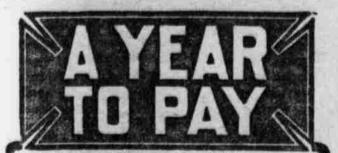
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## The Commoner.

this morning's papers. As to most on its own desire, but solely at the I do not regard any answer as nec- purchased and of the big banks holdessary. When you say that I am un- ing that corporation's securities, in fair to your platform you reiterated order to enable them to prevent a quoted, with my hearty approval. panic of last fall into the most wide-Governor Hughes in my first letter, spread disaster. I should indeed and these, therefore, it is also un- have been derelict in my duty if I necessary to answer. You have not had not so acted and efficiently used answered the Hughes speech, and, in all the power of the government my judgment, you do well not to make the attempt. You say that your erly used (as !t was in this case) platform declares in favor of vigor- to see that the panic was kept within ous enforcement of the law against the smallest possible radius and the guilty trust magnates and officials, damage caused as slight as possible. and that the platform upon which You would better understand the Mr. Taft stands makes no such declaration. It was not necessary. That platform approved the policies I am trying to discriminate for or of the administration and promised against any man or corporation beto continue them, and here, as usual, cause he or it is either wealthy or I have only to compare your words not wealthy. I regard such discrimwith the deeds of the administration and of Mr. Taft. You merely promise in your platform that you intended to do just what this administration has actually done and is doing.

Thrust at Olney

To show the difference between deeds and words. I will compare the record of this administration with the record of one of your most prominent supporters at the moment-Mr Olney, attorney general under the last democratic administration. While Mr. Olney was attorney general no cases whatever were brought jact of the steel corporation I will under the anti-trust law against combinations of capital, the only new cases which he brought being directed against combinations of working men. During that entire administration the only cases brought against combinations of capital under the anti-trust act were four in number. two of which were unsuccessful, one occasion. Let ne give you an exfavor of the government.

Under this administration a mass of such cases have been brought, including the case against the Northern Securities company; against the beef packers; against the Federal Salt company; against the Otis and other elevator companies; against the American Tobacco company; against the powder trust; against the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company; aganst the Standard Oil company, and others.

where it could be legally and propprinciple on which I acted if you would rid yourself of the idea that ination in either direction as utterly incompatible with a spirit of hon-

## **Bases** Distinction on Conduct

esty and fair dealing.

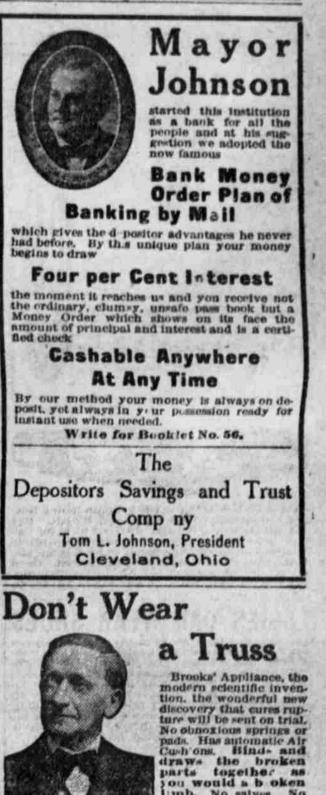
I base my distinctions on conduct, not on relative wealth. When the same men who were leaders in the steel corporation acted in connection with the Northern Securities suit in a manner which I regarded as contrary to the law, by my direction a successful suit was immediately undertaken against them. If they violate the law in connection with any immediately proceed against them. Until they do violate the law they will be treated precisely as any other corporation, great or small, which obeys the law, is treated.

I treat each man and each corporation with a view solely to wheth r he or it is acting rightly on a given of the other two being the case ample. I have proceeded against the which was decided by Judge Taft in corporations of which Mr. E. H. Harriman is the head on certain points where I believe they have violated the law. But when, in connection with the breaking of the Salion sea dam, one of the Harriman corporations repaired the dam, I last winter did everything I could to have congress reimburse Mr. Harriman for so much of the o' ligation as I felt. ought to come upon the United States. I would hold myself unfit to be president if, because I prosecuted Mr. Harriman where I thought he had broken the law, I yet hesitat In a number of these cases the ed to do him justice where I thought C. E. SHOORS, the Discoverer lies. Durable. cheap. Pat. Sept. 10, '01. Sept. **Gives a Name** You ask me to name a single official connected with a law-defying Oil magnates as feeling that way he answered: "I did not say I saw any You state that the steel company, of the officials of the Standard Oil

the United Railways company and of what you say about me personally urgent requests of the corporation the North American interests in St. Louis. Judge Priest is credited with originating the phrase, "Bribery is a conventional offense," which he used certain opinions as to which I had crash which would have turned the in an argument at the trial of R. M. Snyder, the Kansas City millionaire, now dead.

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The Steel Company Case

with my express consent, purchased company. I am giving you what I one of its largest rivals and thus ob- found was the drift of opinion. tained control of over 50 per cent of among well posted politicians. as the total output. This action of the well as bankers. ••• I guess Govsteel company (which increased its ernor Haskell is all right. They have share of the total output by only not proven anything on him, have four per cent and in no way altered thev?"

of your plan, the absurdity of which lawyers who fought Attorney Genhas been exposed by Governor eral Hadley in the state's ouster suit Campaign Badges Hughes. But there was no violation against the Waters-Pierce and Reof the law. I was cognizant of the public Oil companies. His legal \$2.00, 2 hoxes \$2.00, 10 hoxes \$10.00. entire transaction. It was not en- practice is chiefly with the big cortered into by the steel corporation porations and his firm is counsel for 960 Monadnock Block,

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