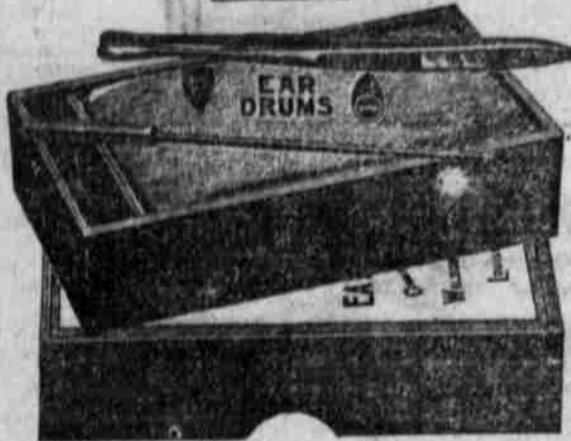


# How Deaf People Are Made to Hear

## Sound Magnifiers Invented by a Kentuckian

### Invisible, When Worn, but Act Like Eye-Glasses.



Ever see a pair of sound Magnifiers? They are so soft in the ears one can't tell they are wearing them.

And no one else can tell, either, because they are out of sight when worn. Wilson's Ear Drums are to weak hearing what spectacles are to weak sight.

Because they are sound magnifiers, just as glasses are sight magnifiers.

They rest the Ear Nerves by taking the strain off them—the strain of trying to hear dim sounds. They can be put into the ears, or taken out in a minute, just as comfortably as spectacles can be put on and off.

And they can be worn for weeks at a time, because they are ventilated, and so soft in the ear holes they are not felt even when the head rests on the pillow. They also protect any raw inner parts of the ear from wind or cold, dust or sudden and piercing sounds.

The principal of these little telephones is to make it as practical for a deaf person to hear weak sounds as spectacles make it easy to read fine print. And the longer one wears them the better his hearing should grow, because they rest up and strengthen the ear nerves. To rest a weak ear from straining is like resting a strained wrist from working.

Wilson's Ear Drums rest the Ear Nerves by making the sounds louder, so it is easy to understand without trying and straining. They make deaf people cheerful and comfortable, because such people can talk with their friends without the friends having to shout back at them. They can hear without straining. It is the straining that puts such a queer, anxious look on the face of a deaf person.

Wilson's Ear Drums make all the sound strike hard on the center of the human ear drum instead of spreading it weakly all over the surface. It thus makes the center of the human ear drum vibrate ten times as much as if the same sound struck the whole drum head. It is this vibration of the ear drum that carries sound to the hearing nerves. When we make the drum vibrate ten times as much, we make the sound ten times as loud and ten times as easy to understand.

Deafness, from any cause, ear-ache, buzzing noises in the head, and running ears, broken ear drums and other ear troubles are relieved and cured by the use of these comfortable little ear-resters and sound-magnifiers.

The picture at top shows just how these little sound magnifiers come to you, with the instruments for placing them in the ear holes, and the picture at the side shows one of them in actual use.

A sensible book about Deafness tells how they are made, and has printed in it letters from hundreds of people who are using them.

Clergymen, Lawyers, Physicians, Telegraph Operators, Trainmen, Workers in Boiler shops and Foundries—four hundred people of all ranks who were Deaf, tell their experience in this free book. They tell how their hearing was brought back to them almost instantly by the proper use of Wilson's Ear Drums.

Some of these very people may live near you, and be well known to you. What they have to say is mighty strong proof.

This book has been the means of relieving thousands of Deaf people. It will be mailed free to you if you merely write a post card for it today. Don't put off getting back your hearing. Write now, while you think of it. Get the free book of proof.

Write for it today to The Wilson Ear Drum Co., 1063 Todd Building, Louisville, Ky.



# PRIMARY PLEDGE PLAN

As this copy of The Commoner may be read by some one not familiar with the details of the primary pledge plan, it is necessary to say that according to the terms of this plan every democrat is asked to pledge himself to attend all 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 straightforward 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 this page.

The following letters are self-explanatory:

C. J. Fisher, Centralia, Mo.—I enclose primary pledge with thirty-five signatures.

Alexander McDonald, Pueblo, Colo.—Enclosed find list of Pueblo democrats. They are men who attend all of the primaries, nevertheless they have endorsed the primary pledge plan.

R. L. Wetherbee, Elsie, Mich.—Find thirty names on the enclosed blank. I am confident The Commoner is doing more good than the general run of our papers, and would feel very much lost without it.

Walter J. Roberts, Somerville, Ohio.—Please find enclosed primary pledge with five names.

E. P. Hawkins, Amsterdam, Mo.—Enclosed please find money order for \$7.20, the within subscriptions to The Commoner. Also please find primary pledge signed by thirty-five good democrats who wish The Commoner success—the result of an hour's work.

J. H. Scheibe, Anatone, Wash.—Enclosed herewith find the primary pledge which I have signed. It gives me much pleasure to do anything that will advance true democracy. It behooves the people, without regard to party lines, to rally to the cause advocated by The Commoner and to do all they can to aid in the battle against wrong.

C. S. Herndon, Ona, W. Va.—I send you pledge with twenty-four names. I will leave some for my neighbors to get. There are a few more in my precinct, but not more than fifty. Some of them have read the Rip Saw, and it has made fools of them. I tell them that I am a democrat, no matter what party may spring up. I gave the papers to parties who would appreciate the good they might get out of them. Several republicans wanted to read them, and one republican signed my pledge. He says he will not vote the republican ticket any more.

J. H. Haughawort, Fairmont, Neb.—I herewith send list of eight signers to the primary pledge.

W. G. Adkins, Milford, Ia.—Enclosed find primary pledge with the signatures of six good democrats, and still there are more to follow.

J. M. Wright, Kellys, Kans.—I think the primary pledge is a good thing. Herewith is pledge with list of nine signatures.

T. J. Griggs, Granville, Ia.—I desire to be enrolled on the primary pledge lists. I have always attended not only our county and state conventions, but our township primaries—the most important place of all as it is the beginning of politics. The only salvation of this country is in the triumph of real democracy.

A. B. Yates, Midway, W. Va.—I enclose my own signature and that of another good democrat to primary pledge.

P. C. Crow, Garnett, Ark.—Here-with find primary pledge with twenty

signatures. Please send me more pledges for I know I can get more signers.

Jackson McCall, Rushville, Ind.—Enclosed find primary pledge with 35 signers. The movement is all right and should be pushed.

Herman Brosius, Milwaukee, Wis.—I am in accord with the primary movement, and you may add my name to the list.

W. N. Wylie, Union, W. Va.—Enclosed you will find the sheet for primary pledges filled out. I could have had it filled long ago, but am not away from home very much. I got most of these names by being at court a few hours. Not more than two or three refused to sign it.

H. L. Taylor, Newdale, W. Va.—Please find herewith primary pledge with the signatures of thirty-five true and tried democrats. Please send me about four blanks, for the campaign is coming. The people are beginning to talk and I want to be ready to take signers to the pledge.

Miller Blodgett, Stewartstown, N. H.—I send the primary pledge. I believe in the movement and think it is doing good. We cannot expect much in New Hampshire, a state ruled entirely by corporations, but we are glad to see democracy prosper in other places. I hope to see Jefferson, Jackson and Bryan democracy prosper.

J. P. H. Russ, El Paso, Ark.—Enclosed find primary pledge signed. I am 54 years old and have been voting the populist ticket from Cleveland's first administration. I am not going to vote for any gold bug democrat.

I will not vote for any of these trust agents—Buckner, Palmer, Cleveland, Hill, Jones and company. I am going to try and attend all the democratic primaries, and if the party will speak out emphatically on all public questions and nominate a Jefferson democrat, I will vote a straight democratic ticket. If not I will vote the populist ticket or none. Watson is a good democrat; Bryan is a good democrat, or was before he took the stump for that old trust agent, Parker. I hope God has forgiven W. J. Bryan, and the people will. Mr. Bryan, never support a gold bug trust agent again.

J. W. Crooks, Cairo, Ind.—I believe The Commoner's plan for organizing the democratic party the best yet devised. We must interest, educate and organize genuine Americanism against the encroachments of plutocracy. It is high time that the masses, the voters should realize that tyranny has its origin chiefly and its perpetuity largely in predatory wealth. The insatiate despotisms ancient and modern were generally founded on the unrighteous acquisition of wealth by a few avaricious and unscrupulous men. Strike from the reigning nobility of Europe the ill-gotten gains of centuries and every tyranny would totter and fall. In a republic, property must be the legal servant and man its master, or the republic perishes. When money becomes king

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The following have sent in primary pledges in number as follows: J. H. Sheppard, Palestine, W. Va., 38; G. P. Lyons, Baileyton, Tenn., 35; J. A. Teeple, Hancock, Missouri, 20; D. I. Hellsbeck, Marshalltown, Ia., 24; W. J. Turner, La Due, Mo., 5; Geo. W. Vance, Marengo, Ind., 14; Wm. H. Kuntz, New Sharon, Ia., 14; Jac. McCormas, Ranger, W. Va., 12; J. E. Mowery, Mill Creek, Ill., 16; David F. Hite, Clarksburg, Ind., 4; Earnest R. Ringo, Papillion, Neb., 10.

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