If the People Rule Why Don't They Get What They Want?

J. M. Maynard, Apex, N. C .- A | Lincoln, pages 309-310. (This warnfew capitalists control-everything ing is omitted from later histories): and self comes first and my own ex- "Monarchy itself is sometimes hintperience for the last few days will ed at as a possible refuge from the prove it. At Morrisville, N. C., a power of the people. In my present wealthy merchant and cotton man-position I could scarcely be justified ufacturer-who all my life credits were I to omit raising a warning me for thirty days, but as a matter voice against the approach of returnof my afflictions and sickness my sup- ing despotism. There is one point ply of money for the year was ex- to which I call your attention. It is hausted, and told him it would be the effort to place capital on an equal ninety days befor I could pay him. footing with, if not alone labor, in As such he required my note on land the structure of government. Let and after getting my note here is dif- them beware of surrendering a politference in prices: Meat 17 to 19 ical power which they already have, cents; sugar (5 pounds) 30 to 38 and which, if surrendered, will surecents. So you see just why a few ly be used to close the door of adcapitalists want to hire a few officers vancement against such as they, and to run the government for them.

S. B. Lohr, York, Pa.—In answer to the senator's question would say that the people will never rule so long as the voters of the United States send men to our national capital like Taft, Aldrich and Cannon. So long as the head of our government is made up of such men so long will the money power rule and the trusts will get just what they want and the common people will pay the penalty for the favored ones. For present tariff schedule that should approaching that unnerves me and convince any intelligent man how to causes me to tremble for the safety vote and for whom to vote. Why not of my country. As a result of the elect men into office like the peerless William Jennings Bryan and then the people will rule and not until then.

cure such laws will they get what a fulfillment of that prophecy? they want.

nor stand by the man who asks for there is truth in all the answers. My them. "Ask and ye shall receive; it shall be opened unto you," is a law of the universe. Even the Althe Hebrews. But we ask and receive not because we ask amiss. Who now is asking for justice and mercy? Who is asking for old age pensions for the needy, for guaranteed bank deposits, public land for the landless only, state titles for real estate, double track on the main lines of all railroads? Why, equality under the law would soon work wonders with our condition. A general who is rich gets \$5,000 per year, but a private who is poor gets \$8 per month. Thousands of southern women and children are hoeing cotton for their grub. Now I don't know when these conditions will be changed, but the people must ask persistently and unitedly, and there is no power on earth can resist them, and heaven is on their side, when they ask for justice and not license.

Senator Owen's question a large ma- ating his share to his own use. Anjority making reply affirm that the other trouble with us (the people) usurpers? Much light is thrown on credit side, thus defeating our own these questions from the beacon, best interests. Now why should not half century ago. These words of such a sentiment as to cause our sowarning occur in his message to con- called servants' return to their emgress in 1861. See Barret's Life of ployers (the people) their just due.

to fix new disabilities and burdens upon them till all of liberty shall be lost." Four years later in a letter to a friend in Illinois are these words from the great hearted Lincoln: "Yes, we may all congratulate ourselves that this cruel war is nearing to a close. It has cost a vast amount of treasure and blood. The best blood of the flower of American youth has been freely offered upon our country's altar that the nation might live. It has been indeed a trying hour for the repubexample, would refer you to the lic; I see in the near future, a crisis war corporations have been enthroned, and an era of corruption in Students of Politics high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the peo-Henry Travers, Benwood, W. Va. ple until all wealth is aggregated in -I think laws like the state of Ore- a few hands, and the republic is degon initiative and referendum and stroyed. I feel at this moment more recall would be a means of making anxiety for the safety of my country preme law. Not until the people secure such laws will they get what a fulfillment of that promise the midst of the people is common and the midst of the people.

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R. B. Brower, Coldwater, Mich .-Wm. Morrow, Bladen, Neb .- Be- Having read all the answers to Sencause they don't ask for themselves ator Owen's question, I would say own answer is, the people do not get seek and you shall find, knock and what they want-their rights-because of their weakness. The reason, having ourselves in or under the mighty is represented as yielding to yoke of the money interests, innocently at first (and many are still so doing) by borrowing money, thinking it necessary so to do. Now had we all heeded the scriptural injunction, "Owe ye no one," our yoke would have been an easy one. Would ask right here, had we obeyed that injunction, where would the money interests have been today? Now if we, the people, will wake up, open their ears, harking back along the line in a business way, selecting the credit and debtor, placing on its own side of ledger, observing that Holy Writ that the credit side is not outdone by the debtor. It looks to me that our servants, whom we send to make laws for us at our vineyard, may be compared to the parable in Holy Writ where the owner of the vineyard left his vineyard to a husbandman for a share of the vintage, the husbandman, taking advan-M. B. Stamm, Baxter, Kan .- To tage of the proprietor and appropripeople do not rule. Naturally these we are too much divided. Why not questions present themselves! Did join hands and all pull for our rights they ever rule? If so when did they is all the same to many. It seems to cease to rule, and who are the be placing the debit side on the held aloft by the sainted Lincoln a we (the people) join hands, creating

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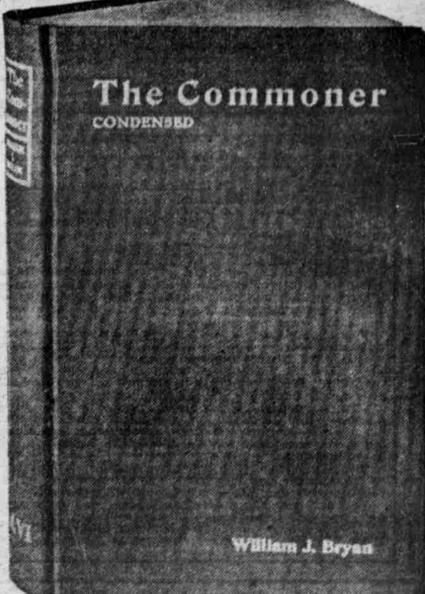
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