

possible that the insurgents have just discovered the corruptness in their standpat friends. Beware, fellow citizens, the insurgent republican has a fighting chance to deceive you. If the insurgent republicans are sincere, how is it they have not been fighting their standpat brethren years ago? This insurgency is a scheme to defeat the democratic party and reduce the tariff upward again.

C. E. Thornmark, Hamilton, Miss.—They do rule, but forfeit the benefit by electing rulers instead of servants. Remedy: Initiative, referendum and recall.

J. M. Kiser, Springfield, Ill.—The people do not rule or get what they want, nor will they unless it be through a new political party or through the democratic party after it has completely separated from the corrupting influences within its own ranks.

S. B. Belcher, Huntington, W. Va.—No, the people don't rule. If they ruled we would have revision of the tariff downward instead of upward. Mr. Bryan has been fighting for the past thirteen years and is still fighting to re-establish in this country a government of the people by the people and for the people. The initiative and referendum will put every office holder from a president down to a road boss in the hands of the voters to be elected, and recalled from office if it is necessary to do so. That is the kind of a government the democratic party is earnestly fighting for, and a victory for the democratic party spells victory for the people. Mr. Bryan won the hearts of the people when he delivered that great temperance speech before the Catholic Total Abstinence Union in Chicago, May 19, 1910. I believe every state in the union ought to have county option in order to give the people a chance to vote on the liquor question.

Dr. L. H. Henley, Marshall, Texas.—While we as a people do not get what we think we want, we get just what we deserve. Few of us are actually able to define intelligently what we want. We have worn a political collar and allowed others to think for us so long that we have done but little independent thinking ourselves, and have thus grown accustomed to it. We have blindly followed those who also followed the lines of political expediency open to them offering the greatest personal rewards. We do not get what we want for the reason that we are too poor to accomplish anything individually and too mean to hang together. Our flock can be scattered and our ignorantly directed efforts divided by any one who sails out under the banner of "Our Party." Thousands cheat themselves, believing they are voting their principles. Blind fools that we have been! We have only been voting our prejudices and all these dear good years we have been standing in our own light. For the foregoing reasons the people are denied what they should have, and they will remain denied in like manner as long as they are willing to sell themselves for time worn political collars.

H. B. Wolohon, Magnolia, N. J.—This is certainly a well put and far-reaching question. It is quite evident that the vast majority of the people do not get what they want. Why? Because the people play into the hands of the few who do get what they want. A primary law so framed that the bribe taker may be convicted while the bribe giver goes free is not intended to give the people what they want. Remove the

pernicious influence of money furnished by the special interests at the polls, and the people could rule and get what they want.

C. E. Bolin, Milton, Ill.—From my viewpoint, they don't and will not until we have returned the power to the people in the way of the referendum. Go back to the people, give them the power. As long as the railroad companies, steel, meat, grain, cotton and banking interests control the country it will be in their interest. Being a banker, I am opposed to the government going into the banking business through postal savings banks. I favor the guarantee of deposits. Make all the home banks good. Keep all the money at home where it belongs. Each community should have the use of its own money, and a guarantee plan would do that. Why our bankers throughout the country are opposed to the guarantee plan I can not understand. I think they were hoodooed by the big banks in the great centers. Having been in the banking business in a small way in a country bank for thirty years I know that the people want security above everything else, and this is what we will be driven to, or we will go out of business. But this is such a great question to undertake to solve in so small a space, but will say in closing, the only hope of this great country is in the people.

"Commoner Reader," 77 years of age, who cast his first vote for Franklin Pierce.—The reason the people do not get what they want—they have voted the government out of their hands and given it into the hands of the money power. Five out of ten do not know the difference between a tariff for revenue and a protective tariff. Once educate them to know the difference, that labor is the forerunner of money and that money is worthless without it, let them know that the initiative, referendum and recall would place them in control of the government, that it would take the power out of the hands of the special interests and give it to those that are entitled to it and to whom it justly belongs; once educate them, and you will see them go to the polls in one solid body and cleanse the Augean stables of the last trust attorney in it.

J. W. DeCon, New Jersey.—Because they have not brains enough to know that the stamp makes the dollar. The poor man should learn a lesson from the fact that the rich demonetized silver in '73, when Grant signed the bill and did not know it. Taft and Wickersham both say that the quantitative theory of money is borne out by the facts. Bryan congratulated them, and the gold standard advocates and republicans in and around New York commenced having fits. Give us a government ownership and control of the railroads and banks and money, and then the people will rule. But people have to have brains first, and when you see 10,000 foreigners landing daily and walking right into the saloons Sunday and every other day, how long, O Lord, how long will it be before the people rule?

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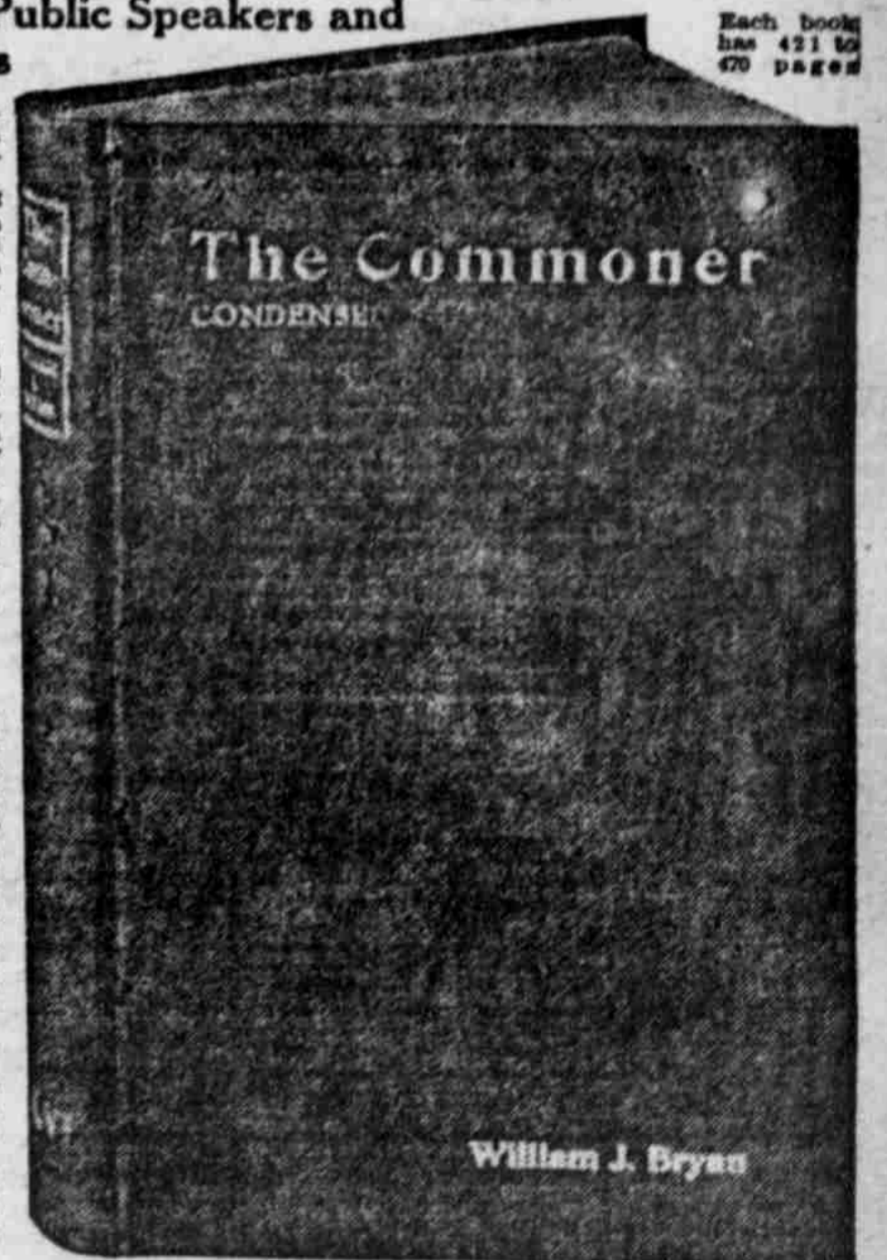
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