

and in the transmission it seemed to grow and thrive. He was one of those men with whom one could not associate for an hour without learning much. Not everyone knew how thorough a student he was; yet everyone knew that his sympathies were broad and deep, that his heart was big and that wherever men were hopeless, wherever women were friendless, wherever children were fatherless, they could find in him a faithful friend.

"It was Mr. Brennan's privilege to occupy several places of honor and trust, public and private. As a member of the legislature he was a free man who served the people faithfully. As a steward of one of Nebraska's state institutions, he was methodical and business-like, and never did unclean dollar stain his hands. As a citizen he was vigilant for the public good. As a man he was pure and upright. As a democrat he was true and faithful. As a friend to his friends, he was 'MacGregor on his native heath.' He gave to the world considerably

more than the world ever gave to him. "There are in Nebraska so many men, women and children to whom 'Jim' Brennan did some loving service that I am sure I express their sentiments when I write above his grave, in paraphrase of the sweet epitaph he loved so well: "Warm western sun, shine kindly here; Warm western breeze, blow softly here; Green sod above, lie light, lie light! Good night, dear heart! Good night, Good night!"

FRANCES E WILLARD.

The nation yesterday through its representatives at Washington responded impressively to Emerson's sentiment that civilization is the power of good women. There was a striking recognition of this power when the statue of Frances E. Willard was unveiled in the capital.

Moreover, as the statute stands, the first memorial to woman in Statutory Hall, the personal distinction through which tribute is paid to the sex commands immediate assent. Miss Willard was known throughout this country and throughout the world. Few statesmen have achieved a celebrity as wide as hers, and none was ever more devoted to a noble work for the uplifting of humanity. It may be said also that to that work she brought abilities of an order rare among women or men. She was a great organizer, an effective speaker, a dominant personality in any assemblage. She had the enthusiasm that is the "height of man" combined with common sense, a sound understanding and a rich gift of humor. Such endowment as hers would make a splendid equipment for anyone who should aspire to be a leader of public thought.

Having this endowment, she made such effective use of it as to exert an imperishable influence upon the good cause with which her name is most closely identified. Her fame was secure through her works, and the nation honors itself in honoring this fine type of womanhood.—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Primary Pledge==Organize Now.

From The Commoner, Lincoln, Nebraska, March 17, 1905

Newspapers favoring the plan outlined are requested to reproduce this editorial together with the primary pledge as it appears below. They may request their readers to sign this pledge and forward the same either to The Commoner or to the office of their local democratic paper. In the latter event these pledges may be then forwarded in bulk to The Commoner office where they will be duly recorded.

The Pledge Outlined

The following editorial appeared in the Commoner of March 17: "Mr. Bryan has been in receipt of a multitude of letters since the election urging organization for the campaign of 1908. The rank and file of the party are ready to begin the fight; they only await a plan of co-operation. This plan has been under consideration for some weeks and is herewith submitted. "Let each democrat pledge himself to attend all of the primaries of his party to be held between now and the next democratic national convention, unless unavoidably prevented, and to use his influence to secure a clear, honest and straightforward declaration of

the party's position on every question upon which the voters of the party desire to speak.

"This plan does not involve the writing of a platform in advance of the primaries; it does not rest upon the paramount importance of any one issue. It recognizes the right of the democratic voters to control the policy of the democratic party, and to determine its position upon public questions. It also recognizes the importance of honesty and sincerity in politics.

"This proposition will appeal to all who believe in the rule of the people—to all who are willing that the majority shall govern in party management and in the nation. It does not mean that those who exert themselves to secure a good platform will be bound to support a bad platform—that is a question which each must determine for himself—but it does mean that the democratic platform shall give voice to the prevailing sentiment of the democratic party, and that the party shall take the country into its confidence. The pledge proposed is a primary pledge—because the people speak at the primaries. The national convention is attended by delegates and each delegate represents tens of thousands of democrats. The state convention is also attended by delegates, and these represent thousands of democrats. The county conventions are, as a rule, attended by delegates, and these in turn represent hundreds of democrats. At the primary the voters speak for themselves; there democracy has its citadel.

"When the work of organization is

sufficiently advanced, a time can be set for the meeting of the members in their various localities. The members of this organization, while pledged to but one thing—namely, attendance upon the primaries—are urged to co-operate among themselves for the support of every effort put forth to eliminate corruption in politics. No cause can prosper permanently that does not appeal to the moral sense of the country, and the moral sense of the country is now being awakened to the importance of purifying politics.

"The Commoner will do its part in aiding every movement that has for its object the ascertainment of the will of the people and the scrupulous enforcement of that will.

"The Commoner will also furnish all the information that it can upon the questions which are before the public to the end that its readers may be prepared to render the maximum of assistance to every worthy cause.

"Who will be the first to make this pledge? A record will be kept in The Commoner office of the name and address of each person who enters into this movement. Those who desire to be enrolled can either write approving the object of the organization, and asking to have their names entered on the roll, or they can fill out and mail the blank which is printed below.

"The Commoner will be pleased to publish a limited number of brief letters on this subject. Mr. Bryan is encouraged by his correspondence to believe that there will be a prompt and hearty response to the above proposition."

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL

Few People Know How Useful It Is in Preserving Health and Beauty

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking, or after eating onions and other odorous vegetables.

Charcoal effectually clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disinfects the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal, and other harmless antiseptics in tablet form or rather in the form of large, pleasant tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath, and purer blood, and the beauty of it is, that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but on the contrary, great benefit.

A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

THE PRIMARY PLEDGE

I promise to attend all the primaries of my party to be held between now and the next democratic national convention, unless unavoidably prevented, and to use my influence to secure a clear, honest and straightforward declaration of the party's position on every question upon which the voters of the party desire to speak.

Signed.....

Street..... Postoffice..... State.....

County..... Voting precinct or ward.....

Fill out blanks and mail to Commoner Office, Lincoln, Neb.