

feel like he was more instrumental in securing the ratification of the amendment to the constitution for the election of senators by the people and recently the great victory of the prohibition forces, than any one else. May he live long and enjoy still greater honor is the wish of his admirer.

Wm. McElroy, Ohio.—This will acknowledge receipt of your favor in which was enclosed a "Constructive Program" dealing with conditions as they are at the present. After studying them as carefully as my limited knowledge would permit will beg to say that I most heartily indorse them all.

L. A. Lincoln, South Dakota.—I am in strict accord with Mr. Bryan's constructive policies, each and every one of them. In regard to the league of nations, I feel just as he does. Why? Because Bryan has always been right and he is a man the American people may put their trust in. I wish I could shout with the voice of thunder from the highest point on the globe the virtues of this great champion of human justice. In regard to the presidential candidate, I hope and pray that I may have a chance to vote again for William J. Bryan. Wilson may be a great man and I am willing to concede willingly that he is; but he is only doing now with sentiment back of him what the great "Commoner" DARED to proclaim all alone. Long live Bryan and peace and honor to his soul.

M. F. Murphy, North Dakota.—I am very much pleased with the program that you propose and it meets my hearty approval in all respects. At present I can think of nothing to add to it and there is nothing that I would eliminate if it were left to me to do so. I renewed my subscription to your paper only a short time ago

and I couldn't think of trying to get along without it. I always read every issue from cover to cover. I wish I was not so extremely busy with my own affairs and I would be glad to take the time and see the progressive democrats and get them to subscribe. Every progressive democrat in the United States should read The Commoner. I have wished many many times that you were President at the present time and I think if you had been President when the war started that the war would have been settled within a year from the time it started.

J. A. Alexander, Illinois.—I agree with you, we have great problems at hand, and the time to begin solving them is now instead of waiting until the calling of the national conventions. I want you to keep your eye on the democratic national convention as watchfully as you have ever done, or even more so if possible.

Conrad Bluhm, Michigan.—Just read No. 15 of "A Constructive Program". I like that national bulletin idea. He is an unhappy juryman who most vote on partial information. Hence the plight of the nation in its periodic election spasms. If all our citizens read a complete argument on mooted questions there would be less mental violence against one another for all would be more nearly agreed. No question of public welfare has a right to be exclusively partisan. Yet our publicity policy encourages such partisanship. Groups become vociferous in measure to their ignorance of half the truth. The spirit of fair play, square deal, of the golden rule can obtain only when the voting jury have all the facts. Your plan does not bar misinformation if each party controls its own space, but it does give the other fellow a chance to reach the blind partisan. While there is a chance for a come-back there is less likelihood of misinformation. I would carry your idea into separate state bulletins also. Such travesty as shamed Michigan in her late senatorial race would hardly occur if the electorate had full information as outlined in your plan, for the sponsors would see little hope of winning on a "foul". Push the idea.

W. G. Purnell, Maryland.—I am in favor of the first five articles of your "Constructive Program". The great special and business interests are sufficiently powerful to own and operate the government, as we have just seen them secure the election of a reactionary congress, and they command the united support of every daily newspaper I am familiar with. The only remedy is to put them in your "program" along with the railroads, telegraphs, etc. The government must own and operate them or they will own and operate the government, and the daily press must be made free to serve the people. Now they must serve these interests or perish, as they live on the advertisements of these great financial interests and are practically in slavery to them.

W. R. Bilyeu, Oregon.—I wish to congratulate Mr. W. J. Bryan for his valiant and valuable fight for national prohibition. It seems that he has been on the right side of every great moral question for the last twenty-five years. I am inclined to the firm belief that he has in the main been right on all the great questions all the time.

J. H. Watkins, Missouri.—I heartily indorse your stand on the prohibition and women suffrage questions and in fact about all the others also.

Thomas McCarthy, Iowa.—I indorse every principle set forth in Mr. Bryan's "Constructive Program" as printed, and believe it

should be incorporated in the national democratic platform of 1920. Allow me to congratulate Mr. Bryan through The Commoner, on the many victories he has won over his foes and the foes of the people; the last victory, prohibition, being the greatest of all.

A. H. Simpson, Oregon.—I am in favor of every issue set forth in your

program, and am sure that you have done more good for the common people of the world than any other man has. But there is one task you set for yourself that you have not accomplished yet, and that is, to make the democratic party democratic. There should be a party law or plank in our platform compelling the retirement of any law maker

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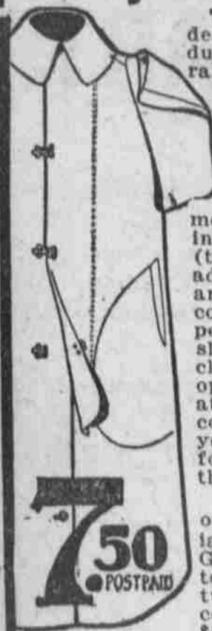
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