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"As Mr. Roosevelt has said."

The tilt of Mr. Joseph G. Cannon's cigar is steadily downward.

Mr. Roosevelt may not, after all, need to go to Africa in order to have a difficult search for an elephant.

And Br'er Rabbit and Br'er Wolf are talking in mournful tones while they recite the many virtues of Uncle Remus.

Following precedent the republican managers announce they will make public the source of campaign contributions "after the election."

If the republican vote falls off as great a per cent as the cost of living shows an increase, Mr. Taft will have to hustle to carry Pennsylvania.

"The business of the country is largely dependent upon a protective system of tariffs," says Mr. Taft. "The victim of" would have come much nearer to the facts.

Senator Bouree of Oregon, who offered a prize of \$1,000 for the best essay urging the renomination of Roosevelt, is now wondering whom he will hold responsible for the gold brick he acquired.

Mr. Taft has already discovered some tariff schedules that are not high enough. Interested parties will take due notice of the "publicity after election" policy and come across immediately. Mr. Sheldon is in a receptive mood.

The war department, so long presided over by Mr. Taft, believes in buying army uniforms where they can be bought the cheapest. The party backing Mr. Taft, however, insists on the plain people buying in the highest market in order that republican campaign contributors can recoup.

Some of the administration organs are visibly offended at the prominence of Oklahoma at the Denver convention. They should bear in mind that the democratic aggressiveness of Oklahoma at Denver is a sample of the aggressiveness that made Oklahoma a great state despite republican handicaps.

NOT THIS YEAR

The New York Post says: "The St. Louis Times, which represents the opinion of the best German element in St. Louis, does not follow the lead of the New York Staats-Zeitung in supporting Bryan."

But perhaps the St. Louis Times does not follow the lead of the "German element." Certain it is that American citizens of German extraction are not to be led to the support of special interests by an editor who either does not understand, or does not care to understand, the dangers of plutocracy.



"BEFORE ELECTION" IS THE WHOLE MATTER

The Columbia (S. C.) State puts it in a nutshell when it says: "Publicity before the election; that is the whole matter. The people are tired of learning, after they have been duped for the hundredth time, that such and such a trust contributed a corruption fund to aid in the election of a 'practical man' like Roosevelt or a Roosevelt man like Taft."

Democratic Campaign Fund

It is desired that in every city and town and village in the United States democratic campaign funds be collected. Hereafter all contributions to this fund should be sent to

GOVERNOR C. N. HASKELL,

Treasurer Democratic National Committee,
Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Every newspaper that is supporting Bryan and Kern is urged to take up a democratic campaign fund, forwarding the same to Governor Haskell.

Henry Watterson, the great Kentucky editor who is doing vallant service in the democratic cause, has repeatedly declared that everything indicates a democratic victory, but that he did not know where the party would obtain a sufficient amount of money for campaign purposes. The only source to which the democratic party may, in this year of 1908, look for money to be used in the election of men who are thoroughly committed to popular government, is to the masses—and to the masses the democratic managers have appealed.

Do not longer delay the beginning of this important work. **START A DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN FUND IN YOUR TOWN AND LET THE DEMOCRATIC MANAGERS KNOW EARLY IN THE FIGHT THAT THEY WILL NOT BE HANDICAPPED FOR A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF MONEY WITH WHICH TO PAY THE LEGITIMATE EXPENSES OF THE BATTLE IN WHICH THEY ARE ENGAGED.**

Following are extracts from letters received at The Commoner office:

Memphis, Tenn.—We enclose our check for \$426.75 for the democratic campaign fund. This amount was subscribed by various parties through the southern states, the result of an appeal in the columns of the Commercial Appeal; we have acknowledged each subscription. This makes \$526.75 we have sent to date. The work has just begun. Oxford, Miss., alone subscribed \$150, being \$1 subscriptions from 150 citizens.

St. Johns, Mich.—Herewith \$8.75 for the national campaign.

Jackson, Tenn.—Please accept my contribution of \$1.75 for campaign fund.

Olmsted, Ill.—Please accept \$1.50 for campaign purposes.

Galena, Mo.—Enclosed find \$2.70 for the campaign fund.

New York City, N. Y.—Enclosed find \$8 contributed as shown by the list attached—this money for the democratic campaign.

Houma, La.—Please accept our contributions in the sum of \$2 to be used for campaign purposes.

Gunnison, Miss.—Herewith please find \$1 which kindly turn over to the democratic committee.

Durand, Wis.—Please accept the enclosed \$4 to be used for campaign expenses.

Cylinder, Ia.—Enclosed you will find \$4 which please send to the national committee for campaign expenses.

Brock, Neb.—Enclosed find draft for \$8.50 to be turned over to the campaign fund, this

money contributed by the parties whose names appear on the enclosed list.

St. Paul, Minn.—The Myrmindons of the "aristocratic republic" heard something drop at Denver. I enclose my check for \$25 for campaign fund.

Duluth, Minn.—Please accept my contribution of \$10 for the campaign fund. Your nomination was a glorious victory won by the people.

Manly, Iowa.—Enclosed find \$5 to be used in any honorable way during the campaign.

Ava, Ill.—Find enclosed \$2 for the farmers' campaign fund.

Mangum, Okla.—Please find \$10 enclosed as a substance congratulation and indicative of my good will; am sorry that I am not able to make it more.

Columbus, Ohio.—I enclose my little mite for campaign fund—\$5.

Rochester, N. Y.—Find enclosed money order for \$2.00 for the democratic campaign fund.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Maricopa county democrats, proud of the opportunity, send you \$48—the first fruits of the Bryan-Kern fund, contributions to which are made through the Arizona Democrat in the sum of \$1. No democrat is asked to subscribe more than \$1, but every democrat is being urged to give that much.

Wirt, Ind.—The enclosed is a small contribution to the farmers' campaign fund—\$5.

Hornick, Ia.—I wish to be the first lady contributor to the national campaign fund. Please accept the enclosed \$1.

Jicarilla, N. M.—Enclosed find money order for \$5 which is for the democratic campaign fund. The ticket and the platform suit me.

Philadelphia, Pa.—I enclose this subscription of \$10 for the campaign fund of the national democratic committee.

Good Springs, Nev.—Please accept my contribution of \$1.25 for the campaign fund.

Verdigre, Neb.—I take the liberty to send herewith \$5 which I ask you to hand to the committee which will pay expenses. I shall be glad to do everything personally in my power to bring about satisfactory results.

Wabash, Ind.—I saw in the last Commoner you are asking farmers to contribute to the campaign fund. Please accept my contribution of \$5.

Oskaloosa, Ia.—I send you \$5 to help in the campaign fund and wish you success.

Deep River, Ia.—Find enclosed money order for \$10, a subscription to the campaign fund.

Nroadland, S. D.—Enclosed find \$5 for the campaign fund, which I trust will be of service to your committee. Wish I could give \$5,000.

Bolivar, Texas—Enclosed find New York exchange for \$88.50, which I have collected from my neighbors for the campaign fund. I am glad you endorse the plan of raising this fund by small contributions—that makes it possible for the great masses to do more for the success of our party and the principles you stand for than merely to vote. I enclose list of the parties who have contributed this money.

Cynthiana, Ky.—Herewith my mite, 50 cents, for campaign expenses.

Monrova, Cal.—Please forward the enclosed \$2.50 to the treasurer of the national committee.

Atlantic, Ia.—I hand you herewith check for \$10 to help pay campaign expenses.

Richland Center, Wis.—I enclose my check for \$100 as my contribution to the campaign fund. While Wisconsin is a pretty hard proposition from the democratic view point we certainly shall do our best to carry the state this time and trust the electoral vote will be cast for you.

Anita, Ia.—Please accept my contribution of \$5 for campaign fund.

London, Ohio.—Please find \$1 enclosed for campaign fund.

Reading, Pa.—I want to give one night a week to speaking in your behalf. What we need is a bright search-light revealing things as they are, and then let the people decide just what they want. Business is very slack just now and I enclose \$2 to help along the good cause.

Lincoln, Neb.—Please accept my \$1 for the campaign fund.

Greenville, N. C.—My wife desires that our son, less than one day old, shall start right in this journey through life, and directs me to forward to you \$1 as his contribution to the democratic campaign fund.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Kindly accept the enclosed \$1 contribution to the campaign fund. The sender is a life long democrat.