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Some of the Pennsylvania railroad's officials seem to have held their honor at bargain prices.

"Introduced by Mr. Hepburn" seems to be about all of the famous rate bill that was left in its original form.

Mr. Perkins would do well to bear in mind the fact that the jury of the great American people have pronounced him guilty.

Those Missouri lynchers have been indicted and will be tried. They will be given the "square deal" they denied their helpless victims.

Mr. Jerome may wear his vindication, but it will not disguise his loss of prestige and make up for the loss of the respect of the people.

Perhaps Senator Burton's mistake lay in the fact that he took a cash fee from the company instead of a few quiet "tips" on the market.

The news that China has enough coal to supply the world for 1,000 years is untimely. The fire in the furnace went out several weeks ago.

Upton Sinclair continues to prance around in the vicinity of Packingtown with all the confidence of a man who has a pocketfull of proofs to back up his charges.

Those Kansas City shippers had to work awfully hard to keep unknown gentlemen from chasing them up into corners and forcing railroad money into their pockets.

Is the country to understand that its leading men are prevaricators, or is it to understand that its chief executive is very forgetful of his interviews and statements?

Representative Dalzell is still against tariff revision. It must be remembered that Mr. Dalzell deserves credit for never forgetting what he was elected for nor by whom he was elected.

The Philadelphia man who has been asleep for forty days is not attracting much attention. The people are watching the awakening of a senate that has been asleep for over thirty years.

"It is hard to teach an old senate new tricks," declares the Chicago Tribune. Sakes alive! Is there a man so foolish as to think he can give the senate any pointers on new kinds of trickery?

The story of the peace pact between Senator Aldrich and President Roosevelt reminds one of the little verse: "There was a young lady of Niger who went out for a ride with a tiger. They returned from the ride with the lady inside, and a smile on the face of the tiger." Senator Aldrich seems to be the wearer of the smile.

THE 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 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 14.

G. W. Weese, Upper Glade, W. Va.—Please find enclosed 109 signatures to the primary pledge, all good democrats.

J. H. Sheridan, Bancroft, Ia.—Herewith find enclosed primary pledge signed by 150 democrats—men who are waiting and wanting to vote for democratic principles, not "conservative democracy," which in our judgment is republicanism under an assumed name.

C. G. Hill, Ladoga, Ind.—I enclose the names of thirty true democrats who pledge themselves to attend all primary conventions and see that the party makes a clean, honest and straight-forward declaration on every question upon which the voters of the party desire to speak.

N. C. Ault, Columbus, Ohio—The primary is an important thing in this form of government where the people are said to rule. It is the place to select men of moral honesty to be voted for at the general election.

Gottlieb Hill, Aabra, Mont.—Enclosed find my signature to the primary pledge. I have always firmly believed in the principles of the democratic party.

M. Hoover, Hooversville, Pa.—I enclose the names of three true democrats who have enlisted to fight for democratic principles. May the American people, regardless of past affiliation, arise and break the chain of might, strike down corruption and once more come into their own.

Mrs. Zeriah Denison, Tunesassa, N. Y.—Please find enclosed five pledges duly signed by friends and neighbors. I also sent pledges to two democrats in the neighborhood who returned them without their signatures, not giving any reason for so doing. They are known to possess strong "I wonts" in their make up, rather than

"I will." I have received several packages of The Commoner which I have distributed to the best of my ability. I have taken The Commoner since its first issue.

Jerome Morgan, Frederick, Okla.—Please find enclosed sixteen primary pledges, which I had no trouble to get. The bankers don't seem to want to sign the pledge. I asked one banker in our town and he said, "No; I am a democrat, but I don't think it necessary to sign that." I would like to know if all those who circulate the pledge meet with as cool a "no" as I did from this banker. There are two other banks in town, but I didn't call on them. I had an idea they had the same answer ready.

Jerome Dudding, Winfield, W. Va.—I hand you herewith primary pledge signed by forty-six prominent democrats of my county. I have complied with every request made by The Commoner. Soon after the primary pledge plan was started I sent you sixty-one signatures, when you asked for aid on Commoner Day to increase your circulation, I forwarded you six new subscribers; and now I take pleasure in responding to your last request for 25,000 additional primary pledge signers by June 1, by sending the enclosed list. It is the disposition of too many democrats to be ready at all times to share the fruits of victory but to contribute little toward the consummation thereof. What we want to do is for each democrat to assist in organizing our forces, in getting them in fighting trim, then the victory will be easily won, and the honors will be sufficient for us all.

E. F. Horn, Courtney, N. D.—I have lived here for twenty-four years, and brought democratic principles with me from the old state of Pennsylvania. My convictions have been strengthened from time to time and especially since the revelations of Thos. Lawson, and "The Treason of the United States Senate," "Looting of Alaska," etc. I believe the time ripe for action. I enclose pledge.

R. M. Baggerly, Jeffersonville, Ind.—Find enclosed my primary pledge.

Marcus Hardy, Hull, Ill.—I enclose primary pledge signed by thirty-four true blue democrats.

The following have sent in primary pledges in number as follows: John J. Hopp, Grover Hill, Ohio, 15; A. McGuyer, Pembroke, Va., 22; John Rank, Freedom, Idaho, 8; J. L. Sinder, Glenville, W. Va., 8; J. H. Eckles, Harlan, Ind., 32; J. A. Baughman, Boggs, W. Va., 16; J. W. Stewart, Puxico, Mo., 14; F. C. Helder, Manhattan, Kan., 35; C. Whitt, Kitchen, Ohio, 13.

Commoner Readers' Good Work

The following letter received at The Commoner office is self-explanatory:

T. E. Moores, Lexington, Ky.—Herewith another club of subscriptions. These, together with some scattering ones sent recently, make twenty more readers for The Commoner.

The following subscribers have sent in yearly subscriptions in number as follows: Francis M. Reed, Afton, I. T., 12; John Carolan, Ridge-way, Iowa, 14; Frank J. Gehant, W. Brooklyn, Ill., 11; D. C. Carleton, Waterford, N. Y., 11; T. E. Moore, Lexington, Ky., 6; J. E. Downing, Dayton, Ohio, 7; J. M. Portwood, Grant, Ky., 6; John B. McLain, Hubbard Tex., 6; J. N. Newlon, Bishop, Cal., 9; W. R. Knox, Intercourse, Pa., 6; Frank Stewart, Aspen, Colo., 6; J. M. Crutchley, Catlin, Ill., 6; N. B. Hames, Colorado City, Colo., 12; David Alkire, Marco, Ind., 7; O. A. Veazey, Pratt, W. Va., 14; Shelby Kash, Frenchburg, Ky., 6; J. R. Corrigan, Minneapolis, Minn., 10; B. C. Berry, Danville, Ky., 7; J. Robert Eck, Allentown, Pa., 6; Wm. Hurley, Burlington, Wash., 9; S. H. Neathery, Paris, Tex., 6; W. C. Nuckols, Ansted, W. Va., 11; A. S. Down, Lakeview, Ore., 14; J. Power Miller, Sugar Grove, Pa., 7; W. J. Prince, Sewanee, Tenn., 6; Joseph A. Gray, Spangler, Pa., 6; H. G. Stallings, Maury City, Tenn., 8; W. L. Campbell, Sr., Mitchell, Ore., 6; Wm. Tremaine, Akron, Ia., 6.

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These cards may be paid for when ordered, or they may be ordered and remittance made after they have been sold. A coupon is printed below for the convenience of those who desire to participate in this effort to increase The Commoner's circulation:

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