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Editorials by Commoner Readers

W. H. Pfeiffer, Polacca, Ariz.—I see, according to the papers, that the packers have raised the point that they can not be compelled to testify in a criminal charge against themselves. They have so long accustomed themselves to the idea that they are "it," that it is not surprising when they assert that they are "it"—the corporation. On page 39, Smith's Elementary Law, he defines a corporate institution as body corporate to be "a collection of individual persons" so organized "that a legal personality results distinct from the members that compose it." On page 265 he defines "a corporation" to be "an artificial person, created by law and having an individuality distinct from the members that compose it, its powers being limited to those granted to it by the law by which it is created." Clark, in treating of the power of corporations to contract, on page 192 (Clark Contracts) says: "It can not act through one or any number of its members merely as such, for though they compose the corporation, they are not the corporation. It must act through an agent expressly authorized to act for it. Now the corporation is a distinct artificial personality, and can act only through agents. The corporation acts. Therefore it can give testimony; and since it is a person in law and can act only through an agent, it can give testimony through that agent against anyone not itself, and hence can give testimony against an agent, though that agent be the testifier, and the testimony incriminating against himself. I can't see how the point raised can be sustained.

A. K. Grow, Hamilton, Mont.—I notice, with some alarm, that our good brother, Mr. Stonyfaller (I think that is the name) has removed himself surreptitiously or otherwise, from the visible presence of the public. The question that worries me is, whether he was able to take with him his Bible and his Sunday school class, which, I am told, was a great consolation and a joy forever as it were from the strenuousness of great worldly cares.

F. F. Fritz, Towner, N. D.—Please find enclosed a clipping from the Minneapolis Tribune of January 31, regarding a reduction of the parcel postage. Now will you explain if this is not a good measure for the benefit of the greatest number of people concerned, even if the wholesalers and retail men do protest to a reduction of postage on parcels. Why then, are they howling about the express companies charging such high rates?

Minneapolis Tribune, Minn.—W. J. Rouleau, business manager of the St. Paul Trade Journal, returned yesterday morning from Washington where he filed with Congressman Stevens, for presentation to the postoffice and post roads committee of congress, a petition containing the names of a majority of the general merchants, wholesale merchants and manufacturers of the northwest, protesting against the enactment by congress of any form of parcels post legislation that will tend to lessen the cost of transportation of merchandise through the mails. The petition, as presented by Mr. Rouleau and filed with the committee, is as follows:

"St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 23, 1906.—To the Honorable the Congress of the United States:

"Whereas, There has been recommended for consideration and action by your honorable body, legislation providing for the consolidation of the third and fourth classes of mail matter, and the transmission of the same at a less cost than now is provided for by law; and

"Whereas, We are profoundly im-

pressed by the knowledge that such legislation would prove inimical to the best interests of the people of the United States as a whole and to the retail merchants, wholesale merchants, manufacturers and others engaged in commercial traffic, particularly, and, in our opinion, based upon experience, would work great hardship upon and place the above mentioned interests at great disadvantage in the pursuit of their business calling, by favoring centralized interests in the shipment of merchandise direct to consumers through the mails; now, therefore,

"We, the undersigned, general merchants, wholesale dealers and manufacturers of the United States, do hereby humbly petition your honorable body not to enact any law that will admit of the institution by the government of a parcels post, so-called, or any law that will in any way tend to reduce the present cost of transportation of merchandise through the mails."

J. R. Sullivan, Belvidere, Ill.—I would suggest another "Commoner Day" in the near future. The net results to you are practically the same as derived from your clubbing offer known as "lots of five," but it gives the solicitor a better chance to push the work. Pardon me for stating that, in my opinion, you should not rest until you have reached the million mark. Thousands of your readers will help gladly. Such a subscription list would only be a proper reception testimonial to William J. Bryan on his return home. I am pleased to send you eighteen new subscriptions.

D. L. Braucher, Lincoln, Ill.—I note in your last issue you quote Ingalls on "opportunity" with Dooley's companion piece. Each, in its way, is very good, but for the question arising in one's mind as to the inspiring cause of Mr. Ingalls' effusion. I think it was written about the time he was installed into the graft department of the United States government, commonly known as "the senate" or "upper house," of congress; but, perish the thought: that such a grand effusion could possibly be inspired by "opportunities for graft."

W. H. Allen, 710 Franklin Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.—In his last message to congress, President Roosevelt, referring to the financial situation attributed the money stringency to our inelastic currency. Mr. Roosevelt's equipment for dealing with financial problems is pretty plainly shown in the following editorial from the New York Evening Post:

"When lords take to literature, it has been said, they ought to be accurate, but no such obligation rests upon a president enlightening and captivating the south. Otherwise, it would be necessary to say something severe of Mr. Roosevelt's statement yesterday: 'It was the cotton crop of the south that brought \$400,000,000 of foreign gold into the United States last year.' Just to record the facts, we may state that the total amount of foreign gold brought in last year was \$53,637,862; and, as we exported in the same period gold to the amount of \$92,594,024, we were just \$38,965,162 to the bad. The president was only \$438,956,162 out of the way."

J. B. Gibson, Elmore, I. T.—Find enclosed a list of subscribers to your paper taken Saturday evening after I closed the bank. You should record me in your list of workers as one who is ever ready to assist Mr. Bryan in all of his fights for the people. Send your great paper to the following thirteen names at Elmore, I. T.

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