

nature, like the power of gravity. It moves apparently slowly, but it moves irresistibly. It crushes and runs over all opposition. There is nothing that can stay its progress. There is no human power that can bid it halt and be obeyed. In the moving column of men and women who are supporting it we hear the tramp of the people — of all the peoples — on the march. No defeat has caused it to halt. Not a banner has fallen out of line; not a column has wavered. The march is resumed; the defeat of yesterday is the triumph of today. Thousands join it daily; none leave it. States and nations, month by month, swell its moving advance.

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Letters From Commoner Readers

(Continued from page 10.)

Geo. W. Holloway, Kansas.—I am a great admirer of Mr. Bryan and have read The Commoner since its beginning with pleasure and much benefit to me. I am opposed to government ownership of railroads. I find, as a shipper of live stock, that the service is not so good and the rate increased, and I also find that the telephone service is not so good as before federal control.

Wm. Lee Pinkston, Missouri.—I have read The Commoner since its birth, and have watched every move made by Mr. Bryan. He has been right in every case, and is now. As a politician, viewed through political eyes, he is a failure and is no doubt proud of it, as he ought to be. "He saved others, himself he could not save," because the greatness of the man never could stoop to selfishness. I have been a mourner on many sad occasions when Mr. Bryan has been tenderly (?) buried, but never as those who had no hope. "Truth crushed to earth will rise again," and Mr. Bryan will live a thousand years after his executioners have been dead and forgotten. In 1920, Bryan aplenty; 1924, Bryan forevermore.

W. L. Shrabel and seven others, Arkansas.—We, the undersigned, stand for the fifteen principles set forth in The Commoner, and will thankfully receive any information you wish to give.

Frank Collins, Delaware.—I note your ambitious plans for reforms, but do not think you are getting at the root of the matter in this country. Now that the syndicated liquor traffic has received its knock-out blow, I think the three most pressing reforms are as follows: 1. Robber tariff duties, under the guise of protecting labor. Abolish the . . . 2. Stock watering by so-called investment bankers. 3. The taking of community created values in lands and natural resources by private and corporate investors. Educate the voters to effect these three great and needed reforms and most of our political and social ills will then disappear.

N. A. Darling, New York.—I for one am profoundly thankful for what Mr. Bryan and The Commoner have done in carrying the United States for temperance. Yours for other victories in righteousness.

Sharon C. Lamberson, Ohio.—I am in hearty accord with Mr. Bryan in every particular except as to government ownership and operation of railroads, telephones, cables and merchant marine.

W. B. Lawson, New York.—I want The Commoner sent to me as long as W. J. Bryan lives and writes for it.

L. B. Cowan, Idaho.—I am in full accord with Mr. Bryan's "Constructive Program".

James W. Bowman, West Virginia.—I have taken The Commoner ever since its first publication, with the intention of taking it until Mr. Bryan shall be elected president of our country. Please say to him if he will not accept the nomination again, I will cease taking it after my present subscription expires in 1920. I am aware that The Commoner has done more good than any other publication in our country, and wish it continued success.

A. Wheeler, Illinois.—I certainly appreciate The Commoner, and I could not think of words to express my appreciation, good wishes and thanks for the great work Mr. Bryan

has accomplished the last twenty years. I congratulate him on his great victory over King Alcohol. I think it is the greatest victory of all the ages if we can keep it down here, and keep it going until it reaches around the world. Hope you will be as successful in the constructive work as we have been in gaining victories.

H. M. Swan, New York.—I can agree with all the issues named in your letter except the government ownership of railroads and telephones.

W. L. Walton, North Dakota.—May I extend congratulations to Mr. Bryan on the successful outcome of the prohibition amendment. It surely is a great victory for the right. Now if we could just make Mr. Bryan president of the United States for the coming term we progressive democrats would make sure of proper enforcement of the Prohibition amendment and at the same time round out Mr. Bryan's noble work for the country. Success to you in your splendid work through The Commoner.

G. H. Rhodes, Tennessee.—Permit me to say that I enjoy reading The Commoner very much and that I have always been an admirer of Hon. William J. Bryan. It was my good pleasure to bring him to our little town for a lecture some two years ago and to meet him personally. I

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