

Planning for the Great Contest of 1908

From every section of the country come assurances in a practical form that Commoner readers are in hearty sympathy with the million army plan. Every reader of The Commoner is asked to co-operate in this effort to widen The Commoner's sphere of influence, and to that extent advance the interests of democracy.

Cut out, sign and return the certificate printed on this page for your own membership. Or if you do not care to mutilate your copy of The Commoner send in a request asking for a number of blank certificates and they will be forwarded to you, thus enabling you to give your acquaintances an opportunity to join in the work of building up the "army of a million plan" and enabling them also to secure The Commoner from now until November 1908 for only sixty cents.

Extracts from letters received at The Commoner office follow:

Rev. W. M. Kain, Rock Creek, Ohio.—If you will send me a few blank membership certificates I will try hard to have them filled and returned. There are several democrats in this village whom I think I can prevail on to become members of your grand million army.

M. Braughler, Santa Rosa, Cal.—Please send me at once a number of certificates—one hundred at least—and I will see that they are placed in democratic hands and hope in this way to aid the great and good cause. I have been receiving and soliciting subscriptions for The Commoner ever since I have been taking it, and handing to my neighbor, Mr. Wayman, who sends them in.

George Ray Batt, Annapolis, Cal.—Please find herewith ten certificates, making in all thirteen. If you have not reached the million mark by the first of May send on ten more. It is a real pleasure to work for The Commoner as it stands for all that is best for the American people.

H. C. Bell, Marshall, Ill.—I send you herein \$3.40 and fourteen enlistments to The Commoner army of 1908. You might send me a few more enlistment slips. Democrats are hungry for them.

Dr. J. R. Gorrell, Newton, Ia.—Please find enclosed ten membership certificates and draft for \$6. Mr. Charles Rommel was the recruiting officer and secured most of these recruits. He is an enthusiastic democrat of the Bryan brand. Send him twenty or more blank certificates.

T. J. McRae, Gainesville, Fla.—Send me fifty certificates as I have a little time to devote to the interests of humanity. One of your oldest subscribers.

John E. Campbell, Riverside, Cal.—Enclosed find money order for \$4.20, together with seven certificates properly signed. Please send more certificates.

John Caldwell, Lafayette, Ind.—Please find money order for \$2.40. I have procured four new subscribers to The Commoner. I wish you would send me a few membership certificates.

P. J. Fox, Amsterdam, N. Y.—I enclose you three certificates and postoffice order for \$1.80 in payment of same; send me about twenty more and I will try and help things along.

D. T. Swihart, Roann, Ind.—I send you three certificates and \$1.80. Please send me more certificates.

R. M. Bourland, Chickasha, Okla.—I see it is suggested by some of your subscribers that each democrat who is a subscriber to your paper send a copy to one republican friend. About two years ago I subscribed for your paper for two of my republican friends which your books will show. I have the satisfaction of knowing that one of the men voted the straight democratic ticket in our first election this fall, and have been told that the other one did the same but am not sure of it.

R. D. Callaway, Walter, Okla.—Please find enclosed three one million membership certificates with postoffice order for \$1.80 to cover same. Please send me several more certificates; I believe I can enlist a good many in the army, as the woods are full of Missouri and Texas democrats ready to take up arms.

W. K. Whitfield, Sullivan, Ill.—Enclosed find \$4.90 for which send The Commoner to the enclosed named persons. We all desire to be enrolled as privates in The Commoner army for 1908. The democrats of this county are with Mr. Bryan in his fight for the preservation of true democratic principles. Send me some more membership certificates and I will try and add some more names to The Commoner list. With

best wishes for The Commoner and hoping that we may win a great victory next year I am yours truly.

Dr. T. A. Stevens, Caney, Kan.—If you will send me about a dozen applications like the enclosed I will try to return them with the 60 cents each.

M. V. Sperry, Springboro, Pa.—Please send me one dozen certificates. I will send back all I can, properly signed up with the 60 cent fee. I think The Commoner is doing a great work.

G. B. Hickman, Butler, Mo.—Enclosed you will find three subscriptions to the paper and draft for \$1.80. Please get the papers to them as soon as possible, and send me some more cards, say three anyway. Yours for democratic success.

W. H. Thatcher, Marion, Ind.—You may send me more certificates and I will endeavor to pick up a few more subscribers.

Jessie Mays, Vandalia, Ill.—Enclosed I return you the three certificates you recently sent me and also \$1.80 to pay for same. While I am too old to take an active part in the coming campaign, as I have been doing for the past fifty years, yet I am still anxious to do whatever I can for the success of democratic principles, as elucidated by William J. Bryan. We heartily approve of your plan of a million club and hope we can make it eight million before the close of the campaign. Very truly yours.

A. E. Werts, Abingdon, Ill.—Find enclosed draft for \$1.20 for the payment of the two membership certificates enclosed and signed. Please send me a few more certificates as I am going to try and get you some more members to help swell the majority.

L. A. Leberman, Meadville, Pa.—Please send me one hundred of your one million membership certificates. I sincerely hope you will be successful in getting the one million subscribers and I want to help all I can to get the quota filled as soon as possible.

John J. Woods, Mt. Sterling, Ill.—I enclose money order for \$1.80 to pay for three subscribers. Please send some more certificates. I would like to have them by Friday as we are getting up a Bryan club in Mt. Sterling.

J. S. Payne, Green City, Mo.—Please send me a few more copies of the one million army certificates.

J. W. Blakely, Kokomo, Ind.—Find money order for three subscriptions for your most valuable paper. Please send me a half dozen more cards as I think that I can get that many more and perhaps more. I shall do the best I can. Yours with good faith, hoping that we will be successful the next time.

Each of the following persons have sent in yearly subscriptions to The Commoner in number as follows: D. T. Woodard, Benton, Ill., 12; J. S. Perry, Rockdale, Texas, 6; Caleb Kirkham, Prairie Creek, Ind., 8; H. C. Bell, Marshall, Ill., 14; E. L. Dunham, Evansville, Ind., 8; I. N. McClintock, Horton, Kan., 8; C. P. Heffley, Berlin, Pa., 10; T. F. Hickey, Avard, Okla., 9; C. B. Doty, Arroyo Grande, Cal., 6; Dudley McCann, Vancouver, Wash., 11; Henry Burger, Burlington, Kan., 8; F. A. Jackson, Columbus, Kan.,

6; Peter Selleg, Valley, Wash., 10; Chas. Rommel, Newton, Ia., 11; Geo. Ray Batt, Annapolis, Cal., 10; J. E. Campbell, Riverside, Cal., 7; T. M. McDonald, Stillwater, Okla., 6; Chas. Donohue, New Richmond, Wis., 13; Sam S. Calvert, Waverly, Kan., 7; Perry Prentiss, Cleveland, O., 6; John Kelley, Bonnots Mill, Mo., 6; D. B. Houchin, Verden, Okla., 8; Frank J. Thompson, Sullivan, Ill., 7; John Shimp, Springfield, Mo., 7; W. C. Hall, Medora, Ind., 16; E. W. Crutcher, Woodland, Cal., 6; John B. Fried, Fried, N. D., 21; S. B. Mack, Monroe, Wis., 11; J. J. Mason, Louisville, Ill., 6; J. A. Beach, Pontias, Ill., 10; Harry J. Fasy, Philadelphia, Pa., 6; Ira L. Brelle, Lake Park, Ia., 10; Abner D. Fast, Haviland, O., 10; W. Welch, Hawks Nest, W. Va., 7; W. W. Campbell, Ridgeway, Mo., 6; R. B. Goar, Sentinel, Okla., 6; John G. McConaghy, Skidmore, Pa., 16; Noah Brunner, Lewistown, O., 7; J. S. Colony, Springfield, Minn., 14; A. W. Mannon, New Boston, Ill., 13; J. J. Nightingale, South Omaha, Neb., 10; D. Coughlan, Rose Creek, Minn., 6; J. A. Chalfant, Smock, Pa., 6; W. C. Smith, Indianapolis, Ind., 10; Jimmie Durkin, Spokane, Wash., 11; A. L. Freehafer, Council, Idaho, 6; C. C. Thompson, Cherryvale, Kan., 9; I. M. Putnam, Oklahoma City, Okla., 6; Ben H. Yandell, Independence, Cal., 7; G. P. Teegardin, Ashville, O., 7; Tom E. Rogers, Mt. Summit, Ind., 7; John T. Tansey, Albany, N. Y., 8; Samuel McCauley, Nevada, Ia., 6; Dr. Wade Gaston, Parkersburg, W. Va., 33; Dan Pittman, Depauw, Ind., 7; J. Warner Wiggs, Winslow, Ind., 7; J. M. Davis, Sterling, Colo., 6; John Hayden, Charlotte, Mich., 11; A. J. Cox, Green Forest, Ark., 6; Geo. Longaduff, Vandalia, Mich., 6; E. G. Elley, New Bloomfield, Mo., 6; J. T. Munday, Russellville, Ark., 7; D. G. Holmes, Deep Water, Mo., 26; D. B. Topham, Minden, Neb., 7; E. E. Price, Granite City, Ill., 11; F. O. Riley, Castlewood, S. D., 10; John B. Lacey, Hunters, Wash., 6; D. E. Condon, Elmwood, Ill., 7; Ben L. Edgerton, Oshkosh, Wis., 8; B. V. Russell, Salado, Texas, 17; J. E. Hutto, Texola, Okla., 6; J. H. Davis, Borden, Ind., 10; W. B. Chapman, Kalama, Wash., 6; J. B. Fenstermake, Berwick, Pa., 7; Wm. Patterson, Pleasant Dale, Neb., 15; Balies G. Walker, Brawley, Cal., 6; J. P. Schumacher, Green Bay, Wis., 7; R. P. Pool, Herrin, Ill., 8; M. M. Gaunce, Okmulgee, Okla., 8; O. S. Kibler, Marysville, O., 6; John M. O'Brien, Jr., Muscatine, Ia., 9; G. W. Thompson, Casey, Ia., 7; J. A. Burt, West, Texas, 6; C. F. Bodinson, Kearney, Neb., 6; Chancy Lyon, Waterbury Center, Vt., 7; Alfred Cook, Unity, Wis., 13; J. L. Dougherty, Warsaw, Ill., 6; Dr. J. S. Recob, London, O., 8; W. H. Bourne, Roanoke, Va., 8; John Keller, Lodi, Cal., 7; Geo. J. Shelton, Windsor, Mo., 14; J. M. Davis, Sterling, Colo., 6; Geo. R. King, Jones, Okla., 8; W. D. McMiller, Purdy, Mo., 10; W. A. Ferrenbury, Ferrenburg, Mo., 6; H. E. Iglar, Glendale, Ohio, 7; C. Hatch, Oshkosh, Wis., 6; A. J. Lefever, Visalia, Cal., 10; R. M. Phelps, Gilroy, Cal., 6; O. J. A. Jackson, Kester, W. Va., 8; Jas. Johnston, Illtopolis, Ill., 22; J. F. Lee, Montpellier, Vt., 8; J. R. Jarard, Wright, Ia., 12; H. C. Bell, Marshall, Ill., 10; D. F. Shaser, Cashmere, Wash., 7; R. S. Mason, Relief Ohio, 8.

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The Commoner Army for 1908

HEADQUARTERS LINCOLN, NEB.

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Enclose box to cover the expense of sending The Commoner to my address until the close of the 1908 campaign.

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Post-Office.....
State.....

NOTE.—Membership certificates will be countersigned with Mr. Bryan's printed signature and numbered in the order they are received at The Commoner office; and they will be returned at the close of the campaign to the members who signed them, if requested.

Countersigned.....