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**GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP**

That there are forces at work that will make government ownership a big political issue in the near future was the declaration of Judge J. A. Prouty, in charge of the physical valuation of railroads by the government, in an address before the Traffic club at Baltimore, Md., recently. Judge Prouty is quoted by the Associated press dispatches as saying: "I am not forecasting or trying to influence the decision of the rate commission, but I say most positively there are forces at work which will make government ownership a big political issue in a short time. If government ownership comes it will be because the railroads have not given satisfactory service. They cannot give satisfactory service without the necessary money. Take for argument's sake the valuation of the railroads at \$20,000,000,000. The roads declare they should be allowed to earn 8 per cent on their investment. Most people believe 6 per cent sufficient. That makes a difference of \$400,000,000 the country will have to give railroads controlled by private interest. Will the country be willing to pay? The thing for the railroads to do is to create public sentiment in their favor. The fair thing for the public to do is to meet the railroads half way."

**Are You Doing Your Part This Year?**

The lines are being rapidly drawn for the contest that will determine whether the present democratic administration is to be indorsed and sustained by the return of a democratic congress this fall. Are you doing your part to bring about this result? Many are following out the suggestions recently made in The Commoner for aiding in this work, and many are joining in the work of helping to circulate The Commoner as an efficient aid among the doubtful voters.

The Commoner is gratified by the generous response to these appeals coming from all sections of the country, and extends a cordial invitation to all democrats of every state to spread the gospel of democratic doctrine in every congressional district.

For this year's congressional campaign The Commoner is making a special rate of 60 cents, which makes it low enough to place in the hands of a large number of voters. For those who will assist in this work, and for those who desire to strengthen their party's efforts in their home districts this fall, we have arranged two pledge blanks below. One calls for a number of special subscription cards which a worker agrees to take and be responsible for at 60 cents each. The other pledge is arranged for those who do not have time to go out and dispose of the subscription cards, but who wish to contribute a stated amount towards placing The Commoner in the hands of a number of doubtful voters in a state or district which they may later designate. If you believe the circulation of The Commoner will be of material assistance in bringing about a democratic victory this fall, kindly sign one of the pledges at the bottom of this page and start the work at once.

**LETTERS FROM THE WORKERS**

The following are some of the letters received from enthusiastic workers in different states:

E. T. Ice, Ind.—Enclosed find remittance to pay for five yearly subscriptions to The Commoner.

Mr. Jno. G. Hardy, Ill.—Please find enclosed remittance for which send The Commoner one year to the 10 subscribers herewith. Kindly send me ten subscription cards and I will endeavor to place them also. I want to help along a good cause.

Lloyd T. Everett, Va.—Enclosed find check for which please make the following five renewals at your special campaign rate.

R. L. Horseman, Mo.—I am pleased to herewith enclose draft for which send The Commoner to the following list of twelve yearly subscribers. These subscriptions were obtained in a few minutes canvass in the office of the secretary of state and other departments at Jefferson City, practically every one approached giving their subscription.

D. D. Duty, Ohio—Herewith find money order for which send The Commoner to the enclosed

list of eight yearly subscribers. I am personally subscribing for these at my own expense.

E. D. Clark, Nebraska.—Enclosed find check to cover five yearly subscriptions to The Commoner. I am paying for four myself.

Mr. M. B. Murphy, Kans.—The five cards you sent me received, and as I secured orders for all of them in a few minutes I hasten to order 25 which please mail to me at once. Many of the leading democrats here are anxious to take The Commoner.

J. E. Gandolfo, S. Dak.—Find herewith draft to pay for the enclosed club of 17 yearly subscriptions to The Commoner.

H. L. Smith, W. Va.—I enclose remittance to pay for the enclosed list of five yearly subscriptions to The Commoner. Send more blanks, and I will place The Commoner among my friends, this being a republican community and I want them to see the progress of the present administration.

Eli Gerber, Ind.—You will find draft to pay for the enclosed club of three new subscribers and four renewals. Send more blanks.

H. J. Halcomb, Mo.—Draft herewith to pay for the enclosed list of nine yearly subscriptions to The Commoner and one for two years.

Wm. Stelter, Hoisington, Kans.—Find herewith my pledge to contribute \$1.00 for a fund to be used for circulating The Commoner as campaign literature during the coming congressional contest.

F. N. Schrantz, Bothell, Wash.—I will do my utmost to insure the endorsement of our worthy president by a large democratic majority in the next congress. Please send me 5 subscription cards.

Victor E. Wilson, Stromsburg, Neb.—I enclose a draft for \$3.00 in payment of the enclosed club of five yearly subscriptions under your special educational offer. I enjoy your paper more as a monthly, than as a weekly, treating as it does the important affairs of our national life. The monthly issue gives the necessary perspective to their analysis, and busy though I am, and in receipt of a score of newspapers and magazines, I read the Commoner each month for my final determination of the trend of the times. I could pick up a hundred subscribers here if I had the time. I may be able to get some one else to do the soliciting and will try to do so.

Mr. T. N. Slaven, Hollister, Cal.—Enclosed find list of 25 yearly subscribers to The Commoner—mostly new, but a few renewals. I take over \$35.00 worth of newspapers and magazine literature and there are two of the lot that I never fail to read. One of which is The Commoner. I thought this year I would have to pass the raising of the club of Commoner subscribers to a younger democrat, but forgot all about it until it was too late—so here I am at it again. I am in my 82nd year.

**A PLEDGE**

TO ELECT A DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS IN 1914

Publisher Commoner: Believing that the way to endorse President Wilson's administration is to elect a democratic congress in 1914, and believing that The Commoner placed in the hands of worthy democrats and the independent voters will materially assist in the election of a democratic congress as an approval of the administration of President Wilson, I request that you send me the subscription cards indicated below and I pledge myself to use my utmost endeavor to sell the cards and will remit for them at the Congressional Campaign Special Rate of 60 cents each.

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Publisher Commoner: Desiring to assist in upholding the hands of President Wilson's administration, and believing that circulating The Commoner as current campaign literature in close congressional districts will materially aid in bringing about the election of the democratic candidates, I hereby agree to contribute the amount indicated below, the same to be used in sending The Commoner at the special rate of 60c per year to persons in my county or district or in another state or district, as I may designate later.

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