

THE "ARMY OF A MILLION" PLAN

Those who imagine that the American democracy is not in a fighting mood and prepared for the great contest of 1908 might learn something to their advantage could they read the letters that come to The Commoner office in every mail and from all sections of the country—letters full of an enthusiastic and determined spirit. Everywhere there are indications that democrats appreciate the importance of organized efforts. Clubs are being formed, literature is being distributed and in every way possible democrats are at work seeking to arouse their sleepy neighbors to the great duties of citizenship. The Commoner subscription list is increasing at a rapid rate. Special effort is made by democrats in various sections to persuade republicans to become subscribers to The Commoner and it may not now be doubted that the million army will prove a great success.

Have you enlisted in this work? If not do so without further delay.

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.

It is not possible to print in full the letters received at The Commoner office and relating to the Million Army plan, but extracts from some of them are given below:

Charles Stephens, Columbus, Kan.—Please find enclosed draft for \$27 to pay for the enclosed list of names. This makes 155 I have sent in since January 6. I am glad to be able to report that a large number of these 155 subscribers are republicans who could not heretofore be approached on the subject of subscribing for a democratic paper. I have great faith in the merits of The Commoner and believe that all party committeemen should take up the work of increasing its circulation.

J. A. Rhyno, St. Charles, Ia.—Enclosed please find check for \$3. Please renew my subscription for one year and send your paper to the following new subscribers. I am eighty years old but feel young enough to do a little missionary work in a cause so glorious.

C. Witte, Ft. Atkinson, Ia.—Enclosed you will find a draft for \$13.08 for twenty-two subscribers joining the million army. It is just like going to a political school.

S. F. Newman, Hill City, Kan.—Enclosed find check for \$1.20 to pay for two subscriptions for The Commoner. I hope every democrat will put his shoulder to the wheel and raise the army to the million mark.

G. I. Beck, West York, Ill.—You will please find postoffice money order for sixty cents for The Commoner till November. Also three membership certificates as I want to do all I can for the cause of democracy.

S. W. Deel, Dante, Va.—I enclose \$1.20 for two subscriptions. I wish The Commoner success.

J. Crawford, Clayton, Ill.—I have been a reader of your paper for some time and find I cannot be without it, and if you will send me a dozen certificates will try and get all my neighbors to take it. I already have the promise of several. I am a minister and did not think I would ever get interested in politics again, but have always been a Bryan man and have caught the fever again. I am sixty-eight years old and would like to see another democratic president. Please send certificates. Will see what I can do.

J. T. Brock, Cherrydale, Kan.—Please send me five certificates for The Commoner. Say for me to William J. Bryan, "Just let 'em kick. Pay no attention to the monopoly-hired tools." The people will speak at the proper time. Very liberal indeed to concede that William J. Bryan might name the nominee.

W. S. Moffett, Kennard, Ind.—Enclosed find coupon filled out. I am a Bryan man out and out. Have always supported him. Send me the cards and some sample papers and I will get up a handsome subscription list here.

Dr. H. B. Hattery, Logansport, Ind.—Enclosed find money order for \$15.00, also certificates. Send me one hundred or more certificates.

L. A. Cochrane, Davenport, Okla.—Please send me a few sample copies of The Commoner and subscription blanks. I want to help out on the million subscription proposition.

Glen L. Burton, Ft. Collins, Co.—Send me a few more army certificates.

Dr. F. M. Roberts, Raiston, Ia.—Please send me ten membership certificates.

M. J. Choppins, Belleville, Kan.—I send you \$1.80 for three subscriptions. Send me more certificates.

Samuel W. Long, Macon, Mo.—I want to tell you that picture on page twelve, January 3, is all right, notwithstanding the Washington Star. Please send me a few enlistment cards and I will try and have them filled out.

F. M. Temple, Uhrichsville, Ohio.—Send me some membership certificates. Success to The Commoner.

G. W. Werts, Sr., Aledo, Ill.—Send me fifteen or twenty certificates and I will try to have them filled out.

A. A. Johnson, Gladbrook, Ia.—Send me thirty subscription blanks. I will try to get that many new subscribers for your valuable paper.

W. B. Griggs, Algona, Ia.—Herewith find draft for \$2.40 for which send papers as per certificates herewith. I am much encouraged as to the outlook for the triumph of democracy at the coming election. The voices of a great many former sound money, honest dollar and honor of our government men, have through circumstances and exposure been stifled. Jno. R. Walsh at present is engaged in his own affair of (dis) honor; Bigelow of Milwaukee, is not in a position to plead for the great captains of industry and cry against the common trouble—as was his wont in 1896. Others are in Europe and others have gone to their final reward(?). The great stewards of the nation's honor and credit in 1896 have mostly come to an untimely as well as an undesirable end. Among the cheering multitudes of that hour not one remains so lowly as to do honor to their memory. Sound money and confidence can no longer be the battle cry. The people are awake to their empty promises and this fall will cast their vote in renewal of their allegiance to the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of their fathers, so mote it be.

W. N. Clayton, Hundred, W. Va.—Send me blank certificates and I will try to raise clubs.

John S. Buttner, Rockwell City, Ia.—Send me a dozen membership certificates. I think I can secure a few subscribers.

J. R. Morrison, Boulder, Col.—I send you \$3.60 for six names. Send me more cards.

G. W. Witt, Hammond, Kan.—I send 60 cents for The Commoner. Send me a few blanks.

J. W. Griggs, Ridgeway, Va.—Send me twenty of your million army certificates. I will try and return them soon. I don't want to miss a copy of The Commoner.

P. Zuckriegel, Cleveland, Ohio.—I am sorry to say that physical conditions bar me from doing any hustling, much as I would like to do so, as I feel deeply interested in the cause. I conclude,

however, that I might help along a little by treating some of my friends, for the holiday occasion, to a dose of a year's subscription to The Commoner. I select republicans and send my check to pay for the four subscriptions as herein named.

Dr. Wade Gaston, Parkersburg, W. Va.—Enclosed find thirty-three subscriptions for The Commoner and check for \$19.80 to pay for same.

Each of the following persons have sent in five yearly subscriptions to The Commoner: E. A. Hoag, Grand Rapids, Mich.; R. N. Vermillion, Princeton, W. Va.; T. D. Bellinger, Laurens, Ia.; W. C. Brown, Applecreek, O.; Littman Bros., Willowdell, O.; N. T. Donegan, Tompkinsville, N. Y.; W. W. Glesenkamp, Woodsfield, O.; E. Wade, Addison, N. Y.; E. J. Kneen, Bangor, Me.; P. S. Quinn, Columbus, Mo.; S. J. Gallo-way, West Plains, Mo.; H. A. Horulem, San Francisco, Cal.; W. A. Macintosh, Dubuque, Ia.; Jerome Morgan, Frederick, Okla.; A. J. Stevens, Belfast, Me.; Ira Ellis, Powersville, Mo.; G. J. Tucker, Warrensburg, Ill.; J. M. Patty, Butler, Mo.; R. S. Mason, Relief, O.; J. W. Cline, Aurora, Mo.; J. S. Perrow, Roan-oak, Va.; C. J. Hart, Carey, O.; Byron T. Park, Erin, N. Y.; J. W. Messich, Fillmore, Mo.; Ben Jensen, Onawa, Ia.; J. D. Foor, M. D., Pimento, Ind.; J. M. Winn, Corder, Mo.; Jas. Lucas, Cuba, O.; W. T. Barnett, Terre Haute, Ind.; C. S. Brakke, Toronto, S. D.; H. W. Richardson, E. Aurora, N. Y.; Fred C. Kelling, Chewelah, Wash.; Lewis Ruff, Moultrie, O.; Henry Strangler, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. F. Hobbs, Marshalltown, Ia.; Wm. Mason, Roswell, N. M.; N. Ebert, Livingston, Mont.; Geo. N. Parker, Robinson, Ill.; S. E. Cress, Sorrento, Ill.; R. C. Campbell, Gorman, Texas; W. M. Kirby, Springfield, Mo.; S. F. Koontz, New Matamoras, O.; Wm. Links, Alcony, O.; Henry Brown, Advance, Ind.; M. D. Parker, Pochuta, Miss.; John Aten, Norwalk, Cal.; M. F. Morris, Washington, D. C.; C. W. Carpenter, Unadilla, N. Y.; I. J. Duke, Sherman, Texas; P. W. Jensen, El Reno, Okla.; J. J. Franks, Lone Jack, Mo.; J. W. Walker, Atchison, Kan.; J. L. Ainsworth, Whitesville, N. Y.; J. M. Howard, Trenton, Tenn.; Frank Craft, Scotland, Ill.; C. Gillen, Roachdale, Ind.; O. C. Wilson, Granite Falls, Minn.; J. D. Van Pelt, Archer, Neb.; V. W. Panton, Redono, Cal.; F. A. Esely, Danville, O.; H. Valkman, Kingston, Wis.; S. E. Wilkerson, Hico, Texas; John C. Casey, Massena, Ia.; F. M. Massey, Odessa, Mo.; O. P. Davis, Chicago, Ill.; B. C. Jones, Bridgeport, Ala.; C. F. Lienhart, Norman, Nebr.; H. M. Pryts, Minneapolis, Minn.; Walter J. Whitbeck, Coeymans Hollow, N. Y.; A. D. Whitson, Winfield, Kan.; E. B. Dyer, Rathdrum, Ida.; Wm. Hyslop, Chester, Minn.; P. D. Cutshall, Franklin, Pa.; A. Meyer, Hampton, Ia.; W. A. Deen, Walpole, Ill.; P. W. Berry, Streator, Ill.; J. V. Wayman, Santa Rosa, Cal.; T. C. Andrews, McKinney, Texas; Thos. A. Barr, Fresno, Cal.; John Newman, Michigan, N. D.; Van T. Manville, Silver City, N. M.; J. P. Banta, Castine, O.; P. P. Breitbart, Balltown, Ia.; J. W. Boeing, Minto, N. D.; Wm. Welsh, Beaver Dam, Wis.; Geo. Borders, Loo-gootee, Ind.; Geo. W. Short, Salem, Ind.; A. W. Allen, Whitten, Ia.; J. C. Pitts, Jasper, Mo.

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The Commoner Army for 1908

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Post-Office.....

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