

ministration was when he and My Dear Harri- man and a few other practical men, raised \$250,000 in the state of New York, with which, according to their own admission, they bought fifty thousand votes in New York City. Now from the fact that these voters were purchased at an average price of five dollars per head we may infer that they were poor men, very poor, indeed. The latest bulletin he has issued, as far as I know, states that he is in favor of radical reform, provided it is brought about by those who are fattening on the evils that he proposes to eliminate. In other words he proposed to have satan cast out satan. If his idea is correct the religious bodies of the world are surely making a mistake in sending Christians to carry the gospel of Christ to heathen nations. They should employ atheists, or at least Mohamedans for that work.

Doubtless the grammatical construction of this letter is open to criticism. My excuse for that is that I, with millions of other men, have been so busy at work earning money to build palatial mansions for trust magnates, earning money to educate their sons in the devious meth- ods of high finance, earning money to buy titled husbands for their daughters, and pay their way through the divorce court, and similar luxuries that seem to be necessary for that class of people that I have had neither time or money to spend on my own education.

Now, Mr. Editor, you may think what I have written is too radical for your paper. If you think so, toss it into the waste basket. Had I had any stronger language at my command I should certainly have used it. Hoping that the democratic party may rise to the full measure of its opportunity, I am yours for justice,
JAMES T. CONLIN.

WHEN J. PIERPONT MORGAN WENT TO WASHINGTON

On the eve of going abroad, Mr. Morgan went to Washington and saw the president and cer- tain members of the cabinet.

Heard about it, did you? That was the time the switches were spiked and the main line cleared, and ordinary people who paid for ser- vice through on time waited, while Morgan's special broke all records for speed between Mor- gan's business city and his capital city—and that is achieving some speed, allow us to assure you.

"Holland," a writer on matters related to finance, puts the question, "Why did Morgan go to Washington?"—and answers it by opining that he had only one errand, and that related to the scheme for putting the republic of Hon- duras "on a firm financial basis."

This, of course, means a Morgan basis. Three days after the visit of Morgan, Mr. Taft moved in the matter of the Honduras treaty.

Undoubtedly Mr. Morgan mentioned the treaty to the president. But, bless your souls, he had other things to do in Washington. He was go- ing away for several months, and the whole field of government had to be arranged before he went. It was like putting out the cat, untying the dog, locking the barn and blowing out the candle before going to bed.

There is a special telephone wire running from the White House to Charles P. Taft's office in Cincinnati, and there it may be presumed to loop into the special wire from Charles P.'s office to Morgan's office, so that on ordinary occasions the government can be attended to by phone; but on going away from the phone, Mr. Morgan would naturally want to give certain instructions face to face.

At last accounts the diplomatic correspondence between Mr. Knox's office and the oriental na- tions with reference to those Manchurian rail- ways—a \$100,000,000 matter in which Morgan was vitally interested—were in the possession of J. P. Morgan and company at New York. Mr. Morgan may have wanted to return to Mr. Knox the state department's files before leaving.

To be sure, Mr. Knox is running the state de- partment as a branch of J. P. Morgan and com- pany's business, in Honduras and elsewhere, just as he did before the Japanese princes closed out the Morgan interests in Manchuria while the president's nose was being rubbed in the dirt by Morgan through Knox in the Crane case; but it would be awkward if the files of the state department were found at Morgan's—and Mr. Morgan might have wanted to return them.

And he may have wanted to consult Knox about the \$10,000,000 Liberian bond refund— there are lots of things he may have wanted to say as master to man.

And then—did "Holland" not think of this? —there is that Aldrich central bank of issue

matter. Might not Mr. Morgan have desired to say what he wanted the administration to do on that?

Ex-Secretary Shaw says that the Morgan- Standard Oil interests could well afford to pay the national debt as payment for this central bank franchise—which they expect to get for nothing. George E. Roberts shows how the central bank of issue might sop up a profit of a billion dollars the first year by taking up the gold in the treasury.

Probably Mr. Morgan referred to that matter too.

Quite Likely.—Omaha (Neb.) Daily News.

INFORMATION WANTED

W. A. Spangler, Bonham, Tex.: I am very desirous of getting an old poem of several verses known, perhaps by the name of "Clear the Way." This piece was in our readers years ago, but I have not seen it in many years. A part of one verse and perhaps the ending of several verses runs:

"Low a giant wrong's about to crumble into clay Men of thought and men of action clear the way!"

If you can find this for me I will be very grateful.

I have been a reader of The Commoner from its first issue and it seems to me that each and every issue gets better and better.

"WATCH IT GROW"

From now on Mr. Bryan will be in the field working personally for the preservation of the democratic party to the end that it may be of real service to the people in the effort to per- petuate popular government. He has given in- structions that every new subscriber shall re- ceive The Commoner for a period of two years (which will carry it beyond the presidential election of 1912) for the sum of one dollar. Every Commoner reader is asked to secure at least one new subscriber. Many will be able to secure more than one. Everyone, however, may render some aid in this work. Following are sample letters:

Arthur C. Brown, Maine—I am sending you herewith names of some of The Commoner democrats here. It does not look, however, if things continue in the same way, that there will be many republicans left in the state after a year or so.

T. W. Huston, Missouri—I enclose here- with list of campaign subscribers at your special rate of two years for \$1.00; you will find here- with Kansas City Exchange for \$5.00 to pay for the following five two-year subscriptions. I shall endeavor to secure patrons for The Com- moner whenever it is possible to do so.

L. E. Duffy, North Carolina—Enclosed find remittance of \$2.40 for four annual sub- scriptions to The Commoner at 60 cents each. I would be very much at a loss without The Commoner. The paper is a great educator. I am entirely in sympathy with the idea of reform as championed by The Commoner; the seed that it is sowing is springing up and growing and will finally "choke out" the forms that have been in the paths of the unsuspecting people. Keep up your fight against "the American house of lords." The senate of the United States is too far from the people and is most assuredly a creature of a power in little sympathy with the great mass of the people. Let the good work go on.

T. J. Quinn, Missouri—Enclosed find money- order for \$4.80 to pay for the enclosed list of eight subscribers, each for one year under your special clubbing offer of 60 cents a year, or \$1.00 for two years.

E. Garrison, Georgia—Herewith find express order for \$4.00 to pay for sending The Com- moner two years to each of the following four subscribers.

U. W. Engle, Oregon—I am glad to hand you herewith money-order for \$4.00 to pay for send- ing The Commoner two full years and for the enclosed list of subscribers.

J. A. Bryan, Pennsylvania—Herewith find check for \$3.00 to pay for The Commoner two full years to the enclosed list of three names. Please discontinue these subscriptions at date of expiration unless they should renew. I will get more subscribers for you just as soon as I have time to do so.

J. C. Ruddock, California—I am getting up a club under your special 1912 educational campaign offer; have several names, and will secure more very shortly. I interviewed one of the former subscribers today, and he positively refused to take advantage of the two years for

\$1.00, and directed me expressly to have the paper sent to him at the usual subscription price of \$1.00 for one year. He says The Commoner is worth its weight in gold as an educator of democratic principles, and he does not wish it discounted to him. Find enclosed remittance for the sum of \$1.00 in payment of the full subscription price for the renewal of the subscription under the regular terms, \$1.00 a year.

C. B. Coe, Oklahoma—Find enclose post- office money-order for \$5.00 to pay for five two- year subscriptions to The Commoner in accor- dance with the announcement of last week. Long live The Commoner.

J. W. Oakes, Oklahoma—I have been sick for some time, but I am now better, and I am always glad to work for the extension of the circulation of The Commoner. It stands for better government. You will find enclosed \$6.00 to pay for ten annual subscriptions. I shall endeavor to add to this list from time to time.

Among those who have, during the week, sent in five and more new subscribers, are the following: C. E. Boline, O., 5; J. W. Griffin, Ia., 5; Ben. L. Edgerton, Wis., 16; W. R. Dickinson, Mich., 6; J. W. Berkheimer, N. D., 5; A. J. Lewis, O., 6; E. A. Clarke, Cal., 5; S. P. Bullock, Fla., 8; S. T. Cooper, Tex., 6; Geo. E. Oster- hout, Colo., 15; A. H. Stilwell, O., 6; G. I. Cal- houn, 5; Thos. J. Shafer, Ia., 7; F. O. Riley, S. D., 6; J. J. Donahue, Ia., 8; Wm. Villian, Wis., 5; O. C. Stewart, O., 5; W. H. Frederick, O., 9; C. W. Swygert, O., 5; Isaac Kirkbride, O., 5; J. W. Buchana, Tenn., 5; Wm. Geino, Kan., 6; Thos. A. Frazier, Pa., 12; J. H. Wilson, Ill., 5; F. O. Cline, O., 7; E. G. Weber, N. Y., 5; S. M. Hubbell, Mich., 5; August Ruttman, Mich., 9; A. D. Coon, N. M., 6; M. W. Farris, Ind., 7; H. H. Burwell, D. C., 5; J. D. Cox, Mo., 11; Henry C. Woltemate, Pa., 4; Wm. Runyan, Kan., 5; Jno. W. Ziessler, O., 5; Chas. E. Dem- oret, O., 5; Geo. W. Ingram, Cal., 11; W. M. Maultree, Cal., 6; Thos. McDonald, Ill., 6; Dr. E. J. Echelbarger, O., 5; J. M. Butts, Mo., 9; J. B. Clark, Mo., 5; J. H. Carroll, Ill., 9; G. T. Paul, Mont., 6; J. W. Oaker, Okla., 10; B. A. Rogers, S. D., 5; J. J. Neill, N. D., 11; E. E. Priest, N. D., 5; Davis Muirhead, Kan., 6; G. W. Fritch, Kan., 8; A. J. White, Ark., 7; Jno. E. Dorgan, Ia., 8; W. A. Lemaster, Ia., 5; Wm. Peppard, O., 5; L. M. Norton, Neb., 5; Jos. Gallipe, N. D., 10; J. M. Bowler, Minn., 6; W. D. Baldwin, Kan., 5; H. C. Nelson, Minn., 5.

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