

New Commoner Readers

casting a shadow over a million American homes. Yes. We can get into it. We can go into it as we might go to a frolic. We can get into it with banners flying and with music working its magic in the heart of the multitude. But we can not go into it without paying the price. We can not go into it without some sacrifice. We can not go into it without leaving something behind which is more precious than any prize it were possible for us to gain in the trenches. We must leave behind American ideals, American hopes, American possibilities of service to a world gone mad with the lust for blood. We can not take these with us into the trenches. We can take with us thither only the things that flourish there, hatreds and jealousies, misunderstandings and brute passion, malevolent spirits and hearts bursting with a desire to slay and destroy. That is what we must take there. We can not take our good offices, our helping hand, our leaves of healing. No. We must go red-handed, imbued with all that war instills into the hearts of its votaries, bent on achieving the ultimate in the destruction of human life and in the laying waste of fair lands and peaceful cities.

Is that what Americans have in mind? Is that their ambition? Is this the inspiration of the present hour? I say not so. I believe the American people are for peace. I believe they love the ideals of the republic and hate those which jingoism holds up in its mailed hand. I believe that if the voice of the plain people of the republic could be heard it would call a halt on the madness which would precipitate us into the very vortex of that maelstrom of blood that a world in its blind rage has let loose. And because I believe this and because I feel in my heart of hearts that the higher patriotism calls for counsels of prudence rather than those of passion, I am exerting all my humble influence, not to excite hatreds, not to multiply prejudices, not to suppress the urgings of reason, not to stimulate the grosser impulses, not to hurry the land into a fateful enterprise on a false quest, but to restrain the forces which make for evil, to check impulses which are sweeping Europe to her doom and to appeal to those loftier aspirations which can find fruitage only in peace.

CHRONOLOGY OF NEBRASKA

- 1803—Entire state was embraced in the old province of Louisiana, purchased by the United States in 1803.
- 1804-06—Lewis and Clark skirted the eastern boundary of present state.
- 1804-1812—Part of district (later territory of Louisiana).
- 1807—First known settlement was a trading post founded at Bellevue.
- 1812-1821—Part of Missouri territory.
- 1821—Part of unorganized region known as the "Indian Country."
- 1840-1850—The Nebraska Country.
- 1842—First ferry line across the Missouri river to Nebraska.
- 1853—First post office.
- 1854—Organized as a territory by Kansas-Nebraska bill.
- 1854—First newspaper.
- 1854—First mail route.
- 1861—Slavery abolished.
- 1865-67—Union Pacific line was first railroad.
- 1867—Admitted as a state, March 1.
- 1867—Provision for removal of capital to Lincoln.
- 1869—University of Nebraska founded.
- 1871—University of Nebraska opened.
- 1874—Grasshopper invasion.
- 1890-93-94—Drought period.
- 1867-1896—Republican.
- Since 1896 democrats have equaled republicans in strength.
- 1917—Prosperous, loyal member of United States.—Prepared by Miss Grace E. Hunter, Library of Congress.

J. H. Childs, Okla.—I am in hearty sympathy with Mr. Bryan in his big undertaking to make the democratic party take a stand on the prohibition question. It is a big undertaking but if there is a man in the United States big enough for the job it sure is Mr. Wm. J. Bryan, and I hereby pledge myself to do what I can to help the cause along.

Below is a partial list of the new clubs sent to The Commoner since the last issue. On another page may be found a blank which our readers are using in pushing the circulation of The Commoner in their localities. Will you not join Mr. Bryan in his efforts to drive the liquor interests out of the democratic party and out of the nation? The club raisers and the number of subscriptions secured follows:

- Huston, Thos. W., Mo., 14; Tate, R. L., Kans., 5; Norlind, A. E., Ill., 5; Fleming, T. J., Wis., 5; Stout, Ross F., W. Va., 8; Topp, Arthur, Iowa, 5; Cutrell, W. C., Tex., 8; Horch, H. W., Ohio, 5; Dixon, Walter, Minn., 5; Wallace, H. C., Mo., 12; Huston, Chas., Ohio, 5; Bready, Jno., Mich., 7; Wolf, Jos., Minn., 7; Nelson, W. J., Mo., 5; W. J. Selby, Mo., 5; Limbaugh, F. W., Ohio, 3; Banta, J. A., Ind., 3; Goddard, Glave, Ky., 4; Henderlider, Van., Mont., 4; Stanford, J. M., Ark., 6; Warford, B. B., Mo., 10; Ferguson, J. M., Ky., 7; Ericson, Jno., Neb., 10; Hunsucker, Saml., Ind., 5; Thomas, Jno. I., Ark., 6; Talbott, Saml., Ill., 4; Morley, Alvin, Mich., 5; Bowman, J. P., Mich., 5; Rogers, J. W., Kans., 6; F. W. Lorey, Tex., 5; Britton, J. H., Ohio, 8; Ainscow, A. H., Del., 6; Busgrove, C. F., Cal., 5; Stuckey, R. J., Calif., 5; Frazier, R. A., Pa., 9; Moran, Hal M., Kans., 5; Hanawalt, D. R., Ohio, 3; Snyder, A. C., Neb., 6; McLaughlin, Jas. P., Pa., 5; Heyd, Jno., Del., 6; Slear, Jos. H., Pa., 8; Campbell, W. W., Pa., 16; Thompson, Wm. J., Ill., 13; Bell, L. B., Neb., 6; Pierce, Dan, Okla., 14; Fulton, Dr. Frank H., Mo., 5; Bird, D. G., Kans., 18; Hamilton, Lewis, C., Ohio, 6; Gustafson, S. A., W. Va., 6; Warren, S. M., Sr., D. C., 7; Green, Wm. W., Ky., 3; Wilkins, O. H., Md., 5; Roberts, Ralph E., Ind., 5; Grubb, T. E., Ill., 5; Heacock, Edgar, Ohio, 5; Baxter, Kirk E., S. Dak., 8; Benton, J. M., Ky., 8; Starkweather, L., Cal., 5; Jno. Youman, Pa., 5; Scruggs, J. A., Va., 5; Bryan, D. D., Ala., 12; Reynolds, D. L., Tenn., 5; Webb, E. D., Colo., 7; Wise, J. B., Ind., 5; Branaman, Wm. A., Ind., 4; McNeill, J. C., Sr., Tex., 4; Hogan, Richard, Ind., 5; Shaw, Geo. E., Wis., 5; Miller, Saml. Y., Ohio, 5; Armstrong, G. W., Miss., 20; Gessner, Jno. H., N. Dak., 6; Harris, J. S., Iowa, 6; Conaway, B. F., W. Va., 6; Hart, P. B., Okla., 6; Everett, Lloyd T., Okla., 6; Risdon, D. N., Mex., 6; Dickonson, H. R., Mich., 6; Finney, Jos., Pa., 5; Harr, Wm. H., Ind., 5; Couch, R. H., Okla., 5; Yowell, Jas. A., Tenn., 6; Fero, H. M., Minn., 8; Struble, G. F., Iowa, 5; Farnham, J. F., Iowa, 5; Wells, I. M., Mo., 4; Pollock, J. R., N. Dak., 13; Irwin, J. E., Iowa, 8; Marsteller, V. A., Neb., 5; Lucas, A. C., Mo., 5; Hartley, Geo. S., Kans., 5; McDonald, T. S., N. Mex., 3; Varner, J. H., Pa., 3; Huntzinger, J. F., Okla., 3; Miller, Garvey M., Pa., 5; Anderson, J. F., Mo., 5; Carig, R. H., Cal., 3; Sheridan, P. J., Pa., 5; Epperson, Dr. E. E., Va., 5; Wynn, Richard A., Ala., 6; Fowler, J. D., Pa., 5; Bodell, W. A., W. Va., 5; Thompson, J. H., Ky., 15; Griffiths, Walter, Idaho, 10; Meighen, Thos. J., Minn., 6; Friel, J. M., Wash., 5; Pogue, W. M., Md., 3; Householder, Ruth, Neb., 8; Haws, Edward S., Pa., 3; Beal, J. T., Ark., 5; Anderson, G. W., Kans., 5; Adams, H. F., Tex., 7; Levy, Jacob, Mo., 7; Yowell, Jas. A., Tenn., 16; Zehner, Wm. P., Pa., 5; Kinsel, W. H., Mich., 17; Cobb, W. A. S., Tex., 6; O'Brien, Jno. M., Iowa, 3; McKennon, L. L., Oreg., 5; Petty, Moses, Cal., 8; Bower, J. T., Ill., 6; Barge, C. E., Neb., 5; Geo. F. Davis, Ark., 5; Bevens, W. R., Ark., 5; Buchheit, J. F., Pa., 6; McCardle, E. M., Cal., 5; Huffman, D. W., Cal., 5; Jones, Gustave, Ark., 5; Peck, W. L., Wash., 6; Parker, E. R., Colo., 5; Pratt, L. B., Cal., 9; Russell, W. F., Tenn., 6; Edwards, A. M., Mo., 5; Blanton, A. A., Va., 5; Chatley, Edgar, Penn., 7; Carter, W. B., Iowa, 3; Schmidt, H. F., Kans., 9; Hitchcock, W. A., Wash., 5; Bassett, A. W., R. I., 5; Pycatt, H. C., Ark., 6; Dempsey, M., Ill., 6; Weigenant, D., Iowa, 4; Gilliam, H. T., Tex., 5; Jenkins, P. C., Ky., 6; Ashcraft, W. H., Ky., 5; Billings, T. J., Mo., 6; Bennett, Edward, Utah, 7; Brown, W. E., Mo., 5; Renkenberger, H., Ohio, 5; Nash, L. M., Wis., 5; Shafer, E. U., Ohio, 7; Walters, H. M., Md., 5; Temple, R. L., Okla., 5; Case, H. S., Ind., 5; Campbell, W. W., Kans., 5; Breffe, Ira L., Iowa, 6; McCullough, S. W., Iowa, 5; Phillips, J. L., Minn., 8; Eames, H. H., Tex., 6; Winterringer, Jno. C., Ohio, 4; Hayfield, W. J., Mont., 5; Kyne,

- Jno., Cal., 4; Grimm, Franklin, Minn., 6; Boeing, J. W., N. Dak., 5; McMahan, W. F., Tex., 13; Smith, Edw., Ind., 5; Cunningham, C. G., Neb., 5; Lyle, J. M., Ill., 5; Cady, W. E., Ill., 11; Breen, Jno. S., W. Va., 5; Smith, Hmean C., Iowa, 3; Coffin, Julia D., Colo., 3; McVicker, W. J., Nev., 3; McKean, R. O., Cal., 4; Carmichael, D., Ohio, 4; Houston, S. A., Tex., 3; Evans, J. S., Colo., 5; Stagemiller Hy., Mo., 3; Ross, J. H., Ky., 5; Downing, J. B., Mo., 5; Pyle, Wm. G., Pa., 5; Dickson, W. H., Tex., 8; Harper, Jno., Iowa, 5; Killam, W. E., Ill., 5; Mulroy, Jno., Pa., 7; Thomason, Byrd C., Ark., 5; Lininger, N. W., Mont., 5; Hawkins, W. L., Cal., 5; Lawson, M. O., Ohio, 4; Stevens, S. C., Colo., 10; Abington, Geo. O., Mo., 6; Taylor, S. H., N. Dak., 5; McClung, F. B., Calif., 5; Sapp, L. L., Del., 6; Dunn, Thos. L., W. Va., 10; Kirkpatrick, O. C., Ill., 5; Dean, Stephen S., N. J., 4; Schneiderkamp, H. E., Ill., 5; Byrd, G. F., Miss., 5; Scott, W. M., Mo., 5; Paulding, W. W., Mo., 6; Handley, M. C., Wash., 10; Jones, Geo. W., Iowa, 7; Stallings, J. L., Tex., 7; Rickman, J. B., Tenn., 5; Shumate, Ed., Kans., 5; Allen, J. T., Cal., 7; LeRoy, G. R., Va., 6; Bishop, W. P., Ind., 5; Taylor, Edw. S., Va., 5; Manro, Wm., Minn., 8; Birth, Robert, Pa., 3; Hudson, D. P. L., Cal., 7; Henton, J. D., Cal., 9; Abbott, I. W., Colo., 5; McCoy, Mrs. D. C., Ill., 5; McGehee, W. H., Kans., 8; Jordan, N. B., Kans., 5; Price, T. A., W. Va., 8; Bard, F. P., Ohio, 5; Ward, G. T., Iowa, 5; Bryan, W. E., Mo., 5; Brown, Mrs. A. M., Mo., 5; Dabbs, Dr. D. N., Mo., 6; Prow, Fred L., Ind., 4; Elmore, J. S., Wash., 5; Kirschter, N. A., Ill., 5; Righy, Jas., Va., 5; Wilson, H. A., Ala., 8; Ball, Spencer F., Ind., 14; Halcomb, H. M., Mo., 3; Rogers, C. S., Pa., 5; Will, Jno. W., Del., 5; Merrill, Jno. A., Cal., 8; Burns, J. D., Wis., 6; Horsinger, S. A., N. Mex., 7; Oren, A. J., Mass., 11; McCarty, Thos., Iowa, 5; Draper, T. A., Va., 6; Medlin, L. L., Tex., 5; Lowmy, R. M., Mo., 5; Mount, G. W., Md., 5; Drury, Chas., Wash., 5; Herrick, Lyman, Neb., 7; Badger, J. F., Wash., 5; Fennelly, Mark H., Mass., 4; Hall, R. H., Idaho, 3; Hardy, W. M., W. Va., 5; Moore, T. E., Ky., 5; Dellinger, Wm., N. Car., 5; Axford, Morgan, Mich., 3; Slay, Wm. M., Md., 3; Yeaton, Elias M., Oreg., 5; Crandall, C. U., Calif., 5; W. J. McHugh, Iowa, 6; Q. C. Brighter, Ill., 3; Terry D. L., Oreg., 3; Jones, Levi M., Ill., Jno. Y. Johnson, Minn., 5; Kalaher, M. W., Wis., 5; Kerr Isaac, Iowa, 5; Stolte, C. H., Minn., 3; Marion, Mrs. L. A., Mo., 5; Guymon, G. A., Mo., 5; Milwee, C. W., Okla., 5; Broomhall, C. W., Ohio, 7; Herr, Martin M., Ohio, 3;

CIRCULATING THE COMMONER

J. E. Irwin, Ia.—I am enclosing my check for the sum of \$4.20 in payment of subscriptions for seven men; I am heartily in favor of Mr. Bryan's policy in regard to the liquor question and will do anything possible to further these policies. I consider W. J. Bryan the foremost statesman of the century. He is the only man in the country who has nerve enough to inject the moral element into politics, and the only man big enough to get away with it. I can assure The Commoner and its editors that my influence in whatever manner needed will be thrown their way. I have always been an admirer of Bryan and have approved most of his policies. In conclusion will repeat that any service that I may be qualified to render will be gladly given.

D. McDonald, Kan.—I enclose draft for \$4.80 for 8 subscriptions to The Commoner at your campaign club rate of 60c. Wish to say I am and have been for twenty years heart and soul in accord with every principle that W. J. Bryan has fought for and so ably advocated. He has never espoused a greater or more worthy cause or one fraught with such portent to mankind, as the cause of national prohibition, and democracy, in this supreme effort of his eventful life, should support him to a man. The cause of prohibition never had a more able exponent, and in this I anticipate for him the greatest victory of his great career. Strength to his arm.

E. H. Rowley, Va.—Enclosed find \$3 to cover the subscriptions to The Commoner. I am glad to know Mr. Bryan is going to work for prohibition for the next four years. I am a prohibition democrat and could not be anything else.