

HAVE YOU ENLISTED FOR THE

Wanted—25,000 signatures to the
Primary Pledge by June 1.

Let every Commoner Reader take
Hold of the Towline.

PRIMARY PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

The Commoner has unreeled its towline for a thirty-day campaign in behalf of the primary pledge. It is desired that Commoner readers make an organized effort to secure during the next thirty days 25,000 primary pledge signatures. The Commoner calls upon every one of its readers to take part in this work. It is of the utmost importance that democrats be thoroughly aroused to the part played by the primary in the government under which we live.

The primary pledge is designed to awaken the interest of the rank and file of voters in the primaries of their party. As a result of the campaign waged on these lines thousands of democrats have signed a pledge promising to lose no opportunity to participate in the primaries of their party, and to see to it that the party makes a clear, honest and straightforward declaration on every question upon which the voters of the party desire to speak.

The congressional elections are now approaching, and The Commoner desires to arouse new interest in the primary pledge plan of organization. To this end Commoner readers everywhere are requested to participate in the effort to obtain by June 1, 25,000 signatures to the primary pledge.

If Commoner readers will exert themselves there will be little trouble in reaching this desirable result.

The final result of this effort will be announced in The Commoner of June 1, but in the meantime the progress of the work will be outlined in each week's edition.

Let us make a good showing for the next issue of The Commoner.

If you do not have a primary pledge form, you will find one below. This may be clipped or copied, as you prefer, and signatures attached thereto.

Send signatures to The Commoner office as rapidly as possible.

The following letters have been received:

Dr. R. S. Wishard, Eberle, Ill.—I enclose primary pledge signed by twenty-seven good democrats.

Amariah Conklin, Cedar Run, N. J.—Find enclosed three signatures to the primary pledge. I am forty-five years of age and have been a democrat from my first vote, and five of my brothers are democrats. This place is not very big, but three to one are democrats. I hope we can vote for an honest democrat in 1908. The Commoner is doing good work in the cause of democracy.

Joseph Ward, Koshkonong, Mo.—You will find enclosed a primary pledge with thirty-five signatures. I am always ready and willing to help and do my duty to my party.

Henry Jenkins, Anthon, Ia.—I enclose two subscription cards and twenty-eight signatures to the primary pledge.

Ann Feback, Dodd City, Texas—I have secured the signatures of thirteen good democrats to the primary pledge. I have taken The Com-

moner since the first issue, and would not miss a single copy for twice the price of the paper. Mr. Bryan's letters are a feast of education for the people. You can depend on me to do all in my power for the most truthful paper I ever read.

O. Lonergan, Kelly, Kans.—I most heartily agree with William Looser of Greenville, Pa., in his article on the primaries and the duty of the voters to attend them. Also that it is the duty of the voter to refuse to either nominate or support any man for office who is associated with corporate and financial interests.

Levi Clark, Winchester, Ind.—I enclose a primary pledge bearing 27 signatures.

James Varner, Bloomfield, Ia.—I am a reader and an admirer of your paper, and fully endorse the primary pledge plan. Please send me some blanks for the purpose of securing names to the pledge.

Thos. O. Hartwell, Saranac, Mich.—Find herewith pledge with 14 signatures.

Hugh Bleakley, Alliance, Ohio—Please send me before Saturday night, one hundred and fifty primary pledges. This will be used at our Jefferson banquet.

W. D. Kahl, Kelso, Kans.—Find fourteen names to the pledge. I am seventy-seven years old and cannot get around as I used to, so you must excuse me for not getting more names. Will send you more as I can get them. God speed The Commoner.

F. J. Lawson, Scary, W. Va.—This state is in better shape for our party than it has been for some time. We have control of the capital city now for the first time in several years. I shall do all I can for the democratic party.

Henry Schlichting, Sheboygan Falls, Wis.—I enclose a primary pledge with fifteen signatures.

Scott Justice, Logan, W. Va.—I hand you herewith petition containing the signatures of thirty-five of the democratic citizens of my county, and would ask that you send me three or four blank petitions and I will have some of my friends do some work as I am very busy myself at this time.

Joseph Diehl, New Albany, Ind.—Enclosed

you will find the primary pledge filled out.

W. H. Martin, Brownsville, Oregon—Enclosed find ten names signed to the primary pledge. These are democrats.

J. Wheaton, Strasburg, Mo.—I enclose a primary pledge with thirty-five signatures.

A. H. Backhaus, editor the Leader, Pierce, Nebr.—I am sending you today the following primary pledges and hope soon to be able to send you several more: A. H. Backhaus, W. E. Powers, Joe Raubach, Carl Behnke, James D. Boll, Henry Bockleman, Henry Buckendahl, William Sporleder, E. Wichmong, Albert Bleyhl, F. L. Degner, Julius Kuhl, Fred Kuhl, F. O. Oestrieds, G. F. Lierman, Albert Mueller, William Reh, August Glishman, Charles Herschlag and F. Mittelstadt.

Capt. E. S. Bishop, Jonesville, Va.—I enclose a primary pledge with fifteen signatures.

Andrew Shiell, Browns Valley, Minn.—Herewith find a primary pledge signed by eight good democrats.

M. V. Bell, Tackner, Mo.—Please find enclosed eleven signatures to the primary pledge. Keep the good work going.

W. B. Gex, Graham, Mo.—Enclosed please find names of twenty-nine democrats signed to the primary pledge. These signatures were picked up very cheerfully at our primary Saturday. I was very much pleased at the interest shown and at the earnest effort put forth to choose good sound delegates to our county convention. I wish The Commoner success in its praiseworthy efforts to encourage good citizenship.

William C. Brown, Cotter Ark.—I herewith send in my primary pledge.

B. F. Stilwell, Syracuse, Ind.—Enclosed find a primary pledge bearing twenty-four signatures.

The following have sent in signatures to the primary pledge in number as follows: W. L. Ford, Yorkville, Ill., 12; E. P. Trainer, Point Rock, Ohio, 22; O. P. Hyde, Marietta, Ohio, 6; George Wiswell, New Sharon, Iowa, 10; C. W. S. Dilley, Darlington, Pa., 35; John Tiller, Winfield, Mo., 29; Samuel N. Rickel, Claypool, Ind., 15.

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, Nebraska.

**DO NOT POSTPONE YOUR PART IN THIS WORK
BUT HELP CIRCULATE THE PLEDGE AT ONCE**