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Democratic Campaign Fund

It is desired that in every city and town and village in the United States democratic campaign funds be collected. Hereafter all contributions to this fund should be sent to

GOVERNOR C. N. HASKELL,

Treasurer Democratic National Committee,
Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Every newspaper that is supporting Bryan and Kern is urged to take up a democratic campaign fund, forwarding the same to Governor Haskell.

Henry Watterson, the great Kentucky editor who is doing valiant service in the democratic cause, has repeatedly declared that everything indicates a democratic victory, but that he did not know where the party would obtain a sufficient amount of money for campaign purposes. The only source to which the democratic party may, in this year of 1908, look for money to be used in the election of men who are thoroughly committed to popular government, is to the masses—and to the masses the democratic managers have appealed.

Do not longer delay the beginning of this important work. START A DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN FUND IN YOUR TOWN AND LET THE DEMOCRATIC MANAGERS KNOW EARLY IN THE FIGHT THAT THEY WILL NOT BE HANDICAPPED FOR A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF MONEY WITH WHICH TO PAY THE LEGITIMATE EXPENSES OF THE BATTLE IN WHICH THEY ARE ENGAGED.

Following are extracts from letters received at The Commoner office:

Lawrence, Kans.—Enclosed find a "five" for your decent and sensible campaign fund.

El Paso, Texas—Enclosed find my mite, \$5 for campaign expenses, and hope to be able to contribute more before the campaign is over. I shall tomorrow invite two democratic papers to open subscriptions to campaign fund.

Charlestown, S. C.—The day after your nomination I invited contributions to campaign fund and announced that my paper would receive and forward such subscriptions made. Following this announcement the Charlotte Observer said it had neither silver nor gold, but would contribute to this fund a fat hen and a Hong Kong gander. The offer was accepted and

the birds have been disposed of and I take pleasure in enclosing check for \$25.

Spring Lake, Ky.—Enclosed you will find \$5 for the campaign.

Grand Ridge, Ill.—Here is \$5 for the national democratic fund.

Augusta, Ga.—It is with pleasure I enclose my mite, \$10, to help the great cause. If you think well of it I will solicit a traveling men's fund.

Mason City, Iowa—Herewith \$5 for campaign fund.

Sandoval, Ill.—Please accept the enclosed \$10 for campaign fund.

Blandinsville, Ill.—Enclosed find my contribution to the campaign fund, \$5.

Vancouver, B. C.—Enclosed find my \$1 subscription to the campaign fund.

Santa Fe, N. M.—Enclosed find draft for \$100, my contribution at this time, which please forward to the treasurer of the national committee.

Browersville, Minn.—Enclosed find \$1, my mite toward the campaign fund.

Monticello, N. Y.—I see it is proposed to raise campaign fund by popular subscription. Enclosed find my contribution of \$5.

Kansas City, Mo.—Since reading the United States circuit court decision in the famous Standard Oil case I desire to double my contribution to the democratic national campaign fund and send you the enclosed check for an additional \$5.

Monte Ne, Ark.—I notice your call to the farmers for a campaign fund. I am not a farmer, but enclose my check for \$10.

Bloomington, Ind.—Enclosed please find \$1 for a contribution to the campaign fund.

Washington, D. C.—Accept congratulations of my wife and myself. We predict that predatory wealth will be unable to keep you out of the White House this time. I enclose check for \$100 for campaign fund.

Corinth, Miss.—Please accept this \$5 to help in campaign. You have my best wishes.

Ryan, Iowa—Enclosed please find order to the amount of \$10 to the farmers' fund.

Cleveland, Ohio—Please accept my small mite, it may help some. I am a traveling man in the state of Ohio. Enclosed find \$1 for the campaign fund.

Denver, Colo.—Enclosed find check for \$5 for the campaign fund.

Richard Welton—Please find my check for \$5 for campaign expenses.

Atlanta, Ga.—Enclosed find my contribution of \$1 for campaign fund. Georgia has not forgotten the slaps she has received from republican administrations.

Devil's Lake, N. D.—Please accept the enclosed check for \$10 for campaign fund.

Bancroft, Neb.—Please find enclosed draft for \$5 for campaign fund. Seven democratic votes in my family next November.

Shepherdstown, W. Va.—I send you my check for \$25 to be turned over to the democratic national committee. My contribution must be in proportion to my ability to contribute and not based on my interest.

Hartsel, Colo.—I want to help the farmers and common people to raise an honest campaign fund. Please use my \$5 as you see fit.

Johnstown, Pa.—I send herewith \$1 to be used for campaign purposes. The members of my family have agreed unanimously to economize sufficiently to make this contribution.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Believing in the principles you advocate and that the expenses of the campaign should be borne by the masses and made up of small contributions I enclose my \$1 for that purpose.

Red Lodge, Mont.—Herewith find New York exchange for \$25 which please forward to national committee. I will try and increase my contribution later, and will see that the cause receives further contributions from this section.

The Vidette, Luka, Miss.—Find enclosed draft for \$20.50, contribution for democratic campaign fund. This is sent as a voluntary contribution of the "plain people" to help elect the great commoner—W. J. Bryan.

Aberdeen, Miss.—Herewith find my check for \$25 for the campaign. We are going to make an effort to have a great mass meeting in this county and hope to raise at least \$500 from the common people.

Omaha, Neb.—Please accept my contribution of \$5 for the campaign fund.

Pleasant Plains, Ill.—Please accept my remittance of \$5 to be used in the national campaign.

Somerville, N. J.—Enclosed please find check for \$5. I am for the ticket.

Bryan, Texas—I send New York exchange

for \$75, my contribution to the presidential campaign fund. With best wishes for democratic success.

Alta Loma, Texas—Please find New York draft for \$10 enclosed. I want this placed to my credit for campaign purposes. It is small, but all I am able to give as I work hard, but am determined to help in this fight.

Wauneta, Neb.—Enclosed you will find certified check for \$5 contribution to campaign fund.

Vincennes, Ind.—Enclosed please find \$5, first installment of campaign contribution.

New York City—I enclose \$25 for campaign fund.

Wahpeton, N. D.—Enclosed find money order for \$1. I believe an appeal made to democratic voters for \$1 each will realize sufficient fund for all purposes. There are thousands of disgusted republicans and a little literature will produce splendid results.

Philadelphia—Enclosed find check for \$5 for campaign fund. I expect to contribute more later. May God bless you and grant you success from your fight for the good of the people generally is my sincere wish.

Okolona, Miss.—Enclosed find draft for \$17 which has been contributed to the democratic campaign fund by citizens of this little city. We will organize democratic club next Saturday and we expect to add to this amount.

Gallatin, Tenn.—Please accept enclosed contribution, \$6.50, to help in the campaign.

Editor World-Herald, Omaha, Neb.—Here-with find \$5 which was handed to me by a gentleman from Chicago with instructions to hand it to you for campaign fund.

Freeport, Ill.—Herewith find my contribution of \$1 for campaign fund.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Please accept my contribution of 50 cents for campaign fund.

Perrin, Mo.—Enclosed please find check for \$5 for campaign fund. I believe we will win in November.

Medicine Lodge, Kan.—I send you \$5 for use in campaign against allied trusts.

Trappe, Md.—Herewith find \$1, my contribution to campaign fund.

Midlothian, Texas—My admiration for you and love of my fellowmen, my country, and my God stimulate me to contribute to your cause this mite out of my earnings. Please find my personal check for \$1.

New York City—Accept my sincere congratulations. I want to vote and work for Bryan and Kern. If I can be of any service to you command me. Enclosed find my check for \$5.

Hartford, Wis.—Find enclosed herewith \$7.30 to assist in the national campaign.

Columbia, Mo.—Please accept my contribution of \$1 to campaign fund.

Syracuse, N. Y.—On account of your good name, good character, pure democracy, and as a candidate for the highest office as a gift of the American people I enclose a check for \$100 contributed by one of our leading and prosperous farmers, and one of your strongest supporters.

Marion, Ark.—Editor Gazette: I enclose list of twenty-five names of citizens of this vicinity who have made voluntary contributions to the national campaign fund to elect Bryan and Kern. Enclosed find my check for the aggregate sum, \$25.

Little Rock, Ark.—Herewith find check for \$1 for democratic national campaign fund.

Hurnedsville, Pa.—Please find enclosed \$2 as campaign contribution for the democratic party.

Billings, Mont.—Enclosed please find draft for \$20 contributed to the democratic campaign fund.

Hanford, Cal.—I respectfully enclose \$5 for campaign fund; with an acclaim for Bryan and Kern and all the platform stands for.

HOW DOES IT HAPPEN?

The New York World says: "A tax on the hundreds of millions of annual income of the wealthy would go far toward relieving the burden of taxation now borne by people with small incomes or almost no incomes at all. There is no more just or equitable way of raising public revenue."

Yet the republican national convention defeated an income tax plank by a vote of 950 nays to 28 yeas. How does it happen that such a just method of raising public revenue found only twenty-eight supporters in an assemblage of 978 republican leaders?