

## FROM ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY

Responses to the primary pledge plan are received at The Commoner office in increasing number each week. The work of organization is well under way. Democrats everywhere are showing great enthusiasm as they enter upon their effort to make their party true to itself by making it true to the people. Don't withhold your pledge because you always attend primaries. You can help the work by setting a good example to your careless colleague. Send in your own pledge. Then ask your neighbor to sign. It will require time to cover the entire field, but if democrats co-operate, the desired result will be accomplished. Every democrat is asked to 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 secure a clear, honest and straight-forward declaration of the party's position on every question upon which the voters of the party desire to speak. Those desiring to be enrolled can either write to The Commoner 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 pledge, which is printed on page 9.

Extracts from letters received at The Commoner office follow:

C. A. Dudley, Joplin, Mo.—You will find enclosed my primary pledge. I heartily endorse your plan of organization. I hope every democrat will sign.

C. P. Clancy, Christopher, Ill.—Find enclosed primary pledge with twenty names of true democrats who favor your plan of organization. Please send me another blank. I think I can get it filled out.

Dr. M. F. Hamilton, Mannington, W. Va.—I enclose signed primary pledge. It is a good thing. Push it along.

D. W. Laufketter, Traskwood, Ark.—With pleasure I herewith enclose signed primary pledge, with regards to the cause.

F. Bowe, Rising Sun, Ohio.—I enclose primary pledge. I certainly enjoy reading The Commoner and heartily endorse your plan.

J. G. Beste, Hartington, Nebr.—I send you herewith primary pledge duly signed.

V. D. Croddville, Winsboro, Texas. I enclose primary pledge with twenty-nine signatures.

Benjamin T. Hatfield, Slater, Mo.—Enclosed find primary pledge with twenty-two signatures.

S. F. Logan, committeeman for Perry Township, Linn, Ohio.—I had no trouble to get signers for your pledge. I think it a grand movement on your part for the party. We are all for The Commoner.

John Stanley, Milan, Mo.—I notice the primary pledge offered by Mr. Bryan. I think it a great step toward democratic victory in 1908. I will sign the pledge and do all I can. The alarming development and aggressiveness of the power of great capitalists and corporations under the present industrial system will inevitably lead to the hopeless degradation of the toiling masses. It is imperative, if we desire to enjoy the full blessings of life, that unjust accumulations, and this power for evil on the part of aggregated wealth be prevented. This much desired change can be accomplished only by the united efforts of those who obey the divine injunction "in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat thy bread."

Charles Just, Presto, Idaho.—I send primary pledge with eight signatures.

Virgil L. Penland, Mountain Grove, Mo.—Enclosed find primary pledge signed by sixty-three loyal democrats. This is the result of nearly two hours' work. My faith in the final triumph of democratic principles increases as the days come and go. I can use a hundred copies of The Commoner if you can send that number. My best wishes for the success of democracy.

D. S. Henry, Genesee, Idaho.—Enclosed please find primary pledge signed. I have voted the democratic

ticket ever since I was old enough to vote. I am now 74 years old. If I live to vote in 1908 I hope to vote for a good democrat for president of the United States. I am in favor of reform along your line.

George Albert, Grand Rapids, Mich.—Find enclosed pledge duly signed. I approve of your plan and am in favor of nominating all of our candidates at the primaries.

J. B. Lamkin, St. Cloud, Minn.—I send primary pledge with seven names attached.

George W. Morgan, Constellation, Arizona.—I enclose my primary pledge. Under what section of the constitution do they issue bank notes and why should not anybody who has a government bond issue notes on its deposit with the treasury of the government? If not, why not? If it's a paying proposition to the government to do business thus and those who advocate its policies are honest and truthful it looks very fishy because they do not adopt the plan for their individual business. Under what section do they protect and collect tribute from the public for the benefit of special individuals, and why not under the same section and law by changing names take it away from them and give it to the new names—of put it in the treasury for all. Is there anybody's dictionary in print that defines coin to mean print paper? If so I would like to have him define it. Now if it is constitutional to violate the spirit of the constitution, why is it not constitutional to violate the letter? Therefore what is the use to have a constitution?

W. N. Hutchinson, Logan, Kans.—I am a democrat and am glad that I voted for Mr. Bryan in 1896. I send you the primary pledge. I think it all right.

J. B. Bryant, Butler, Ind.—Enclosed find primary pledge with nine signatures.

David S. Burton, Eureka Springs, Ark.—You will please find my pledge to the democratic party. Yes, I will, as I ever have, do all I can to advance the interests of the party. I have been a voter for more than sixty years. Have always voted an unchanged ticket to the present, and mean to ever work to the good and advantage of the old party.

E. P. Kribs, Mace, Idaho.—I enclose the primary pledge signed. Have attended all primaries I could since the year I first voted for Horace Boies for governor of Idaho in 1893.

George E. Mason, San Diego, Calif.—The primary pledge plan suggested by Mr. Bryan, is the only way through which the democratic party can be thoroughly organized. If every democrat in the country will attend the primaries and see that none but true and tried democrats are nominated for office, then we will place the party

on a firm and secure basis. "In union there is strength," and when we mass the democratic party into one great army, presenting a solid front to the enemy under the leadership of a true, brave, aggressive democrat—a leader who stands for true democratic principles and is not a time server—a man who stands for truth, right and justice, for the rights of the great common people and opposes plutocracy in all its forms, then the party will be irresistible and will sweep plutocracy and the selfish interests it represents from the face of the earth. The republican party of today has abandoned the principles and policies of its founders. It has abandoned the teachings of Lincoln, the advocate of the rights of the great common people—the man who believed in a government "by the people, of the people and for the people," and has adopted the principles of Hamilton, who despised the common people, and believed them incapable of self-government a man who believed in a government founded upon wealth and aristocracy, with the president, senate and judges elected for life or during good behavior. And yet this party of plutocracy and special interests—and imperialism—insults the memory of Lincoln by reading his immortal Gettysburg speech and talking about the rights of humanity, when its leaders have bolted every principle of free government advocated by Lincoln. They point to the emancipation proclamation as the crowning act of Lincoln's life, yet at the same time they hold ten millions of people in political bondage worse than serfdom—denying them every political and social right of a free people. They talk of the political rights of the people when they have no rights. If the liberties of the common people of this country are to be preserved and free government not permitted to perish from the earth, then it must be through the virtue and patriotism of the democratic party. It must be accomplished through the thorough reorganization of the democratic party upon true democratic principles and none but true democrats put on guard to stand for the principles of Jefferson and Bryan.

W. L. Eagleton, Attorney, Pawnee, Okla.—Enclosed you will find fifty-one pledges. There will be a number more from this county, as the democrats, so far as I am able to find out, are well pleased with the plan.

Allen J. Dietz, Guyandotte, W. Va.—Enclosed find primary pledge, which I have always followed since I became a voter and expect to through life.

W. F. Sapp, Chairman Democratic State Committee, Topeka, Kans.—I send you fourteen additional primary pledges.

T. J. Wright, Coffeetown, Miss.—Enclosed find my primary pledge with best wishes.

W. H. Cole, Pattonsburg, Mo.—Enclosed please find primary pledge. Born during the latter part of the Civil war, of republican parents, always being a strong republican myself, having a postoffice in a good western town during the Harrison administration, I never voted any other ticket until 1896. After the Chicago convention I decided to support the Chicago platform. I consider that and the Kansas City platform two of the greatest and strongest documents ever presented to the American people for their support. Had the common people been left to do their voting without being coerced in either campaign, and had their votes been fairly counted, Mr. Bryan could have swept the country. Democracy don't want, and

won't stand for, any more gold telegrams. The verdict when the returns came in was conclusive evidence on that point. But we must organize and begin now for the next great fight against Mammon. "In union there is strength," and I heartily endorse the primary pledge plan. We know we are right, and let us all get to the front of the battle together, hand in hand; "united we stand, divided we fall." The battle will be won. I am yours for the fight.

J. H. Smith, Bloomington, Miss.—I send you primary pledge with thirty-one names.

F. H. Goeller, Okeene, Okla.—I can't get along without The Commoner. I send you herewith another primary pledge.

J. M. Lowry, Bellfontaine, Ohio.—I herewith enclose primary pledge blank, signed by a number of democrats. Would be pleased to have you send each of them a copy of The Commoner. I only found three that refused to sign, and they were gold democrats.

Ross Fergley, Berthold, N. D.—Enclosed find primary pledge which I heartily endorse. I will use my influence to advance the good cause. May the good work go on, is my prayer.

B. P. Parsons, Toppenish, Wash.—Yes, put my name on the primary pledge as a voter, I am 72 years old.

N. J. Carlock, Huntsville, Ark.—I send you primary pledge with twenty signatures.

A. D. Epperly, Hugins, Mo.—Find enclosed primary pledge with twenty signatures. Will be pleased to have you send each one a sample of The Commoner. If you will mail to me one dozen blank pledges I will do my part to have them filled out by good democrats. It is easy. I want to work at this until every democrat in Texas county has signed the pledge.

E. R. Cox, Lake Linden, Mich.—Enclosed find primary pledge. Please don't think because I am a little late in sending it that I have lost interest in the democratic party. I have been a student of political economy for fifteen years, and am thoroughly convinced that unless something is done, free government on this continent will be a thing of the past. As a business man I feel the heavy hand of monopoly slowly but surely enslaving the photographers of this country. What was a profitable business a few years ago is now only a living for the men who engage in it. We are paying from 50 to 500 per cent more for artists' material than we did eight years ago, and yet there is one more good fight left in me for 1908.

R. C. Gillaspay, Colusa, Calif.—I herein send you ten names signed to a primary pledge. I am nearly 76 years of age. I have been a democrat all my life, and intend to die a democrat. I am so weak I can not work any longer, and I will have to lay down the armor, but I know that I have grandchildren that will take up the work where I left off and march on to victory.

H. C. Thompson, Glade, Ky.—I send you primary pledge with twenty-five names.

W. G. Davis, Marshall, Tenn.—I enclose primary pledge with twenty signatures.

J. A. Cooper, Manson, Tenn.—Enclosed find primary pledge signed by twenty.

J. P. Matthews, El Reno, Okla.—I will help in securing signatures to the primary pledge.

G. W. Hatcher, Sentinel, Okla.—Enclosed find primary pledge with thirty-two names.

B. F. Hurd, Sanford, Me.—I am a