

FROM WEST VIRGINIA

S. B. Belcher, Huntington, W. Va.—In compliance with your request, I sent to Rankin Wiley, of Point Pleasant, W. Va., the democratic candidate for congress of the Fifth congressional district for West Virginia, and have received the enclosed answers, and I desire them to be published in The Commoner.

Mr. Wiley answers No. 3 by saying that he favors a tariff for revenue, answers No. 7 by saying "I have not considered this question, but favor only the state corporations," and answers all other questions "yes."

Lucy D. Powers, Cameron, W. Va.—Enclosed find questions asked in The Commoner and answered by the Hon. John W. Davis, running for congress in the Second district of W. Va., and said when he signed the paper: "That a good democrat would not refuse to sign it." Yours in democracy.

Mr. Davis said he is for tariff for revenue and answers all other questions "yes."

FROM INDIANA

J. E. Emmons, Nappanee, Indiana.—Enclosed find list of questions answered by our congressman, H. A. Barnhart. He favors tariff for revenue only and answers "yes" to all other questions.

FROM KANSAS

J. W. Coverdill, Cottonwood Falls, Kansas.—I enclose letter and answers received from Mr. Martin. You will see he is for tariff for revenue only and answers all other questions "yes."

Topeka, Kan., October 10, 1910.—Hon. J. W. Coverdill, Cottonwood Falls, Kan.—My Dear Mr. Coverdill: I am very glad to have the opportunity to answer the questions you asked me. I am thoroughly in sympathy with them, and in case of my election, I shall be very glad to do what I can to secure the enactment of these principles into law. I have been over most all the district and I have great confidence that we are going to win. I shall appreciate whatever you may be able to do for me. With assurances of my best wishes, I am

Very truly yours, H. S. MARTIN.

Mr. J. W. Whitney, Melvern, Kansas, also sends in answers made by Mr. H. S. Martin.

FROM MISSOURI

John T. White, Joplin, Mo.—Acting upon the suggestion put forth by The Commoner to request of candidates for congress an open declaration of their position on public questions I clipped the published list from The Commoner and forwarded same to Mr. James A. Daugherty, candidate from this Fifteenth district of Missouri. I enclose Mr. Daugherty's reply. It will be seen that while he does not answer the questions seriatim his blanket endorsement appears to leave no room for doubt as to his acceptance specifically of each of these ten propositions and is therefore very gratifying.

Webb City, Mo., October 10, 1910.—John T. White, Joplin, Mo.—My Dear Friend White: In reply to your favor of September 23, I beg to assure you that I am heartily in favor of the principles enunciated in The Commoner. I kindly refer you to Hon. W. J. Bryan's Joplin speech. Mr. Bryan has been my personal friend for twenty years. I thank you very kindly for your interest in democratic principles and assure you that if I am elected to represent the Fifteenth district in congress I will do all in my power to further those principles that we hold to be just and right. Trusting I may hear from you again, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours, J. A. DAUGHERTY.

J. J. Geranghty, Odessa, Mo.—On October 1, inst., Hon. C. W. Hamlin of Springfield, Mo., member of congress from the Seventh Congressional district of Missouri, spoke to a good audience at Odessa, and as he was leaving for his home, after an absence of three weeks spent in campaigning, I handed him the ten questions which I clipped from The Commoner, requesting him to sign or fill in the answers and send them to me. He answered yes to nine of the questions, and his answer to the third question was, "I am in favor of tariff for revenue only." When Congressman Rainey of Illinois was rebuking the unfaithful members of congress before a Chautauqua audience at Odessa, Mo., a short time ago, he said: "But I am pleased to be able to congratulate you by telling you that your member of congress, Hon. C. W. Hamlin,

Ask Your Congressman

The time is past for sham battles and in order that a real victory may be won for the people every candidate for congress should be questioned on several particular subjects by the men whose votes he seeks.

Readers of The Commoner everywhere should ask their congressman:

(1) Do you believe: "A platform is a pledge, given by the candidate to the voters, and when ratified at the polls becomes a contract between the official and his constituents. To violate it, in letter or in spirit, is not only undemocratic, but repugnant to the principles of representative government, and constitutes an embezzlement of power."

Answer

(2) Will you vote for a change in the house rules, putting the selection of committees in the hands of party caucuses, each caucus selecting its own committee membership?

Answer

(3) Where do you stand on the tariff question? Do you believe in the principle of protection as interpreted by the republican party or do you favor tariff for revenue only?

Answer

(4) Do you endorse the democratic platform declaration that a private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable?

Answer

(5) Will you do your utmost to make it impossible for a private monopoly to exist?

Answer

(6) Will you favor a bill requiring the publication of all campaign contributions prior to election day?

Answer

(7) Are you opposed to national incorporation—that is, the grant of corporation charters by the federal government instead of by the state government as at present?

Answer

(8) Are you in favor of the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people?

Answer

(9) Are you in favor of the income tax?

Answer

(10) Do you approve the democratic national platform for 1908?

Answer

[Note: It is suggested that voters cut out the above list of questions and send it to the candidate for congress in their district, asking him to fill in the answers and return the same to the voter. The voter may, if he desires, forward the same to The Commoner, and it will be printed in this paper.]

is a hard worker, and is always to be found at his post of duty." No wonder that Mr. Hamlin is daily growing stronger. No wonder that he beat his opponent for the nomination nearly four to one in his own ward. Mr. Hamlin is a big, clean hearted, liberal minded man, a gentleman in the broadest acceptance of the term, and is fast endearing himself to the hearts of the people of the Seventh Missouri district, and I believe that I am voicing the sentiment of the people when I say that Hon. C. W. Hamlin and all of the other faithful members who so nobly stood for the interests of the masses and against the classes, should be allowed to succeed themselves so long as they desire to do so. Please publish this in The Commoner.

FROM OHIO

J. A. Morriss, Bridgeport, Ohio.—Please find enclosed list of questions and answers. I sent this to W. B. Francis, democratic candidate for congress to succeed Mr. Hollingsworth in the Sixteenth district of Ohio. Mr. Francis is convalescing after an operation for appendicitis and is just able to sit up in bed. I thought it unnecessary to send these questions to Mr. Hollingsworth, as his record in the house shows where he stands. I also enclose one of Mr. Francis' folders which explains itself.

Mr. Francis says he is opposed to national incorporation, favors tariff for revenue and the placing on the free list of articles controlled by trusts. He answers the other questions "yes."

WINNING

It takes a little courage
And a little self-control,
And some grim determination
If you want to reach a goal.
It takes a deal of striving,
And a firm and stern set chin,
No matter what the battle,
If you're really out to win.

There's no easy path to glory,
There's no rosy road to fame,
Life, however we may view it,
Is no simple parlor game;
But its prizes call for fighting
For endurance and for grit,
For a rugged disposition
And a "don't-know-when-to-quit."

You must take a blow or give one,
You must risk and you must lose,
And expect that in the struggle
You will suffer from a bruise.
But you musn't wince or falter,
If a fight you once begin,
Be a man and face the battle—
That's the only way to win.

—Detroit Free Press.

Mr. Roosevelt seems to think that "commission" can fool the people in 1912 as successfully as revision did in 1908.