

that the woolen schedule was too high? Didn't Mr. Beveridge tell you that the cotton schedule was too high? And didn't Mr. Carnegie tell you that the steel schedule was too high? Have you any doubt about these things? Have you any doubt about the high cost of living? You have driven Aldrich from the senate, but you will get another man in his place just like him. Mr. Roosevelt is going to Massachusetts to see that Mr. Lodge is not beaten. Does he want somebody there to favor high tariff for Mr. Beveridge to oppose?

Is he planning a fight in the senate merely for the pleasure of looking at it from the galleries? Don't you know how you have been deceived and plundered and exploited under this theory of a high tariff? How much longer will your faith last? If you still trust these men you have as much faith in them as the Scotchman had in his family physician. He was sitting by the bedside of his dying wife, and the children were gathered about him. The physician had his finger upon the pulse of the woman, waiting to announce the end. Finally he thought her pulse had ceased to beat and, turning, he announced to the sorrowing relatives, "She is dead." The woman spoke up and said, "I am not dead," but her husband rebuked her: "Hush, Sarah, the doctor knows."

AID OR CONSENT OF COMMISSION NOT NEEDED
I believe that you are more advanced than that. I believe that you are progressive enough to make some progress on the tariff question without waiting for the aid or consent of any commission on earth. I heard of an old Quaker once, a long suffering, patient man, who was putting up some hay. He saw a rain coming, about the time he got the load of hay on; and started for the barn. In his hurry he ran into a rut and the hay fell off. He put the hay back on the wagon and never said a word. The rain came nearer and he ran the wagon into another rut and the hay fell off a second time. He put it back on the wagon and never said a word. As he went through the barnyard gate the rain commenced to fall. He whipped up his horses, in a hurry to get into the barn, and ran off the bridge, and the hay fell off against the side of the barn. His wife saw that something had happened and started out from the house; when the old man saw his wife coming, and the rain falling on his hay, he called to his wife, "Go back, go back; I am about to express myself."

My friends, if I do not misjudge your attitude you are about ready to express yourselves, and you can express yourselves by voting for a democratic legislature that will elect John Kern to the senate. You can express yourself by returning your gallant democratic congressman, Mr. Korbly, for another term; and then I think you will feel so good about it that you will not be satisfied until you elect the entire democratic ticket. Then I shall feel you have done your duty. I thank you.

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC
(BY JULIA WARD HOWE)

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is tramping out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I have read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel;
"As ye deal with my contemners, so with you my grace shall deal;
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with his heel,
Since God is marching on."

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.

FOSS FOR GOVERNOR

The democrats of Massachusetts have chosen Congressman Eugene W. Foss as their candidate for governor. Mr. Foss is an able and conscientious man and men in all parties in Massachusetts ought to rally to him in order that Massachusetts may be redeemed.

The American Homestead, a monthly farm journal of national scope, will be sent to all Commoner subscribers, without additional cost, who renew their subscriptions during the month November when accompanied by this notice.

Ask Your Congressman

The time is past for sham battles and in order that a real victory may be won for the people every candidate for congress should be questioned on several particular subjects by the men whose votes he seeks.

Readers of The Commoner everywhere should ask their congressman:

(1) Do you believe: "A platform is a pledge, given by the candidate to the voters, and when ratified at the polls becomes a contract between the official and his constituents. To violate it, in letter or in spirit, is not only undemocratic, but repugnant to the principles of representative government, and constitutes an embezzlement of power."

Answer

(2) Will you vote for a change in the house rules, putting the selection of committees in the hands of party caucuses, each caucus selecting its own committee membership?

Answer

(3) Where do you stand on the tariff question? Do you believe in the principle of protection as interpreted by the republican party or do you favor tariff for revenue only?

Answer

(4) Do you endorse the democratic platform declaration that a private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable?

Answer

(5) Will you do your utmost to make it impossible for a private monopoly to exist?

Answer

(6) Will you favor a bill requiring the publication of all campaign contributions prior to election day?

Answer

(7) Are you opposed to national incorporation—that is, the grant of corporation charters by the federal government instead of by the state government as at present?

Answer

(8) Are you in favor of the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people?

Answer

(9) Are you in favor of the income tax?

Answer

(10) Do you approve the democratic national platform for 1908?

Answer

[Note: It is suggested that voters cut out the above list of questions and send it to the candidate for congress in their district, asking him to fill in the answers and return the same to the voter. The voter may, if he desires, forward the same to The Commoner, and it will be printed in this paper.]

FROM NEBRASKA

James A. Ollis, Sr., Ord, Nebraska.—Please publish this statement from Hon. W. J. Taylor, democratic and populist nominee for congress in the Sixth Nebraska district:

Dear Mr. Ollis: I answer all of the questions "yes," with the exception of number ten, to which I say "don't have copy at hand but so far as I can recall it was O. K." I want lumber, wire and generally used products of steel such as barbed wire, white lead, etc., upon the free list. Sugar ought to be greatly reduced, as also cotton and woolen wear. The deficiency occasioned by these changes should be supplied by an income tax. This in very great haste. Am glad of your inquiry. Yours.

W. J. TAYLOR.

FROM WISCONSIN

Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, October 15.—Editor The Commoner: Being now and having been for several years last past, a reader of your valuable paper, I notice that in your issue of October 7, you have a list of questions which you advise democrats to ask their democratic nominee for congress to answer. I will save my constituents the trouble of asking, by voluntarily answering the same. You will, therefore, please find enclosed your questions and my answers to the same.

M. E. BURKE,

Democratic Nominee for Congress for the Sixth Congressional District of Wisconsin.
Mr. Burke declares he is in favor of tariff

for revenue only and answers all the other questions in the affirmative.

FROM KENTUCKY

C. L. Donaldson, Bowling Green, Ky.—I enclose letter I wrote my congressman and his answer. I think he is all right. I have been reading the answers to "why the people do not get what they want," and I think Harry Herbert Hughes of Springfield, Mo., has hit the nail right square on the head. He is writing in the Commoner million army column. Like him, I am stronger for Bryan now than I ever was. I think, without doubt, he is the greatest man living today.

Mr. R. Y. Thomas, nominee for congress, Central City, Ky., answers Mr. Donaldson's questions by saying that he is for "tariff of revenue chiefly and protection so far as may be necessary." He answers "yes" to all other questions.

FROM PENNSYLVANIA

Patrick Moran, Gennese, Pa.—I presented those important questions to our congressman, Mr. W. B. Wilson, and our candidate for reelection for the Fifteenth district of Pennsylvania and you will please find herewith his answers. I wish him good success. He is the man the people want for that office.

Mr. Wilson says he is for tariff for revenue only and answers the other questions "yes."