

Letters from the People

F. G. Swain, Sweet Home, Ark.—I noticed after the last contest you asked the question in your paper, "Why was the democracy not successful?" or something to that effect. I noticed several attempts at answering. Even such men as Clark Howell and others of that type, and it seems to me that they all missed the cause. Why you, and every other man at all posted, know that if half the money that was spent on Taft had been spent in your interest, and none spent on Taft that you would have been elected overwhelmingly. And what I want to ask you is why don't you try to bring about a coalition with LaFollette, Cummins and such men as that? The situation looks plain to me that if all the republicans that believe in Bryan democracy and all Bryan democrats were to get together we would sweep the country. I don't believe that the money power could buy them. The nation needs a realignment and we can never do anything in the shape we are now in. Let all protectionist and gold standard democrats go into the Hamiltonian or republican party for that is where they belong, and will ultimately land; and let us (Bryan democrats) get in a shape to induce the LaFollette and Cummins republicans to join us and then we will have a party of the people. If you oppose what I have suggested I would like to know your reasons. It is conceded that you are doing more to mold the nation's thought than any other man or men. I would at least like to see the thought that I have suggested discussed in your paper.

J. G. Carry, Jackson, Tenn.—I herewith enclose you a few original expressions on the tariff. You may use them as you choose: If what everybody pays on account of the tariff was a revenue, the government could give free board to every working man in the United States, and then have more revenue than it now collects from all the people. Now where does it go? If the manufacturer really wants a tariff to protect the working man, why then does he not consent for the working man to collect this tariff? If the working man collected the tariff which is claimed to be levied for his interest, how long would the manufacturer favor a tariff? If the tariff in the cotton schedule was reduced one half it would still be more than the total labor cost in this industry. The tariff is double the labor cost. Then who gets the tariff? If the tariff benefits the working man and it benefits the working man's employer, who then contributes the benefit? If everybody pays a tariff and everybody gets a tariff, then what is the use of a tariff? If one man gets a tariff and

another man pays a tariff, the first man collects a bill from the second man who owes him nothing. The tariff is a good thing for the fellow who gets it, but an awful thing to the fellow who contributes to it and don't get it. The fellow who pays on a tariff and gets no benefits, is like the fellow who is always betting and always losing, except the fellow who is always losing expects to win, while the other can not

Horatio Roush, Manchester, Ohio.—From an inspection of the Ohio people, the ones that sold their vote to the republican party in 1908 for \$25 to defeat Mr. Bryan from carrying the state wished they hadn't. They are for Bryan in 1912, and a lot of poor republicans say they are Bryan men now. In the 1908 campaign Roosevelt wrote Mr. Bryan to express himself what he would do with the trusts if elected. Mr. Bryan expressed himself in behalf of the people. Then the trusts got down to their pocket-books and made big donations. Of course they must tax the masses in order to get back this money. So Mr. Voter you must stand it four long years. Now after this be a man and listen to what is best for you. Mr. Bryan tried to tell you, but no, the republican people told you Mr. Bryan was a poisonous piece of humanity, and high prices is what you want. It is best to use your own judgment.

B. E. Baker, Cambridge Springs, Pa.—I send you the following satirical poem to illustrate the greed of modern capitalists:

"Let us corner up the sunbeams lying all around our path,
Get a trust on wheat and roses; give the poor the thorns and chaff,
Let us find our chiefest pleasure hoarding bounties of today,
So the poor will have scant measure and two prices have to pay.
We'll capture e'en the wind god, and confine him in a cage;
And then, through our patent process we the atmosphere will save,
Thus we'll squeeze our little brother when his lungs he tries to fill.
Put a meter on his windpipe and present our little bill.
We will syndicate the starlight, and monopolize the moon,
Claim a royalty on rest days, a proprietary noon,
For right-of-way through ocean's spray we'll charge just what it's worth;
And drive our stakes around the lakes—in fact, we'll own the earth."

"Here, on the soil enriched with the blood of the patriotic dead, is to be erected an aristocratic monarchy, with wealth as its God."—Wendell Phillips.

H. S. Stroud, Oshkosh, Wis.—The great political questions now pending before the American people, who must be the "jurors" in the case as final arbiters at the ballot box, must carefully examine the evidence on both sides of the question to arrive at an honest, just verdict. It is my belief that many juries in the past have been "packed" by honest men that had not critically examined all the evidence in the case, and others that were purchased before the case came to trial. In the great trial of the free and independent government of the American people, every fair-minded and honest man must carefully examine all the evidence upon both sides of the question. Full and complete evidence upon the democratic side of the question can be found in Bryan's Commoner, and the evidence upon the republican, or trust's side can be found in all the great city papers, as they are all either owned by the trusts, or are afraid to oppose them. Every honest man that wishes to carefully look into both sides of the question, must

read the great city papers for the republican side, and Bryan's Commoner for the true democratic position. In no other way can he arrive at a just verdict.

Frank R. Whitcomb, San Francisco, Cal.—I send you enclosed the

report of a most interesting article on silver, delivered here yesterday by Mr. Frewen. It seems to me very clearly that the people of the Pacific coast at least will before long become convinced they can not compete with China-made goods, paid for in wages on a silver basis in China.

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