

the mixture at San Francisco so unnecessarily flouted Mr. Bryan they naturally decreased the loyalty of every progressive Democrat, who are Democrats as our party platforms have taught them for a generation. When they attempted to ignore that multitude and all progressive Republicans they undertook too much.

Mrs. Annie C. Russel, Oklahoma.—In your November issue you state, "The Commoner desires to hear from those who will undertake to help rehabilitate the party in their respective counties and states." In the past campaign, I was registrar and Democratic committeewoman for my precinct, and I will gladly accomplish whatever my limited sphere will permit. But a reorganization that does not include W. J. Bryan as the chief factor will lose the strongest wing of the party. I think one element contributing to our defeat in the past campaign was resentment at the way he was treated by the San Francisco convention.

J. C. B. Smith, Illinois.—Put me down as one of the party who is willing to accept the leadership of W. J. Bryan and organize the party.

D. D. Stephens, M. D., Alabama.—The liquorized and subsidized press are clamoring for one of their gang to take charge of the remnants of the crushed party that they have so well succeeded in paralyzing. I want to tell you, Mr. Editor, Mr. Bryan is the only leader the rank and file of the party can look to. The press of this country does not represent the vast majority of people. The Palmer and Buckner element and the liquor press that have always fought Mr. Bryan since he has championed the cause of the masses, are now at work trying to give us a leader that's representative of big interests. I feel certain I voice the sentiments of millions of people when I say for Mr. Bryan to take charge of the party and continue to try and purge it of his enemies, the enemies of democracy.

Ben Bond, Illinois.—Enclosed find \$1 renewal for The Commoner and \$1 for the good of the cause. Every subscriber can well afford to add \$1 to his subscription and let W. J. use it as he will for the good of the paper. With Ruth's entreaty to Naomi, I am with W. J.

John G. Miller, Kansas.—I am willing to undertake to help rehabilitate the party in this state, county and precinct, as per your request in the November issue. Living on state line could do some work in Missouri, but it will come back.

S. W. Simcoe, Missouri.—I am sorry I can not send a club of subscriptions of 10, 15 or 25 new subscribers to your paper. I wish every progressive Democrat and Republican in the United States would read it.

W. J. Stockton, California.—I guess I can call myself a Democrat. I voted for Mr. Bryan three times, Parker once and Wilson twice. I have taken The Commoner from the first issue to date and a year in advance. Have been more or less prominent. Have served the dear people for twenty years in various capacities and I am going to tell the real cause of the political blizzard the Republicans plowed with our heifer. Mob law reigned for two years for the first time in American history. Nothing Wilson ever did afterward or could do would wipe that out. So many good things have happened lately—prohibition and woman suffrage—that may be we can yet get rid of our cancer (cut it out). That The Commoner may live a long and useful life, that Mr. Bryan may be spared to his millions of friends (something we could say of no other man living) for a long time to come, is my prayer.

D. C. Osburn, Missouri.—The morning of November 3 dawned on a disorganized and leaderless Democracy. No David is discernible. It is up to you, Democracy's ever hopeful Samuel, to lead the way. It is not conceivable that it will again require twenty years to vanquish the forces of plunder. With best wishes for you and your policies.

Eldon A. Huchison, Ohio.—I endorse the efforts of Mr. Bryan to clean house and purge the Democratic party of certain undesirable elements. I bid you Godspeed and success in the undertaking. When the Democratic party gains its equilibrium on moral issues, when, with progressive leaders and progressive issues we shall

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again appear, the people shall rule, and the Democratic party shall come into its rightful place of leadership. What efforts are being made to organize Bryan clubs? We must turn again to him for leadership four years hence and we will win.

J. Grover Scates, Oklahoma.—We are all strong for W. J. Bryan. I think he is yet an ideal Democrat and a great American. History has repeatedly shown that he is right.

O. C. Lane, Texas.—Enclosed find clipping from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. This propaganda purports to be in the interest of democracy by planning for the reorganization of the Democratic party. But I fear that the motive that inspired the leaders of this propaganda is to organize the so-called democracy of the special interests and for the privilege class, and to hedge against the real leaders of the Democracy of the people, by the people and for the people. Seeing this propaganda in the editorials of papers that ridicule and belittle William Jennings Bryan and supported Joe Bailey in his fight against the Democratic administration, increases my suspicion of their motives. We don't want to take a leaf out of the Republican book by grooming a dark horse for a new Democratic leader. Democracy wants everything in the limelight. There is no political organization nor political power in the nation that the whiskey and privilege class dread so much as they do Bryan and his followers.

J. F. Hester, Nebraska.—We need W. J. Bryan to bring the Democratic party to life. I think he is the greatest living statesman. All hail the man that can not be bought with money, and would rather be right than president. He has more friends at the present time than he ever had in his life before. It is W. J. Bryan for president in 1924.

Florence P. Underwood, Oregon.—Permit me to join the great number of American citizens who will wish to express to you their thanks for your frank, free and honest exposition of the causes of the great revulsion of feeling indicated by the outcome of the election. By heredity and conviction I am a Republican, but as a

long-time South Dakota neighbor, I knew and admired your fearlessness and honesty, of which we are now, in your statement published today, having a powerful example. All Republicans will thank you, and all Democrats should.

H. G. Deweese, Ohio.—It is not your special offer that causes me to renew my subscription, but it is the belief that no Democrat can afford to be without it. Especially is this true at this time. I am sending check for \$5 in payment for my own subscription and four friends. If all goes well with me I may be able to do more for the cause later. Assuring you of my deep interest at all times where the indisputable leader is concerned. More power to Bryan always.

R. A. Menge, Colorado.—As I have been a subscriber and reader of The Commoner for many years, I do not want my subscription to expire so as to lose a single copy. I am sending my renewal. I am always very much interested in Commoner news or any of William J. Bryan's talks and speeches. I will do anything in my power to help him out and help him to arouse the public nationally and organize them so that they can act together. I hope he will be successful.

J. R. Fowkes, Arizona.—As a real Democrat we are still with you. To carry out Democracy that is Democratic, that lets the people decide and govern in favor of the peoples' common interest, instead of a president, king or even a congress without the instruction of the people. This is the issue between kings and democracies, and this has become the issue between the American republic and a real democracy. With hope.

H. H. Ruppe, South Carolina.—I want to see the Democrats win in the next election two years hence and also in the next presidential election. In order to do this I believe that the very best men ought to offer to make the race for all offices.

H. H. Stallard, Washington.—I see you have been read out of the Democratic party. I have