to The Commoner's list. I am going to get you many more this year.

E. H. Kellogg, Wolcott, N. Y.—I enclose draft for \$13.20 to pay for twenty-two yearly subscriptions to The Commoner. It occurs to me that it might be well for The Commoner to obtain a mailing list of thoughtful republicans in every city and town in doubtful states to whom sample copies of The Commoner might be sent.

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