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WORK FOR PRIMARY PLEDGE SIGNERS

As a result of The Commoner's pledge campaign, thousands of democrats throughout the country have signed the primary pledge, thus obligating themselves to participate in the primaries of their party. These primary pledge signers now constitute a great army of men and if they work with a common purpose on general election day as well as on primary day, great good will be accomplished. The Commoner submits to every primary pledge signer, and to every one of its readers, this request: Will you give such portion of your time as you can spare to a personal effort to get out the vote in your immediate neighborhood on election day--November 6th?

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MR. HEARST'S GOOD FIGHT

The men and interests making up the opposition to William R. Hearst in New York afford ample reason why every loyal democrat should give him enthusiastic support. The men who "preserved the national honor" in 1896, the insurance grafters, the advocates of special interests, the corporation managers, the Wall street financiers and the bond brokers who trafficked in the government's need—all these are massed solidly against Mr. Hearst, and their opposition should solidify the people in support of the man who is making such an open and telling fight against these harmful interests. Mr. Hearst is making a magnificent campaign and is frankly telling the people just where he stands. What he has accomplished for the people in the way of reforms through the instrumentality of his great newspapers is an evidence of what he will do if elected governor of the Empire state. With Mr. Hearst in the governor's chair there will be no more control of New York's executive by interests that are adverse to the people.

Mr. Hearst is specific and plain in his declarations, while his opponents indulge in generalization and vituperation. He has taken the people into his confidence and may be depended upon to carry out his campaign pledges. He is entitled to the support and vote of every democrat who puts public good above private profit, and of every citizen who prefers good government by representatives of the people to bad government by representatives of special privilege.

Will They "Leave It to It's Friends?"



How his average audience looks to the republican spellbinder

DEMOCRACY IS GROWING

This year several hundred thousand young men will cast their first vote and the Commoner addresses a word to them.

The democratic and republican parties have opposed each other for about fifty years. The republican party was organized just before the war and the purpose of its organization was to oppose the extension of slavery. As a result of the war between the states it became the party of emancipation, although Lincoln never declared

in favor of emancipation prior to his election. Since the war the republican party has been in power with the exception of the years when Grover Cleveland was president, and then it had control of either the senate or the house for most of the time.

The democratic party is as old as our constitutional history and having survived our defeats is now not only vigorous, but These two parties represent different