

BRYAN ALWAYS BUSY

If Republicans Think Democracy Is Dead Just Follow These Lines

EDITORIALS BY COMMONER READERS.

The "editorials" by Commoner readers presented in each issue must be interesting and inspiring to Democrats everywhere. These "editorials" are written in response to the primary pledge plan.

Democrats everywhere are showing great enthusiasm as they enter upon their effort to make their party true to itself by making it true to the people. Don't withhold your pledge because you always attend primaries. You can help the work by setting a good example to your careless colleague. Send in your own pledge. Then ask your neighbor to sign. It will require time to cover the entire field, but if Democrats co-operate, the desired result will be accomplished. Every Democrat is asked to pledge himself to attend all of the primaries of his party to be held between now and the next Democratic national convention, unless unavoidably prevented, and to secure a clear, honest and straightforward declaration of the party's position on every question upon which the voters of the party desire to speak. Those desiring to be enrolled can either write to The Commoner approving the object of the organization and asking to have their names entered on the roll, or they can fill out and mail the blank pledge, which is printed on page 9.

Extracts from letters received by The Commoner follow:

William H. Phillips, Sykerville, Ark.—I herewith enclose the primary pledge. Your plan will be a great benefit to the party.

G. W. Glass, Stamping Ground, Ky.—I send primary pledge with six signatures.

L. S. Bell, Watauga, Ky.—I heartily

CONSUMPTION'S WARNING



Inside facts soon become evident in outside symptoms.—Dr. G. G. Green.

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ly approve of the The Commoner's plan to get out the Democratic vote.

Allen G. Dutz, Guyandotte, W. Va.—I enclose primary pledge with 36 names of Jefferson Democrats. Please send me a few blanks by return mail, as I want to do all I can for the grand old party.

A. N. Gordon, Leesville, Mo.—I herewith send primary pledge with 35 signatures.

W. N. White, El Paso, Texas.—Another good man—come over from the enemy.

J. L. Binchfield, McGregor, Texas.—I sign the primary pledge and think all Democrats ought to do likewise. Hurrah for The Commoner.

A. H. Ker, Russia, N. M.—Find enclosed pledge with nine signatures.

W. J. Moore, Comanche, Texas.—I heartily endorse your primary pledge plan. I am one of those old gray haired Democrats. I cast my first vote for John C. Breckenridge in 1860. Enlisted in the confederate army July, 1861, and was with the enemy until the surrender.

H. G. Williams, Meadville, Pa.—I enclose primary pledge with 20 signatures.

Franklin G. Leh, Valley, N. J.—Enclosed find primary pledge. If every true Democrat will keep the ball rolling we can achieve a noble victory in 1908. Yours looking forward for good work.

William Taylor, Petersburg, Ind.—Enclosed find primary pledge with 20 signatures.

Gus Meeters, Yellville, Ark.—I send primary pledge with 35 signatures.

A. Baxter, Moscow, Ida.—I send the pledge but will vote for gold standard candidates.

John W. Alphonse, Stamford, Conn.—I send primary pledge with 35 names.

A. B. Black, deputy sheriff, Bloomsburg, Pa.—I am going to make an extra effort to get a lot of signatures in this county, but of course it will take some time.

Ed J. Lithuan, Willowdell, Ohio.—I enclose primary pledge with 20 signatures.

Captain J. J. Hutchinson, Colorado City, Colo.—I will try to fill out the pledge and return same to you.

C. C. Aliff, Beckley, W. Va.—Enclosed find primary pledge with 35 signatures.

A. W. Purdin, Levertown, Mo.—I think the primary pledge plan a good one to get the veterans in line by 1908 for the greatest struggle in history. Democracy must rule to save our republic.

Fred Hellwig, Bonaparte, Ia.—I send primary pledge with 13 signatures.

J. L. Linville, Bethany, Mo.—Enclosed find six pledges. It's hardly worth while for me to send these pledges, for we all attend the primaries any way, but we want to be recorded among that noble throng that gave a name to the Democratic party.

G. L. Root, Peoria, Ill.—Enclosed find eight pledges duly signed.

John E. Brenneisen, Unionville, Md.—I send primary pledge signed. To commence at the bottom is the right plan but it should be followed up at the county and state conventions.

Lora Plummer, Montrose, Ill.—I enclose pledge with 13 signatures.

James Allen, Pontana, Kans.—I enclose pledge list filled out. Send me another blank, I think I can get it filled out.

James J. Henry, Philadelphia, Pa.—I send primary pledge with 35 signatures.

B. F. Van Meter, Lexington, Ky.—Here's my primary pledge. I have been a Democrat from my earliest manhood to the present time.

Charles L. Warfield, San Diego, Cal.—I enclose primary pledge signed by 20 leading Democrats of this place.

Dr. J. A. Young, Pauls Valley, I. T.—I enclose pledge with 45 signatures.

Lyman Cole, Jamestown, N. Y.—I send pledges with 20 signatures.

H. C. Ray, Dayton, Ohio.—I am willing to do all I can to forward the Commoner's plan of organization. If anything is accomplished here the work must come from the rank and

file. While I am sure the large majority of voters believe in the reforms the Commoner is advocating, the primaries are so manipulated that the rank and file of the party have no way of expressing their views. This condition of affairs can be suppressed only by a counter organization. I once saw a wagon drawn by 24 horses. The wagon got in a rut and the 24 horses could not pull it out, because they never pulled together. Finally, two old, sturdy work horses were put next to the wagon—they threw their weight into the collars and in less time than it takes to tell it, the heavy wagon was moving forward. A few men with a purpose who will work together may be able to pull the Democratic wagon out of the mire.

W. W. Stell, Paris, Texas.—As this is my 72d birthday, and having voted the Democratic ticket straight for 50 years, and living in a state that is said to have a "brutal Democratic majority," I have thought it hardly necessary for me to sign the primary pledge. But I find the talks of many who have signed the pledge just like an old fashioned Methodist love feast, and being a Methodist myself I write to have my pledge recorded.

E. H. Speer, North Bellevue, Pa.—I enclose primary pledge.

Virgil Six, Abilene, Texas.—I herewith send my own primary pledge and others duly signed.

Alonzo Fowler, Ava, Ohio.—I am a Democrat first, last and all the time, and am willing to assist in your organization plan.

William Green, Landes, Ill.—Enclosed find my primary pledge, which I gladly sign. I believe it to be a good plan to enthrone the voters. Get them interested in the primary and no fear but that they will be at the polls on election day.

John T. Nicholas, Danville, Ind.—I send my primary pledge with four others.

J. O. Wasson, Mobely, Ark.—Please send me a dozen copies of the Commoner. I am securing signers to the primary pledge and think I can use a few copies of the Commoner.

Michael Hays, Adair, Mo.—I heartily commend the primary pledge plan.

H. Fancher, Moody, Texas.—Enclosed find primary pledge with 11 signatures. I heartily endorse everything the Commoner advocates.

James Rareden, Bloomington, Ind.—Herewith find primary pledge with 35 signatures.

Adolph Schaffer, Portland, Ore.—I send you my primary pledge. I believe in the true Democracy and the teachings of the Commoner.

E. L. Berry, Nehawka, Neb.—I enclose herewith primary pledges signed by 15 Democrats all of Nehawka precinct. They all approve of your plan, all signed except two to whom I presented the pledge. I think your's a good plan and hope it will be the means of arousing more interest in the party.

R. E. Rose, Mountain Grove, Mo.—Enclosed find 35 primary pledges. Long life to the Commoner and to W. J. Bryan. We who were born Democrats in '96 have never deserted our leader. Success to the primary pledge plan and success to the principles of true Democracy. Let us all work and pray that "government of the people, by the people and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

W. S. White, Saint Jo, Texas.—Enclosed find primary pledge filled out and signed. I heartily endorse your plan. Am a Texan and Democrat of long standing, and I read the Commoner, and am getting ready for the great awakening of 1908.

E. L. Willaford, Richmond, Mo.—See enclosed a primary pledge sheet with 20 names. We have another sheet which will be sent in when full. These

names are secured without much exertion. Everyone signs who is asked. H. N. Briggs, Clarion, Mich.—I hand you herewith my primary pledge together with a few other signers. I am in full sympathy with Mr. Bryan's movement to secure a clear, honest and straightforward declaration of our party's position on every question, not only for the campaign of 1908, but for all future time. We want no more of "Cleveland's sane and safe Democracy," so-called, but the pure and simple, Jefferson's simplicity, exactly suits me.

F. R. Hurley, Rodney, Mass.—The primary pledge received. Having circulated one pledge in my immediate neighborhood, it will take a little longer to get same filled out. I will return same as soon as filled. You can send me a few copies of the Commoner for distribution. I am and always have been a Democrat and am glad to assist in any way in building up same.

Jerry Smith, Valeda, Kas.—Find enclosed primary pledge. I heartily endorse your plan. What the people of Kansas need is more good sound Democratic literature. I will do what I can to organize the forces in this township.

William E. Dorson, Gowanda, N. Y.—Enclosed please find my primary pledge. I sincerely endorse the plan of attending all primaries as it is the only way in which we can nominate candidates who will represent the people.

Eugene C. Wells, Waterville, Vermont.—I herewith enclose 23 names of good old Jeffersonian Democrats. This is a strong Republican state, but what few Democrats we have are true to Democratic principles and can be depended upon to attend all primaries.

F. Davidson, Charleston, W. Va.—Find enclosed primary pledge duly signed. To say that I am in sympathy with the movement is expressing it mildly. I have always been an admirer of Mr. Bryan, having lost a job on account of my youthful exuberance for him in 1896. I cast my first vote for Mr. Parker, not that he suited me, but voted for him on the theory that a bad beginning often makes a good ending, and think it will hold good in this instance, as I think in 1908 I will be allowed to vote for a Democrat upon a democratic platform and not for a Republican upon a Republican platform veneered over with a thin coating of Democratic doctrine. Send me 25 primary blanks.

Omer Summarrs, Huntington, Ind.—Enclosed find primary pledge blank. Have been too busy to make a special canvas, but have gotten these signers just as I have happened to meet them. Wish I had more time to devote to the cause as I am heartily in sympathy with the work you are doing.

George P. Olmstead, Allachua, Fla.—I gladly enclose primary pledge signed. I have never taken any stock, or bonds either for that matter in this so-called reform movement led by would-be Democrats. I go not so near Wall Street to get my brand of Democracy and whenever that plutocratic element leads I refuse to be led. Their interests are not mine and all efforts to convince me will be time lost. The sooner the southern and western voter breaks away from and ceases to be fooled by Belmont, Parker and their followers the sooner they will be relieved of the burdens we are now loaded down with. Wall Street has retarded the south's progress for half a century, while the south has contributed to Wall Street's financial successful robbing. Note the Equitable scandal and reckon for one minute the thousands of dollars the south and west have contributed to make this greatest of all insurance scandals possible,

while had each state have had their own insurance companies all this would have been saved. You deserve and should have success with your splendid primary plan. May it prove so.

J. A. Kilkey, Corvallis, Ore.—I take pleasure in sending you a signed primary pledge. So long as the Stars and Stripes float over possessions which are deprived of the privileges and immunities of the constitution and are by force, made unwilling subjects there is work for Democracy. So long as there exists a trust—the creature of special privilege, monopolizing natural opportunities which belong to all, absorbing the wealth that others have created, destroying competition and impoverishing the masses, the hands of democracy must not be idle. The party of Jefferson, of Jackson, and of Bryan must win, or self-government is a failure; but it will win. The spirit of Democracy is not dead, the good work you are doing will arouse it to new life and activity. May the God of nations hasten the day of its triumph.

Guy M. Stealey, Buford, Colo.—Enclosed find primary pledge. I think you have solved the problem of the organization of the Democratic rank and file. Your plan is based on the dictum of the wisest of our philosophers that if everyone would but reform himself, there would be no evil in the world to right. The Democrats are in the majority today, as they have been for years past, but repeated failures to reform the Democratic party as a whole have discouraged at least a third of them. Yet they are to blame for this state of affairs; they do not "reform" themselves. They know how the government should be maintained, they discuss the various reforms—and "they then neglect to vote!" My vote does not count for much, anyway, is an oft-heard expression at election time. It needs but little reflection to see that to this very fact—this erroneous reasoning—is due the failure of the Democratic party. "My vote doesn't count," and there are scores of these "doesn't count" votes in every precinct, hundreds in every county, thousands in every state in the Union. Add these thousands and thousands of votes, and the total would elect a Democratic president by a large majority. When these voters realize that while individually they are weak, yet that collectively they possess a mighty power, then Democracy will win. Let every Democrat in the land sign the pledge, and be ready to join the ranks of the great army that will march to the polls in 1908 to battle for their rights, their principles and the honor of their country.

H. B. Hopkins, San Francisco, Cal.—Enclosed please find an additional lot of primary pledges, which the writer takes pleasure in sending to the Commoner. Please send me five more blank lists like the one enclosed. Mr. Bryan, it is a source of great satisfaction to your friends to see the overwhelming interest manifested in the primary pledges, in all parts of the country. When you sounded the bugle call on March 17, 1905, "get back to the people," it struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the masses, which is shown by the eagerness with which they have taken up the work of securing primary pledges; and the confidence which Democrats everywhere express, regarding the campaign of 1908. It is certainly gratifying to note the satisfaction expressed on the part of Democrats in every state, that the principles of Jefferson, Jackson and Bryan are those which will be adhered to, in connection with the efforts which they shall put forth from now, until the close of the Democratic national convention in 1908. After the St. Louis convention, they told us the Democratic party was dead; and today we see in every state in the union, such an awakening that has not been equaled in the recollection of the present generation. What does it mean? It means that when the Democratic party stands for Democratic principles, that the people will support it, and will not support "Republican party principles" under the guise of Democracy. The masses are becoming aroused in connection with the existing conditions; as they behold Secretary Taft and President Roosevelt, admitting the great injustice the tariff is working, wherein they have admitted that they are able to save 50 per cent by purchasing abroad, supplies which will be required in connection with the construction of the Panama canal, which admission has shaken the Republican party from center to circumference. The writer is persuaded that we see the hand writing on the wall, warning "Plutocracy to beware," and for railroads to "discontinue their discriminations." The writer is also impressed that all true Democrats throughout the country heartily endorse your expressions in regard to state and government ownership of state and interstate railroads. May God bless you in the

great work which you are engaged in, and you may depend upon it, that the people are with you.

Harvey W. Jones, Magness, Ky.—Herewith is the primary pledge signed and filled out properly otherwise. I have always attended the primary elections of my party and shall continue to do so, for I fully realize that if the people—the common people—ever have "equal rights" with the capitalist and plutocratic element it will come through the final triumph of the eternal principles of the Jefferson, Jackson and Bryan Democracy.

J. N. O'Neal, Murillo, Ark.—I think you are publishing one of the best papers ever published. I call it an educator, and think every young man, regardless of political differences, should read it. I send in more pledges, most of which occurs in my own hand writing, but I have been given authority. I will do some work for your paper by the last of August. I think it will be an easy matter to send you as many as twelve subscribers by that time. I am ever ready to assist in getting Democracy "back to the people."

J. W. Hickman, "an old one-legged confederate private," Lamothe, La.—I enclose primary pledge which I wanted to do at the very first mention made of signing such a pledge. I never have failed to attend my party's primaries, but hesitated in signing the Commoner's pledge for the reason that I must support the nominee with my vote, and what ever influence I may be able to control. I am not going to be trapped into voting for a candidate nominated who has only a few Democratic principles, because it is thought he may be elected. I hold myself free to vote out and out for Bryan's Democracy of 1896 and 1900. I can't be reorganized any more.

W. J. Reid, Sheridan, Ark.—I enclose 35 pledges. I am glad to help in any way I can. I will send you names that may become subscribers to the Commoner: V. L. Reid, Panny, Ark.; R. O. Reid, Twelfth and Morton, Little Rock, Ark.; Nolin Clinton, Edgemore, S. C.; J. A. Brown, Blithesville, Ark. I will try and send in more names soon.

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