

gram of the state are going to stick. There is going to be no slip this time. The enthusiasm of the conventions, both that of the laboring man and of the farmer, was such that it will mean no defeat. It was apparently a thing to be taken lightly but every delegate and every visitor returned from the meetings to their work with a firm determination to go home and start the fight which should eventually bring victory.

LABOR PAPERS LINE UP

The Minnesota Leader, the official publication of the Nonpartisan league in that state, and a number of the labor papers have already started the campaign for the fall election and even the reactionaries, the people opposed to the candidacy of Evans, admit that their candidates are in grave danger of defeat.

NAME ATTORNEY GENERAL

On the state ticket in Minnesota the labor-farmer vote will be sent to Thomas E. Davis of Marshall who has accepted the endorsement given him and will make an active campaign for election to the office of attorney general. Davis has been a member of the state legislature and during his service has supported every measure which was intended for the benefit of the farmer and the laboring man.

The fight in Minnesota will be a three-cornered affair. That is it will be a three-cornered unless the forces of democracy take heed of the enormous vote to be cast by the farmer-laborer element and decide to combine the strength of Winton, the gang democratic candidate, and Burnquist, the gang republican candidate in an effort to defeat Davis and Evans. Either way they will be disappointed according to present indications. The Nonpartisan league candidate for governor at the primary election received 150,000 votes and the new candidate will get all of those and many more.

FOR THE FIRST TIME THE MEN OF THE FARM AND THE CONSUMERS OF THE CITY HAVE LINED UP FOR A POLITICAL BATTLE AND THEY ARE GOING TO WIN.

Montana farmers and laboring men should keep an eye on Minnesota. They are doing things down there thru their organizations and in doing those things thru organization in Montana lies the way to political and economic victory.

DAVIS-LARSON DEBATE AT CONRAD SEPT. 14

SENATORIAL CANDIDATES TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF THE CAMLEAGUE BEFORE CROWD.

C. C. Davis who was given the democratic nomination as state senator by the farmers of Teton county, and who has issued a challenge for debate to T. O. Larson, the republican nominee has secured an acceptance of the challenge and the contest will be held at Conrad on the evening of September 14.

The question for debate has been announced as whether or not the principles and all the issues advanced by the Nonpartisan league are to be considered acceptable to the people of Teton county. Mr. Davis will support the side of the farmers and their organization while Mr. Larson will attempt to show that the farmers are unreasonable in their demands and not practicable in their methods of working out their plans.

The arrangements for the debate have been made in a business like manner. A regular agreement has been made and signed in the presence of witnesses by both parties that they will be present on the evening of Sept. 14. If it is decided that an admission should be charged to the debate the proceeds will go to the Red Cross. The mayor of Conrad has been asked to act as the presiding officer.

The affair is to be rather in the nature of a free-for-all as far as time is concerned as no limit has been set on the length of the addresses. It is expected that a large crowd will turn out as interest in the senatorial campaign in Teton county is intense.

When our representatives in Europe are encouraging the allies by reports of the growth of democratic fervor in America, a Burnquist victory in Minnesota in the fall would sink over there as the Mooney case in San Francisco or the Bischoff deportations by the copper trust has. Even a special commission headed by the editor of the Pioneer Press couldn't explain a primary nomination by violence to the British labor party.

LEAGUE ENEMIES USE HUN ATTACK METHODS

HAVRE WELCOMES FARMERS TO CITY WITH FUMES OF GAS—MEETINGS HELD DESPITE OLD GANG TACTICS—AUTO PARADE IS GREAT SUCCESS.

An amusing story comes from Hill county which helps to throw light upon the tactics employed by the gang when defeat, certain and overwhelming stares them in the face. The Hill county Leaguers planned—as is well known—a monster parade for the day before election which should traverse the whole length of the county and finally invade the citadel of reaction, Havre, where a big rally was advertised. This parade appears to have filled the souls of the "copperites" with deadly fear and secretly efforts were made to halt the irresistible onward march. Starting from Lothair the distance to be traveled was eighty miles and at each town along the line was invaded and meetings held, those participating looked for a strenuous time and they were not disappointed.

FIGHT RED CROSS DINNER

Leaguers had made arrangements in advance with the Red Cross ladies of Joplin for a dinner at noon and everything was well launched when the local representatives of reaction proceeded to take up a collection which should cover any possible amount the ladies might raise out of the feed PROVIDING THEY DID NOT PUT THE FEED ON! Some local merchants however together with the Red Cross ladies, indignantly refused to have anything to do with such work and in consequence the parade arrived in Joplin to find the chicken fried to a turn and the coffee—well just what coffee should be.

HOLLER TO HAVRE FOR HELP

Disappointed in this scheme the gang now getting desperate by the steady approach of the farmers in force, dispatched from Gifford a speedy car which carried a letter to the "Mayor of Havre" demanding that the farmers be forbidden to speak because they were making disloyal talks along the high line. It developed afterward that one of the speakers said the German government was autocratic. However the parade pushed on and at 7:30, having held meetings at all points between Lothair and their destination, some two miles of automobiles, tastefully decorated with flags, pictures of Wilson and We'll Stick, banners endorsing Havre amid groans of consternation from the old line czars and gently but firmly marched up the main streets and invaded the residential quarters. Dismay seized the gang. Here were 500 farmers and their wives come to present their compliments to the political bosses and no possible way had been found to stop them. It was unprecedented, nothing like it happened before in the history of the county.

GAS ATTACK IS LAUNCHED

Soon a meeting was in progress and it was here that they made their last stand, a stand perfectly true to their form. In the midst of one of the League speakers' talks, when the packed house was listening with wondrous attention to an explanation of the platform the old gang released the sultry air large waves of that paraded Hydrogen or rotten egg gas. It rolled down upon the audience and speakers in thick clouds, it penetrated to the utmost recesses of the hall, but no one moved, the meeting went smoothly on and the last desperate ruse of the gang finally floated out and dissipated itself where it belonged. Thus did the rankst of their arguments prove as ineffective as any they had ever used for the Farmers were there to stick—and they did.

From the difficulties some co-operative elevators are having in getting loans at high interest or gilt-edge security, it would appear that many of our very patriotic bankers are anxious to help move crops only when they move through the grain combine. Who can say, however, but that wheat, blessed by the passing through the paw of this trust, is more wholesome and will feed more people?

One man may eat sauerkraut and look like a pretzel, and still be loyal to this country; while another may wrap Old Glory about him and shout treason at every German in the street, and yet be a profiteering traitor to his country and a foe to every principle for which our flag stands.—DONHAM'S DOINGS, LE SEUER, MINN.

Make Slanderer Prove or Pay

THE BUTTE BULLETIN

The indiscriminate use of the epithets "pro-German" and "disloyalist" is beginning to bear fruits of emphysema, suspicion and hatred.

Recently the keen competition between two firms in the same line of business resulted in one proprietor filing charges of disloyalty against one of his rival's employees.

Through the efforts of a committee purporting to represent all the loyal citizens of the community, the employee was discharged without any investigation being made, although he is a native of this country, and his father as well. He has a reasonable amount of liberty bonds and thrift stamps for a working man, but because of the cutthroat competition between his employer and his rival, he was made the victim of a despicable frame-up.

The matter was taken up with the federal authorities and his employer was induced to reinstate him, but the man has been humiliated.

He has one means of redress. He should immediately enter suit against the members of the so-called "loyalty" committee and force them to come out in the open, prove their charges in the courts. Failing that they should be forced to tender him a public apology and pay him such damages as the court fixes.

If these self-styled "100 per cent American" organizations cannot rise above the petty persecution of hard-working citizens, then they are playing a game that would please the Prussian autocracy exceedingly if they were informed as to its effect on the morale of the American people.

LEAGUES IN CONTROL OF COUNTY COMMITTEE

CHOUTEAU COUNTY DEMOCRATS LINE UP FOR NONPARTISANS AND ADOPT PLATFORM AT MEETING.

Chouteau county democrats lost no time in perfecting their county organization following the results of the primary election and last Saturday night at the meeting of the county central committee the officers were elected and the platform adopted. The meeting was controlled by farmers of the county and the platform adopted was that of the Nonpartisan league as it has been announced during the recent campaign.

Chouteau is only one of a number of counties in the state where the farmers are in control thru the medium of their organization, the Nonpartisan league and it is expected that reports of other counties will be coming in from time to time.

NAME NEW OFFICERS.

The officers elected at the meeting which was held at Fort Benton are as follows:

J. C. Kelley, secretary; J. G. Crites, member of state central committee; W. G. Foltz, chairman of the executive committee and J. H. Miller, A. J. Bishop, David G. Browne, J. G. Crites, C. C. Ross, P. J. Wallace, Strouse and Fred Stroug. There was another meeting of the committee called for this (Saturday) evening.

The platform adopted at the Fort Benton meeting, while it included the planks set for by the Nonpartisan league also included the paragraph:

"We, the democratic central committee of Chouteau county pledge our united support to the president in the successful prosecution of the war and do commend our president and his able advisors Secretary Daniels and Secretary Baker for the very efficient way in which our Army and Navy have been handled and the very considerate way in which our boys "over there" and in the service have been treated.

PLEDGES ARE MADE.

"We pledge our candidates for sheriff and county attorney to strict law enforcement without fear or favor, and especially the prohibition law. Further we pledge that we will work hand in hand with the Anti-Saloon league and the W. C. T. U. to make the county a more wholesome place in which to live.

CONDITIONS PREVENT FARMERS PROFITEERING

Editor Leader: In regard to the League in this district I will say that about 97-1/2 per cent of the people are members of the farmers' organization and when the brains of the other 2-1/2 per cent get fully developed and they are able to do their own thinking they will line up with the majority and make the membership an even 100 per cent.

There is no argument left for the old liners in our community. We have them in shallow water and figure on dragging them to the shore as fast as we can spear 'em.

We have had three almost total failures of crop in this district and between the three failures and buying what we need at retail prices and selling at wholesale prices, we are not profiteering much.

LEWIS P. LONACRE.

1918 PRICE OF WHEAT WILL BE HELD FOR 1919

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION MAKES MONTANA RATE \$2 PER BUSHEL FURTHER INVESTIGATION PROMISED.

Washington, D. C. This year's government wheat price was continued in effect for the 1919 crop by President Wilson today in a proclamation fixing \$2.20 as the minimum price at primary markets. Winter wheat will be sold at this price, but the president accompanied his proclamation with a statement giving notice that before the harvest of next spring he will appoint a commission to report any increased cost of farm labor and supplies to guide him in determining whether there shall be an advance in price for the spring crop.

Such an advance if given the president said, will apply only to producers who by that time have marketed their 1918 production.

The possibility of peace before the middle of 1920 was touched upon in the president's statement in connection with risk that by guaranteeing wheat prices the government might lose as much as half a billion dollars if Europe should find its supplies available from the southern hemisphere.

The proclamation fixes as reasonable guaranteed prices for No. 1 northern spring wheat and its equivalents at the principal primary markets the following:

\$2.30; Baltimore and Newport News \$2.28 1/2; Duluth 2.22 1/2; Minneapolis \$2.21 1/2; Chicago \$2.26; St. Louis \$2.24; Kansas City and Omaha \$2.18; New Orleans and Galveston \$2.28; Tacoma, Seattle, Portland, Astoria, San Francisco and Los Angeles \$2.20; Salt Lake City, Great Falls, Pocatello and Spokane \$2.00.

Possibility of peace before the middle of 1920 was indicated in a memorandum written by the president and accompanying the proclamation of the president to maintain the present price for the 1919 crop.

WORD OF CHEER TO WORKINGMEN

FRANK P. WALSH SOUNDS KEY CRACY AS IMPORTANT AS POLITICAL DEMOCRACY, HE SAYS

Washington.—Frank P. Walsh, joint chairman of the national war labor board, has sent a Labor Day message to be read at tomorrow's celebrations.

"This world war has provided the beginning of a splendid education in democracy," Mr. Walsh's message said in part.

"In this re-examination the country has discovered one thing at least about democracy—that it must mean more than old fashioned political democracy. The old idea that 'which everybody votes you have a democracy—that is pretty well exploded.

"This country, I promise you, is beginning to understand that we may have 100 per cent democracy in the form of our political government—and yet have autocracy of the most despot type in industry. It is now clear to understanding men and especially to those who work for their living, that to attempt to control the conditions of one's life by the roundabout way of political oratory and legislative action is futile, and that this old fashioned attempted substitute for a direct and common sense control through the workshop must be thrown into the scrap heap or pre-war absurdities. Political democracy is a delusion unless built upon and guaranteed by a free and virile industrial democracy.

"I believe that the process of democratization will continue until there will remain not one wage earner in the country deprived of full voice in determining the conditions of his job and consequently his life."

From the recent editorial in it, we find out that at least one Big Biz. paper is against profiteering—in Japan.

IDAHO FARMERS WIN PRIMARIES BY BIG MARGIN

GOVERNOR, CONGRESSMEN, STATE OFFICERS AND LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS ARE PICKED TO MAKE RACE IN THE FALL

The Nonpartisan league swept the entire state of Idaho in the primaries on September 4 according to reports received in Great Falls from Boise, the capital of Idaho.

H. F. Samuels, League candidate for governor received a clear majority over his two opponents and apparently the entire League ticket has been nominated. These estimates are based on the early returns which include the city and town vote where the League is the weakest.

In the rural precincts the entire ticket, from governor down, is carrying at a ratio of five to one or better. For United States senator Williams E. Borah, republican and John Nugent have snowed under their opponents in victory which eliminates former governor James H. Hawley from Idaho politics, he being defeated by a majority of nearly two to one.

The Nonpartisan league has nominated for congress on the democratic ticket and will control both branches of the legislature, nearly all districts returning a decisive plurality for League candidates.

Ada County, in which is situated Boise, the state capital, and where the League leaders expected the least support was carried for the entire League ticket including members of the legislature, according to the nearly complete returns.

The farmers have also secured control of the entire state and county machinery of the democratic party, League precinct committeemen being written into the ballot in preference to the old machine party candidates.

W. E. Stott, chairman of the Ada county democratic central committee and register of the state land office, was defeated in his own precinct as committeeman and thus was eliminated from the county committee.

PROFITEERING A MENACE TO WINNING THE FIGHT

Sun River, Mont. Editor Montana Leader:

I have just read Mr. Baer's article on "Profiteering" in your issue of Aug. 24 and would say allowing "profiteering" and then demanding an 80 per cent tax, is like watching the robber go thru the bank and then demand 80 per cent of the loot to keep still. Should we acknowledge that we cannot stop "profiteering" we acknowledge our weakness. We have some strong men in Washington who are ready to clean up this mess. Let us send more good men there to the support of the ones who are in the fight and there will be no further need for the 80 per cent tax. The tax should apply to the profits of the past and the present, but at the same time let there be no profits above 10 per cent until the war is over.

Mr. Baer is right. It is a tax on the consumer in disguise, and if allowed to continue will prove a menace to good government and the war. Yours for better government. A. W. STEDMAN.