

of trade is illustrated by the automatic, unscrambling of our industrial eggs.

"That he was right in demanding governmental regulation of the railroads no one denies, nor does any man question that if this restraint had not been exercised, a vast majority of the railroad systems would today be in the hands of receivers. Not only do these corporations now admit the fundamental justice and the economic wisdom of the plan, but they endorse the suggestion of our great president that the government shall control the issuance of all securities made by railroad companies.

"This has been a real contribution to our people. It vindicates the faith of our fathers in a republican form of government and silences the misgivings of those, who question the wisdom of popular government in dealing with the problems industrial and social of the greatest dominion in all the world. The love and affection which you bear for Mr. Bryan as his neighbors, grew out of your appreciation of the virtues of the man as you know them at close hand; the confidence of the country comes from a better understanding of his patriotism and his statesmanship.

"That he has been entirely unselfish in his devotion to the right is manifested by the rare loyalty and cooperation which he is giving to our president—the greatest since Lincoln—the man whose singleness of purpose, whose unflinching courage and whose lofty devotion to duty grew out of the single circumstance that he is a free man, and believes in the progressive principles of democracy, revived and restored by Bryan."

EX-GOVERNOR FOLK'S SPEECH

Former Governor Folk of Missouri, now chief counsel of the interstate commerce commission, spoke in part as follows:

"The best sermons today are political speeches and could be preached from the stump as well as from the pulpit; the best political speeches are sermons and could be uttered from the pulpit as well as from the stump. The statesman of today is advocating living, vital christianity and the divine is preaching the gospel of a new democracy. This new democracy is a religion of brotherhood among men; a religion that says 'thou shalt not lie; thou shalt not steal'; a religion which demands more of the Golden Rule in government and in our daily lives. It would have all unite in enforcing the laws and in counteracting any attempt to defy them. It would not array class against class, but would preserve the rights of all by causing each to respect the rights of the other. It would not attack wealth in itself but would wage unending war against the conditions which create poverty; it would protect property rights but would recognize the fact that property rights should never be inconsistent with human rights. It would assail not men but the evil that men do, and would seek as a remedy for existing wrongs not less government by the people but more government by the people; not more money but more manhood; not more cunning but more conscience. It would hasten the coming of the day when liberty and justice shall reign supreme and each man's good shall be all men's aim.

"The one man, who has done more than any other to awaken the conscience of the nation is he in whose name we meet tonight. He has been the great moral teacher of this generation and his power for good will be felt as long as time shall last. He now sits at the right hand of the greatest president the republic has had since the civil war. Together they are waging the battle of the common man—to give to each man an equal opportunity to live and labor and to enjoy the fruits of honest toil.

"The awakening of industry has already commenced, and the country will soon enter upon a period of genuine prosperity such as it has never known before. It will differ from the prosperity of ten years ago, in that it will be the prosperity of the average man instead of the specially favored few. The day has gone when many millions can be filched from the public to enrich some individual through watering the stock of a public service corporation.

"The day is dawning when each man will be given the equal opportunity in life's battle that belongs to him. The new prosperity will not rest upon privilege to a few but upon denial of privilege to any. It will be a recognition of the idea that it is better for all the people to be prosperous than for a few to be over rich.

"Woodrow Wilson has been president just a year, and his administration has been unparalleled in achievements for the common good.

He has taken the graft out of the tariff. The income tax and the election of United States senators by the people have become achieved reforms during his administration. The currency system has been remodeled upon a safe and elastic basis whereby the nation has been saved from the domination of a few money-mad financiers. This is the first currency bill enacted in this country in the interest of the public and will, I believe, operate for the welfare of all.

"While much has been accomplished, there is a great deal more to be done. Before another year it will be just as great a crime to plunder the public through a corporation as it is now to personally rob an individual. There will be individual responsibility on the part of those who operate corporations for the acts of the corporation. The trusts will be suppressed by such methods as will cause no shock to fair business by reason of too violent changes from the unnatural conditions that have grown up under a monopoly fostering system. Monopoly will be uprooted in the Wilson way, quietly, firmly, honestly and without injury to the innocent and law abiding.

"A presidential primary law will be enacted whereby the people will be able to select their own nominees without the intervention of conventions.

"In his efforts for the public good the president has behind him the American people more solidly than any other president has had since the beginning of the republic. Under his captaincy the people are beginning to appreciate the full meaning of democracy, and the party standing for these ideals will have the approval of the American voters indefinitely."

A MESSAGE TO MR. BRYAN

Immediately following the banquet there was a message of greeting offered by W. H. Thompson, democratic state chairman, in the form of a resolution to the banqueters. Mr. Thompson put the motion himself and it was carried unanimously by a rising vote. The message is as follows:

"A thousand of your unofficial friends, guests tonight at the annual banquet of the club which bears your honored name, add to the official greeting of the Lincoln Bryan club their own glad felicitations on occasion of your fifty-fourth anniversary.

"Under the charm of the eloquence of the brave Governor Cox of Ohio, the sterling Folk of Missouri, the chivarious Senator Robinson of Arkansas, and the sturdy Governor Morehead of Nebraska, our hearts have been warmed and our hopes made strong for battles yet to be fought under the banner of principle made dear to millions of Americans by your own intelligent and eloquent advocacy.

"Distance has not dimmed the lustre of your personality in the homes and hearts of Nebraskans, nor has the touch of a world's cold diplomacy served to chill your own warm loyalty to the cause of truth and honor.

"We tender our tribute of respect, confidence and love, and bid you Godspeed upon your pathway, whose goal is the peace of nations and welfare of humanity."

CIRCULATING THE COMMONER

The following friends have joined in the plan as outlined on page 11 for the purpose of circulating The Commoner among the voters in their districts, and have ordered subscription cards in number as follows:

- I. J. Holland, Neb., 5; Gratton W. Earnest, Wis., 10; D. J. McInnis, Wash., 10; D. L. Beem, Okla., 10; Jas. Johnston, Ill., 10; C. R. Bachelder, N. Hamp., 10; Thos. Lumley, Ill., 10; C. S. Engler, S. Dak., 5; S. G. Northfield, N. Dak., 5; B. A. Hickman, 10; S. H. Adams, Minn., 5; Arthur R. Noyes, Neb., 5; Joseph Bishop, Ohio, 5; E. S. Clapp, Kans., 5; A. Altken, Kans., 5; Pat Walsh, Neb., 15; Sherman Law, W. Va., 5; J. T. Samuel, Wash., 5; Geo. W. Coleman, Okla., 5; John Harney, Wyo., 5; R. W. Ames, Mont., 5; Geo. Rhode, Mont., 25; Samuel Miller, Wash., 5; Isaac N. West, Ia., 10; C. E. Rogers, Ill., 5; I. G. Alexander, Neb., 5; John Harney, Wyo., 5; Eugene Hall, Wash., 10; John Backus, S. Dak., 10; G. E. Menke, N. Dak., 5; Bayard Taylor, Ind., 5; J. C. Lloyd, Ill., 5; A. A. Paul, Calif., 5; Geo. W. Cornell, Okla., 25; D. G. Dawson, Okla., 10; S. F. Erkin, Neb., 15; R. W. Starr, Wash., 10; Jeff Green, Wash., 5; G. R. Dick, Wash., 5; J. B. Gambill, Texas, 5; E. C. Mower, Ohio, 5; E. E. Davis, Neb., 5; J. R. Orrock, Wash., 5; G. W. Storts, Okla., 5; M. J. Griffin, Wis., 10; Wm. G. Melchiorson, Neb., 20; C. H. Wells, Ill., 5; W. T. Shrout, Ind., 5; F. Wlechering, N. Y., 5;

- Rolland P. Myers, N. Dak., 10; A. H. Evans, Ill., 5; Thos. J. Benson, Ill., 5; C. A. Johnson, Okla., 5; D. P. Coe, Kans., 5; V. L. Vandiver, Okla., 10; C. A. Canady, Ind., 5; E. W. Denton, Ky., 5; Thos. Taylor, Ky., 10; P. C. Jenkins, Ky., 5; O. H. Hageney, Ohio, 5; W. H. Palmer, Ohio, 5; Jno. Grant, Willis, Okla., 5; S. H. Newman, Tex., 20; Chas. A. Gassett, Pa., 5; W. J. Elliott, N. Dak., 10; C. O. Hoffa, N. Dak., 5; D. S. Husted, Ohio, 5; Jno. Yokom, N. Dak., 5; E. M. Runk, N. Dak., 5; W. B. Hunt, Ala., 5; F. W. Lorey, Tex., 10; F. H. Davis, Ill., 5; C. J. Galbreath, Mich., 5; D. Madison Carlock, Mo., 15; Wm. Enloe, Mo., 5; Chas. J. Mulliken, Ill., 20; Perry Foster, Neb., 10; Ornan J. Six, Ind., 5; J. B. Hillers, Neb., 5; Wm. Enloe, Mo., 15; Henry Jacot, Ohio, 10; H. S. Case, Ind., 25; C. Earnest, Kans., 5; J. S. Elmore, Wash., 5; Frank Myers, Ill., 5; Jas. Deets, Okla., 5; Moses Lantis, S. Dak., 5; Roy De Armond, Ind., 5; L. M. Penwell, Kans., 10; Sherman S. Momand, N. Y., 45; W. E. Goozee, N. Dak., 5; Jas. B. Keister, Md., 5; B. W. Hayes, Wis., 5; J. G. Porter, Neb., 5; John Ring, Wis., 5; R. G. Richardson, Ark., 10; J. O. McDonald, Iowa, 5; J. D. Winsted, N. Car., 10; H. A. Noe, Mo., 5; Junius H. Wood, Colo., 5; Bowen F. Scouten, Mich., 10; Emery T. Fuller, Va., 15; I. A. Calvert, Ky., 5; Wm. Harm, Jr., Ohio, 5; Fred Junge, N. Dak., 5; C. L. Reynolds, Neb., 5; C. F. Champ, W. Va., 5; Jno. T. Burford, Ill., 5; J. A. Sutton, Calif., 5; P. S. Lunde, N. Dak., 10; E. S. Russell, Calif., 5; Aug. Huckestein, Ore., 5; V. L. Penland, Calif., 20; J. H. Allison, Ohio, 10; Alvin Morley, Mich., 10; Wm. G. Maher, Ill., 25; Wm. H. Welsh, Mich., 10; R. B. Brower, Mich., 5; Percy D. Edsall, Mich., 5; J. A. Simmons, Ore., 5; John M. Ziesler, Ohio, 5; J. M. Fager, Minn., 5; E. E. Caanan, Minn., 5; B. O. Thompson, Minn., 5; Geo. W. Champlin, Minn., 5; F. S. Myers, Ore., 10; V. E. Wilson, Neb., 25; Dr. W. S. Mott, Ore., 10; Ella U. Barber, Calif., 10; Geo. W. Healy, Ore., 10; W. T. Lewis, Mich., 5; J. D. Winstead, N. Car., 5; S. M. Pearce, Calif., 5; D. G. Nunneley, Calif., 5; W. T. Stone, Minn., 25; A. Anderson, Minn., 10; Chas. F. Baker, Calif., 5; R. R. Christie, Calif., 25; C. W. S. Dilley, Ohio, 10; W. S. Winana, Calif., 5; Jno. M. Phillips, Wash., 10; R. S. Gregory, Calif., 5; E. E. Phipps, Ore., 5; O. F. Trelut, Calif., 5; Philip W. Brooks, Calif., 10; L. Dell, Ore., 5; Wm. Brown, Ill., 25; Sidney M. Cuthbertson, Calif., 15; Thos. B. Powell, Ill., 5; Jay La Due, Minn., 15; Geo. C. Huntington, Minn., 15; Frank L. Stewart, Wis., 5; Jas. A. Lewis, Calif., 5; J. C. Conine, Calif., 5; R. D. Sanders, Calif., 10; R. B. Brown, Calif., 10; D. W. Hunt, Calif., 5; A. J. Christian, Kans., 5; Henry L. Bowly, Ore., 10; W. H. Winteres, Calif., 5; S. R. Linsley, Okla., 5; Wm. C. Carroll, Ill., 5; Aug. Loeper, Minn., 5; J. H. Miller, S. Dak., 10; W. M. Corder, Neb., 5; Wm. A. Wood, Mich., 10; Mrs. Silas Toms, Calif., 10; T. M. Storke, Calif., 10; J. J. Cooney, Mich., 25; Wm. H. Miller, Mich., 5; A. L. Sword, Mich., 5; Dolph S. Bassett, Calif., 5; C. C. Bitner, Calif., 5;

The following named friends have signed pledges and subscribed the sums opposite their names for the purpose of placing The Commoner in the hands of doubtful voters in close congressional districts:

- Henry Hoppe, Ohio, \$2; John McGraw, N. Dak., \$5; Rev. Francis Parker, N. H., \$1; A. Hess, Pa., \$1; H. H. Schnebly, Neb., \$1; G. G. Hill, Ind., \$4; Chas. H. Goddard, Ohio, \$5; Geo. E. Sage, Ind., \$1.20; R. Q. Baker, Fla., \$4.40; Henry Hoppy, Ohio, \$1; John Smith, S. Dak., \$1; Andrew Ostrom, Ia., \$1; Mrs. W. C. Prescott, Ill., \$3; J. A. Smedley, Ky., \$5; David D. Corn, Ind., \$1; Dr. R. Damerell, Neb., 5; G. L. Shumway, Neb., \$5; Will E. Stoke, Kans., \$3; Geo. Drewry, Ill., \$3; J. W. Talley, N. Dak., \$3; Andrus P. Tracht, Ohio, \$3; D. Ress, Neb., \$5; W. C. Graves, Calif., \$5; Frank J. Taylor, Neb., \$15; S. M. Pearce, Calif., \$1; G. B. McIntyre, Mich., \$1; Wm. Brown, Jr., Ill., \$10; J. C. Culkins, Mich., \$2; Curtis Rowen, Minn., \$1; H. A. Leck, Minn., \$5; Jas. E. Denton, Conn., \$3; I. J. Dunn, Neb., \$3; Jas. A. Lewis, Calif., \$1; J. A. Davidson, Calif., \$1; W. W. Orr, Calif., \$1; Ezra C. Norris, Mich., \$1; T. J. Muluhill, Ohio, \$5; T. I. Loughlin, Ore., \$5; M. J. Grippin, Wis., \$3; W. H. Graham, Ill., \$3; E. E. Davis, Neb., \$1; Alex. Richardson, Wis., \$3; Jas. E. Denton, Conn., \$3; N. M. Marvel, N. Dak., \$3; J. H. Taylor, Wis., \$1; F. Frederick, S. Dak., \$1; Wm. Olinger, Colo., \$3; Andrew Larsen, Okla., \$5; Ralph A. Pate, Ill., \$3; I. J. Dunn, Neb., \$3; W. H. Palmer, Ohio, \$1; Chas. Eckel, Kans., \$1; J. S. Elmore, Wash., \$1; Thos. H. Kelley, Colo., \$5; Mrs. Adeline H. Gilham, Ill., \$3; A. Anderson, Minn., \$3; Philip W. Brooks, Calif., \$3; J. J. Cleary, Mich., \$3; E. A. Purdy, Minn., \$3; Geo. M. Gise, Calif., \$5; G. W. Cornish, Okla., \$3.